



OBITUARIES

Jose M. Ulibarri

ALAMOSA — Long term resident of Alamosa Jose M. Ulibarri, 72, went to his eternal rest on Sept. 9, 2019. Jose retired from Alamosa School District with 32 years of dedicated service. He was a hard worker who was skilled in mechanics and carpentry. He enjoyed every challenge and built his own home using every aspect of construction. He was an outdoorsman who was very proud of his family. He is survived by his wife of 52 years Betty (Vigil) Ulibarri, two daughters Ava (Juan) Morales of Aurora; Gloria (Jim) Slovak of New York; six grandchildren, two brothers Willie of Westminster, and Raymond of Lafayette; numerous nieces, nephews, one sister-in-law Ruby (Lawrence) of Pueblo and a lifelong friend Lawrence Lucero of Alamosa. Jose was preceded in death by his parents Cipriano and Natividad, brothers Bernie, Ernie, Ike, Joe J. Felix and one sister Florence. Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Romero Funeral Chapel. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.



Gonzales receives Blue Ribbon award

MONTE VISTA — Nick Gonzales, who has been with the Monte Vista School District maintenance team for more than a decade, was recently honored by the San Luis UniServ Unit, the regional unit of the Colorado Education Association, as this year's Blue Ribbon Education Support Professional. He was nominated by Monte Vista High School language arts teacher, Dr. Jessica Castillo Gallegos. Nick, the son of Laurie Lewis Gonzales and Alfredo Gonzales, both retired teachers,



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God bless America, and how's everybody?

HOLLYWOOD — Bartender's Guide says Americans will drink more beer, wine and spirits than ever before this year, and without my help. I'm happy to say today I'm twelve thousand days sober, but old habits die really hard. Whenever I see a cop pull somebody over on TV, I put my Diet Coke under the couch. North Carolina voters went to the polls Tuesday and elected Republican Dan Bishop to the U.S. Congress over a Democrat. Trump campaigned for Bishop in Fayetteville the night before the election. When asked if he'd appear at churches, Trump replied he'd much rather eat at Popeye's. Oklahoma's federal court ruling holding Big Pharma responsible for opioid abuse could spell the end for other medications. Pfizer



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has discontinued making Corex cough syrup for fear of product abuse. If you're not supposed to abuse cough syrup, then why does it come with a shot glass? The Washington Examiner reported Monday that

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SAN LUIS VALLEY FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies with a high temperature of 75°, humidity of 17%. West southwest wind 3 to 8 mph.

Tonight: Expect clear skies with an overnight low of 37°. South southeast wind 2 to 8 mph.

Tomorrow: Skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 76°, humidity of 18%. South wind 2 to 11 mph.

SAN LUIS VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny Precip Chance: 10% 76 / 40	Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 10% 75 / 43	Isolated T-storms Precip Chance: 30% 73 / 41	Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 20% 71 / 39	Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 20% 72 / 40

REGIONAL FORECAST MAP

Valid for today

ALAMOSA ALMANAC

Temperature

Yesterday's High	76
Yesterday's Low	52
Avg. High / Low	75 / 39
Record High	83 in 1956
Record Low	28 in 1962

Sun and Moon

	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	6:42 a.m.	7:16 p.m.
Friday	6:43 a.m.	7:14 p.m.
Saturday	6:44 a.m.	7:12 p.m.

Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.13"
Month to Date	0.42"
Avg. Month to Date	0.37"
Year to Date	6.47"
Avg. Year to Date	5.32"

Agricultural Information

Alamosa Today

Lowest Relative Humidity:	10%	Morning Wind Speed:	5-10 mph
Hours of Sunshine:	13	Morning Wind Direction:	WNW
Evapotranspiration:	0.28"	Afternoon Wind Speed:	5-10 mph
*Growing Degree Days:	2458	Afternoon Wind Direction:	WSW

*Growing Degree Days, base 40 since 5/15/2019

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Antonito	74 35 s	75 39 s	74 37 s
Cañon City	81 54 s	86 56 s	87 60 s
Center	74 38 s	77 40 s	75 42 s
Creede	68 36 s	71 39 s	73 41 s
Del Norte	72 39 s	73 42 s	75 44 s
Fort Garland	71 43 s	73 45 s	72 47 s
Hooper	74 36 s	75 38 s	76 40 s
La Jara	74 35 s	75 38 s	77 39 s
La Veta	76 46 s	78 49 s	80 51 s
Moffat	73 37 s	76 40 s	78 42 s
Monte Vista	74 38 s	75 40 s	77 42 s
Mosca	71 41 s	73 44 s	76 46 s
Platoro	71 38 s	77 41 s	79 43 s
Pueblo	81 53 s	86 56 s	89 57 s
Romeo	73 36 s	74 37 s	75 39 s
Saguache	73 40 s	76 42 s	77 44 s
Salida	76 43 s	81 46 s	82 48 s
San Luis	72 46 s	74 48 s	76 46 s
South Fork	70 32 s	71 35 s	73 37 s
Walsenburg	79 49 s	84 54 s	83 52 s

Weather (Wx): bz-blizzard, cl-cloudy, fg-fog, mc-mostly cloudy, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, rs-rain & snow, s-sunny, sh-showers, sn-snow, ss-snow showers, t-thunderstorms

STREAMFLOW

*Cubic Feet Per Second

Rio Grande River

FORECAST DISCUSSION

For latest weather updates:
www.UpdatedWx.com/VC

Experience The Mystic Valley

ALAMOSA — The Experience the Mystic Valley event series continues in September with more exceptional experience offerings. These workshops will engage attendees in immersive and exciting experiences. Give back to the Rio Grande Farm Park, and experience all that the San Luis Valley has to offer. There are [three] ways to participate this month. On Sept. 15, participants will gather at the house of Denise VandeWalle on the river outside of Del Norte for a spa day & DIY self-care workshop. Throughout the afternoon, you will learn how to easily prepare luxurious foot soaks, facials, and other spa products entirely from plant-based ingredients. At the end of the day, you will head home refreshed with a few products in-hand to use later on. Tickets for this workshop cost \$100, and all proceeds will go directly to benefit the Rio Grande Farm Park. The event will take place from 1 to 5 p.m., and food and beverages will be provided. Space is limited! Just a few days later, on Sept. 18, you have the chance to learn how to properly bake sourdough bread from a seasoned professional. Jessica Larriva of Tumbleweed Bread will be giving participants a hands-on opportunity to see all of the steps it takes to make a great sourdough loaf. At the end of the

evening, everyone will depart happily with a sourdough culture of their own and a ready-to-bake loaf in-hand. Join Jessica in the home of Allison Cruse from 5-8 p.m. that evening. Tickets are \$75, and space is limited. On Sept. 23, join Rio Grande Farm Park manager Jesse Marchildon for dinner, made with produce from the Park and other local places. You will hear the unique perspective he has about regenerative agriculture, how these practices are being implemented at the Farm Park, and how you can do the same in your own garden. Join us from 6-9 p.m. that evening in the Mount Blanca room of the San Luis Valley Health Education and Conference Center. The cost for this event is \$69, and all dietary restrictions and preferences will be taken into account when you register. Experience the Mystic Valley with various events running through November 23rd. Support the continued growth of the local food movement by signing up for these events at our website riograndefarmpark.org and click on the events tab. Once again, all proceeds will directly support the staff and continuing programs at the Rio Grande Farm Park. For more information, please contact Julie Mordecai at 719-580-0379 or email at Director.rgfp@gmail.com.

‘Mother Jones In Heaven’ musical coming to Alamosa

ALAMOSA — Mother Jones In Heaven - a musical by Si Kahn is on tour nationwide, reminding audiences of how powerful one person can be in service to the betterment of others. The topic is as timely today as it was when Mother Jones was organizing the working class at the turn of the last century. The musical will be at the Society Hall in Alamosa on Wednesday, Oct. 23 with tickets set for \$15. Visit www.societyhall.org for more details. Vivian Nesbitt (Breaking Bad, The Night Shift, Longmire, Off-Broadway and more) portrays Mary Harris “Mother” Jones, with musical accompaniment by John Dillon (Art of the Song Radio, The Stand-in, OProject.com) in this rousing musical about the infamous labor organizer who lead the charge for better working conditions and fair pay for miners, mill workers and child laborers. Mother Jones was dubbed The Most Dangerous Woman in America because, said a West Virginia judge, “at the crook of her little finger, she could get 8000 men to walk out on strike.” Feared, revered and lauded in song and story, Mother Jones was “the grandmother of all agitators” during the late 19th and early 20th century. This one-woman, one act performance, has one foot in the folk tradition of storytelling and acoustic guitars, and the other in the true American art of musical theater. The show opens as Mother Jones arrives in heaven to discover that Heaven is identical to her favorite Irish Pub. Over the course of the 75-minute performance Mother Jones looks back over her life, sifting through her storied past, balancing the scales. On the one hand, her methods and practices, on the other, her reputation and results. Moments of profound insight are woven with hilarious tales of a hellion in her

prime. Author Si Kahn has worked for over fifty years as a professional civil rights, labor and community organizer and musician, touring and recording with such artists as Pete Seeger. The seven musicals for which he wrote the songs and/or script have had full productions at the Berkeley, Milwaukee and Tennessee Repertory Theatres; the Goodspeed Opera House's Norma Terris Theatre; Piccolo Spoleto Fringe in Charleston, South Carolina; Perseverance Theatre in Juneau, Alaska; Central Square Theatre in Cambridge, Massachusetts; the Warehouse Performing Arts Center in Cornelius, North Carolina; the Subversive Theatre Collective in Buffalo, New York; and Main Stage West in Sebastopol, California. Known for their work on the nationally syndicated public radio program Art of the Song heard on KRZA in Alamosa and Taos, John and Vivian bring their combined gifts to the stage. John's musical skills are highlighted on guitar and harmony vocals. “Anyone with even an inkling of interest in the history of the American labor movement, or just American history, should see Mother Jones In Heaven. Vivian Nesbitt's dramatic embodiment of “Mother” Jones had me transfixed from start to finish. The musical interludes only heighten the dramatic quality of the play. A thoroughly enjoyable experience.” Doug Born, Pres. Southern Maine Labor Council/Treasurer Maine Chapter AFL-CIO, IATSE member. For more information about Mother Jones In Heaven, visit motherjonesinheaven.com.

School Menu

Thursday

Sept. 12, 2019

BREAKFAST

Pancake on a Stick
Juice & Fruit

ELEMENTARY

Burrito w/Green Chili
Green Beans
Oatmeal Bread
Vegetable Bar

SECONDARY

Domino's Pizza
Peas
Vegetable Bar

An assortment of fresh fruit and canned fruit as well as fresh vegetables and canned vegetables will be offered weekly. Menu subject to change.

To sponsor the School Menu call 589-2553

Alamosa Elementary PTO hosting Adult Fun Run

ALAMOSA — Come out for a brisk early morning run and be a model of good health for local students. The Alamosa Elementary Parent Teacher Organization will once again sponsor the annual Fall Adult Fun Run/Walk on Friday, Sept. 20 at 8:30 a.m. preceding the annual AES fun run. Late registrations will be accepted on race day, but T-shirts will be limited. PTO-raised funds are used to purchase additional books for students, supplies for teachers and assist in field trips throughout the school year. Registration forms are available at both elementary schools.



SLV band Indian Nickel celebrating 50th anniversary

BY SYLVIA LOBATO

CONEJOS COUNTY — Indian Nickel has been one of the San Luis Valley’s premier bands for 50 years and it’s time to celebrate.

The band is dedicating its 50th Anniversary as a fundraiser for Aundre Chavez, a 14-year-old local who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) on June 6, 2019. The fun and food event will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall in Conejos at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. Cost will be \$12 for a Frito Pie meal and the dance or \$ 7 for just one. Tickets in advance will be \$10 and \$5 respectively, with all proceeds going to the Chavez family for medical costs. Phone (791) 628-9572 for tickets and more information.

Indian Nickel has been entertaining audiences for five decades with their own signature blend of music — combining several different Hispanic musical forms with classic rock and country. It’s a combination with something for everyone, and truly has become its own roots genre of music in this area. “It’s like they are our own ‘Los Lobos,’” says local record producer and recording engineer Don Richmond. “They honor traditions going back to the various different roots of our combined cultures in our area, yet they make it new and make it their own,” he continues.

Indian Nickel has released several CDs over the years including a new release celebrating their 50th year anniversary. What started as a group of talented guys in rural Manassa playing the music of the San Luis Valley in and out of the area has become a regional favorite and has been inducted into the Chicano Music Hall of Fame, established in 2002 to celebrate and recognize those who have contributed significantly to the music of Mexico in the United States. It also recognizes those who introduced and broadened the influence of other musical forms to the Chicano musical community. The focus is on Colorado musicians emphasizing the best, the first and the only.

Indian Nickel includes Leroy Casias, lead guitarist and founder of the band. Leroy’s musical journey began in 1969 with love for all types of music, especially old corridos and puestas. With great perseverance, he has continued to bring out his passion through the music.

Floyd Martinez - rhythm guitar and vocals is also a founder. Floyd’s musical journey also began in 1969. His smooth harmony vocals and rhythm guitar talents are an integral part of the foundation of Indian Nickel’s sound.

Jeffrey Jacquez - keyboard and vocals. Jeffrey joined the band in 1999, bringing a new flavor of New Mexico style Tex-Mex and a little salsa to the band. His keyboard and vocal talents are an important part of the band’s wide-ranging tapestry of sound.



John Overton - Drums and vocals. John joined the band in late 2004, bringing with him decades of experience in many area bands. His energy, talents and great personality shine through with each beat.

Vernon Padilla - bass guitar and background vocals. Vernon joined the band in 2015. His years of experience and solid bass playing provide a strong foundation for the band’s wide variety of music.

Their Saturday show will be just one of many benefits the band has played over the years and they recall people who had them play at their weddings are now booking their Golden Anniversary celebrations. Indian Nickel has had a following ever since they began practicing together off a dirt road in Manassa. “We used to practice outside,” Casias said. “People knew we were practicing. They would line up and listen to us.”

Fans still follow the group all over the San Luis Valley and down to Taos, over to Pueblo, Grand Junction and Montrose and even to Denver and Albuquerque. Casias, now a Taos, New Mexico resident, is lead guitarist while Monte Vista resident Martinez plays

rhythm guitar. Jeff Jacquez, from San Acacio, plays the keyboards; Johnny Overton from the Sargent area is the band’s drummer and Arnie Quesada from Romeo plays bass. They are versatile with their repertoire including Spanish, old rock and roll, country, cumbia and oldies.

Indian Nickel has established itself as “The Sound of the Valley” — mainstays of the San Luis Valley and beyond. Celebrating cultural and social activities at both the family level and on professional stages for decades they have provided dance music that merges the traditional with the contemporary. Under Casias’ direction, the band has built a musical bridge between New Mexico and Colorado. Their music is heard frequently as far north as Denver and south into Albuquerque and beyond. They continue to influence new generations of musicians and they tour and record extensively.

The anniversary album is one that will stay in the car CD player until it becomes the “road music, always counted upon for enjoyment.

20th Anniversary Headwaters Hoedown begins Sunday

ALAMOSA — The Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust (RiGHT) invites the whole community to our 20th Anniversary Headwaters Hoedown, on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 12 to 5 p.m. The Hoedown will be held at the beautiful Cross Arrow Ranch in Conejos County about 30 minutes south of Alamosa. Get your tickets online at www.riograndelandtrust.org or on our “Headwaters Hoedown” Facebook event page. Tickets are \$40 and will also be available at the event. Kids 16 and under are free.

Hosted by the ranch owners, the Willett Family, the Cross Arrow Ranch sits on the confluence of the Rio Grande and Conejos Rivers and provides stunning views of the Sangres and San Luis Hills. This is a chance for our friends and supporters to enjoy the beauty of this private ranch — another beautiful property that has been

conserved with RiGHT.

This historic ranch will provide a lovely place to gather, listen, and dance to the fabulous music of local favorites Don Richmond and the Rifiers. Enjoy local food from SLV producers prepared by Pepita’s Catering, with a selection of locally brewed (and grown) beers from the Colorado Fam Brewery. Our ever-popular silent auction will offer fabulous items from local artists, businesses, and supporters, including some very special fishing trips on private waters to dinners and theater tickets to ski lift tickets — there is sure to be something for everyone.

For more information and directions to the Cross Arrow Ranch, please visit our website at www.riograndelandtrust.org or call us at our Del Norte office at 719-657-0800. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Evergreen Nursing Home associate wins company’s customer service award

ALAMOSA — Anita Adcock, activity assistant at Evergreen Nursing Home in Alamosa, Colorado, received Life Care Centers of America’s Mountain States Division Whatever It Takes And Then Some Award on Aug. 28, 2019, for her dedication to customer service.

Executives from Life Care awarded Adcock a cash prize during an awards ceremony at the company’s headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee. She was chosen from among hundreds of associates in the Mountain States Division and was one of only eight associates from Life Care’s more than 200 facilities nationwide to receive the award.

Adcock, who has served the facility for more than 30 years, was especially praised for making sensory items for residents with dementia. Specialty items have included sensory pillows, fidget vests, lap boards with multiple activities, weighted blankets, aromatherapy necklaces and positioning pillows. She observes the residents, collects and purchases the items needed (such as buttons, zippers, flowers and small stuffed animals) and then makes the crafts by hand on her own time, designing each one for a specific resident.

The facility reports that the items have helped reduce residents’ restlessness, anxiety, agitation and boredom.

They have even helped decrease the incidence of falls.

“I just want to make the residents’ quality of life better,” said Adcock.

Life Care Centers of America’s Whatever It Takes And Then Some program rewards associates for extraordinary acts of kindness. Monthly awards are presented in Life Care facilities nationwide based on nominations from fellow associates, family members, residents and guests. Each facility then chooses an annual winner, from which the divisional winners are selected.

“Dedicated caregivers routinely go far above and beyond their job descriptions, and Anita Adcock certainly demonstrates by her example their professionalism and compassion for the residents they serve,” said Beecher Hunter, Life Care president. “We are proud of Anita and the thousands she represents in their selfless approach to the needs of others.”

Evergreen Nursing Home, located at 1991 Carroll Ave., is one of 22 skilled nursing and rehab facilities in Colorado managed by Life Care Centers of America.

Founded in 1976, Life Care is a nationwide health care company with more than 200 nursing, post-acute and Alzheimer’s centers in 28 states. For more information about Life Care, visit lcca.com.

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2019 and is now studying sociology and criminology at Adams State University.

Nick, who attended Alamosa High School and Trinidad State Junior College, came to the Monte Vista School District from Vendola; in his free time, he enjoys making great music, working on classic cars, and spending time with family and friends. During his time here, Nick has been instrumental in making sure the new

is married to Alicia Gonzales, with whom he has three children. His oldest daughter, Trinady, graduated from Monte Vista Senior High School with honors in May

high school was a safe and functional place for students and staff, in addition to supporting nearly every large-scale project that takes place at the nine buildings in the district, including meetings, dances, band concerts, student plays and productions, sports competitions, and community events.

Though Nick is best known for his mechanical prowess, he is also being recognized as an outstanding ESP by the Colorado Education Association San Luis UniServ Unit for his commitment to organizing the district’s classified staff and supporting them in their negotiations goals. The staff and students of the Monte Vista School District are very fortunate to work with such amazing people and warmly congratulate Mr. Nick Gonzales on his award.

2020 Vale grants

The Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board for the 12th Judicial District, which includes the counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache, announces the availability of local VALE grant funds for programs and projects that provide services to victims of qualifying crimes.

Funds are available for the period Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020. Applications are due by 3 p.m., Monday, Oct. 15.

For more information and/or application, please contact Victoria Chavez, VALE Coordinator, Office of the District Attorney, 426 San Juan Ave., Alamosa, CO, 81101, 719 589 3691 or email: vchavez@dal2.state.co.us or download an application from www.coloradodistrictattorney.org.

The State Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement program funds Colorado criminal justice agencies that help to implement the Victim Rights Act as well as organizations whose projects help implement or coordinate statewide or multi-jurisdictional victim programs and services.

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