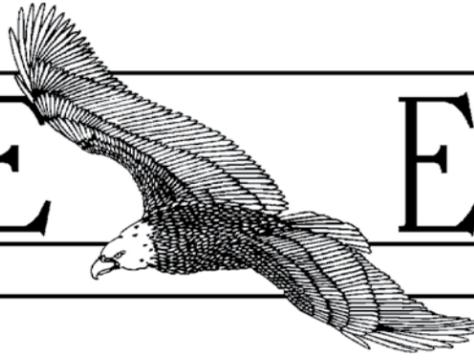


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Potential sales tax to benefit law enforcement; Saguache County residents present proposal

by Lisa Cyriacks

A bi-partisan committee met with the County Commissioners to present a proposal for a sales tax initiative to better fund Saguache County law enforcement. If the Commissioners approve the initiative by resolution, the question would be presented to the voters on the November general election ballot.

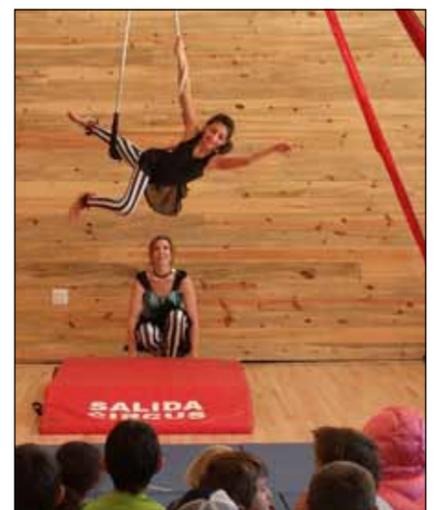
Funds raised by a one (1) percent sales tax would be used to directly fund the public safety needs

as identified by the County Sheriff—more specifically the areas of a justice center, Sheriff’s office, jail, law enforcement and criminal justice.

The committee, comprised of citizens from both parties, worked with Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick to identify the needs of his office. According to Sheriff Warwick, the County has statutory obligations to all county residents that his office struggles to fulfill due to insufficient funding.

Monies could potentially be used for additional staffing, conducting investigations, replacing obsolete equipment, acquiring additional equipment, and addressing security, operations and maintenance costs at the current jail. Current funding for the Sheriff’s office is apportioned out of the General Fund of the County. Committee members stressed that these funds are intended to supplement that current funding, not replace it.

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The Salida Circus returns to the Crestone Music Festival.
See story on pages 8-9.

Rust murder suspect charged with multiple crimes

by Mary Lowers

Saguache County resident Charles Moises Gonzales, 46, currently incarcerated in the Colorado Department of Corrections facility in Cañon City on charges unrelated to the murder of Michael Damien Rust, was served with a warrant charging that he was “involved with the disappearance and death of Mike Rust.” The Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI), the Saguache County Sheriff’s Office (SCSO), and the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney’s Office, according to the *Valley*

Courier, “worked tirelessly over the past several months on the case, which led to the warrant.”

Rust, a pioneer of mountain biking in Colorado and resident of rural Saguache County, disappeared in 2009. Foul play was long suspected and in January remains were found buried near Rust’s home. State DNA testing proved the body to be that of Rust in early spring. Law enforcement SCSO and CBI had developed information as to the location of Rust’s remains since 2009.

Further information that came to light after the remains were unearthed led to the warrant issued for Gonzales. Saguache County Sheriff Dan Warwick told me that leads the SCSO had developed were confirmed when the remains of Mike Rust were unearthed. He also said that Gonzales “was a local guy with a criminal history.” Gonzales had been jailed in the past on charges including possession of a weapon and burglary. The Sheriff

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Baca Ambulance no longer transports to Salida

Hi everyone,

Just a few things to mention this month. I have received a few calls about ambulance transport. Baca Ambulance is no longer transporting to Heart of the Rockies in Salida. I know a lot of you receive primary care in Salida but here is why.

1. San Luis Valley Health (Alamosa hospital) is a Level III trauma center. This mean they are able to provide a higher level of care then Heart of the Rockies (Salida hospital) which is a Level VI trauma center. The state also requires us to transport to the highest trauma center for traumas.

2. Time: yes I know Salida is only 8 miles further then Alamosa. But it takes us an extra hour to transport and return to our response area. This means the area is without ambulance coverage for an extra hour. Response to Salida is an extra 30 minutes due to Poncha Pass. Time=brain and heart. That extra 30 minutes can have a tremendous impact during strokes and cardiac events.

I understand that some of you have primary care in Salida and understand your concern with having your primary care provider know what is going on. With the use of electronic health records this is no longer an issue. Heath care providers can transmit medical records between each other in seconds.

In short we are looking out for the best interest of everyone in getting you to definitive care as fast and as safely as possible, and then having ambulances available again to everyone, as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at ems1admin@bacapoa.org.

Thank you

Darrick J. Garcia NRP, CCP
Director, Baca Ambulance

Food Bank Manager needed

Managing the Crestone Food Bank has been my pride and joy for about six years. Every week, after distributing food, collecting the paperwork, cleaning up and arranging the cans of food (yes! I do that!), I feel tired, extremely satisfied and very grateful that I have the ability, time and desire to help our community in this way.

But, circumstances change, and recently I'm feeling ready to move on and give another individual(s) the opportunity to take on this very important and rewarding volunteer manager position.

Here's a brief description of food bank activities: We work out of Crestone Town Hall from 1-3pm every Wednesday. We currently provide emergency food supplies to

about 70 households representing 130 individuals monthly. Last winter we served even more—about 100 households a month. Ideally, there are two volunteers on Wednesdays, one to handle simple paperwork and the other to help our clients shop.

We pick up food from the Alamosa Food Bank weekly and we purchase some food from the Mercantile. Of course, we gratefully accept donations of both food and money.

The food bank has been fortunate to receive a Saguache County Sales Tax grant yearly, which is our principal source of funding. We also organize an occasional fund raiser; currently, the food bank is in solid financial shape. We have non-profit 501(c)3 status through La Puente in Alamosa.

And, we have dedicated volunteers! Their numbers and availability vary, but approximately 8-10 volunteers can be counted on to help with food distribution on Wednesdays or pick up food in Alamosa.

I would *love* to chat with anyone interested in managing the food bank. Dedication, reliability, and concern for others are important requirements. Alternatively, two people could co-manage the responsibilities. I will eagerly stay on as long as needed for training.

Please call me on 256-4644 (I will be out of town until July 25) to get together and discuss the possibilities and responsibilities. There is no more important contribution you could make to the Crestone community. And, it will make you feel great, I guarantee it!

Denise Peine

Be aware of the Empire

Dear Editor,

As we celebrate this year's Independence Day, let's also call to mind that the USA is the most powerful Empire in the world. Although this is not a popular thing to admit, nevertheless it is a fact, looking at its military and economic strength, its influence and bases all over the globe, and the millions of dollars the Department of Defense spends on wars and war preparation every single day. Millions which could be used to solve many urgent problems in our own country.

As a loyal American you may say, so, what's wrong with empire and being the mightiest, that's something to be proud of.

Consider this. The goal of an empire by its definition is to keep and expand its power/position all around the world. Nothing else is more important, and of course after oil resources are running out, any means to reach these goals are allowed and used, often hidden behind grand words describing missions like bringing peace, stability, freedom and democracy to other more disadvantaged people and nations, which supposedly are in dire need of our help.

What are the results and consequences of those "necessary defense" wars? Millions of people killed just during the past 15 years (one million alone in Iraq, which was a war started under false pretenses), millions of refugees and

displaced people, their numbers growing from day to day, and the very basic and urgent problems of today, like starvation, insecurity from nuclear threats, energy-independence, extreme and growing poverty for so many, not being solved.

For those who don't agree any longer with their Empire, voting for Clinton or Trump maybe won't make such a big difference; they both will work for the Empire, in their own ways, but there is one other empire that can grow stronger than any other empire. No, it's not Russia nor China, nor the EU. It is informed people who dare to ask the right questions.

It's what Dr. Daniele Ganser, a Swiss historian and peace researcher, calls "media competence". By this he means finding and knowing your own sources of in-depth information, understanding the truth about important events (like 9/11) and drawing your own conclusions, doubting what you hear from the White House or any of the main media. They are specialists in creating war propaganda.

Media competence. Not easy, but not impossible. Youtube is a marvelous tool we have been given to help us do our own research.

Only properly informed and not brain-washed people can use their own conscience to form an opinion. Who knows, the majority of Americans may already be against Empire and wars but do they count and can they express themselves if they are not even told the facts right?

If we become critical and of course one cannot always find out the truth, but get closer to it, yes, and are informed, we can organize the only meaningful "war", the war against wars.

Violence won't be necessary, but your efforts and your time and an open mind.

Ruth Pulver

New Saguache County Library Board member

Dear Editor,

Standing at the pulpit at my grandmother's funeral, I was thinking of her legacy. As a minister I had the honor of officiating some of my grandmother's funeral. A teacher in every area of her life. Picture, if you may, a part of me is reciting Psalm 23, her favorite while my mind processed losing our matriarch.

In grade school, I wanted to be a teacher and a librarian. I would visit my grand-parents for a few weeks in the summer, and she would bring her kids library into a nook under the stairs. If there were a time I wasn't found at the pool it would be in this little nook. I would ask questions, as any 6-year-old does, and she would say, "Find out" and direct me to the encyclopedia or dictionary. Both she and my mother instilled a sense of possibility in me that was the center of a vortex called the library.

I now have created a life and career where I do get the opportunity to teach every day, although my unfulfilled dream of being a librarian still nudged me. I still spend a fair amount of time at libraries and read about 400 books a year.

Editor's Notes

Mosquitoes be gone

To all of you reading this and planning to visit Crestone for the 4th of July, let me assure you that most of the mosquitoes will be long gone. Really. There will be tons of wonderfully fun things to do in Crestone for the 4th, parades, music, booths, all guaranteed to be bug free. Truly. Hold that thought. Do not doubt.

Crestonians, who are wonderful manifesters and adept workers with the invisible realms, have been especially focusing their energy on having all the mosquitoes be dead. Well, not the Buddhists, they simply want them gone. Praying they come back to a higher level of life, having learned the lessons of what it means to be so horribly annoying. Maybe eaten by bats or birds, but that prayer is still up for debate.

Still, it wouldn't hurt to bring some spray, have a long-sleeved shirt and light pants, just in case. But do not buy into doubt, you don't want to empower that reality, this is a "just in case." Maybe there are still lessons we all need to learn. Maybe, as the Dalai Lama says, it is a reminder of how much power even small things have. Maybe it's a test of how able we are to keep our sanity in the face of such adversity. Maybe it's a reminder that in the natural world, our true purpose in life is reduced to being nothing more than food.

I've tried to focus on the good things. Like how many people I saw being friendly and frantically waving at each other at the post office, and how I smiled and waved back. And as I did my slappy jumpy dance they joined me like a Crestone Flash Mob.

But don't worry. All those mosquitoes will be gone soon with just the soft scents of citronella and garlic lingering in the breeze. The early July rains will wash them away and bring rainbows.

Trust me.

—Kizzen

Looking into statistics about libraries, usage has actually increased every year since 2004. There are more new visits to the library, more time being spent at the library and more items being checked out than ever. Unfortunately public funding for the libraries is at an all time low.

Back to the pulpit—memories of the book nook, reading the encyclopedia on their brown shag rug I smile that her legacy lives on in my curiosity and hopefully can continue for my nieces and nephews as a passion for the library. The local minister takes over for the homily. As I walk back to where my family is I hear my phone buzz- with a chipper message from Barry I have a book to pick up.

I'm honored to be newly serving on the Northern Saguache Library District Board. And if you haven't stepped into our little Baca library, ask for some help or guidance. There is a palpable sense of possibility.

Megan Riley

Rust murder

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would neither confirm nor deny that there may be others involved in this murder. Gonzales is officially charged with: first degree murder with intent and deliberation, crime of violence with a deadly weapon, first degree burglary with intent to commit theft, theft of a gun, tampering with evidence, abuse of a corpse, and possession of a weapon by a previous offender.

The *Mountain Mail* obtained the Affidavit for Arrest issued by the Saguache County Court for Gonzales. This document gives details about the case against Gonzales prepared by CBI Agent Pat A. Crouch. The affidavit lays out a grim scenario of crime and coverup. A big break in the case came when Michael Gonzales, 20, son of Charles Moises Gonzales, contacted a Saguache County Deputy saying he believed his father was involved in Mike Rust's disappearance. He went on record with this information in an interview

with CBI Agents at the SCSO in October 2015.

Michael Gonzales' suspicions were aroused when a hole he had dug with his father and brothers on some land his grandfather owned for "an underground club house" was filled up with trash and tires. A Search Waiver was obtained from Michael's grandfather/Charles Moises Gonzales' father, for law enforcement to excavate the site. The elder Gonzales was cooperative with the search. On January seventh and eighth during the course of digging human remains were discovered. DNA tests later in the year proved the body was indeed Mike Rust.

The affidavit included the statement from Charles Moises Gonzales, Sr. that when he and his wife went to visit his son in prison and told him about the impending excavation his son said, "They are gonna find it." He

then told his father the same tale he told CBI agents in an interview after the remains were discovered and identified, that Rust's death was an "accident" during a struggle. In his CBI statement Gonzales claimed to have been cutting wood when Rust came after him on "a dirt bike" accusing him of "ripping him off." Then he claimed a scuffle ensued and the .22 handgun Rust was carrying went off killing him. The twist here is Rust had told a friend that very .22 revolver had been stolen from him. Rust's family said it was the only firearm missing from his home. But Gonzales claims he did not break into Rust's home and the shooting was in self defense. He said he was so scared after the incident that he put Rust's body in a hole on his father's property.

We will report further as facts become available.

Fatal motorcycle wreck west of Saguache

by Mary Lowers

On the afternoon of June 12, Colorado State Patrol officers were called to the scene of a fatal motorcycle crash on Hwy 114 west of the town of Saguache. A 2006 Honda motorcycle was eastbound on Hwy. 114 near mile marker 32 when the driver lost control of the bike on a left hand curve. The vehicle flipped onto its right side ejecting the driver, Gerald Michael Vigil, 57, of Monte Vista. He was thrown over an embankment and came to rest on the right side of the road. The motorcycle landed on the left side of the highway. Saguache County Coroner, Tom Perrin pronounced Vigil dead at the scene. Alcohol's not thought to be a factor in the accident. Investigations are ongoing.



A land spout tornado touched down near the town of Moffat June 5, and local resident Melanie Lipscomb caught it on camera. Her photos were shown on KRDO Newschannel 13. Lipscomb said the tornado was north of her home and none of her property suffered damage. Dust devils are common in the San Luis Valley but tornados are not. "My husband was working outside and he said, "No it looks like a mini tornado outside," Lipscomb said. "And I went out there and I saw what looked like a tornado to me because it went all the way up." Lipscomb was right. The National Weather Service confirmed later Sunday evening a land spout tornado had touched down near Moffat.

photo by Melanie Lipscomb.

Saguache County Crime Report

by Mary Lowers

No surprise that Memorial Day weekend netted lots of speeding tickets as people raced to begin summer. I noticed a dramatic upturn this past month in "no seat belt in use" citations. Quite a few of these \$85 tickets were given out to residents of Moffat, Crestone and the Baca Grande. I know I say to myself it's hot, I need ice cream and the shop is only two blocks up the road, I am too hot, tired, lazy or all of these at once to fasten my seatbelt and then it's an \$85 cone I am buying.

Careless driving in the Sand Dunes Recreation (Hooper Pool) parking lot got a Moffat man a summons to appear in court on careless driving charges.

On Tuesday June 7, Demetrius Allen Bayes was booked into the Saguache County Jail with no bail amount listed for Failure to Comply with a Warrant. On Monday June 6, according to Deputy Wayne Clark, the convicted sex offender left a facility in Alamosa and wound up in the Crestone area in violation of the terms of his sentence. The Saguache County Sheriff's Office along with a "concerned citizen set up a sting operation in the Town of Crestone to catch him. All care was taken to make sure this was in a safe place with no citizens around. The 18-yr-old male was taken into custody without any issues." Deputy Clark told me.

Long arm of the law

Failure to Appear Charges made up a fair share of the jail bookings last month. A Baca man, 29, was held on \$300 bail for Failure to Appear charges. A Center man, 37, was jailed with \$500 bail listed on the same charges. A Saguache man, 21, went to jail with a \$14,000 bail listed on Fugitive from Justice and Failure to Appear charges. The arm of the law is really long—a Utah woman, 35, was arrested in Grand Junction on Failure to Appear charges out of Saguache County. Her bail was set at \$1,030.

A Moffat man, 21, was held in the county jail on \$1000 bail on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Unlawful Use of a Controlled Substance. A bail amount of \$2,500 was set for a Center woman, 25, for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a valid license, and failure to yield right of way. A Baca man, 45, was arrested at his home on charges including: Felony Menacing, Felony Second Degree Assault and misdemeanor counts including Resisting Arrest, Violation of a Restraining Order, and Criminal Mischief. He was booked into jail with \$20,000 bail listed.

Attempted break in

Early in June a concerned citizen driving by the White Eagle Village on County Rd T, called the sheriff and contacted the building's owners that there seemed to be people trying to enter the building which, is waiting for demolition. When deputies arrived at the scene the perpetrators of this breaking and entering were gone. According to Deputy Wayne Clark, "we cleared the building, and no one was there. When we climbed up on the roof we could see they had gotten in that way." It appears there was no new vandalism from the break in.



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Saguache County News

by Sandia Belgrade
Crestone Welcome Center supports entire county

Faith O'Reilly, who has been part of the Saguache County Tourism Council for several years, reported that the council has been acting diligently to put up newly designed signs around the county, getting ads in the Colorado official state guide and in the "Summer on the Rio" booklet. She introduced Burt Wadman who explained the Crestone Welcome Center concept. The project is designed to orient tourists by providing information, maps and directions to destinations, not only in Crestone, but throughout the county: outdoor recreation, businesses, and tourist destinations such as the wildlife refuge, Joyful Journey, the sand dunes. A large contingent accompanied Wadman who explained the mosaic medallion is designed by Shahna Lax of Studio Moresca Copperworks, a recognized expert in copper design. The Tourism council sees the \$25,000 request as part of promoting the events in the whole county. Faith said they're trying to create a very unique welcome center, a permanent installation to orient visitors to disperse them throughout the county. The council, which was once divided between east and west, now is working together in a spirit of camaraderie for the sake of the whole county. Vivia Lawson, a real estate broker who is on the council, said that tourists come needing to make a decision about whether to purchase homes. The Welcome Center grounds them and helps them identify with the county. At that meeting Wendi Maez, Land Use Administrator, said that funding rests on interpretation of the state statute which reads: No revenue collected from county lodging tax shall be used for any capital expenditures, with the exception of tourist information centers. By the second meeting she had researched the provision, suggested changes with the sign, and Ben Gibbons, Saguache County Attorney, agreed that it meets funding criteria. The BOCC approved the request.

Public Lands report

Andrew Archuleta of the BLM San Luis Valley Field Office underscored the tourism council's report. He noted the increase in county visitors. Zapata Falls had a record number of visitors booked ahead for months and places like Penitente Canyon are filled with tourists. Archuleta said he was feeling good about the upcoming fire season, but there's a concern about what's been growing with all the rain.

Firewise decision

After two regular meetings and one special public hearing to get citizen feedback, the BOCC is still temporizing before making a final decision on the Firewise program. This program, which is funded by the US Forest Service, Title III, targets sensitive wildfire danger areas near houses and structures

to provide mitigation. At present there are several components: the Baca Grande Fire Department, Kundalini Fire Management, the Town of Crestone, and the Baca Grande Property Owners Association (POA). There is no participation by the west side of the county. Two proposals have been put forth, one by Kundalini Fire Management which wants to have their own Firewise program; and one by Daniel Johnson to unify these four as one entity to assure better use of funds and resources and accurate accountability. Kairina Danforth, Crestone Mayor, said the town board would support a fire wise community service board acting in an advisory capacity. Given the time constraints—the funds must be used by September 30—it appears that the program will proceed as it did last year until the county can work out the full details without rushing into it.

County to disperse SRS funds

The Secure Rural Schools Act (SRS Act) was reauthorized and signed into law by the President on April 16, 2015. SRS provides funding for over 775 rural counties and 4,400 schools located near national forests across the United States. For a rural county government such as ours, it's one of the most significant sources of revenue along with PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). However, it's a confusing system that can set our schools against Saguache Co. Road and Bridge, competing for the funding they need. In June, the Commissioners indicated they will grant Saguache County Schools the same amount of SRS funds that was agreed upon earlier, which is 85%. Both school superintendents, Chris Vance of Center and Kurt Banghart of Moffat, like the percentages where they are, but recognize that Road and Bridge is also dependent on getting as much as possible.

Northern Saguache County Library

Sarah Koehn Frey, Director of the Northern Saguache County Library, reported that they had interviewed people for the open board po-

sition and appointed Megan Riley. She also announced that the county will have free monthly legal clinics for those with low income.

Child support staff receives award

Linda Warsh, Director of Social Services, announced that the child support staff received an award for most improved at a regional conference. She said there is a huge learning curve to master the child welfare system and how it can work best for them. The department is still looking for a Child Welfare Supervisor.

Sheriff's department goals

Sheriff Dan Warwick said they received a grant from the state for seat belt enforcement. As a result, 245 citations were issued in just one month. He expects the 4th of July weekend and summer citations to also be high, but as he said, better to cite them than pick up the pieces from those speeding too fast through the county. Warwick said a building or office in Crestone would be a big help as Crestone, with the largest population in the county, is underserved. Social Services has an office in Crestone. Office space plus staffing would be a plus for the county as a whole.

Marijuana code enforcement

Regarding visits to marijuana grows where there have been complaints (traffic, dust, aroma, etc.), non-certified personnel can be utilized, but it's safer with certified. A post-certified position could be part of staff, especially in summer, but really a year round position is needed.

Land Use report

Land Use Administrator Wendi Maez presented several conditional use permit requests, one very different from the usual marijuana request. Evan Dusthimer and John Huffman sought approval to create the infrastructure for commercial marijuana businesses. It would involve possibly 2-3 structures north

of Moffat. This is the first time a business has requested permission to build commercial space for growers. In some ways it replicates the Pueblo model. Pueblo County got hit hard in the recession. They had a lot of empty commercial buildings throughout the county that are now being rented out to growers. The Planning Commission approved the application but with recommendations around dust, and there was one concerned letter regarding traffic. They will use gravel to cut dust and will truck in water.

Lamm Ranch to be used for cultivation

Derek Smith, who is under contract to buy the 400-acre Lamm Ranch, had his Conditional Use request to cultivate marijuana accepted with Planning Commission recommendations. There will be year round growing of approximately 1800 plants using three irrigation wells on the property. The commission approved up to 3600 plants. They will cultivate 30 varieties, focusing on CBD strains. The owners have retail outlets in Trinidad and Denver.

Administration report

Lyn Zimmer Lambert said the County has adopted a compensatory time policy effective June 7, but the administration is figuring out a policy for the current workers who have more than 60 hours accrued. Road and Bridge has several employees over the limit. Elvie Samora, the assistant road supervisor, read a letter expressing his view that employees would lose some of their earned time. The board has decided it will pay out all comp hours over 60 hours. Then from that date forward, June 21, 2016, employees will only be allowed to carry 60 hours at any given time.

Public Health

A public hearing was held regarding an amendment to the Public Health 2016 budget to account for additional funding from CDPHE to implement the "Communities That Care" model. This is a community-engagement model for reducing youth violence, alcohol & tobacco use, and delinquency through tested and effective programs and policies. Funding for the 2016 amended budget is \$34,320. Marijuana money went to local public health agencies for substance abuse prevention and Saguache County was awarded \$65,000/year.

Ginger Stringer, Director of Public Health, reminded the public that only 10% of deer mice are infected with the Hanta virus. But it's been so wet that there are larger mice and more mosquitoes :)

County employees honored

The Commissioners recognized four employees for their service to the County with a Service Pin presentation: Tyler Hartford, Tammy Taylor, Ellen Cox, and Judith Collins.

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Lynda Kucin, Sue Ruston and Lili Zohar at the Neighbors Helping Neighbors annual garage sale, held on Saturday, June 4 this year. Angela Anderson and Lili were the 2 brave souls who spearheaded the endeavor this year. photo by Lori Nagel



by Allyson Ransom,
Crestone Town Clerk

"The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty."

~ James Madison

4th of July Celebraton

The Town of Crestone wishes you a happy Fourth of July and is looking forward to a fun and exciting celebration with lots of vendors, activities and music. There is still time to sign up for the parade or a booth space by coming to Town Hall before July 4. The Town appreciates the help of William Martino and our newest office employee, Melinda Davis, who both jumped in to work on the entire event at a moment's notice. Please see page 28 for the full-page poster of the 4th of July celebration events.

We do hope to have fewer visitors of the flying variety this year, as the Crestone Public Works employees have been actively mowing and weed-eating parks and public rights-of-way, then immediately following up with spraying non-toxic "Mosquito Barrier."

The Town of Crestone Planning Commission developed an extensive mosquito and weed abatement plan for 2016, and PW Coordinator, Gretchen Nelson, has worked diligently to implement the plan under the direction of the Board of Trustees. The Town strongly encourages residents to keep grass and weeds mowed low on their own properties as this is the best method to eradicate non-larval mosquito habitats.

At the regular board meeting on June 9:

- The Board passed *Ordinance # 2016-002, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 2013-001*, which imposed a temporary moratorium on designated marijuana stores.

- *Resolution #013-2016, establishing Rules and Regulations for retail Marijuana sales in the town limits.* The question of whether to allow retail marijuana sales was originally placed on the

April 5 ballot and passed with approximately 70% of voter approval. Once the Town has an approved application ready and security procedures in place, an open application announcement will be made by August 1, 2016.

- A "Smart Meters" presentation was made to the Board and included information concerning the negative impacts of these meters, such as safety, security issues, and health problems. It was recommended that people view the film, *Take Back Your Power*, available online or at our local library.

Other recent Town news

- The Downtown Redevelopment Project is in its final stages of completion and the remaining work is currently taking place on the south end of Little Pearl Park. There are several areas that need to be landscaped, and the Town looks forward to the community (businesses, clubs, or individuals) coming together to volunteer and possibly adopt an area to plant.

- The Crestone Town Hall renovation project is almost complete with newly painted Victorian trim in hues that blend well with the large expanses of blue; the Board appreciates Carrie Caverly's design input. There are new wagon wheels along the porch, and the greenhouse has been installed.

- All Town of Crestone meetings are posted in the Town Hall bulletin board next to the front door at 108 W. Galena Ave. and in the US post office bulletin board. Board meetings are still held on the second Monday of each month from 1:30-6pm, and there is always time for the public to share comments at the end of each meeting. If anyone would like to be included on the agenda and present to the Board, please submit requests one week in advance.

- We have a Certified Notary Public available during regular office hours in Town Hall from 9am-1pm, Mondays-Fridays. The cost to notarize each certificate is \$5 as per the Secretary of State guidelines.

POA news:

New ambulance to show off in the 4th of July parade!

by John Rowe

The only Baca Grande Property Owners' Association (POA) Board of Directors' meeting of the month was held on June 16 at the POA Hall. A brief executive session started at 6pm and the public portion of the meeting started at 6:30pm. Director Matie Belle Lakish chaired and Directors Sugandha Brooks and Joanna Theriault were also present. Board President Nigel Fuller and Vice-President Bruce McDonald were absent. No changes to the agenda were proposed and last meeting's minutes were approved unanimously. The meeting proceeded to Member Forum.

The opportunity for all members to speak had a man suggesting that an amendment changing the 900 square foot (sf) home minimum size covenant be included in this fall's elections. He wants to see the size restriction dropped to 500 or 600sf. He pointed out that a measure eliminating size restrictions of any kind passed last year even though many who favor a smaller size minimum than 900sf did not vote for it because they did not want someone being able to live in a 100sf shack. The passed measure did not become the new legal standard because of procedural difficulties in the wording of the proposal and the Board therefore withdrew the measure as anything other than a poll as to how the membership viewed the issue. This person agreed to rewrite the ballot measure to be legally binding if passed with the change of minimum size (to 500 or 600sf) instead of no minimum at all and present it to the Board before July's meeting.

"Smart" meters topic of community meeting

Another man announced in Member Forum that a community meeting concerning SLVREC's plans to begin to implement "smart" meters here in the Baca with the intention of replacing all old meters with these microwave-emitting devices in the near future. Many people throughout Europe and America think that smart meters emit a harmful amount of these waves, are intrusive to peoples' privacy and should be banned. This meeting will center on this issue and knowledgeable people in our community and representatives from SLVREC who believe these devices are very safe will all wade in on the topic

at the meeting which will be held on June 30 at the POA Hall. This will be too late to be covered for the July edition of the *Eagle* but at least two articles about this technology and this meeting specifically will be made available in the online edition of the *Eagle* in early July.

Important news included in department reports included Land Use's hiring of a new Land Use Assistant, David Sheffield, who will be out and about 30 hours a week, checking on various and sundry issues concerning land use covenants. His presence should mean more compliance with POA covenants and better community relations with homeowners as well. And at last, the Baca's new ambulance is here and will be featured in the Fourth of July parade. This is quite an event as a new vehicle of the sort cost around \$300,000. This should dramatically increase POA options along emergency health care lines as the old ambulance is still available and fit for service.

McGregor Gaines came to announce the formation of Crestone Creative District (CCD) and of its plans to beautify Crestone and the Baca. The CCD is responsible for the current expansion of the kiosk at the entrance to the Baca and wants to further develop it, including but not limited to increased landscaping. McGregor is asking for a variance to have the POA approve running water to the kiosk; that passed unanimously. He is also looking for some small financial assistance from the POA to support the Council and its beautification plans in the near future and was given much encouragement from the Board to solidify a proposal and bring it to a board meeting soon.

Two more Nominating Committee members needed

The POA again announced that it needs at least two more Nominating Committee members by August 1. Their function will be to locate and secure candidates to run for two Board seats that are opening up this fall. The only requirement is that the members have to be POA members in good standing (no dues, fees, or fines outstanding) and have the ability to identify viable candidates from our community. Please call the POA office at 256-4171 if you would like to help out in this capacity.



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Election roundup 2016

Voters, election rights, & growing numbers of independents

by Lisa Cyriacks

The people have spoken; or, at least the people who show up for caucuses and primaries. After the last primary in Washington, DC, Hillary was declared the presumptive nominee for the Democratic Party. Trump was declared the presumptive nominee for the Republicans early in May.

Here is a rough tally: about 60 million Americans voted or participated in primary elections or caucuses—less than 25% of the total adult population.

In the Republican contests, Donald Trump received 44.5% of the 30.6 million that participated. Early in May he received the support of 1,447 delegates. He needed 1,237 to win the nomination.

In the Democratic race, Hillary Clinton received about 56% of the 29.1 million who voted in the Democratic primaries and caucuses. Clinton won the support of 2,220 pledged delegates and 591 superdelegates meeting the needed 2,383 delegates to win the nomination. Her opponent, Bernie Sanders, received pledged support from 1,831 delegates and 48 superdelegates, falling 504 delegates short of the necessary numbers to secure the nomination.

A presumptive nominee is a presidential candidate who is assured of their party's nomination, but has not yet been formally nominated by their political party at the party's nominating convention.

July 18-21 is the Republican convention. The Democratic convention is July 25-28. In addition to selecting the party's nominee for

US President, each party will adopt a statement of party principles and goals known as the platform. In addition, the convention is the time to adopt rules for party activities, including the presidential nominating process for the next election cycle. With changes in election laws and the way political campaigns are run in the latter half of the 20th century, conventions have become more ceremonial affairs.

Voting is the foundation of our democracy.

The 2016 election season is in full swing and voters in a number of states face new restrictions. Problems in primaries across the county are being reported. There are new requirements in some states for photo IDs. Reductions in primary polling places forced voters to wait for hours to vote. New rules create confusion. Is this an early glimpse of problems with the November general election?

Voters face the first presidential election in 50 years without the full protections of the Voting Rights Act, which was designed to prevent discrimination in voting.

The 2016 state legislative sessions saw 422 bills proposed to enhance voter access in 41 states plus the District of Columbia. Meanwhile, 77 bills to restrict access to registration and voting were introduced or carried over from prior sessions in 28 states.

Automatic voter registration is the most popular reform with over half of the states considering some form of automatic registration. Online voter registration is becoming a more popular reform.



Good place for a lemonade stand? There is lots of Highway 17 construction going on right now. This scene was just north of Mosca, on Friday, June 17 at 5:47pm. This line of traffic sat there for about a 1/2 hour while they apparently moved a large piece of equipment a mile or two down the road. It was about 90°, so everyone started getting out of their cars after about 15-20 minutes. photo by Lori Nagel

Most states offer some form of on-line registration. Restoration of voting rights to those with past criminal convictions carried in 15 states.

Among states that passed laws restricting voting rights, voter ID bills are still the most common type of restriction being introduced.

One person, one vote

In 1964 the US Supreme Court declared the American principle of "one person, one vote". Recent controversies before the court involve gerrymandering and demonstrate how incumbent politicians use re-districting to dilute the power of some voters by placing them in districts with larger population size. The most recent case in Virginia highlights a disturbing trend of the prevalence of the right of a political party to protect their party-loyal incumbents.

Incumbent politicians from both parties used mal-apportionment, a gerrymandering tactic, to insulate themselves from electoral competition and dilute the power of voters who want to vote incumbent representatives out of office.

Incumbency protection trumps voter rights. This is because both political parties, collectively, occupy nearly 100% of our state and federal offices. So what about the nearly half of voters who now say that they don't think either party represents their views?

The 2016 primary elections and caucuses illustrated how much

of a "duopoly" both the Democratic and Republican parties have over the election process. Both parties have a vested interest in protecting this control and are still engaged in reframing voting-rights issues to protect the private rights of political parties, not applying the "one person, one vote" standard.

In 2000 the Democratic Party successfully argued in front of the Supreme Court that the State of California had no right to allow voters who were not members of the Democratic Party to participate in "their" primary elections. Forget the fact that taxpayers fund the primaries. Forget the fact that over 90% of elections are decided in the primary, and therefore, are usually the only meaningful stage of the election process. At a time when 80% of the American electorate is dissatisfied with their representation, maybe we need to refocus our analysis on the rights of voters—not whether race was used to hurt Democrats or help Republicans.

As of June 1, 2016, Independents (i.e. those who do not identify themselves with a particular party) make up 43% of the population. Self-identified Democrats make up 30%, trailed by 27% self-identified Republicans.

*Voting statistics provided by the Associated Press.

*Brennan Center for Justice is the source for the voting rights legislative changes.



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CALL FOR CANDIDATES

For the October 20, 2016 Board of Directors Election

There will be two (2) vacancies on the Board of Directors of the POA this fall. Any Member in Good Standing is eligible to become a candidate. There are two ways that a candidate may be qualified to run for a Director position.

- 1) Submit an application through the Nominating Committee. Please contact the POA office to obtain a Candidate Packet.
- 2) Obtain a petition with twenty-five (25) signatures of Members in Good Standing; petitions must be submitted to the Board of Directors sixty-five (65) days prior to the annual election and vetted by the POA Office prior to that date.

The date of the election and Annual Members' Meeting is Thursday, October 20, 2016. Interested Candidates must submit their materials to the Nominating Committee through the POA Office by 5:00 pm on Monday August 1, 2016. These are voluntary positions. Please call POA Office with any questions, 256-4171.

Crestone Music Festival

+ August 12-15, 2016 +

News flash: new fun!

by Tom Dessain

Every year one the main goals of our festival is to be family friendly with lots of great activities for kids of all ages. We have new and used activities and are excited to see you try them on for size.

Speaking of trying something on for size, a new . . . thing . . . has been invented and it's coming to the festival! KnockerBalls! A Knockerball is an inflated sphere with a thru-center chamber with inner handles and adjustable shoulder straps. You stick your body into the center chamber, your legs stick out free and clear, but the rest of you is surrounded by something like a giant piece of bubble wrap. You will look like a giant, clear pea with legs but no arms who is continually laughing. Knockerballs range in size predicated on your height. They can be used alone to perfect rolls, bouncing, flips and wheels or can be used with two or more to enter a realm of rip roaring, knocking fun times. People who use them describe the sensation as almost defying gravity. Knockerballs are used to play "Bubble Soccer" which has been gaining traction in Europe, Australia, Japan, and elsewhere. New leagues are opening up all over the United States and popularity is booming. So check them out at the festival and experience a whole new way to Rock & Roll.

Also back this year, after a short hiatus, is the ever-popular Eurobungee bungee jump machine. This has always been super popular and we're glad to have it again.

To start your days, we offer free yoga with Cynthia Nielsen! Cynthia is a certified Yoga Alliance instructor who will offer workshops during the days.

The Salida Circus returns with performances, parades, stilt walkers, acrobatics & costumes. They will bring a trapeze this year which is very exciting. Two youth workshops are planned for Saturday & Sunday afternoons so your little performer can learn real circus acts!

We will still have our traditional men's and women's wood chopping contests and limbo and pie-eating contests.

Artsy Ansley is conducting the Kids Zone and is providing opportunities for kids to get creative using nature, paints, and recycled materials. Ansley will also have games and giggles and story time too. Our Family Tent and activities are located on the west end of the festival and the schedule of activities will be posted at the gate, on the family tent, and in the program. All workshops are free and open to everyone. So get your young-on and plan to have fun! For more information call us at 719-256-4533.



The Salida Circus will hold two youth workshops Saturday & Sunday afternoons.



Knockerballs are new and fun!

July 2: "Happy" Dance with The Groove Farmers

by Tom Dessain

Crestone Performances Inc. is hosting another Happy Dance Saturday, July 2 at the Cloud Station in Crestone. "Happy" means we'll be serving alcohol! We'll be offering a variety of mixed drinks, micro and domestic

brews, and red and white wines, plus sodas, juice and free snacks. We will also have a fenced beer garden again This party is adults only, twenty-one or over, with all IDs checked at the door. Doors open at 7pm; we dance 'til midnight.

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The Groove Farmers Play Saturday, July 2 at the Cloud Station.

Besides getting to sip and chat, guzzle and gossip, you can boogie too! Get ready for The Groove Farmers. This is a spunky funk rock four-piece with drums, bass, guitar, and horns that have been known to swap/play multiple instruments. Their repertoire includes originals and covers the coolest covers spanning 5 decades. Getting the audience moving and grooving is what they're all about.

To quote the band: "We always joke that we're like a drunken jukebox: you never know what we're gonna play next." The Groove Farmers' musical curveballs keep the band and the audi-

ence on their toes, so come on out and wiggle and grin.

Admission is \$12 and all revenue goes to help continue the Crestone Music Festival. The Festival is a production of Crestone Performances Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit community service organization that annually produces the Crestone Music Festival, produces and subsidizes San Luis Valley school presentations, and provides free consulting and technical assistance to other community endeavors. For more information please call 719-256-4533 or visit www.crestfest.org.

More from the Crestone Music Festival

by Tom Dessain

The 18th Annual Crestone Music Festival will be held at the Baca Grande Golf Club in Crestone, August 12, 13, & 14. It's a three-day, multi-genre, multi-cultural musical event which also features a kids' zone, family activities, contests, energy vendors and demonstrations, arts & crafts, healers, international cuisine and great libations. Be sure to check out our other *Eagle* articles on the raffle and family tent activities.

This year's headliners are spectacular. Friday night will feature the amazing T Sisters. This is a six piece Americana band with drop dead harmonies and frolicking instrumentation. They have been featured on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion". You'll be wowed!

Saturday is huge with The Fabulous Thunderbirds coming to town. This Grammy-nominated band has a distinctive and powerful blues/rock sound with Cajun and soul influences. This is exemplified in their three top 40 barnburner hits "Tuff Enuff", "Wrap it up" and "Look at that". Their live shows are renowned and often put bigger billed names to shame. Muddy Waters called front man Kim Wilson "his favorite harmonica player and vocalist". This band should be a total blast to experience, so don't miss them Saturday August 13!

We've never had a band from France, but, now we will feature two bands from France named Quel Bordel and BandapArt who, together, are BandaBordel. They play original folk fusion in a funky French gipsy kind-of-way. They

have headlined House of Blues Mainstage and shared the stage with the Young Dubliners whom we had last year. This will be a raucous good time and a fun way to end the fest.

New! New! New! We are very excited to announce our last two acts to round out the festival. These are cultural acts and both are fascinating. From India we have Kirtan brought to us by Vamadeva. This will be at 8am Sunday morning to start the day in a very sweet way. His musical style combines eastern Raga melodies and moving rhythms with western rhythms and harmonies woven in with jazz, R&B and folk influences. He recently released a CD of his original Kirtan songs called *Heart of Ecstasy*.

Next is Pan Jumbies. This is a steel drum band featuring steel drums, Marimba, bass and drums. They play traditional soca and calypso songs from the Caribbean plus originals. They have been playing together for a decade and are one of the premier steel drum bands from the Denver/Boulder area. They will play Saturday afternoon.

Don't forget our other regional acts which include bi-lingual Hip Hop from 2MX2, reggae grass from Ponder the Albatross, funk ska from The Alcapones, country rock from Tumbleweed, soul from Mama Magnolia, roots reggae from the Jah Kings, Spanish guitar virtuosity from Javier Mosley and musical comedy from John Craigie. We also have a pile of talented local acts to start your days. So come on out, get away and play!



The Pan Jumbies will play Saturday Afternoon at the Crestone Music Festival.



Kirtan from Vamadeva will start the day on Sunday.

You can get more info and buy tickets online at crestfest.org or call our office at 719-256-4533. The Crestone Music Festival is a production of Crestone Performances Inc. a 501(c)3 non-profit community service organization.

Headliners!

Friday : T Sisters



Saturday :
The Fabulous Thunderbirds



Sunday : BandaBordel



Five spectacular raffle prizes!

by Tom Dessain

The Crestone Music Festival Raffle is back with five spectacular prizes! The first prize is our destination package. This prize helps you get out and explore colorful Colorado and northern New Mexico. It includes ski packages, concert packages and hot springs package. The next prize is a sack full of Colorado Hot Springs day passes to Joyful Journey Hot Springs, Valley View Hot Springs, Orvis Hot Springs and the Sand Dunes Swimming Pool! Next, directly from Martin, is a brand new Martin acoustic electric guitar worth over \$900! It comes with a hard shell case, Fishman active electronics and a full warranty. Next is a \$500 shopping spree at Kristi Mountain Sports in Alamosa. This can be used towards any product or products from their store. This can include hiking gear, ski gear, climbing gear or a mountain bike. They have a huge selection of products and it's just plain fun to shop at a sporting goods store. Our last but not least prize is

Christmas in August. You will win an assortment of items and services from our festival vendors. The exact value is unpredictable but has exceeded \$1,000 every time so far. It includes items such as jewelry, clothing, arts & crafts, leather goods, woodworking, candles, massages, pottery, photos, services and more!

Ticket prices haven't changed and are \$7 for one, 3 for \$15 or 5 for \$20. Tickets can be purchased during the festival, at our office (719-256-4533), or from CPI board members. Board members are: Peter Taylor, Aaron Conrad, Don Richmond, Akia Tanara, Dennis Neuhaus, Eli Dokson, Steve Westra, Sarah Koehn Fry, Cheryl Rowe and Dan Perlman. They're all carrying so grab 'em and get 'em!

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Expect change: Crestone Energy Fair at Music Fest this year lots of great events planned

by *Donovan Spitzman*

Expect to experience something new at this year's Crestone Music Festival. Expect new activities, expect a new layout, expect new faces . . . expect change. Why? Because this year, the Crestone Music Festival is hosting the Crestone Energy Fair. This "change" brings together 2 of the longest standing events in Crestone, resulting in an event that facilitates the sharing of our love for musical diversity alongside our passions for regenerative living practices.

Workshops, demonstrations, movies, games and music will focus on the basic concepts of food, water, shelter and community which form the foundation of abundant living.

We'll be exploring advancements in papercrete with Mason Green Star, and earthen finishes and monolithic construction with Tim White. Paul Shippee, founder of the Crestone Solar School, will share passive solar design essentials. Eco Depot's Curtis Scheib will educate us on the latest developments and concepts in solar and wind power generation. Cedar Rose Guelberth, author of *The Natural Plaster Book* will explain her process of Holistic Home Design and Dave Kirchner will be on hand with his always-popular solar cooking demonstrations.

The building demonstration area will continue to explore the various forms of monolithic construction found in the area. In addition to the papercrete methods being shared by Mason Greenstar, Steven Harrel will explain strawbale building along side Chris Steen who will expound on earthbag construction techniques. You'll also learn to pound tires, make adobe, incorporate bottles and cans into



One of the houses on the guided home tour.



Home tours will showcase sustainable materials, off-grid living, energy creation, unique architecture and repurposed materials.

your construction and a few other surprises.

The final stage of this year's event will be the guided home tours. We'll take you on a journey through the uniquely-inspired homes located in Crestone and the Baca Grande. Tours will showcase sustainable materials, off-grid living, energy creation, unique architecture and repurposed materials. We will also showcase several commercial examples ranging from food to fuel creation. This is likely the most comprehensive collection of working examples available within a single community. See for yourself how it all works. Tours will be scheduled Saturday and Sunday mornings. For more information or reserva-

tions, visit our information page at ScSEED.org.

Open yourself to conversation and ideas, break away from what is and focus towards what could be. Discuss assets, evaluate liabilities, celebrate successes and explore possibilities for the future. As a culture, we are successfully moving away from degenerative lifestyle practices into sustaining solutions. Now it's time to start addressing the next phase of evolution, the graduation from sustainable solutions to regenerative practices. Couple these activities with (dancing) workshops focused on (dancing) enhancing our ability to (dancing) communicate with one another, and (dancing) magic can happen.

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Beatniks in Crestone! *International Day of the Beat proclaimed July 10*

The Crestone Company of Players is proclaiming July 10 "International Day of the Beat". Initiated locally, an inaugural celebration is prompted by a recording party that leads to a radio production, "The Beatnik Cafe & Bagelshop".

The program is to be edited and intended for later broadcast by KRZA and to stream over the world wide web.

An open invitation is going out to hip cats and kittens to fall by and join a participatory radio audience of were-or-would-be Beatniks on Sunday afternoon July 10 from 3-5 at Cloud Station in downtown Crestone. Be a Beatnik if you can! Beards, Berets and Bongos will be "in". Lyrics for a sing-along and a glossary will be provided for authentic beat lingo, circa 1960. Can you dig it?

"The Beatnik Cafe & Bagel Shop" is a simulated San Francisco coffeehouse where deep conversation meets jazz and poetry. A new culture emerges with existentialism as its philosophy. Mingles races through the influence of jazz.

These are rebels with a cause. The show will be an excursion to an exciting time in history with the fun of studio audience participation. A community of coun-

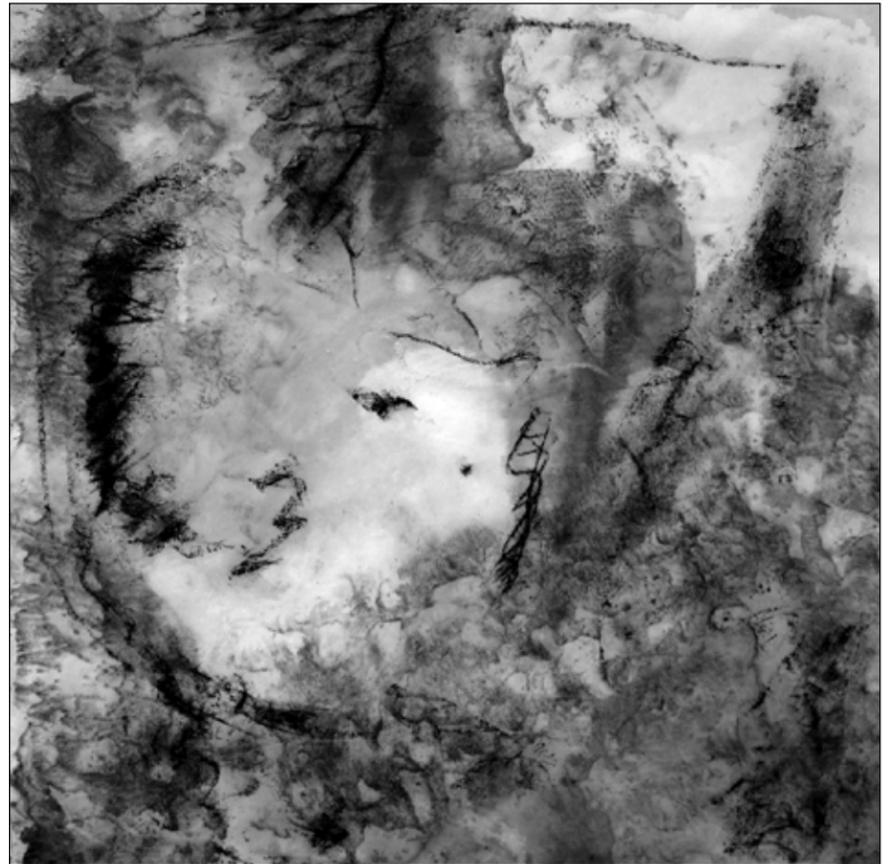
ter culture habitués relate as if it were that bygone era just prior to the hippies.

What started as a literary movement in the early 40s slowly became "the Beat Generation" (energized especially by Jack Kerouac's novel *On The Road*) and gained minor news notice, then exploded starting in 1958. A new word propelled it—Beatnik. A newspaper columnist had attached to the word beat the suffix "-nik" (a take-off of the name "Sputnik" for a satellite that the Russians had recently launched.) World-wide media attention was now given a catchy name to focus fear and fantasy and to sell papers and trashy novels. Suddenly a Beatnik was the first serious kind of thing to become for the young who wanted to leave Iowa, so to speak, to break the mold, and to experience in community what Dylan was a few years hence to notice powerfully—*The Times They Are A'changin'* . . .

A symposium discussing those changes will conclude the performance.

Yes, there will be bagels . . .

Note: A performance of Ginsberg's galvanizing poem "Howl" will occur at the concluding evening musical session on July 4 in Little Pearl Park.



"Bird's Eye" by Kim Roberts. Come learn more about Kim's monotype prints on rice paper with pigment-infused beeswax.

Artist & world traveler Kim Roberts showing work at Shumei for July

Kim Roberts will have her work on display at the Shumei Gallery in Crestone for the month of July. A symposium with Kim will be held on Sunday July 31 starting at 3pm. A reception will follow. Come meet Kim and enjoy her monotype prints on rice paper with pigment-infused beeswax.

In her words, "Art has always been my refuge—a sacred, secret place where I could step out of conceptual mind and explore the world of feelings and alternative realities. Growing up in DC, and later as a student in Paris and London, art museums felt to me like places of worship, or sources of nourishment.

"I've spent much of my adult life as an expat, teaching contemplative practice and creative process. I've lived and worked all over south Asia for the past 20 years—Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Bhutan, Thailand. Spending so much time in a foreign culture reinforces universal themes of what it means to be human, and also presents a unique view into our differences.

"My addiction to thinking often prevents me from surrendering to the present moment. At a certain point, I realized that making art was the only thing that allowed me to quiet my mind completely and simultaneously experience its vastness. Meditation certainly helps the process.

"Art for me is a kind of active meditation. Art mirrors conscious-

ness and invites dialogue with a larger understanding of the world. Both artist and viewer/experiencer are transformed in the interaction. Relationship is born.

"My hope is to convey how art is a bridge to this experience of mind that connects us with something larger than ourselves, and encourages us to realize that we are not alone."

Meet with Kim and learn more about her work on Sunday July 31, 3 to 5pm. This event is free to the public. Please visit www.shumei-crestone.org or call 256-5284 for more information. The Shumei gallery is open every day 9am to 5pm.

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Casa del Soul; a new encarnación

by **Mary Lowers**

The Davis family blew into town and bought the Casa del Soul hotel on the corner of Silver Ave. and Alder across from the post office in downtown Crestone. One of the most interesting questions that one can pose to new or old residents of the Baca Grande and Crestone is how they got here. When I asked the Davis family this question they had a great story.

“Landing in Crestone was a bit of an accident really. We were looking for property and business opportunities in the area when we experienced car troubles and needed a place to stay.” The six-person family, including nineteen-month-old Theodore, seems to agree. “When we pulled into Crestone and stayed at Casa del Soul we knew immediately that this was the investment we wanted to make.”

Rooms at the Casa del Soul will be rented on a daily or weekly

basis. A one-bedroom room with a kitchen will run \$95/night and a 2-bedroom suite with a kitchen will go for \$125/night. Weekly rates will be calculated by the number of people occupying the room/suite and the length of their stay.

The Davis family is a very creative group with many plans for the hotel, but they are reining in their visions and plans so they do not take on too much at once. They said, “We would like to start by landscaping the yard to encourage more outside events, including small weddings. We have been avid gardeners and would like to add small herb and vegetable beds to add richness to the property.”

The building itself will expand to include a handicapped-accessible room. The family may put a shop in the retail space downstairs. “We will be redecorating rooms and suites to be more comfortable with more comfortable furniture. One of our goals is to increase winter business. This can be done a couple of ways. One of our hopes is to install a rustic salt water hot tub.”

This family is very enthusiastic about getting to know the community. “We’ve run businesses in small towns before and really look forward to being in this community; we’ve been drawn in by the special and vivid energy that Crestone holds.” Casa del Soul and the Davis family can be reached at 719-256-5788. Checkout the website <http://casadelsoul.net>.



Cheyenne Mendel and the new owners of Casa del Soul—Madelaine Davis and family—sponsored a BBQ lunch for the street construction workers Friday June 17.

Alcon crew served thank you lunch

On Friday June 17 Cheyenne Mendel and the new owners of Casa del Soul—Madelaine Davis and family—sponsored a BBQ lunch for the street construction workers as a thank you for the awesome job they have been doing! The finished work is a great addition to our small community and the guys were always smiling and pleasant to be around even after the heat and mosquitoes arrived!

Desiree of Gracie’s Farmstead catered the luncheon. On the menu was slow cooked BBQ brisket, farmer’s market potato salad, spicy coleslaw, herb foccacia rolls and fresh baked strawberry rhubarb pies. Yum! Please contact the new owners at Casa del Soul

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Butterfly Wisdom: Two workshops with Láné Sáan Moonwalker

Throughout our journey there are cycles of transformation. The butterfly and/or the moth can help us work with this in our daily process. We need this type of help especially in times of change and stress, for these facilitate our transformation and transmutation. We are currently in a huge time of change and we are being forced to transform our lives.

These small and magical creatures known as butterflies are extremely powerful alliances that can help us.

Saturday - Wisdom of the Butterfly

Sunday - Wisdom of the Night Butterfly (Moth)

July 30 and 31 from 9:30 to 4:30.

One day \$85, or \$155 for both workshops. To register and for location call Dorje Root, 719-937-7786, or dorjeroot@yahoo.com.



Town rooster

This rooster comes every morning to the Town Hall porch and stares at us through the low windows. He crows several times, and after we come out and talk to him, he leaves.

This lone rooster was found wandering around the campground and now lives across the street with Kim and Andrew Martinez. It's a miracle that he has not been snatched up by a predator. He's a tough one who now goes by the name of Cogburn.

Popular chamber musicians offer July 10 concert

A talented group of musicians led by Del Norte native Sarah Off and representing the Mt. Blanca Summer Music Conservatory (of Alamosa) will pause in their tour schedule to visit our community on July 10 at the Colorado College facility.

Artists included are Sarah Off (violin) and Marilyn Clark Silva (percussion), who perform as the Tandem Duo, who will release a recording this summer; Sona Trio is Sarah Off, Anne Sorensen-Wang (violin) and Chunyang Wang (double bass); and these are joined by Mathieu D'Ordine (cello) and Randy Macy (piano). The program will range from Bach to Rossini, Gershwin, Martinu, Piazzola and others.

A contribution of \$15 is requested with students in free. The concert is on Sunday, July 10 at 3pm at the Colorado College auditorium.

Double your bucks in Saguache

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Please sign up to receive local emergency alerts. If there was a fire or other emergency requiring evacuation or "shelter-in-place" instructions this is how you would receive information.

The E911 emergency board has changed vendors for our valley-wide emergency alert system.

You *must* sign up again with this new company to receive local emergency alerts.

It is very easy and quick. You will be asked to pick a user name (use your email address) and a password. Visit <http://bit.ly/28OfDYG>.

If you do not have internet access call 719-589-5807. They will take your name and number and someone will call you back to get you signed up.



Crestone Brewing Co.'s grand opening celebration at Little Pearl Park in Crestone Saturday June 25



Naiya Cabeza-Kinney held this super-clown's hat on the end of the noodle, which the clown just snatched up as he was flipping over her. Super-clown Joe Lobeck is the training manager for Salida Circus and entertained kids & adults alike. photo by Lori Nagel



Tim Riley, one of the 4 owners of Crestone Brewing Co., thanks everyone for joining in their celebration, which had a beer garden and live entertainment all day long. photo by Lori Nagel



This amazing super-clown from Salida Circus, Joe Lobeck, lined up 11 of our local children (and another clown!) for his death-defying leap across all those precious little lives. And in case you're wondering, yes, the jump was successful! The construction of Crestone's Little Pearl Park beautification project is in the background. photo by Lori Nagel



Katie Getchell and Ella Jepsen of Crestone Tribal Bellydance perform a beautiful piece at Crestone Brewing Co.'s grand opening celebration. photo by Lori Nagel

Community Calendar—July 2016

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The print calendar is free for non-profit events; for-profit classes/events are \$5 per

Monthly Events

Saturday, July 2

- Yoga for Back Care – Crestone 10:00 am-12:30 pm \$25 www.yourownyoga.com 310-924-9223

Sunday, July 3

- Mindfulness Training for Teens – All Day www.ibme.info/retreat/teens 978-254-7082

Monday, July 4

- Independence Day – All Day
- Aphelion – All Day
- 1st Annual Crestone Arts Festival – Downtown Crestone 10:00 am-4:00 pm
- New-moon Fire Ceremony, meal, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon www.babajashram.org 256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am
- Crestone 2016 Independence Day Celebration – Downtown Crestone 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Thursday, July 7

- Rumi Study Circle. All Welcome. – 5:00 pm-7:00 pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290
- Town of Crestone Planning Commission meeting – Crestone Town Hall 6-8pm 719-256-4313

Friday, July 8

- Traditional Stone Masonry, Earth Knack School 10am-4pm \$55 www.earthknack.com 256-4909
- Syd Masters performs at Society Hall – 7:30 pm \$20 SocietyHall.org 719-937-2636

Saturday, July 9

- Salida Arts Festival – Centennial Park 10:00 am-6:00 pm Free www.SalidaArtsFestival.com

Sunday, July 10

- Monthly Sampai, Shumei Sanctuary 10:30am-noon Free www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284
- Celebration International Day of the Beat – Cloud Station 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Free
- Salida Arts Festival – Centennial Park 11:00 am-5:00 pm Free www.SalidaArtsFestival.com
- The River of Restoration: Yoga & self-care, 3:30-6pm \$25 www.yourownyoga.com 310-924-9223
- Qur'an Class & Potluck. All welcome. – 5:00 pm-7:00 pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290

Monday, July 11

- BG Stables' Children's Riding Program Session 3 – BG Stables 8:30-11:00 am \$150
- Town of Crestone Board of Trustees meeting – Crestone Town Hall 1:30-6:00 pm 719-256-4313

Wednesday, July 13

- Nonviolent Communication, Paul Shippee 4:30-6:30pm By donation <http://paulshippee.com> 256-4656
- Crestone End of Life Project monthly meeting – Little Shephard Church 7-9pm 719-588-7415

Thursday, July 14

- Biological Monitoring Inventory Tour, Baca National Wildlife Refuge 9am-3pm 719-256-5527
- Guru Rinpoché Tsok (Vajrayana communal feast) – Choying Dzong 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Friday, July 15

- Fire-Making, Flint-Knapping, Rope & String - Earth Knack School 10am-4pm \$55 www.earthknack.com 256-4909

Sunday, July 17

- Wild Woman Retreat – Earth Knack School Site \$365 www.earthknack.com 719-256-4909

Monday, July 18

- BG Stables' Children's Riding Program Session 4 – BG Stables 8:30-11:00 am \$150

Tuesday, July 19

- Full-moon Fire Ceremony, Meal (Guru Purnima), Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-noon www.babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am

Thursday, July 21

- BGPOA Board of Directors Meeting – BGPOA Meeting Room 6pm bacapoa.org 719-256-4171

Saturday, July 23

- Baca Refuge Fire Mgmt. Open House, Baca National Wildlife Refuge 1-4pm 719-256-5527
- Ice Cream Social, Crestone Artisans Gallery 3-5pm

Tuesday, July 26

- Paleo-Pigments Cave Painting Re-Creation, Earth Knack School Site \$174 www.earthknack.com 256-4909

Wednesday, July 27

- Nonviolent Communication, Paul Shippee 4:30-6:30pm By donation <http://paulshippee.com> 256-4656

Thursday, July 28

- Botany of the Baca Refuge – Baca National Wildlife Refuge 9:00 am-3:00 pm 719-256-5527
- Sufi Dhikr. All welcome. – 5:00 pm-7:00 pm nurashkijerrahi.org 719-256-4290

Friday, July 29

- Dakini Tsok (Vajrayana Communal Feast) – Choying Dzong 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Saturday, July 30

- Wisdom of the Butterfly – 9:30 am-4:30 pm \$85 719-937-7786

Sunday, July 31

- Wisdom of the Night Butterfly (Moth) – 9:30 am-4:30 pm \$85 719-937-7786
- Art Symposium with Kim Roberts, Shumei Gallery 3-5pm Free www.shumeicrestone.org 256-5284

Monday, August 1

- BG Stables' Children's Riding Program Session 5 – BG Stables 8:30-11:00 am \$150

Tuesday, August 2

- Riwo Sangchö: Buddhist smoke offering (outdoors) – Choying Dzong 10:00 am-11:00 am

Wednesday, August 3

- Ashram's Annual Family Week – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-1pm \$108 babajashram.org 719-256-4108

Thursday, August 4

- Ashram's Annual Family Week – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10am-1pm \$108 babajashram.org 719-256-4108
- Grief as a Mystical Journey, 1-5pm \$49 archive.constantcontact.com/fs145/1102494452921/archive/1124877700950.html 503957-7412

Friday, August 5

- Ashram's Annual Family Week – Haidakhandi Universal Ashram 10:00 am-1:00 pm \$108 babajashram.org 719-256-4108

Saturday, August 6

- 43rd Annual Covered Wagon Days, Del Norte www.coveredwagondays.com 520-481-2628
- Live Intuitively Journal the Wisdom of your Soul, Crestone Charter School 1-4pm Free 719-480-0010

Wednesday, August 10

- Nonviolent Communication, Paul Shippee 4:30-6:30pm By donation <http://paulshippee.com> 256-4656

Thursday, August 11

- Baca Refuge Invasive Plant Mgmt. Tour, Baca National Wildlife Refuge 9am-3pm 719-256-5527

Friday, August 12

- Crestone Music Festival – Challenger Golf Course All Day crestfest.org 719-256-4533

Saturday, August 13

- Crestone Music Festival – Challenger Golf Course All Day crestfest.org 719-256-4533

Sunday, August 14

- Crestone Music Festival – Challenger Golf Course All Day crestfest.org 719-256-4533

Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.

-Blaise Pascal

Daily/Weekly Events

The Crestone Eagle does not carry events over to the following month automatically.

Daily

- Morning Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 7-8am, 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org
- Tours, Temple, & Gift Shop ~ Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org
- Jyorei, Shumei Sanctuary, please be seated by 7:50am and 5:50pm, 256-5284
- Tours, gallery and Jyorei, Shumei, 9am-5pm, 256-5284.
- Evening Aarati, Haidakhandi Universal Ashram, 6-7pm. Chanting in Sanskrit and Hindi. All are welcome. 256-4108, info@babajashram.org, www.babajashram.org

Sunday

- Sunday Mass Nada Hermitage chapel 9-10am 256-4778
- Drop-in Meditation at Yeshe Khorlo Buddhist Temple Choying Dzong 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Crestone Town Hall 7:00 pm-8:00 pm www.slvaa.org

Monday

- 'Meet Your Crestone Board' Monday, Crestone Town Hall 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 719-256-4313

Tuesday

- Children's Summer Reading Program, Baca Grande Library 10:30-11:30am Free 256-4100
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation 719-256-5668
- Narcotics Anonymous open meeting marijuana users welcome Baca Grande Library back door 7:30 pm-8:30 pm 970-309-0710

Wednesday

- Yoga Fundamentals & Refinements Shakti Sharanam 8:30 am-10:00 am By donation shaktisharanam.com 719-256-5668
- Crestone Food Bank Crestone Town Hall 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 256-4644

Thursday

- Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting Crestone Baptist Church noon-1pm www.slvaa.org
- Continuing Ashtanga Yoga, Mysore Style Shakti Sharanam 5-6:45pm By donation 719-256-5668

Saturday

- Dorje Trolo Practice, White Jewel Mountain 10:00 am-noon, no charge 719-480-5403



Out & About
with Lori Sunflower
Column & Photos
by Lori Nagel
This Month's Topic:
Why Do You Stay in Crestone?



Ara MacDonald

When I moved here, I had a sudden horrible revelation, which was “I’m not a desert person.” And I wasn’t sure if I made the right decision and so I went through a number of months of not knowing if I had done the right thing. Over time, slowly, I’ve grown to love the people here and the land here, even though it’s not my usual surrounding. What’s kept me here is the people. And I feel like my daughter has a good group of friends that she really loves, and that she feels safe and comfortable and loved here, and the more that I’ve lived here, I’ve grown to love everyone. I can’t imagine leaving because that would mean I would have to start all over and I wouldn’t quite find as many magical spirits anywhere else as I do here, in these numbers. And we’re all crazy and we’re all freaky and we all come from different backgrounds, but when it really comes down to it, I feel comfortable here.



Elianna Krakauer

Deep question Lori—why am I still here? By the grace of God I’m still here. One moment I am awed by the magnificent glory of life and friendships and another moment I want to run away where no one knows me. And then I remember that I can choose to have a forgiving heart always and a good attitude no matter what happens.

I love Crestone’s mountains, creeks, piñons, deer crossings and driving slowly while following wacky bunnies chasing headlights.

I feel so honored and grateful to participate with so many awesome groups here like Crestone End of Life Project, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Shumei Taiko drumming, music festivals, and on and on.

After only 11+ years here—which is actually the longest I’ve lived anywhere—people, places and things have come and gone and some come back again. And even if you don’t like me, I still like you. And if you don’t perceive that I like you, know I’m working on it. Oh yes, and that Deputy Wayne is radically cool. I feel like my life is so full that I really don’t have time to move somewhere else, and I don’t know where that would be. So here I am, here and now. For now!



Peter May

When I first got here, I was wondering where all the people were, because I had a different idea, conceptually, of what it meant to live where not many people were. For instance, everyone who lives here in town could fit into my dorm at the University of Michigan. And there’s way more deer and elk than people here. So my first year was really challenging in terms of, “where’s all the people?” I grew up in the Detroit area, and then Seattle. I was used to living close to people.

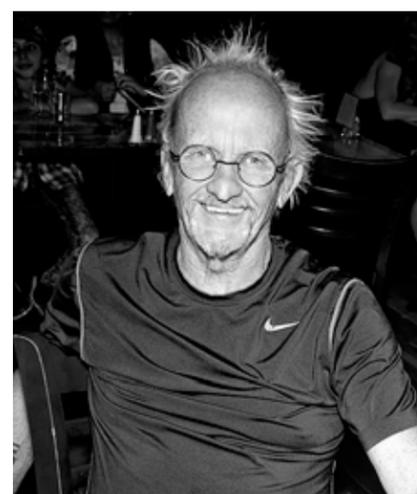
And why do I stay, as I’ve been here for now over 20 years? I really enjoy the space and I really enjoy the silence and the opportunity to not only discover things in general but learn things about myself, as well as nature. And this place. Some people are suited to live in a place where there’s not a lot of energetic things going on—that’s probably most people, that’s where most people live. And for me, this place happens to be really energetically active at times. And yes, it is difficult for everybody, I know that. It’s not the easiest place. To live here you have to really wanna be here. My first winter, I was building my house and I didn’t have a front door and it was 20 below. I knew I could drive away—I could go down to New

Mexico or go back to where I came from. There’s an adventure here and that’s what we’re sharing. And for the most part, there’s enough openness here where I can freely exchange ideas, even if people don’t believe them. There’s a certain kind of space or openness here and an awareness that I think we could all stand to increase. There’s been a lot of things that have gone on here way before us and there’s still things going on.



Darlene Yarbrough

I would say that staying here is because of connections. It’s the connections to the place and the sense of having a place in the world that actually feels safe. And because I work, I stay very focused here, which allows me to focus on my life—what I have to do. And I like the quietness that comes at the end of the day when I just sit at my place and see the mountains, the sunsets—and I love the animals and the plants. I never felt that before I lived here, because I lived in the city. A lot of people have had me always leaving, but honestly, in the last 13 years, since David passed, I have never once gone out and sought another place to live. Nothing has ever arisen to make me want to go. Living here feels like it’s hard to go back out to other places in the world. I’ve seen so many people leave and come back. So I would say this: there would have to be a draw. And I have not experienced that. I do my work, I do my life, I have my quiet time. And I think that is the reason I’m here.



Tedd Brumm

20 years ago, I came here to help my sister in her transition when she had cancer. She was a mover and a shaker in Crestone, back in the day, with the library and that sort of stuff. My niece grew up here. And I when I first got here, I thought, “Yeah,

this place is for me—I’m running away!” And I did! I gave my ex-wife everything and ran up here with just what I could carry in my truck, most of which was musical equipment.

I stay because of the energy here—the energy of these mountains—and I have some really good friends that I’ve made here in the last 20 years. We’re the old timers here now I guess, cuz the other old timers here are all dead! (laughing) I’ve still got my health, knock on wood, and this is the most creative place I’ve ever lived, because there’s so much artistic energy going around—people doing all kinds of things. Some of ‘em are crazy and spontaneous and some are well-rehearsed and thought out, but it’s still part of the whole deal. Crestone had a lot of characters when I moved here at first, and it still does, a lot of characters. People who just sorta do their own thing, and that’s the beautiful thing about it—to be allowed to do that. I’ve lived in town and out in the Baca, but I prefer living out in the Baca where I am cuz I’m tucked away in my cul de sac and it’s very quiet—me and my 2 husky dogs that I’ve raised here. You’ll never get me outta here!



Sage Brown

I stay in Crestone because of my friends. I have so many wonderful friends, including Aliyah, who I love dearly, and then there’s my hiking friends, and my birthday party friends (she was attending a birthday party that night). I also stay here now because I have a bed & breakfast. I just started an AirBnB and am quite excited about all the new guests that are coming in. And I stay here because I’m selling my house. It’s hard to decide what I’ll do when it sells, because all my friends are here and I love being here, so I’m not sure yet.

I love the energy here. It’s like no other place. I haven’t gotten involved with any particular spiritual center, but I like going to hear a Rinpoche that comes into town or taking an astrology class or going to my Non-Violent Communication group, or I even have a Wisdom Circle that I love. So, that keeps me here.

But really why I’m here in Crestone is because all the men are good looking. Crestone reminds me of Garrison Keillor’s Lake Wobegon, where all the women are strong, all the men are good looking, and all the children are above average.

Crestone Artisans Gallery anniversary event

Ice cream social July 23

by Paula Hudson

July is going to have some interesting events, so read carefully! But, before I begin, June was no slouch either. The gallery had its 12-year anniversary party with music, belly dancers, wine and food. The party spilled out of the gallery and overflowed into Little Pearl Park. Many people stopped by to enjoy the pleasant weather and celebration. And many people paid warm respects to Nancy and Kim Malville, owners of the Gallery/Crestone Eagle building, who have supported arts in Crestone for so many years and in so many ways.

By the way, the mural is done; stop by and see it.

We have a new sculptor in the gallery named Bob Long. He not only does large works but jewelry as well. It is exquisite. Do come in and see, especially the jade pieces. Here is what he says about his process:

"When I choose a piece of stone I can be drawn to it by any number of factors. Color, shape and integrity are my main criteria.

"Starting an abstract sculpture I usually see where I want to open the stone (put a hole in it) and then the stone starts to show me where to go and how to shape it.

"I used to carve a lot of mythic beings, angels, dragons, kokopelli, Pan. I finally realized that creating the myth is what I love, so the abstracts came about.

"The sculptures are made with a variety of tools. Angle grinders, hammer and chisels, drills, rasp and files to name a few. Sandpaper is used to finish and polish, all quite labor-intensive."

Now, to July. The July 4 celebration will be enhanced this year by an art fair held in Little Pearl Park. There will be a large tent and smaller tents for vendors sell-



Early evening photo of the new mural on the west wall of Crestone Brewing Co.

photo by Lori Nagel

ing art, oils, food, jewelry, and much more. The gallery will be open and art of all kinds, from woodworking to food, will be available. Come and celebrate.

Ah, but we are not done! The gallery will be having an ice cream social July 23, from 3 to 5pm. Come out and enjoy the good stuff. There will be music by Cheap Therapy as well. What a busy time!

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Barbara Heoppner expresses her deep gratitude to Nancy and Kim Malville at the Crestone Artisans Gallery event May 28, at which they were honored guests. The Malvilles have been strong supporters of the Crestone Artisans Gallery for years and gallery members honored them with a \$500 gallery gift certificate.

photo by Lori Nagel

What to do if you see a pet in a hot car

from SPM Wire

It happens every summer. Pets left in vehicles with no owner in sight. Unfortunately, it doesn't take long for this circumstance to be dangerous or even deadly. Even on a temperate day, the greenhouse effect of rolled-up windows can heat up a car to 116°F within an hour, according to the Humane Society.

If you see a pet in a hot car, act quickly to try to locate the owner. He or she is likely in a nearby establishment. Talk to the proprietors of nearby stores and ask them to make an announcement to customers.

Then, call the non-emergency number of your local police department or animal control. Stay on site until help arrives.

While most pet owners have the best intentions, many are unaware of the danger of leaving a pet in a hot car. You can help spread the word. Free online resources, available at HumaneSociety.org, offer tips, advice and important information on keeping pets safe.

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Natural movement:

Regaining our ancestral agility

by **Katie Getchell**

For well over 100,000 years, human anatomy and physiology have barely changed. Our bodies today are functionally identical to those of our earliest human ancestors, who lived lives of continuous migration and forage, in intimate relationship with the environment.

Natural movement is what people have always done to move around, gather food and water, build shelters, transport objects, explore their world and protect themselves from danger. It includes basic movements such as kneeling, squatting, crawling, walking, running, climbing, jumping and lifting things. Our bodies' sophisticated joints and muscles have evolved to execute these basic movements universally, across all cultures and time periods.

Now modern, sedentary, convenience-based culture has eliminated the need for the broad palette of movements that once kept us healthy, instead confining our bodies to restricted spaces, shrinking our ranges of motion, and dampening neurological skills such as balance and spatial awareness. By building structured and automated environments, we shield the human body from the varied natural world in which it evolved, leaving us maladapted. We suffer many "diseases of captivity," and even humans who consider themselves physically active move far less than their ancestors did in the course of one day.



Katie Getchell demonstrates Natural Human Movement.

Katie Getchell has served Crestone for over ten years as a bodyworker and dance teacher. She has observed that active, engaged and varied movement is an essential complement to manual therapy with her clients. Since 2014 she has been developing a broader protocol for restoring and developing natural mobility, and now offers Natural Human Movement classes and private sessions as part of her practice.

Katie is a MovNat Level 1 Trainer; and in 2017 will complete her two-year certification as a Restorative Exercise® Specialist. To her, these two streams represent the highest standard of movement education available. Grounded in anatomy and evolution, with clear and accessible methods, they offer a solid foundation of safe progressions for people of all ages, abilities, body types and physical goals. Stay tuned for more!

CCC Farewell Festival July 16

Join the community to bid "Fare Thee Well" to the Crestone Creative Council (CCC) youth program. The intention of this event is to honor and celebrate the positive contributions of CCC, to encourage community healing, to showcase local youth performers and their adult allies, and to highlight youth-serving organizations. We will also spend time honoring the elders who have paved the way for youth programs in Crestone. Let's ignite a new spark of collaboration and cooperation amongst our service providers so we can weave a web of support for our young people.

We will gather on Saturday, July 16 for workshops, presentations, performances and play from 10am-8pm at the Crestone Charter School. Some of the highlights of the day:

Workshops - Individuals or groups serving youth are encouraged to offer a workshop, presentation or provide information for families.

- Chances R Good – stenciled clothing design
- Awakening the Phoenix – Cristina Cabeza Kinney, Kelly Hosner and Orca Ross will offer a writing workshop empowering youth voices to tell a story that heals
- SLV Hack Play Space
- Crestone Youth Programs (CYP)
- Crestone ARC (Art Rebel Circus) & Ocelot Medicine Dance – circus play, acro-yoga, slack-lining, fire performance
- Songwriting & Skateboarding Workshops – Benny Roman
- Performances: Music/Poetry/Storytelling**
- Crestone Performances, Inc.
- Chances R Good – conscious hip-hop (<https://chancesr-good.bandcamp.com>)
- Benny Roman & local youth
- Nacho – Nathan Peloquin
- G*Fresh and the Kleinsauce Experience – Grant Forsythe

• Crestone ARC & Ocelot Medicine Dance fire performances

Teens & young adults - We encourage you to play, sing, dance, share poetry/short stories, artwork or participate in any way your heart feels called. If you would like to be one of the scheduled presenters or performers please let us know.

Community - In addition to celebrating with us, what can you or your organization contribute to this event for the overall health and well-being of the youth in our community?

- Food donations or potluck items
- Food prep, cooking & serving
- Set-up & clean-up
- Event promotion and other logistics
- Financial donations are needed to purchase supplies and to support local youth performers

I give deep gratitude to my elders, mentors and friends who offer tremendous support and wisdom for how we navigate the challenges of living in community. Let us all come together as one *tribe* supporting the next seven generations. To contribute to this community offering, please contact Lisa Bodey at 719-480-5925 or bodeycrestone@gmail.com.



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One 2 One Bistro comes to town

By Mary Lowers

It was a beautiful summer Sunday morning in Crestone, the mosquitoes were down and the sun was up and I hankered for sustenance, coffee and conversation so I wandered into the recently opened One 2 One Bistro on the corner of Galena and Alder. The sit down diners' main entrance at the establishment is on the Galena side of the building. The magic One 2 One Bistro to go door with on street parking making pulling in and out easy is on Alder.

I entered the well organized to-go side hoping to wrangle one of proprietress Jessica Catinella's wrapped, warm and ready burritos. These silver wrapped burritos on homemade flour tortillas are delicious and diverse. You can get a vegan, vegetarian or meaty steak burrito with salsa or chili or both for around three dollars. "The vegan burrito featuring mushrooms and almonds is more of a lunch burrito." Jessica told me between a study flow of customers.

The coffee which is hot but never burnt comes in two sizes. Jessica makes her own hot chocolate mix and offers fruit or coffee slushes to beat the heat. Pastries from Our Food is Art and BIG homemade cinnamon rolls fill the pastry case. Drink offerings fill the refrigerated case along with day old items, fresh salads and fat sandwiches ready to go with you. Good variety of chips in lunch sized bags, energy bars and other good-

ies are scattered about the room. One happy customer looked up and said, "Jessica is sustenance."

There are plans to keep the to-go side of the bistro open from 7AM to 10PM and to serve pizza as well as those tasty burritos and other offerings. I plan to file this info for when I want a sweet in the late evening. Right now you can get bistro to-go seven days a week from 7AM to 5PM. Jessica is also planning on incorporating convenience store items like that quart of milk you forgot to pick up or snacks for kids' lunches. It will be open a bit earlier and later then the other food stores in town.

Jessica, who has tons of restaurant experience, has wanted to move here and do food for quite awhile. Three of her four children are here full time and her daughters attend CCS. She told me "I chose Crestone and then Crestone opened up for me." She has been doing catering around the community, the CCS graduation, the after party at the Elephant Cloud when the Crestone Brewery did their opening gala and she is providing the lunches for Miss Patte and the hungry kids at day camp. Jessica is looking for grants, community and government support to facilitate a school lunch program for CCS. "I am so blessed with this opportunity to work with the kids."

The dining room and sit down meals will begin out of the One 2 One Bistro around July 4 and be sure to check out the new décor

and floor it's very inviting with increased seating. The restaurant will be open four days a week. The fare will be what Jessica calls "fusion food" which is like "global comfort food." They will feature items such as hand breaded calamari, spaghetti with free range beef meatballs, and "fabulous salads." Jessica loves the greens she gets from Nick Chambers at the Local Food HUB and can't say enough about Matt Johnson at Crestone Mercantiles' free range beef.

There will be a kids menu, early bird specials, and senior discounts. Jessica is looking for guest chefs like Nath to do their thing at the bistro. She told me, "I am planning to do donation dinners where you pay what you can, open mic nights and am very open to trading," a Crestone tradi-

tion. In the big picture what Jessica and the One 2 One Bistro are about is feeding people good affordable food and community. You can see what's up at the bistro, make an order, check out specials, or talk about catering at 719-937-7770 or just stop by.



Jessica Catinella at the entrance of her new restaurant, One 2 One Bistro. photo by Lori Nagel

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by Nick Drake, President, Crestone/Baca Village Board

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Crestone/Baca Village is a network of community members (neighbors) who have join together to help each other out in a variety of ways. A situation may arise where we may need assistance for transportation, meals or even companionship. When you need help with something you can make direct contact with another member or contact our coordinator.

Membership is free and it is easy to join. Membership is open to any adult living in the Crestone/Baca community who wants to share his or her skills with other members. It is hoped that you will become an active member once you join, but there is no obligation to participate on any level. All service is entirely voluntary. You can decline a request for service at any time. This does mean if you need help at some point, there is no guarantee that service will be provided. This system of assistance is predicated on the good will of a caring community.

Throughout the year we have potlucks for members to get together and get to know one another. It is a great way to meet new neighbors! We also make announcements they may be helpful to us all.

You can join by going to www.cbvillage.net/join or call the Coordinator at 480-8757.



Ahhh, now this is the way to spend a hot summer day. Treat Suomi and Kimberly Bryant enjoyed taking their canoe out on the San Luis Lakes near the Great Sand Dunes.

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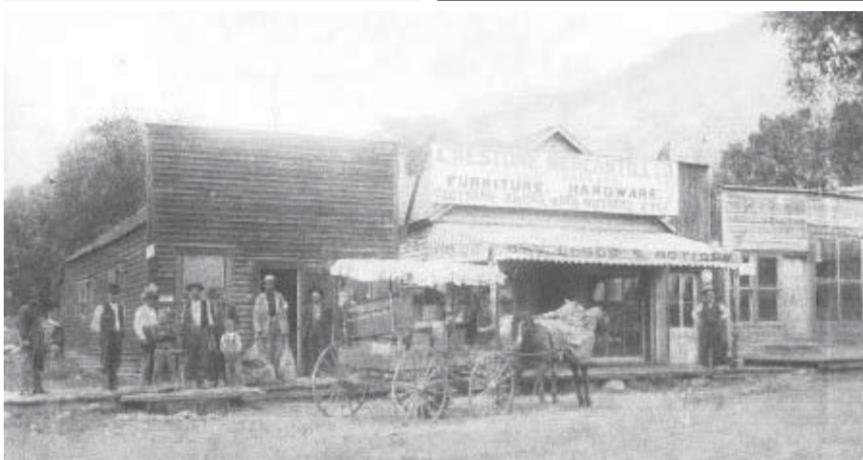
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Kairina Danforth:

Making a plan; following her heart

by Gussie Fauntleroy

By her high school sophomore year Kairina Danforth was clear on one thing: her future did not reside in the small Midwest town of Burlington, Iowa, where she and her parents lived. So she made a plan. Although neither of her parents had attended college, she saw it as her ticket to a world beyond the banks of the Mississippi River. She struck a deal with her parents: If they would continue giving her an allowance, which her practical mother intended for things like school clothes, Kairina would get a part-time job and put every check in the bank. By graduation she had worked three years and hadn't spent a dime of what she earned. She was ready to pay for college.

As it turned out she chose Grinnell College in Iowa, which offered her a full scholarship with all expenses paid. She didn't need her saved money to attend, but she had set in place a central element in her approach to life: deciding on a goal and meeting it with determination and hard work. A couple of years later at Grinnell, an academically demanding small liberal arts college, she was happily earning straight A's when she decided, in the middle of her sophomore year, to change schools. For the second time in her life she found herself stepping away from something in which she was highly accomplished and experiencing success. The first time was in eighth grade, when she suddenly gave up the flute just as her exceptional talent saw her traveling to concerts with the high school orchestra and receiving accolades.

Walking away from success

It was a curious phenomenon that remained a puzzlement to Kairina for some time—a kind of restlessness that would emerge periodically over the years, shaking things up and settling her into something new that challenged and changed her in important and ultimately positive ways. Her decision to leave Grinnell led to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, where a field of study called inter-American affairs “sounded vaguely wonderful,” she recalls. “So I got on a train with a small suitcase and a little money, and went west.”

After realizing that UNM's large university atmosphere was not a good fit for her, Kairina passed the law school entrance exam and became one of the first three female students at UNM School of Law, where she ended the first semester second in her class. Then marriage and the birth of four children within five years



Crestone Mayor Kairina Danforth.

photo by Lori Nagel



Kairina and Hob Danforth met at a New Age spiritual study group and were married for 33 years before Hob's passing in 2011.

put an end to academic life for a while. When her children were old enough she went to work, eventually becoming a contract negotiator for defense contractors and then Sandia National Laboratories. At Sandia she became the first female employee to work as a purchaser.

More than a Monopoly future

At Sandia Kairina received specialized training, earned a master's degree, and rose to management in procurement—in charge of a disastrously inefficient, money-sucking warehouse system. Over the next five years she envisioned and drove the implementation of just-in-time purchasing system that eliminated warehouse operations and created lasting multi-million-dollar annual savings. By then she had been with Sandia more than 12 years. She knew her future there would be like a Monopoly game: All she had to do was stay and “pass GO,” year after year, to reap a large salary and retirement benefits. Within a few months of completing the project and earning national recognition for its success, she quit her job.



Kairina with granddaughter Katie Hale.



In the late 1980s Kairina earned national recognition for implementing a new purchasing system that saved Sandia National Laboratories \$10 million a year.

Building up & paring down

Kairina and Hob Danforth met in the late 1970s at a New Age spiritual study group in Albuquerque. She was “happily divorced” by then, and they had 33 years together before Hob's passing in 2011. After she left Sandia they worked together in real estate investment for a number of years, putting in long hours and enjoying the material rewards of their work. Then one day Kairina realized she needed another change. She felt compelled to sell everything and focus on a simple, spiritual approach to life. She convinced Hob by proposing a deal: She would help him publish and market the book he was writing, *Honoring your Self: A Guide to Overcoming Addictions*—which she did, and the book has helped countless people—and she and Hob would leave Albuquerque for a quieter, more intentional life.

That search brought them to Crestone/Baca in 1999. At first Kairina believed she should approach spiritual growth in the

same make-a-plan way she'd done everything else. Among other things, she would practice humility, which in her mind included not talking about herself. So she didn't, and for several years was known primarily as “Hob's wife.” But she realized she had skills and knowledge she wanted to share, so she began to open up and become more involved in the community. In 2006 a Crestone resident convinced her to run for town trustee and she was elected. Six years later she was persuaded to run for mayor, thinking she would be “just moving from one side of the table to the other. Little did I know!” she says, laughing. She was reelected this spring for four more years.

Where living is an art

The true work of Kairina's heart for the past couple of years, however, has been as president of the Crestone Creative District. Despite a firm belief that she possesses no artistic talent herself, she has enormous appreciation for beauty and art. “The arts are not a frill,” she says, emphatically. “They help us shape our identity. They can help us transcend our deep differences. They've brought people together in our community as never before.”

Although the CCD was not accepted for state certification, the organization continues, and Kairina sees it as a pathway to greater local economic development and community pride. When she's not working on mayoral responsibilities and CCD projects, she spends as much time as possible in nature, treasures moments with friends and her children and grandchildren, and loves to play bridge. In Crestone, it seems, her restlessness has finally quieted and she had learned to appreciate the rewards of “just living in this unique and wonderful community,” which she calls “the place of my heart.”

Gussie welcomes ideas for this ongoing series on Crestone area residents: gussie7@fairpoint.net.

Changes in party politics indicate social unrest

by Mary Lowers

Many Americans now wonder if the Republican Party, the second oldest institution of its kind in our nation next to the Democratic Party, is about to lose power and identity in the November presidential election. American political parties rarely splinter. Emerging opinion nationally points to a significant divide in the Republican Party. As Donald Trump, a businessman who has never held public office, clinches the Republican nomination it may serve us to look at some examples of other election crises in the US, specifically how and why they occurred and how they changed the political and social path Americans all travel.

Slavery & the Civil War

The fight over “that peculiar institution” of slavery instigated the rise of the Republican Party and the utter demise of the Whig Party who were part of the national political map since the American Revolution. The Republican Party emerged in 1854 to combat the Kansas Nebraska Act. This piece of federal legislation threatened to extend slavery into US territories. The Republicans promoted a vigorous modernization of the economy in keeping with the beginnings of the industrial age and to make the so called “plantation economy” fueled by slave labor less of an economic engine in the southern part of the country. The Republican Party barely existed in the southern US. By 1858, in the northern states it had taken into its ranks former Whigs and “free soil” or anti-slavery Democrats forming political majorities in most northern states.

The Republicans said that slavery was against the principles of the founding fathers and the freedoms spelled out in the Declaration of Independence. Lincoln started his political life as a Whig Party legislator, serving in the Illinois State Legislature for 12 years, and was elected in 1846 to repre-

sent Illinois in the US House of Representatives. When he ran as the first Republican Presidential candidate, his victory was mostly due to support from the North and West. The election of 1860 had a high voter turnout of 82.2%. Upon hearing of the Republican presidential victory, seven southern states immediately seceded from the union.

When they elected Abe Lincoln in 1860 the Republicans dominated American politics until 1932, when they lost the majority to Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal and the Great Depression.

The split in parties was a cause of the Civil War the bloodiest war in our history. Lincoln feared this split in 1856 while running for the US Senate Lincoln spoke these words for national unity: “A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the union to be dissolved—I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other.”

The turbulent era around the American Civil War sprouted other political parties that held momentary sway in the country. Their power rest in the anger and lack of solutions for problems the nation saw as being ignored or improperly addressed by the existing political players. The rise of the Know Nothing Party in the 1850s was a reaction to economic downturn and immigration (two issues at the political forefront today). American workers in the northeast feared the foreign-born Catholic immigrants whom they blamed for job loss—the newcomers were willing to work for lower pay. There was also an unfounded fear among the Know Nothing ranks that the influx of Catholics would cause the Pope to have unwarranted influence on American politics. They felt Whig and Democratic lead-



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photo by Dave Miller

ers had betrayed the citizens. The Know Nothing Party came out of spontaneous grass roots revolt. Professional politicians were seen as the enemy.

Big splits

In a party split comparable to what we see in the Republican Party today, in 1912 William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt split their party around the issues of the practice of politics. Roosevelt left office as a Republican President in 1909. He had handpicked as his successor Taft, (who had been his Secretary of War), but the two split. When Roosevelt failed to get the Republican nomination in 1912 he split from the GOP. Roosevelt wanted to see the party become more inclusive and struck out to run for president under the banner of the Progressive Party aka the Bull Moose Party. The Bull Moose moniker came about when Roosevelt survived an assassin’s bullet to the chest, probably due to a thick speech in his pocket which deflected the bullet. When reporters asked how this injury would affect his run as the Progressive candidate for President, Roosevelt said, “I am as fit as a bull moose.”

Progressive Party

Although Taft won the 1912 election partly through buying

southern votes, the Progressive Party remained active and stood candidates for election in 1912, 1914, 1916 and 1918. They pushed forward progressive social programs, many of which we know today. These include strict limits on campaign contributions, registration of lobbyists, recording and publication of committee proceedings, national health service, social insurance (social security), minimum wage law for women, workman’s compensation for on-the-job injury, and woman’s suffrage. The Progressive Party left the scene in 1932 at the beginning of Democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s unprecedented four terms in the presidential office. Many of the social reforms FDR got passed had roots in the Progressive Party agenda.

Third parties

In US history the emergence of third parties, and particularly those which rise to national prominence, indicates an issue or issues which the current political parties are not addressing adequately, according to society’s judgment. Opposition to the Vietnam War in 1968 caused riots at the Republican Party Convention in Chicago. Groups such as the Students for a Democratic Society and the Black Panthers forced consideration of their anti-war and anti-establishment platform, if not by the political powers that then were, then by the nation itself. In recent times the Green Party putting forward an environmental agenda has had a strong following, particularly in the west. Ralph Nader made this agenda known as a Green Party candidate for President. In fact some Democrats blame the 97,421 votes Nader got in Florida during the 2000 presidential election for Democrat Al Gore’s loss to Republican George W. Bush.

Third parties and disputed elections have brought on some radical changes in this country. Entire well established political parties have fallen to divisions within themselves. Important social and political changes have occurred with third parties, and candidates whom no one thought could win, gaining prominence and high office. I would venture to say that the upcoming presidential race may be as exciting and have as many unexpected twists as Abe Lincoln’s run for the office in 1860, with equally important and weighty issues at stake.

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The ready human being

by Rod Hemsell

In spiritual philosophy the ideal is not some far off possibility, or impossibility, to be achieved but rather it is the inner reality of the world that we experience now, in its fragmented or partial expression. It is the absolute of all these relatives, the bliss and emptiness of the Buddha nature or the omnipresent stillness of the Brahman; the good, the beautiful, and the true that empower things to become what they are and empower the mind to know things as such, as Plato saw it.

In the central part of *Savitri—a Legend and a Symbol*, the mantric poem of Sri Aurobindo that we have been considering in these articles, there is a prophecy of a New Consciousness that is manifesting in humanity which enables us to know more immediately and directly the ideal reality of things, of which philosophy speaks. An image is created by Sri Aurobindo of the ready human being who has been prepared by life to be selected by that divine being named Savitri, who reveals herself to him in the forest—in a way that may become quite common. The literary technique that is used is first person dramatic narrative. On beholding the presence of something divine, the protagonist says:

I look back on the meaning of myself,

A soul made ready on earth's soil for thee.

Once were my days like days of other men:

To think and act was all, to enjoy and breathe;

This was the width and height of mortal hope:

Yet there came glimpses of a deeper self

That lives behind Life and makes her act its scene.

A truth was felt that screens its shape from mind . . .

I lived in the ray but faced not

to the sun.

I looked upon the world and missed the Self,

And when I found the Self, I lost the world,

My other selves I lost and the body of God,

The link of the finite with the Infinite,

The bridge between the appearance and the Truth,

The mystic aim for which the world was made . . .

In these few lines of *Savitri* Sri Aurobindo sums up the central issue of life expressed in some way by every spiritual philosophy and discipline, and the person who grapples with it consciously is precisely the one who is ready to receive the solution. In this case, there have also been a series of positive and negative events that intensify the search: Satyavan was driven into the forest by an adverse fate that left his father, the King, blind and powerless (do we see the symbolism here?), and then he attuned himself to life in nature: "Nursed by the vastness, pupil of solitude/ Great Nature came to her recovered child/Through an inner seeing and sense a waking came." If we really hear these words and identify with their promise and their call, ideally placed as we are in this mountain solitude, then perhaps, like Sayavan, we might respond with a welcome, as he does when the goddess appears, and not let her slip away: "But now the gold link comes to me with thy feet/ Come nearer to me from thy car of light/Descend, O happiness, with thy moon-gold feet/Enrich earth's floors upon whose sleep we lie/Enter my life, thy chamber and thy shrine."

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Haidakhandi Universal Ashram news

by Ramloti

June was a great month with many visitors to the Ashram both first timers and return friends. We love to see them all.

Our new-moon fire ceremony this month is on Monday, July 4. Our full-moon fire ceremony is on Tuesday, July 19 and is Guru Purnima, the day you honor your teacher. We will begin with a paduka puja (washing of Shri Babaji's sandals) at 9am. The fire ceremonies begin at 10am and are followed by a meal. Morning aarati is at 7am and evening aarati is at 6pm. There is generally a small fire ceremony after morning aarti at about 8am each day that we do not have a large one at 10am. Please call the Ashram at 719-256-4108 or email us at info@babajiashram.org for proper protocol for attending fire ceremonies and any other questions.

Our Annual Family Week is at the beginning of August this year. The days for the children's program and concurrent workshop for adults are August 3, 4, and 5. The program runs from 10am until 1pm each day. The children's program will be run by Kelly Delamore and her assistants but a parent or guardian must be on the Ashram premises at all times (they may be participating in the adult workshop). There is not charge for the children but we you do need to enroll them by calling us at 719-256-4108 or emailing us at info@babajiashram.org There is a suggested donation of \$108 for the adult workshop with some partial scholarships available. Once again call us at 719-256-4108 for more information.

The Maha Lakshmi Shop is very fully stocked with many new items that just arrived. There are

amazing new murtis (statues), small and very large, belly dancing bells, Indian bedspreads, hand woven Om curtains, anklets, earrings, bracelets, malas, pendants, kurtas, lunghis, cosmetic bags, hand-made paper journals, oils, perfumes, altar cloths, silk stoles, t-shirts, and so much more. We even have insect repellent spray and incense! We are also offering 50% off all of our gently used saris, Punjabi suits, and blouses. The Shop is open every day from 10am until 5pm. We invite you to come in and if you mention that you are an *Eagle* reader, we will happily give you a 10% discount on your non-sale purchases. We deeply appreciate your support. You may view some of what is in our Shop on our website at <http://mahalakshishop.wazala.com>.

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Moving Up Higher

Facing the truth that matters most



by Joyce Meyer

We all face challenges in life and there are times when we need to confront them. It could be something in your past that you've been avoiding. Or maybe it's a person you need to forgive. No matter what the issue may be, we need to understand how important it is to deal with it, because if we don't, we will miss out on the wonderful life Jesus died to give us. We won't experience the freedom of a peaceful, joyful life (Romans 14:17).

Now, I realize that there are things we can't go back and fix. But sometimes God asks us to make restitution. When He does, confrontation is necessary. This means we need to face the truth about our circumstances, other people and ourselves.

I've had to confront a lot of difficult, hurtful things in my life, and it wasn't easy. But I know from personal experience that if you will face the truth about yourself and let God change you enough, you can learn to be happy no matter what anybody else chooses to do or what your circumstances may be.

Maybe it's me . . .

I remember a time many years ago when I thought all of my problems were caused by other people or circumstances I couldn't control. One day I was praying aggressively for God to change my husband, Dave. I was giving it everything I had, crying out for God to "fix" him, and in my heart I heard Him say, "Excuse Me, Joyce, but Dave is not the problem."

My next thought was, "Well, then who is? It's just me and him in this relationship." For the next two days, God showed me what it was like to live with me . . . and I cried for two days. It was so hard! I had a long way to go to be free of the hurt in my heart and the wrong behavior I had lived with for so long. But it was the beginning of my journey to experiencing the freedom I enjoy today.

One of the first things I had to understand was I had to stop blaming everybody else, stop looking at what was wrong with other people and start taking responsibility for my attitudes and behavior. It's amazing how easy it is for us to point out what's wrong with others while we totally ignore the issue in our own lives.

It's a choice we make

We need to make a determined decision to be Christlike in our behavior and be so committed to God

that we won't go back.

A good place to start is to ask yourself: Do I want to know God or just know what He can do for me? In Philippians 3:10, the apostle Paul says, "that I may know Him, and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from Him resurrection . . . and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness . . .]"

We need to live deeper lives in Christ. I'm talking about knowing God intimately, personally and walking in the Spirit, not our flesh, or what we want, think and feel outside of our relationship with Him. When we seek God's face—not just His hand or what He can do for us—that's when we grow in our faith and become what He created us to be.

God wants to reveal the truth about us, to us. It's time to stop running and start facing the things that are coming between us and Him . . . the things that are holding us back from His good plan and purpose for our lives. I want to encourage you to sincerely repent of your mistakes and trust God's love for you, that He will forgive you and help you move past them. You don't have to live under the burden of your mistakes and regrets.

Turn to God. Serve Him with your whole heart. Believe His Word and walk in His ways and you will reap the rewards of living His wonderful plan for your life!



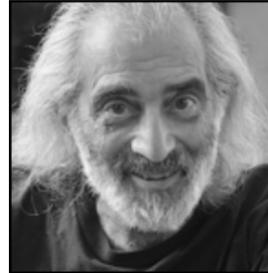
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Aging as an art by Ammi Kohn

Life in a nutshell

by Ammi Kohn

"O God, I could be bounded in a nutshell, and count myself a king of infinite space." -Hamlet

Some say that life contracts when we get old. I say no. Its all a matter of perspective.

When I was young, I loved night hikes. Learning how better to see at night, being very careful as I walked slowly, treading lightly but firmly as I pressed down on the ground to stay balanced, lifting my feet to avoid stumbling on roots and rocks, and then feeling the satisfaction of a completed hike.

Now my night hikes are a bit different. I wake at two in the morning. The night light in the bathroom is enough like clouded moonlight so that I am not in complete darkness but not bright enough to see much of anything as I gently sit up, carefully lower my feet to the floor, walk slowly, tread lightly as I press down firmly on the floor to stay balanced, lifting the feet to avoid stumbling on the rug. And then feeling the satisfaction when I complete the journey's purpose and successfully navigate back to the bed.

Many years ago I did my push ups and pull ups vigorously, a regular exercise machine I was. I rose quickly, almost unconsciously, lifting off the floor giving not a moment's thought to how fast the rise and how few points of contact I needed to come to standing. Now I do a "Be Here Now" meditation as I contemplate with awe the complicated body

mechanics and sounds of getting off the floor. How musical the gasp and grunt!

I beheld beautiful scenery with young eyes' clarity, devoured books in dim light with voracity, passed with ease and some boastfulness the vision test of seeing clearly with exactitude each of the Seven Sisters of the Pleiades.

Now I test my vision by measuring with exactitude the distance between my eyes and the book, and test the best squint for near-sighted landscape observation. As for the Pleiades, I'll settle for the Milky Way. Just as beautiful and easy to see.

When I was young, I prided myself with putting on my shoes and tying my shoelaces while carrying a loaded backpack and standing. Now I check on the amount of balance I have while standing and putting on my socks and pants.

And talk about maneuvering the crooks and crannies of rock climbing?! Hey, you should see me climb in and out of a Volkswagen!

Life in a nutshell!



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The mosquitoes were so bad that . . .

Locals vent online:

. . . Deputy Wayne Clark had to round them up and throw them in the county jail.
 . . . Wayne went to help a lady change her tire and it looks like he has the mumps!
 . . . the local acupuncturists found themselves out of business.
 . . . when you slap them they slap you back!
 . . . everyone moved to Texas
 . . . driving through them sounded like hail pounding my windshield.
 . . . the buddhists started using DEET.
 . . . they consider DEET a treat!
 . . . I had to fill my pockets with Crestone conglomerates to keep them from flying away with me!
 . . . we got out the saddles!
 . . . for a little comic relief, we sprayed them with Deepwoods OFF and watched them try to get away from themselves.
 . . . my wife slapped me when I went to give her a kiss goodnight! She said it was just a "reflex."
 . . . they're biting each other!
 . . . the finalist on last night's episode of "America's Got Talent" did a dance called the "Crestone Swat!"
 . . . they were as big as elephants!
 . . . they inspired a remake of the film "The Night of the Living Dead" featuring Crestone Mosquitos as the living dead.
 . . . that they weren't even welcome in church.
 . . . we started a new business in town—"Crestone Training Academy" our motto is "one million trainers reminding you to go fast and don't stop."
 . . . I had to stay in the creek all summer, breathing through a straw.
 . . . the gnats and no-see-ums formed a union to get equal work!
 . . . I started wearing a mosquito costume, hoping they wouldn't notice me.
 . . . if I take my electric fly swatter outside, there are more fireworks than the 4th of July.
 (Sometimes you gotta laugh to keep from crying—or going crazy. Thanks to everyone who had fun contributing to this!)



Surviving the mosquito invasion! Scot Swordy sportin' a classy Crestone-style mosquito jacket photo by Lori Nagel

THE VIEW FROM HERE

BUCK NAKED

by William "Buck" Winters

Now that I have your attention, I plan to indulge in a little grousing. No, not the kind that fly up in front of you during a walk through the sage, just the irritated mumbles of a hermit who's swatted one mosquito too many. Want proof that the Creator has a dark sense of humor? Just consider that weather hot enough to make your want to sit around in the buff also comes with the year's peak population of biting insects. I think I hear heavenly guffaws, though it may just be thunder.

So how do we make the best of our seasonal afflictions? I have a few notions. When the pups prefer to loaf indoors rather than burn their tender paws on the scorching sand outside, I believe I'll head to town to test the temperatures.

Now that we have acquired sidewalks, let's see if it's hot enough to fry an egg on one (I promise to do this fully dressed, even if it makes me cranky).

Dang! When I made it to the sidewalk, I found that the egg I cracked had become hard-cooked enroute. I pulled out another, with the same result. It made me wonder how our avian friends are faring with their reproductive ventures, though perhaps they had enough sense to do so before the heat set in.

Wonder why this time of year your dog looks a tad alarmed if he senses that you want to pet him? It's because he's come to associate your stroking with a static electricity jolt. For similar reasons, I find myself resisting making the bed, though I confess this may be just an excuse to indulge my innate slovenliness.

I don't know if we'll have a dunk tank at this year's Fourth of July celebration, but if this heat continues, I expect there will be a long list of volunteers. And on that happy note, I believe I will note some positive aspects of the current heat wave and biting insect supply.

I am sure you will share my joy at noting that bats, night-hawks, and swallows are well-fed. And then there is the fact that troublesome visitors may also be kept at bay by our bloodsucking town guardians, something particularly valuable to those of us who have chosen the hermit lifestyle. Furthermore, if we are still trying to shed a winter pound or two, the calories expended during swatting and scratching add up over time. Wood-splitting chores are much reduced, and there's no snow to shovel. Enjoy your summer, handle your pets cautiously, and let us hope Mother Nature favors us with afternoon showers and rainbows.

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Free legal advice at Saguache Library

by Sandia Belgrade

Colorado Legal Services is partnering with libraries in the San Luis Valley to launch free one-on-one legal consultations for low-income residents by videoconference. This free legal clinic is designed to assist rural residents in all six counties in the valley to meet the legal challenges they are facing. The Saguache Public Library is the first library partner to host such a clinic, beginning June 30.

The Saguache clinic is available to low-income participants not represented by an attorney. Following a short eligibility screening, participants will be able to talk privately with an attorney about their legal questions in the areas of family law, protection orders, landlord-tenant law, consumer rights and debt collection, probate, and small claims. Attorneys will spend approximately 20 minutes videoconferencing with each participant. In addition to legal advice, volunteer attorneys can also help with the selection and completion of court forms, explain the general law and procedure for different topics, and provide information about other services available in the San Luis Valley.

The purpose of this clinic is to increase legal services to residents in rural areas of Colorado under the Pro Bono Innovation Fund Grant received by Colorado Legal Services from the Legal Services Corporation. It makes equal access to justice under the law a reality, especially for those not able to afford a lawyer.

When: the last Thursday of every month from 5 to 7pm ; early sign-in @ 4:30.

Where: Saguache Public Library, 702 Pitkin Ave., Saguache, Colorado.

For more information on the Saguache Public Library's clinic nights, call 719-655-2551. There are flyers at the Crestone Baca library and Saguache library.

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

—MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



by Ish

1/ **Moving Target:**

★★★

A teenage musician, Jason Bateman, upon coming home, finds his house empty and his family missing. He embarks on an extensive and thrilling journey, pursued by vicious killers and police, in this riveting thriller. Jason Bateman, Chynna Phillips, John Glover and others.

2/ **Safe:**

★★★★

I do enjoy Jason Stratham, as he plays a former cage fighter who comes to the aid of a 12-year-old girl kidnapped by a ruthless triad gangsters. In the process of the rescue they go up against not only her abductors but the Russian mafia and corrupt New York cops.

3/ **Killing Me Later:**

★★★

A depressed bank teller who is contemplating suicide is taken hostage by a bank robber. She agrees to help him escape from the cops if he promises to kill her later. The two engage in a series of wild adventures together.

4/ **The Code:** (2009)

★★★★

Deeply in debt to the Russian Mob, a master jewel thief recruits a talented burglar to help him pull off one more daring heist: filching two gem-encrusted Fabergé eggs worth a cool 20 million each. Morgan Freeman, Antonio Banderas & others.

5/ **The Hunted:** (2003)

★★★★

L.T. Bonham, a retired special ops agent, is enlisted to track down an assassin who makes a sport of killing deer hunters. The catch is that the assassin was trained by Bonham and has gone off the deep end. Tommy Lee Jones and Benicio del Toro.

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-Delphine Mead



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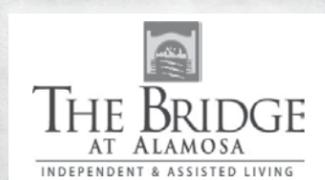
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-Arvilla Weldon

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The Washington Beat

Can she win?

by David Nicholas

Each week in June, politically speaking, was worse than the week before. Selecting what mattered most was dictated by events, particularly Orlando. The massacre in Orlando, Florida, where LGBT citizens were mowed down by a crazed gunman, who — it is said — was confused about his sexuality and his life in general. Being gay in America still carries ramifications for those who come out. Courage.

Can she win?

Yes, she can but not as her campaign stands now. The campaign is not savvy. In the 21st Century presidential campaign messaging is about narrative and controlling the media narrative 24/7. The Hillary Campaign isn't anywhere close to taking charge of the daily message and forcing her opponent into reacting to her claims. She isn't winning this war of words, which is necessary to win the hearts and minds of likely Independent voters in this election cycle.

Independent voters necessary to put Ms. Clinton over the top, and win the Electoral College's 270 delegates needed to give her the Presidency. Essentially independent voters who voted en masse for Bernie Sanders, many of who are ready to bolt from his cause/movement unless his agenda is incorporated into the Democratic party's platforms at the convention on July 27 and acted upon as policy if Ms. Clinton wins the presidency.

Arguably, there are political assumptions among the talk show punditry that say that the Bernie followers come election day, will fall into line and vote for Mrs. Clinton much like her voters did for President Obama in 2008 irrespective of whether Ms. Clinton commits to the Sanders' agenda. The other school of thought is that the Sanders' voters will just say a pox on all their houses and stay home on November 8.

Right now the gut is telling me it's the latter of these two assumptions and ten million voters are still weighing and watching what happens at the Democratic convention in Columbus, Ohio later this month, July 25-28, 2016.

The problem is everyone knows Hillary Clinton as they also know TheDonald. Democrats are already set to vote for Hillary and Republicans are, in the main (about 66% of GOP voters in the latest poll), in lock step to vote for TheDonald. There is 25-year plus of history on Hillary and a bit more for TheDonald, but to Ms. Clinton.

Essentially, making the case why Democratic-leaning independents should vote for Hillary has not been made yet and time is running

short. Time is running short because the vote for TheDonald is solidifying, they know what a scumbag he is and many voters have made their peace with the fact that he will the GOP nominee in 2016, after the Republican Convention (see below).

So let's look at it.

The plus side of Hillary being familiar is not the center of her election campaign at present. Right now her super-pacs are running ads that uses quotes made by TheDonald in recent months against him, which is what you do when your candidate lacks fire and vim on the campaign trail, implying a vote for Hillary, hum-drum yet responsible and able in office, is better than a vote for TheDonald, chaos and who is bigotry personified. It's a good strategy right now because while 56% don't like or trust Mrs. Clinton, 70% loath and detest TheDonald.

But the problem is that independent voters know the winners of nomination races set their own agendas and really believe that what they stand for doesn't require modification to accommodate her democratic opponent's agenda. She won after all.

This is the problem, because incorporating Bernie Sanders' agenda into her campaign does need to happen if she is going to win in November. The fact that Mr. Sanders after his decisive loss in the Washington DC primary on June 14, where he previously declared he would end his campaign, didn't do it. The reasons weren't exactly clear but Mr. Sanders still in campaign mode places a further edge on Ms. Clinton's ability to end this race and says something about her willingness to negotiate a deal. This just adds to the narrative that she cannot be trusted. It's about been seen to be making peace with a combative foe, which in the scheme of her foreign policy credentials should not be that hard, but nevertheless, here we are. Coming into July without some sort of understanding before it comes to the convention is just looks bad and the negative narrative on her just keeps on running. But whatever the outcome she needs to settle this thing and settle it soon.

In another year, in another campaign cycle, the likelihood of having a Bernie Sanders to run against and forcing her to move off her comfort zone of the center political spectrum wouldn't have been a concern, but this year, no matter how confident she may seem on the



campaign trail, convincing left-wing independents with sweet talk isn't working. When you tap into a nerve of leftists Independents as Mr. Sanders has, surrendering to the center is not an option. Promising leftist reforms—such as regulating Wall Street, revising Obamacare or whatever solution Mr. Sanders has in mind for universal healthcare, or campaign finance reform—will be on the table when she gets elected, is not enough.

Bernie Sanders knows that most presidents-elect double-deal—with the exception of President Obama—when it comes to sincerity intertwined with the elation of winning. So something more than a promise, handshake and a “thanks for coming” speech at a convention is needed.

So what to do? Put Mr. Sanders on the ticket as Vice-President? Put the Senior Senator from Massachusetts Elizabeth Warren on the ticket (nothing I would like better)? It's tempting but impractical.

It's an age thing. As a presidential team, two candidates over 65 years of age are deemed impractical. The Veep has to be younger, so if Ms. Clinton dies in office—in the unlikely event this happens—needs someone younger to complete the ticket.

As things stand in the Senate, Bernie Sanders is ranking Senator on the Senate Banking Committee, though not a Democrat. To ensure that he would become the Chairman of the committee, if the Dems regain control of the Senate, Clinton would need to get a deal with the incoming Senate Majority leader (who will be Chuck Schumer replacing Harry Reid) for Bernie to get the chairmanship. With Elizabeth Warren as SecTreasury and Bernie chairing the Banking Committee, it makes an ideal double tag-team on such a contentious issue as Wall St. banking reform.

Ms. Clinton's choice for vice-president

Julian Castro. Aged 41, he has been the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development since July 28, 2014. Before that he was the Mayor of San Antonio, Texas. Why him? He brings Texas to the Democrats as well as the Hispanic vote en masse. He had a brother who is just as smart as he is, Joaquin currently the Representative for Texas' 20th District in the US Congress. This is really simple for Ms. Clinton. So we shall see.

There are others on the short list, but none are as good.

Convention antics: Dumping Trump & veep fantasies

Talk in mid-June among the GOP honchos that TheDonald's out-of-line remarks on Hispanic Judge Curiel and his self-congratulatory tweets about his insightful warnings about ISIL influence on lone wolves, when the nation went into

shock over the Orlando massacre, resurrected the DumpTrump movement. Helpfully to Democrats the perception that “Republicans are in chaos” is currency at this time. How far will it go? Not very far, but negative narrative coming out of the GOP convention is gold for Democrats, both for the Presidential race and the down-ticket candidates in Senate and House races.

Well, until the Republican Convention, July 18-21. The convention itself promises four nights of TheDonald trumpeting his prowess at winning and a swirl of talk about his Vice-Presidential pick. The short list includes former Speaker of the US House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, Oklahoma Senator Jeff Sessions and dark horse stalker Florida Senator Marco Rubio. Some women are mentioned including former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Iowa Senator Joni Ernst—both of whom requested not to be considered.

The big question—a major consideration—for all of these “sparkling” candidates is what to do if TheDonald loses, which at the moment looks likely from the current polling perspective.

For Speaker Gingrich doing what he does now, write books and provides commentary on various news networks. Governor Chris Christie is toast no matter what he does, looking for work after New Jersey voters toss him out of the Governor's mansion by January 2018 or sooner. Jeff Sessions remains in the Senate.

As choices go, Newt Gingrich is the least contentious to take the job. Mr. Gingrich has been itching to back in the inner sanctum of DC politics since he resigned as Speaker in 1998 and this looks to be his best chance.

Marco Rubio as GOP Veep

However Senator Marco Rubio, who was reconsidering his decision to bow out of public life in mid-June, wants to make a 2020 run for President. Mr. Rubio being TheDonald's Veep is perceived by many pundits as the perfect springboard for a 2020 Rubio run. The thinking is that should TheDonald become President he would really screw things up. This would pave the way for Mr. Rubio, who is 41 now, to make a run. The one who wants Mr. Rubio to run, Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell, has problems ensuring the seven Republican senators at risk in Democratic blue states can be re-elected and keep the GOP in control of the Senate.

The problem with that idea is TheDonald is a stickler for loyalty and that could be hell for anyone who takes on being his Veep. So we will see how this plays.

Thank God for Judge Gonzalo Curiel

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District of California and by chance he was allotted the fraud case of Trump University months before TheDonald was running for elected office. A citizen with Hispanic heritage born in Indiana, who was a federal prosecutor in California appointed by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

TheDonald had been alluding to the Judge being biased against Drumpf as early as February, but TheDonald came out and attacked Hizzoner immediately after he became the GOP presumptive nominee. TheDonald accused of the judge of bias because the he was “Mexican” and because TheDonald was going to build “the Wall” along the Mexican border. Rather than retract the statement—which is the usual Drumpf tactic—some days later, TheDonald doubled down and made the furor and storm brought down upon him worse.

What this guarantees is that the Hispanic vote will stay Democratic this election.

There are none so blind as those who will not see, but that’s Donald and the furor was running hot and heavy until Omar Mateen decided to go on an armed rampage at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

“An act of terror & an act of hate!”

The worst mass shooting in US history and it was taken out on the LGBT community in Pulse, a gay bar in Orlando, Florida on Sunday, June 12. An ISIS-inspired man Omar Siddiqui Mateen, a US citizen of Afghan heritage, killed 50 people and injured 53 more. We know he was ISIS-inspired because he call 911 and told the operator, that he was swearing allegiance to the terrorist organization acting in their name.

Mr. Mateen as the shooter was acting alone. He was also known as an extreme homophobe with serious anger issues, according to his ex-wife. He was also known to the FBI and was interviewed by them in 2013 and 2014 because of statements he had made.

Again, it was President Obama who fronted the White House press-room yet again to lead the nation in mourning. In his remarks, the President said, “So this is a sobering reminder that attacks on any American -- regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation -- is an attack on all of us and on the fundamental values of equality and dignity that define us as a country. And no act of hate or terror will ever change who we are or the values that make us Americans.”

Old Glory was lowered to fly at half-mast on the White House and all other public buildings. The initial narrative appeared to be that the ISIS leadership in the Middle East is now instructing would be volunteers in western countries to stay at home and carry out acts of terror on home soil.

The timing of the shooting coming just days before the Gay Pride marches across the country. Then a report that a suspect traveling from Indiana had bomb-making materials in his vehicle and he had been arrested in Santa Monica, California, just hours after the Orlando shooting. It has authorities trying to figure out if Mr. Mateen was a “lone wolf” or if he was with others.

While much more will be said about his in coming days, politically,

this violent act has galvanized the LGBT community across to work and get out the vote against supporters of the NRA.

POB dumps on Drumpf—the yapping moment

In the seven or so years I covered President Obama, the one thing you learn is that it’s not a good idea to take him on—or any sitting President for that matter—in public in a tone which is disrespectful or showing contempt, because he will stomp on you.

So accusing the President of cowardice or backhanding a veiled charge of conspiracy, which TheDonald stupidly did in a tweet and then in a speech on Monday, June 13 brought the President out in a press conference on Wednesday, June 15.

“Since before I was president, I’ve been clear about how extremist groups have perverted Islam to justify terrorism. As president, I have called on our Muslim friends and allies at home and around the world to work with us to reject this twisted interpretation of one of the world’s great religions.

“There has not been a moment in my seven and a half years as president, where we have not able to pursue a strategy because we didn’t use the label “radical Islam.” Not once has an adviser of mine said, “Man, if we really use that phrase, we’re going to turn this whole thing around.” Not once.

“So if someone seriously thinks that we don’t know who we’re fighting, if there is anyone out there who thinks we’re confused about who our enemies are—that would come as a surprise to the thousands of terrorists who we’ve taken off the battlefield.

“If the implication is that those of us up here and the thousands of people around the country and around world who are working to defeat ISIL aren’t taking the fight seriously? That would come as a surprise to those who spent these last seven and a half years dismantling al-Qaeda in the FATA, for example—including the men and women in uniform who put their lives at risk, and the special forces that I ordered to get bin Laden and are now on the ground in Iraq and in Syria.

“They know full well who the enemy is. So do the intelligence and law enforcement officers who spend countless hours disrupting plots and protecting all Americans—including politicians who tweet and appear on cable news shows.

“They know who the nature of the enemy is. So, there is no magic to the phrase “radical Islam.” It’s a political talking point. It’s not a strategy.

“And the reason I am careful about how I describe this threat has nothing to do with political correctness and everything to do with actually defeating extremism.

Groups like ISIL and al-Qaeda want to make this war a war between Islam and America, or between Islam and the West. They want to claim that they are the true leaders of over a billion of Muslims around the world who reject their crazy notions.

“They want us to validate them by implying that they speak for those billion-plus people, that they speak for Islam. That’s their propaganda, that’s how they recruit. And if we fall into the trap of painting all Muslims with a broad brush, and imply that we are at war

with an entire religion, then we are doing the terrorists’ work for them.

“Now, up until this point, this argument of labels has mostly just been partisan rhetoric, and sadly, we’ve all become accustomed to that kind of partisanship, even when it involves the fight against these extremist groups.

“That kind of yapping has not prevented folks across the government from doing their jobs, from sacrificing and working really hard to protect the American people.

“But we are now seeing how dangerous this kind of mind-set and this kind of thinking can be. “We’re starting to see where this kind of rhetoric and loose talk and sloppiness about who exactly we’re fighting, where this can lead us.

“We now have proposals from the presumptive Republican nominee for president of the United States to bar all Muslims from emigrating to America. We hear language that singles out immigrants and suggests entire religious communities are complicit in violence.

The Democrat presumptive nominee

For the record, Hillary Clinton won a majority of pledged Democratic delegates on June 7 with clear victories in California, New Jersey, New Mexico, and South Dakota. Not surpassing the 2383 in combined delegates, which the Virgin Islands primary did on Sunday, June 5, but a majority of delegates won in primaries and caucuses. Mrs. Clinton beat Bernie Sanders in California by 14 points, going against many of the polls who thought it would be tight, within the margin of error. She won convincingly in New Jersey on June 7 but it was closer in New Mexico by 4 percentage votes.

Obama unifier/Campaigner-In-Chief

Thursday, June 9, 2:00pm Eastern Time was when the Hillary Campaign got a much-needed shot in the arm. President Obama endorsed Mrs. Clinton about 30 minutes after Bernie Sanders had left his White House meeting after a much-publicized walk down the colonnade to the Oval Office.

This was the kid gloves moment when the leader of the Democratic Party told the runner up, that the nomination race was over; that Bernie had fought the good fight and earned the respect of both the President and his fellow Democrats; and that Mr. Obama would be endorsing Ms. Clinton.

Mr. Sanders in turn had his campaign signal that he was OK with the President’s move to endorse Mrs. Clinton while not doing so himself. Mr. Sanders made a statement on the White House driveway that he and Ms. Clinton would work together to beat Donald Trump. Aside from the President and Ms. Clinton, Senator Bernard Sanders is at the moment the most powerful inde-

pendent Democrat in the country.

It was all narrative savvy. Ten million plus voters—made up largely of millennial youth (Millennial) and independents who want major change in Washington—voting for Bernie Sanders and a Future We Can Believe In are a group the Democrats want to keep in their corner and these steps were the first in an election campaign where their participation will be crucial.

This was the smoothest transition the Beat seen in a Presidential campaign where two days earlier the narrative on the Democrats was of a party divided was now at a stage of a party uniting going forward.

Best of all it eclipsed TheDonald narrative on Hillary Clinton which had been holding for several weeks as in #crooked Hillary and the “corrupt Clintons.”

The President is now fully engaged in going after TheDonald in campaign 2016. After several weeks of controversial racist comments, and generally ill-tempered posturing by the GOP candidate, who now is going to have his work cut out for him for once.

History in the making: Obama in ‘Nam & at Hiroshima

Briefly, June was the month when a sitting President visited Vietnam and gave them carte blanche to buy US weapons as a US ally in South-east Asia. More on that another time.

Following on, Mr. Obama visited the memorial at Hiroshima, site of the first atomic bomb explosion used in war, where the President honored those who died as a result. He didn’t apologize, but it provided closure to those who survived the blast.

Obama Executive Action on Immigration blocked by SCOTUS

The Supreme Court of the United States on Thursday, June 23, blocked President Obama’s executive action on Immigration, announcing that the court was deadlocked. By dividing 4-4, the justices left in place a lower court order forbidding the president from launching a new program to grant “deferred action” status to illegal immigrants who are parents of U.S. citizens or green card holders.

Mr. Obama campaigned vowing to win passage of comprehensive immigration legislation in his first year in office, but the Supreme Court defeat will force him to finish his term without securing the major progress he had promised to millions of Latino immigrants living under the threat of deportation.

President Obama in his remarks several hours later, said the ruling is a stark reminder of the Republican refusal to consider Judge Merrick B. Garland, the president’s nominee to the Supreme Court. He said the court’s deadlock on the immigration case is proof that the Republican strategy is not “sustainable” over the long run.

And the beat goes on.



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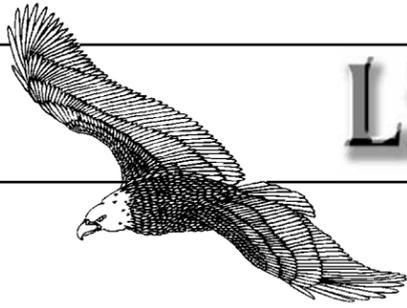
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Living on the Earth

Saints in the San Luis Valley The early Mormon settlements

by Mary Lowers

The Latter Day Saints or Mormons are one of the groups responsible for Anglo settlement in the American West. As a young man, Joseph Smith, the founder of the denomination, had a series of visions in the western part of New York state known as the “burned over district” because of the large number of Christian revivals and revelations that came out of this region in the 1830s and 1840s. These spiritual fires ignited the American need for a “Mission from God”. Smith’s visions were mentored under the guidance of an angel called Moroni who showed him a book with leaves of golden plate buried in the woods. These plates comprised a book including the Judeo Christian history of an ancient American civilization. In 1830 Smith published some of his revelation in the Book of Mormon.

The revelations of Smith and other Mormon prophets were so powerful that they brought people from all over the globe to join the new church. At this time industrialization, technological advances, global population stresses, war, religious persecution and social unrest left many searching for an answer, if you will, a divine purpose in their lives. The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) says social scientist Marvin A. Hill can be seen as a microcosm of America. “The Mormon commitment to build Zion in the west is a manifestation of the American Mission.” It was the desire of these early Mormons to find a fair and harmonious society as the Book of Mormon promised.

In trying to establish the Kingdom of Zion on Earth, Smith and his followers kept moving west. They were tarred and feathered, burned out of their homes and generally persecuted for their religious tenets, which included polygamy. They even described themselves as a “peculiar people”. The revelations of Joseph Smith were regarded as

scripture to his followers. Beginning in the mid-1830s and into the 1840s the Mormons came into conflict with the state governments of Illinois and Missouri. In 1844 Joseph Smith was killed by a mob who stormed the Carthage, IL jail cell in which he was incarcerated.

This made Smith a martyr for his religion.

He left his followers with a teaching regarding government. Smith said, “Congress has no power to make a law that would abridge the rights of my religion.” As Justin Harold Flowers comments, “To avoid persecution Mormons began to trek west to create Zion seeking a place to implement communities where they were free to live their religious, political and social practices.” Brigham Young became the first President of the Mormon Church

after the death of the founder. He led his people through many difficulties west to establish “Zion” in Utah. The persecution and the death of the Prophet, Joseph Smith, at the hands of Mormon-hating “Gentiles” as nonbelievers were called, solidified the Latter Day Saints. Mormon poetess Eliza Snow wrote “from the west side of the Mississippi” in 1846, while fleeing persecution the following verse:

The Camp, the Camp—its numbers swell

Shout! Shout! O Camp of Israel.

The King, the Lord of Hosts is near,

His armies guard our front and rear.

Though we fly from vile aggression,

We’ll maintain our pure profession,

Seek a peaceful possession

Far from Gentiles and oppression.

From its founding the Mormon Church had missionaries ready to bring the new revelations to new people. While the main temple of the congregation was in Salt Lake City, Utah, leaders did not es-



Family in front of sod-roofed cabin. Note three wives.



Mormon pioneers used handcarts like these to immigrate West.

establish Mormon communities there alone. In western North America the term “Mormon Corridor” refers to the areas settled by members of the Church of Christ of the Latter Day Saints. In the 1870s Mormons began to settle in the southern San Luis Valley (SLV) of Colorado, mostly in Conejos County. While mining was a source of employment for some of the new immigrants, most Mormons worked in agriculture.

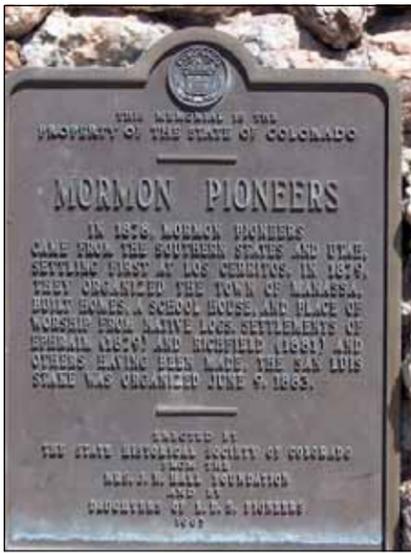
The Mormons had a process of molding a group of people to their pattern of religious belief which was the root of their society. The church leaders had a fixed pattern of settlement for their followers to adhere to, including standardization of the methods and practices followed as closely as individual circumstances would allow. As President of the Church, Brigham Young viewed the establishment of Mormon colonies as a religious project and therefore exercised what Judson Harold Flowers in his article about Mormon settlement of the SLV called “paternal supervision” over the entire project. Authorities in the Mormon settlements were “Apostles of the Church” appointed by leaders in Salt Lake City.

Communities were carefully planned and members selected to give each new colony a variety of individual talents and abilities. As Judson Flowers says, “This system proved very effective, not only in helping to assure success of the settlement, but in caring for the absorption of the steady stream

of immigrants flowing into Utah.” Church leaders were appointed in a hierarchical manner. Settlements were planned with the establishment of a community on the most promising site. From this hub other settlements would expand. Towns were placed at intervals of seven to ten miles. They were surveyed into large square blocks with lots for individual families. There was always common grazing land near the center of a Mormon town with a ditch or small stream running through it to water the animals. Farms covered as much land as was possible between towns.

As a rule, homes were not built on farmland and all the Saints lived in towns for defense, the establishment of local government, a greater opportunity for religious and spiritual growth, education and recreation. This setup kept the Mormons square in the middle of church activities. Judson Flowers notes, “Both religious and secular appointments required the sustaining approval of the popular membership of the area.” In Mormon communities religious and secular roles often crossed. There was little or no separation between church and state.

Settlements were encouraged to be as self-sustaining as possible. This policy allowed for a quicker development of local enterprises and industries. It also allowed Mormons to patronize local Mormon



The State Historical Society of Colorado erected this plaque to the Mormon pioneers. In 1878 Mormon pioneers came from the southern states and Utah, settling first at Los Cerritos. In 1879 they organized the town of Manassa, built homes, a school house, and places of worship from native logs. Settlements of Ephraim (1879) and Richfield (1881) and others having been made, the San Luis Valley was organized June 9, 1883.



by Kim Malville

This is a glorious month for planets; all eight planets will appear in our skies. Jupiter is in the west at dusk, lying between the constellations of Leo and Virgo. Mars, as red and spectacular as ever, is in Scorpius. To its left left is Saturn, which is whiter and fainter. Below Saturn is the red giant, Antares, completing the triangle with Mars. Later in the month, Mercury and Venus will appear in the western skies just after sunset.

July 4: On this day Earth is farthest from the sun, reaching a distance of 94,512,904 miles. We are hotter in the northern hemisphere because the earth is tilted toward the sun in our summer, even though we are slightly further from the sun: a very nice little paradox.

July 7: Look for the new crescent moon above the western horizon. Just to its right you will find Regulus, the brightest star in Leo.

July 8: The moon has moved eastward and now lies just below Jupiter.

July 15: The moon forms a nearly vertical line with Saturn and Antares.

July 30: Just as it is getting dark in the evening, look to the west-northwest where you might find Mercury and Venus appearing next to fainter Regulus.



Earth is slowing down because of increasing water at the equator. American Physical Society

Global warming is slowing the Earth

Last month, summer solstice arrived a little late, and the day was a little long because the earth is slowing its spin. Most of the slowing has been due to the drag of the moon on our oceans. But now, because of the melting of ice sheets and glaciers near the poles, water is accumulating near the equator. That extra mass slows the earth,

like an ice skater is slowed by holding her arms out. It's due to the conservation of angular momentum, when the equator gets loaded with extra weight, the speed of rotation needs to slow. The combination of the moon's influence and water loading of the equator slows the spinning of the earth by 1.7 milliseconds per century, a small and unanticipated consequence of global warming. Lots of other consequences lie ahead.

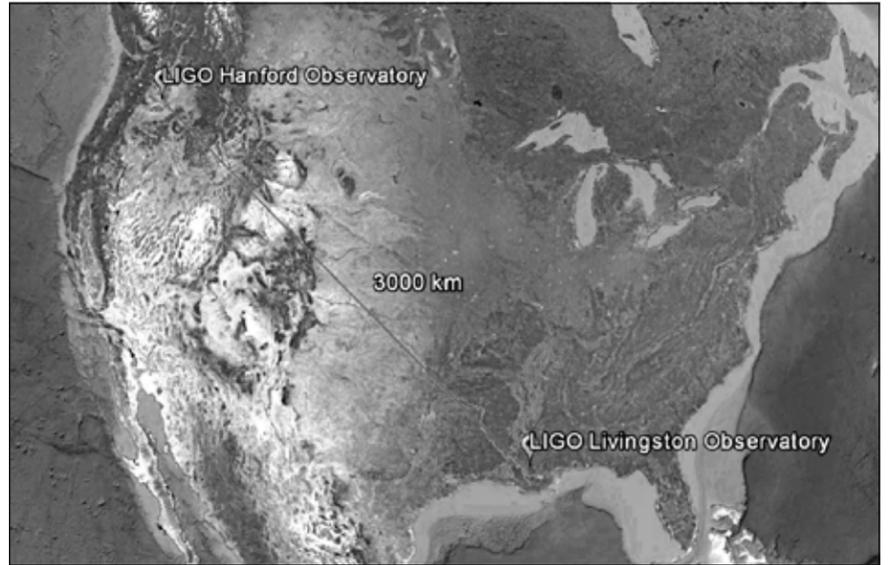
Gravity waves shake the Earth again

Gravitational waves have again been detected by LIGO, the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory. LIGO consists of two sets of detectors, separated by 3000 kilometers, at Hanford, WA and Livingston, LA. Each detector consists of two arms that are 4 km in length, which are perpendicular to each other. The time for a laser beam to go back and forth in one arm is compared to that in the other. If a gravity wave has passed through the earth and changed the structure of space, the transit times of the laser light in each arm will be different. Only if these differences occur nearly simultaneously at Hanford and Livingston, will the change be considered a solid detection of a gravity wave.

You may remember that the first detection occurred on September 14, last year. The second burst of gravitational waves arrived on Christmas Day. This time the black holes were smaller, a mere 8 and 14 times more massive than the sun. (The first merger of black holes involved masses, 29 and 36 times larger than the sun.) Both of these violent encounters took place in galaxies far beyond our own, some 1.3 to 1.4 billion light years away. We know only approximately where in the sky they occurred, but we do know they came from different regions of the universe. This second detection of gravity waves is important. Redundancy is very nice in science.

Alien life probably flourishes around red dwarfs

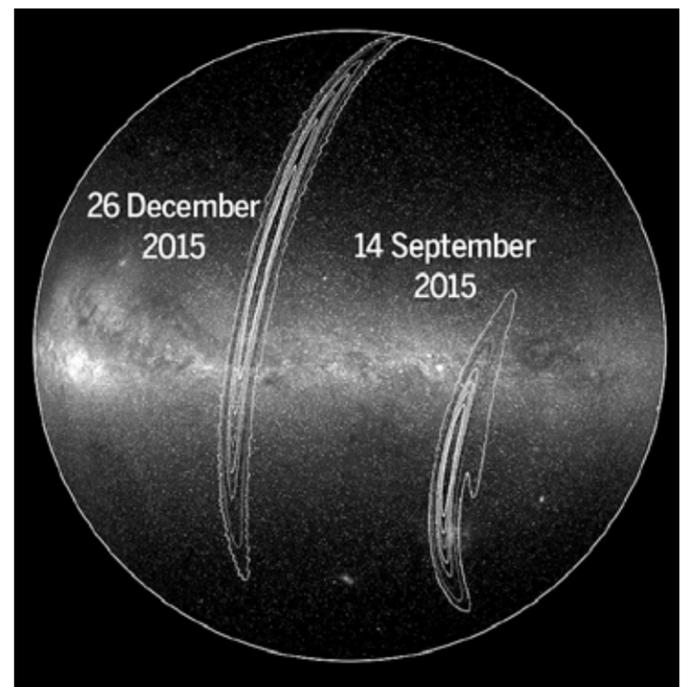
Once we thought the best places to search for alien life were rocky and watery planets like the earth, circling a star like our sun. Now, a new type of star has become interesting, namely red dwarfs, which are smaller than the sun, but are the silent majority of our galaxy, making up 70% of the stars of the



LIGO observatories.

National Science Foundation

Milky Way. These dwarfs are red because they are cool. In order for a planet to have liquid water it needs to be close to such a star, in such a case it is probably tidally locked to the star, keeping one side always facing the star. (Our moon is tidally locked to the earth). One side would be in perpetual daylight and the other sunk in eternal night, creating enormous temperature variations from one side of the planet to the other.



Location of two bursts of gravity waves. National Science Foundation

The zone of perpetual dark would be cold enough to freeze the main gases of their atmospheres, leaving the daylight zone nude and dry. Tremendous winds might be blowing across the regions of perpetual twilight. However very recent studies suggest that a thick atmosphere or planetary ocean could circulate heat around such a planet and moderate the temperature difference.

The most significant feature of these red dwarfs is that they practically last forever. When most stars reach old age and begin to run out fuel, they swell up to hundreds of times their normal size, engulfing planets that orbit too close. In about 5 billion years, our sun will start expanding, eventually swelling to about 200 times its current size. It will swallow Mercury and Venus. Skimming the surface of this bloated star, the Earth will be uninhabitable, a sizzling wasteland.

The great advantage for alien life on their planets is that red dwarfs can live for trillions of years,

because their nuclear reactions are far slower than those of larger stars. It took 4.5 billion years before humanity appeared on Earth. What if life on planet Earth had been around for hundreds of billions of years already? Just think how smart we would be! This is truly the subject matter for science fiction. In fact, it already has been written.

In Olaf Stapledon's 1937 wonderful novel, *Star Maker*, one of the many alien civilizations in the Milky Way he describes is located in the twilight zone of a tidally locked planet of a red dwarf star. This planet is inhabited by intelligent plants that look like carrots with arms, legs, and a head. They sleep part of the time by inserting themselves into soil and absorbing sunlight through photosynthesis. When awake they emerge from their plots of soil as locomoting beings who participate in all the complex activities of a modern industrial civilization. Would you believe it? The future belongs to carrots!

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At least 50 partners come together to make 'Double Up Food Bucks' Colorado a reality

Program expands the amount of fruits & vegetables SNAP recipients can purchase

A statewide partnership led by LiveWell Colorado, Colorado Department of Human Services, the Colorado Farmers Market Association, Cooking Matters-Colorado, and Boulder County Public Health has just been awarded a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) grant to launch Double Up Food Bucks Colorado.

"We believe that by coming together, we can make a bigger difference helping Coloradans overcome barriers to accessing healthy, affordable local food," stated San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition lead local partner Liza Marron. Other important partners include First Southwest Bank, the Alamosa Farmers Market, the Valley Food Coop, the South Fork Farmers Market, Saguache's Fourth Street Food store and the San Luis Valley Cooking Matters Program.

The Double Up Food Bucks Colorado program expands the amount of fruits and vegetables recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps) can purchase. With Double Up Food Bucks Colorado, SNAP recipients will receive up to \$20 per visit in Colorado-grown fruits and vegetables when they use their SNAP benefits at participating farmers markets or select retailers.

First Southwest Bank provided match funds that will enable four San Luis Valley food distribution centers to participate in the launch of the Colorado Double Up program, the first of its kind in rural Colorado. "As a certified Community Development Financial Institution, we work to address critical public needs and develop vital community resources," said CEO Kent Curtis. "First Southwest Bank has a long history of serving communities in need. We believe that Double Up Food Bucks will increase access to healthy, affordable food for the underserved in our communities as well as create additional economic opportunities for our local farmers."

The first year of Double Up Food Bucks Colorado will include reaching 30 farmers' markets and at least five additional retailers in 19 counties across Colorado. Mandy Pittman, Alamosa Farmers' Market Manager, is excited about how Double Up will add to an amazing market this season. "On Saturdays from July 9 to October 8 between the hours of 8am and 1pm, customers can patronize our wonderful local produce vendors and get more bang for their buck."

Valley Food Co-op Co-Managers, Laura Cranson and Sherri Pascoe, see this as a great opportunity for families to double their SNAP benefits and also provide healthy, locally grown fruits and vegetables for their families. The Valley Food Coop is a member-owned Natural Food Coop located in the Villa Mall in Alamosa, open seven days a week.

Up north in Saguache, Marge Hoglin has been working hard for many years to provide healthy food at affordable prices to low-income residents of Saguache County. "Our mission at Saguache Works is to support local food producers, and to promote healthy eating," she says. "This program will greatly enhance our ability to do both." The Fourth Street Food Store opens every day at 10am.

The FINI funding is available through the 2014 Farm Bill and is administered by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The USDA FINI Grant brings a half million dollars of federal funding into Colorado, including more than \$100,000 in cash incentives alone in 2016, with an increase in incentives in years two and three of the program. The grant was matched by more than \$899,000 from 26 partners committing financial and in-kind support to make this program possible in Colorado.

A list of partners participating in Double Up Food Bucks Colorado can be found here www.DoubleUpColorado.org.



Bats and skunks are the most common species carrying the rabies virus in Colorado. Make sure that your pets and livestock are up-to-date on their rabies vaccines and keep them away from wildlife to avoid exposure.

Rabies awareness

32 cases reported in Colorado so far this year

by Ginger Stringer,
Saguache Co. Pub. Health Dir.

On June 17, 2016 Chaffee County Public Health reported that a bat found in their county tested positive for rabies. Since April, Saguache County Public Health has received several reports of bats acting oddly, but they were not captured and tested for rabies. In 2015, 2 bats that were tested in Saguache County were positive for rabies. There are likely many more bats and other animals that have rabies that have not been tested.

Bats and skunks are the most common species carrying the rabies virus in Colorado. Rabies virus is found in the saliva of infected animals and can be passed to humans and other mammals. It infects the nervous system and can cause difficulty breathing, paralysis, loss of consciousness and death.

The potential for encountering wildlife infected with rabies increases as the weather warms and animals become more active. Make sure that your pets and livestock are up-to-date on their rabies vaccines and keep them away from wildlife to avoid exposure. Unvaccinated pets are a risk to your whole family. Since it is hard to know if livestock have been exposed to rabid animals, public health veterinarian Dr. Jennifer House recommends discussing vaccination of horses, cattle, and other livestock with your veterinarian.

What are the signs of rabies in an animal?

The first sign of rabies is usually a change in the animal's behavior. An animal may lose its fear of people and become unnaturally friendly, or it may become abnormally aggressive. The rabies virus is usually present in an animal's saliva after it develops symptoms, however, it can also be present in the saliva of an apparently healthy animal.

How do people get rabies?

People are usually exposed to the rabies virus through the bite of an infected animal. People can also be exposed to the rabies virus by:

- Being scratched by an infected animal
- Getting an infected animal's saliva into a cut or open wound
- Getting the saliva into the eyes, nose or mouth. If rabid, even baby animals with no visible teeth can transmit rabies through their saliva.

According to statewide data from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as of June 10, 32 animals have tested positive for rabies in Colorado in 2016. If you see or come in contact with strange-acting animals, report that to the state or local health department. Public health agencies will test animals that act strangely or come into contact with people, pets or livestock.

For more information about rabies please call Saguache County Public Health (719-655-2533) or visit www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/rabies.

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There's No Such Thing As A Weed

by Dorje Root
Catnip (*Nepeta cataria*)



Who knew that this common plant that so delights our felines could also be such an ally for new moms?

When you think of catnip, do you just think of pot for cats? This common plant is also a sanity-saver for moms of colicky babies, and children with digestive issues of all kinds. Catnip is a member of the mint family, characterized by square stems, opposite leaves, and mostly aromatic.

Among its many virtues, Catnip is a nervine, a carminative, sedative, and diaphoretic (soothes

the nerves, helps with gas, relaxes, and promotes sweating). And it is mild enough to be taken by infants. The best way to administer herbs to a nursing baby is to give the tea to the mom, and it will pass through into the milk. The lovely benefits of catnip tea also relax the mother.

My younger daughter's two children both had digestive problems as infants. They had projectile vomiting after breast feeding, but were otherwise healthy. I recommended Catnip tea, and she drank a couple cups a day before



Catnip (*Nepeta cataria*)

nursing. The vomiting stopped and they eventually grew out of the problem, but she did report that her cats were especially friendly during that time, sometimes sitting on her head!

Catnip is a classic children's remedy for colds, flus, fever, diarrhea, and of course stomach ache and restlessness. For older children it can be mixed with better tasting herbs.

Catnip has also been use in bug repellents, so this may be Crestone's newest favorite herb!

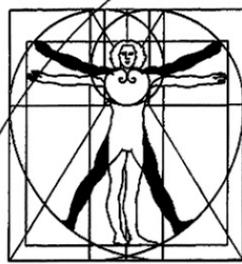
Now this is my favorite part of the article. While I'm trained in Bach Flower essences, I'm not that familiar with the myriads of other essences, so when I write about the flower essence aspect of each plant, I'm learning too. (For the record, when I first began learning about flower essences, I thought of them as wussy herbs. After try-

ing them for a while I can assure you they are anything but. I have found them to be very powerful healers of emotional issues, and hence the physical issues that result from them.)

According to Flower Essences of Fox Mountain, catnip "Stimulates visions and dreamlike states for those seeking deeper inner journeys. Brings peaceful state of bliss while observing life from within oneself. Helpful for those who seem ditzy or spaced out. Brings soul understanding into form in the physical world." Pretty cool.

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Search & Rescue needs funding



Emergency personnel and Saguache County Search and Rescue volunteers load an injured hiker into a Flight for Life helicopter. SAR did not receive a Department of Local Affairs Grant it applied for and needs fundraising help, in addition to volunteers.

by Mary Lowers

Ahhh, the warm days of summer are upon us and despite the bugs it promises to be a glorious season to hike, fish, climb and camp in the wilderness surrounding the valley. Sheriff Dan Warrick and Saguache County Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteers are gearing up to help lost, stranded and injured people on the peaks and in the back country.

Funding needs were partially met when the SAR was granted \$4000 of the \$10,000 requested by the Saguache County Commissioners from Sales Tax Grants. The SAR did not receive a Department of Local Affairs Grant it applied for, however, and needs fundraising help. Sheriff Warrick extends thanks to the commissioners for funding. He told me, "It shows that they understand what's needed for this line of work." SAR is made up of "a bunch of volunteers and without them it couldn't work", Warrick said.

The Saguache County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) works closely with SAR during rescue missions. Calls from stranded climbers and worried families come into the SCSO. Valley residents saw an increase in SAR missions last summer when the black helicopters from the Colorado Air National Guard (CANG) were frequently seen flying injured and deceased climbers off the peaks. Sheriff Warrick is a strong advocate for SAR and its hardworking volunteers.

The funds granted so far have gone to the purchase of six new radios. Sheriff Warrick explained to me, that the "radios have the channels now required to obtain mutual aid assistance from CANG. This provides invaluable air rescue support in our challenging mountain terrain." These radios also facilitate communication with other agencies like the Custer County SAR participating in a rescue. The Sheriff wants to extend thanks to District Fire Chief Wes Moores for help with this project.

Volunteers make the SAR wheels roll. Long-time Crestone

SAR team member Dan Haynes gave of his time to program the new radios so they are ready to go. The second radio system SAR uses got updates so other SAR teams working on a mission can communicate with each other and Sheriff Warrick explained "the general Colorado Search and Rescue Board can be accessed." A leg traction splint ski pole set was also purchased from Tax Grant Funds. This is a very useful tool for transporting someone with a broken limb stuck in a high spot.

Sheriff Warrick felt strongly enough about the SAR's need for a Cascade Titanium Split Apart Litter that he bought it with his own funds. This lighter and easier-to-use litter "has proven to be an awesome piece of equipment in training. I felt strongly enough that this was a fundamental safety that I am providing a loan of the funds until I am compensated." Warrick said.

SAR is looking for the following: funding and funding management, administrative support, website and Facebook monitoring, setting up Crestone Firehouse computer, and training of all sorts . . . medical, rope work, navigation, and mountain survival skills. If you have expertise and can help in any of these areas please call the SCSO 719-655-2525 and volunteer.

Remember the Colorado Hikers Card which can be purchased at sporting goods outlets (or you can get one for free with your hunting/fishing license) is a great thing to have, can save you a lot of money if you need to be rescued, and helps pay for SAR services.

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SMOKE COLUMN COMMUNITY INFORMATION ON FIRST RESPONSE

by Chris Botz

We have entered wildfire season. Baca Fire has already responded three times to unattended fires. We extinguished two that would have smoldered all day and into the night, and one that would have smoldered for days and nights.

If you start a fire, you have the responsibility for the finishing of it.

Coals cooled to the temperature of the surrounding environment are considered out.

Please take care with fire.

Fun on the 4th!

The Baca Regatta is still on for the Fourth of July, one half hour after the parade. It will be in Crestone Town Park at the west end of Silver Avenue.

There will be a water soccer game for children nine years and younger.

There will be water accuracy events.

There will be a fifteen hundred gallon "porta-tank" on the basketball court for all sailing events.

There will be tee shirts for sale; please bring cash or check for those purchases. Very basic, but one-of-a-kind, \$15.00.

Vendors for food and drink will be found at the town's Little Pearl Park.

There will be a dry zone, and all participants will please respect the state of that space.

Thank you *Eagle*.

Boy attacked by lion in Pitkin Co.

Tips to be lion-ssafe

Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials are investigating a lion attack on a five-year-old-boy that occurred in June in the community of Lower Woody Creek, a few miles north of Aspen.

Pitkin County Sheriff's deputies and a Forest Service ranger were the first to arrive at the scene, and they killed a lion believed to be responsible for the attack. According to CPW officials, the approximately two-year-old male lion was observed in the area of the incident when it was killed.

Witnesses reported that two lions were seen in the near vicinity prior to the incident.

Officers with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the USDA's Wildlife Service are tracking the second lion and it will be put down when found.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials are conducting a full investigation of the incident and will release additional information as it becomes available.

The last known lion attack on a human in Colorado occurred in July of 2015 when a young lion attacked a man as he fished along the Coffee Pot Road, north of Dotsero. The man received scratches and bites on his back and was treated and released from a local clinic. The lion in that incident, described as a small, yearling male, was tracked and killed.

CPW officials have cautioned the public that lion sightings are increasing across Colorado, likely due to a growing human population encroaching on lion habitat in conjunction with a robust lion population in the state.

If you live in lion country, keep the following tips in mind:

- Don't feed any wildlife. It attracts lion prey like foxes, raccoons and deer. Predators follow prey.

- Avoid planting non-native shrubs and plants that deer prefer to eat. It might encourage wildlife to come onto your property.

- Make noise if you come and go during the times mountain lions are most active—dusk to dawn.

- Install outside lighting in areas where you walk so you could see a lion if one were present.

- Closely supervise children whenever they play outdoors. Make sure children are inside before dusk and not outside before dawn. Talk with children about lions and teach them what to do if they meet one.

- Landscape or remove vegetation to eliminate hiding places for lions, especially around children's play areas. Make it difficult for lions to approach unseen.

- Keep your pet under control. Roaming pets are easy prey and can attract lions. Bring pets in at night. If you leave your pet outside, keep it in a kennel with a secure top.

- Don't feed pets outside; this can attract raccoons and other animals that are eaten by lions. Store all garbage securely.

- When you walk or hike in mountain lion country, go in groups and make plenty of noise to reduce your chances of surprising a lion. A sturdy walking stick can ward off a lion. Make sure children are close to you and within your sight at all times. Talk with children about lions and teach them what to do if they meet one.

- Do not approach a lion, especially one that is feeding or with kittens. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.

- Stop or back away slowly, if you can do it safely. Do not turn and run! Running may stimulate a lion's instinct to chase and attack. Face the lion and stand upright.

- Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. Open your jacket if you are wearing one. If you have small children with you, protect them by picking them up so they won't panic and run.

- If the lion behaves aggressively, throw stones, branches or whatever you can get your hands on without crouching down or turning your back. Wave your arms slowly and speak firmly. Convince the lion you are not prey and that you may in fact be a danger to the lion.

- Fight back if a lion attacks you. Lions can be driven away by prey that fights back. People have fought back with rocks, sticks, caps or jackets, garden tools and their bare hands successfully. Remain standing or try to get back up.

Garden Guru

Native American favorites; squash



by Matie Belle Lakish

I've been contemplating the incredible contribution that Native Americans have made to our culinary experience. Can you imagine how limited our menu selections would be without the Three Sisters (squash, corn and beans)? Then take away tomatoes, potatoes, sunflowers and even sweet potatoes and quinoa, and we would have a much more limited range of food choices. Many thanks to the many native women and men who gathered, selected, and saved the seed through millennia so that we can feast on the fruits of their labors.

One of the Three Sisters, squash, is a staple crop for many of us living in the mountains. By the middle of July we will likely see the first zucchini and yellow summer squash at the local market, and by August we'll be shredding it to freeze for winter zucchini breads. I'll be making my annual Scalloped Yellow Crookneck Casserole. Then, as the first freeze appears imminent we'll be contemplating baked and stuffed winter squash and maybe some tasty squash soup. Winter squash is a treasure trove of Vitamin A, as well as potassium, and a fair source of magnesium, manganese, Vitamin E, Vitamin C, and of course, fiber.

There are three main squash families. This information is primarily important to those of us who want to save our seed. While the acorn squash I plant will not change from an acorn to a zucchini in the year that I initially plant it, if I try to save the seeds of an acorn squash

planted near a zucchini, the second generation will likely be rather strange. That is because both acorn squash and zucchini are in the Cucurbita Pepo family. This family is very large, and includes all the common summer squashes as well as many of the winter squashes such as acorn, delicatas and most of the pumpkins. Another large family is Cucurbita Maxima. As you might imagine, this family includes one of our larger squashes, the Hubbard, but also buttercups, banana squash, turban, sweet meat and other kabocha types. It also includes some of the really big pumpkins, especially those grown for competition, as well as some smaller orange types of winter squash such as Red Kuri and Gold Nugget. Again, all members of this family will cross-pollinate each other. The third common squash family is Cucurbita moschata. The main member of this family is butternut squash. Butternuts will cross with each other and with a near relative called a neck squash, but not with other squash and pumpkins. So, theoretically, you could grow acorns, butternuts and kabochas near each other without risking strange offspring. Squash are pollinated by insects, primarily bees, moving from one plant to the other, so take this into account when planning your garden.

Aside from the summer squashes, most storage varieties require a long season to mature. This means that you will have to start most of them indoors and transplant them out after the last frost. Unlike tomatoes, squash don't like



A Golden Hubbard, storing up some Vitamin A for winter.

to have their roots disturbed by transplanting, so start your seed in a fairly large container that you can easily peel off when it's time to go outdoors. Large paper cups or plastic pots that you can slip off easily will do. Generally, squash do not need to be started as early as tomatoes. I've found that starting them in mid April is a good choice. They grow quickly once they germinate, and if they become too "leggy" the stress of transplanting can actually slow them down. Since they like hot weather, they are often one of the last crops to go in the ground. Pull back the mulch and let the soil warm up a few days before you plant, then water regularly and often until their roots reach the sub-surface moisture. They will let you know when they are thirsty by wilting during the heat of the day.

Opinions vary on how to tell when your storage squash are ripe. Generally, you don't want to break the stem off the squash, as it is more likely to rot. Try testing your squash with a fingernail. If its skin is tough enough to resist denting with your fingernail, it is likely hard enough to store for a few months. Cut the stem, wash the squash, and set it in a warm, dry place to cure for a few weeks. Curing will allow the squash or pumpkin to develop sugars that will improve the taste.

There is a lovely poetic image of frost on the pumpkins that suggests it is okay to let your squash or pumpkins freeze in the garden. Freezing will limit the storage life. Timing the picking of squash can be tricky in our short growing season.

If you expect an early light frost, and your squash are still too soft to pick based on the fingernail test, you can try covering your squash with towels or blankets for a night or two. Sometimes the leaves themselves will protect the fruit. However, if the flesh becomes frozen, as indicated by a change in texture or color in the skin, eat it right away, or turn it into puree that you can freeze for soups later in the winter, when all that Vitamin A will be a real blessing to your immune system. And thank our Native American ancestors when you open that carton of frozen Hubbard Squash puree and season it with a myriad of flavors from basil to ginger.

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<p>SOLD!</p> <p>Garage + Studio</p> <p>340C Palomino Way - \$389,000 Immaculate 1820sf, 2-story, 3BD/2BA home on 1.79 acres, meditation gardens w/rock lined pathways & patios. Solar h/w, woodstove & solarium. Detached double garage w/396sf studio space w/full bath, possible kitchen.</p>	<p>Silver Star SOLD!</p> <p>557 & 560 Panorama Way - \$299,000 This spacious 7BD/3BA home has functioned as a B&B - fantastic for owner occupied &/or retreat space. Amazing 360 views, nearby creek w/ cottonwood & aspen trees. A must-see property.</p>	<p>Reduced! - Was \$212,000 SOLD!</p> <p>1447 Chaparral Way - \$189,000 This 1440sf 2bd/2ba home is a complete remodel with bamboo flooring, Jenn-Air stainless appliances, maple cabinets, granite countertops, travertine bathrooms, master bath soak tub. Adjacent lot available.</p>	<p>Was \$249,000 UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>1564 Wagon Wheel Road - \$229,000 A 2,192sf beautiful single level ranch style home built in 1997 on 1.66 acres. 3bd/2ba, great room, living room & 2 car attached garage. Well and septic. Great value!</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>1649C Willow Crk Way - \$169,000 3 BD/1.75 BA 1282sf home by Terrapin & CO on beautiful 1 ac lot backing greenbelt. Great mountain views. Open living space w/oak floors. ETS heater. Under construction now.</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>3732C Cordial Way \$162,500 Private & unique hexagonal 2BD/1.75BA home on 1.36 treed acres. Separate 384sf bldg incl. heated & finished office & workshop/storage area. Great views, wrap around deck.</p>	<p>Was \$179,000 UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>3376 Genial Way - \$159,000 Tri-level 3BD/1.75BA home, lovely screened porch w/trex deck off living room. Lots of windows in the living space, offering amazing views, lots of light, and passive solar. ETS heat.</p>
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New Listings

<p>Guest Cottage</p> <p>3481C E Graceful Ct - \$275,000 Beautiful property w/ 2BR/1.5BA ~1228sf home, guest cottage & detached one-car grg on 1.44 acres. Great passive solar, w/mountain views. Walled tiled front courtyard & landscaping. In-floor radiant heat, tile floors, T&G wood ceilings in LR</p>	<p>Affordable Luxury</p> <p>1202C Hilltop Way - \$269,000 Lee Mitchell built home ~1700+sf 2 BR/1BA 1088 sf energy efficient home w/ ETS heat & water heater on ETS, woodstove, honeycomb blinds, & solar heat collector. Lovely views from open living space, roomy master bedroom, backs to greenbelt. Many new windows.</p>	<p>Garage & Studio Apt</p> <p>983C Peaceful Way - \$242,000 3BR/2.5BA 1894sf main house w/ studio apt, oversized 1-car garage & grow dome on 1.36 acres in Chalet 1. Passive solar design w/ two adobe brick walls & curved back wall, concrete kitchen counter tops, in-floor radiant heat & wood stove.</p>	<p>Creekside!</p> <p>Tract 2 Lindisfame - \$199,000 Creek-side 2 BR/1 BA 812sf home on 2.74 acres w/812 sf partially finished basement w/electric baseboard heat & concrete floors. New roof w/architectural shingles, new windows, new interior & exterior paint.</p>	<p>Energy Efficient!</p> <p>958 Meditation OL - \$189,000 Beautiful 3BR/1.5BA 1363sf energy efficient home w/solar hot water system, passive solar, & well-insulated ceilings & walls. On private cul-du-sac in Chalet 1 w/ organic garden & storage shed. Full bath w/soak tub. Spacious kitchen.</p>	<p>Off-Grid</p> <p>600 Heatherbrae - \$175,000 Beautiful 1240sf 2BR/1.5BA off-grid home w/many custom built-ins & exquisite views on 2.61 ac bordering Conservation Easement. Propane heat & woodstove. Enclosed passive solar porch, enclosed shower w/ surrounding decking, well water.</p>	<p>Private cul-du-sac</p> <p>190 Cascade OL - \$169,000 1365sf home with 1293sf walk-in basement, large screened porch & hot tub. Sits on 1.133 acres, beautiful wooded lot on private cul-du-sac close to town. 2BR/ 1.75BA on main level & flexible basement w/3 rooms, 1/2BA including laundry.</p>
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<p>New Listings</p> <p>3735 Jubilant Way - \$155,000 3BD/1BA 1094sf home located on 1.152. Protected views. Large loft BR w/balcony. 2BD/1BA downstairs w/ clawfoot tub. Woodstove & back-up baseboard heat. Aspen T & G ceilings, pine floors & wood exterior.</p>	<p>Baca Meadows</p> <p>3708 Enchanted Way - \$142,500 A lovely 3BD/3BA/sunroom 1622sf one story townhouse located close to S. Crestone Creek walking path & convenient to town. Great for full time homeowner or can be as rental. Excellent separation of master suite and guest bedrooms.</p>	<p>Moffat</p> <p>Townhouse #10 - \$179,000 Exquisite town house completely remodeled in 2008. 1480sf 2-story 2BD/2BA features redesigned kitchen & bathrooms, updated heat & lighting systems, beautiful patio. Must see!</p>	<p>Chalets</p> <p>1967 Rockyview Way - \$439,000 Luxurious 3BD/2.75BA/Office/3-car Garage 2953sf home sits on 2.374 acres & has a 2-room upstairs Master Suite. Beautifully landscaped courtyards & gardens with custom fence & deck, great views</p>
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<p>Was \$459,000</p> <p>786C Panorama Way - \$419,000 This Lee Mitchell custom 3bd/2ba/sunroom/library/balconies 2428sf home with fabulous gardens sits on 2.14 acres w 2-car garage/studio. Exquisite - Must See!</p>	<p>New Construction!</p> <p>1114C Chaparral Way - \$349,000 2-story New Construction, 3BD/2BA 1740sf home w/fabulous views designed by R3 Concepts and built by Mountain View Design & Build. Overlooks Pundarika Retreat. Center providing lots of open space.</p>	<p>Guest House</p> <p>1275C Bear Grass Way - \$348,000 Unique, 2-story 2BD/2BA 2040sf+loft hexagon energy efficient Rastra home up high in Ch1, adjacent to greenbelt on ~2 acres. In-floor radiant heat, passive-solar, woodstove. 352sf guest house. Gorgeous, must-see home!</p>	<p>Magnificent Views</p> <p>22 Alpine OL - \$295,000 CUSTOM 3bd/2.5ba/2 car garage 2232sf home close to town. Screened porch & wrap deck. Gracious Living with exceptional views!</p>	<p>Fantastic Views!</p> <p>2720 Happy Hollow Tr. - \$279,000 This meticulous, 4BR/2.5BA 2000sf home has magnificent valley views from the living spaces, including a large sw-facing deck. Excellent condition, flexible floorplan, nice outdoor space, located near Dharma Ocean.</p>	<p>A lovely sanctuary</p> <p>3919 Cordial Way - \$269,000 Two story, 3BD/2.5BA ~2400 sf home has a walled courtyard & 4 intimate decks w/ great views. Southwest style home gracefully adorned with fine details and finishes.</p>	<p>WAS \$289,000</p> <p>757 Rendezvous Way - \$269,000 Very lovely 1868sf 3-or-4BD/2BA + dining screen porch, sunroom w/ fireplace, yoga/exercise room, deck w/amazing views & hot tub. Private, but close-in. Beautifully landscaped.</p>
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<p>WAS \$259,000</p> <p>207C Foothill OL - \$249,000 2-story 3BD/2.5BA/Study stucco home on .965 acres built with non-toxic materials & energy efficiency. Lrg kitchen, bamboo floors, pine ceilings. Spacious master suite w/Jacuzzi tub, sep. shower, marble counters. Views/Deck.</p>	<p>Eco-Friendly</p> <p>1738C Willow Creek Way - \$239,000 Built in 2013, this Paul Koppna strawbale eco-friendly home sits up high in Chalet 1. 2BD/2BA, 1532sf on .91 acres. Strong passive solar. Solar radiant floor heat & domestic hot water. Energy efficient.</p>	<p>New Construction: Paul Koppna</p> <p>1867C Rockyview Way - \$219,000 3BD/2BA 1520sf New Construction by Paul Koppna, energy efficient design. Active solar hot water sys thru radiant floor grid + domestic hot water. Very insulated, triple pane windows & heat recovery ventilation, airtight construction.</p>	<p>MILLION \$ VIEWS!</p> <p>909C Brookview Way - \$200,000 Home on 1.12 acres w/ spectacular views at top of Baca waiting for the right person to complete the vision. 2324sf & designed with 3bd/2ba. Separate 576sf guest house w/kitchen and office above.</p>	<p>Backs to Greenbelt/Open Space</p> <p>8 N Baca Grant Way - \$199,000 This 1.5 story 2BD/1.75BA 1649sf home w/partially finished basement & garage backs to greenbelt. Many updates including ETS heat, bathrooms, insulated roof. Beautiful Redwood decks w/gorgeous views. Close to town on paved road.</p>	<p>New Construction</p> <p>1911 Lone Pine Way - \$195,000 This 2BD/1BA, 1200sf New Construction by Art Reeves. Efficient, great design & views. Rustic wood & metal siding, hrdwd floors & vaulted ceiling in Great Room. Modern kitchen w/stainless appliances. Spacious Master bdrm, & bath.</p>	<p>Southwest Style</p> <p>1479 Badger Road - \$189,000 Custom 3BD/1.75BA home, built in 2004, backs to open space. Immaculate condition. Beautifully crafted w/diamond plastered walls, wood ceilings, wood floors, in-floor radiant heat, & wood stove.</p>
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<p>Great Value!</p> <p>35 Camino Baca Grande - \$169,000 Lovely 3BD/2.5BA 2013sf 1.5 story home remodeled in 2010. Lg living rm w/cath ceiling, kitchen opens to patio w/mtn views. Master suite w/lg walk-in closet, soak tub. 2 lg bdrms & bath up w/full-length deck. Paved road, easy access to town.</p>	<p>Small Home, Small Price!</p> <p>4485 Ridgecrest Way - \$74,500 Unique, small 394sf home, with 2nd structure in Chalet 3. Fixer-upper, but can be a home in the Baca at an affordable price. Woodstove, loft sleeping area w/wood ceilings. Full kitchen w/cookstove, fridge & combo w/d. Shower bath.</p>	<p>Off-Grid</p> <p>43 Smoke Tree Trail - \$429,000 Gracious 3BR/2.5BA 3755sf strawbale 1.5 story off-grid home on 11.86 acres. Lg great room, cook's kitchen, douglas fir wood floors & large woodstove that heats entire house. Energy efficient & private w/ amazing views!</p>	<p>Off-Grid</p> <p>288 Allott Trail - \$269,000 Custom built 2BD/1.5BA 1500sf off-grid home w/600sf guest house & 400sf workshop, located on 2.81ac. on the S. tip of the Baca. Designed w/2 octagons connected by a clerestory, it has beautiful finishes.</p>	<p>Fine Strawbale Construction</p> <p>1234 Laredo Trail - \$265,000 This strawbale 1831sf 3BD/2BA home w/detached studio on 1.86 acres has magnificent views, fine finishes, and open floor plan, a Master Ste soak tub, deck w/bamboo fencing & plenty of privacy.</p>	<p>Mother-in-Law Suite</p> <p>1453C Wagon Wheel - \$259,000 Spacious SW-Style 4BD/3.5BA 2421sf home on 3.164 acres, backs to Willow Creek greenbelt. Light-filled, dramatic high ceilings & forever views. Lg Mstr Ste upstairs, screened east balcony. Well & septic. Great value!</p>	<p>REDUCED: Was \$229,000</p> <p>144 Rain Dance Trail - \$199,000 This ~2600sf 4BD/2BA (w/unfinished 3rd BA) sustainable builder's home has solar thermal, PV, combo of frame & pumice construction. On well & septic. Barn & storage shed, and more! On 6.32 acres. Includes Lot 145.</p>
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2016 HOME SALES

340C Palomino Way	\$389,000	SOLD	3704 Carefree Way	\$169,000	SOLD
4262 Serene Way	\$299,900	SOLD	635C Panorama Way	\$159,500	SOLD
557 & 560 Panorama Way CH1	\$299,000	SOLD	1573 Kings Hill OL	\$159,000	SOLD
3615 CD Spendid Terrace	\$275,000	SOLD	719 Rendezvous Way	\$159,000	SOLD
765CRR Heatherbrae Road	\$269,000	SOLD	1202C Wagon Wheel Road	\$152,000	SOLD
149 Moonlight	\$259,000	SOLD	123C Skyview Way	\$139,000	SOLD
418 Moonlight Way	\$249,000	SOLD	20510 CO Rd 59	\$99,000	SOLD
705 Rendezvous	\$220,000	SOLD	1649 Willow Creek Way	\$169,000	UNDER CONTRACT
2145 Indian Well Way	\$209,000	SOLD	3732C Cordial Way	\$162,500	UNDER CONTRACT!
1447 Chaparral Way	\$189,000	SOLD	1564 Wagon Wheel	\$159,500	UNDER CONTRACT!
3949C Cheerful Way	\$189,000	SOLD	3376 Genial Way	\$159,000	UNDER CONTRACT!
1927C Lone Pine Way	\$185,000	SOLD			

Mormons

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businesses. In the SLV settlers included Scandinavians, mostly Danish converts from Utah sent by the Church to help orient new converts from the Southern US Mission and newly converted Catawba Indians from North Carolina. As well as being relatively new converts themselves from their years farming in Utah, the Danes were expert dry land farmers. This skill proved valuable in the SLV.

The Town of Manassa was founded by Mormons in 1879 and became the biggest Mormon town in Colorado (Joe Lewis, the famous prize fighter known as the Manassa Mauler, was from Southern US Mission Mormon stock). That was followed by the founding of Sanford six miles east of Manassa, then Ephraim, now a ghost town. In 1880 Richfield was established north of Manassa. By 1883 several settlements of Saints organized the San Luis Stake. A stake is an intermedi-

ate level in the organization of the Mormon Church including groups of settlements that are contiguous.

As Dana Rae Echohawk states in her Master's Degree Thesis, "Upward mobility on the American ladder of progress for common people attracted Southerners, Scandinavians, and Catawbas who came to the SLV who generally were not well-to-do in their places of origin." The Southern Mission of the Latter Day Saints was headed up by Civil War Vet John Morgan, who upon receiving instructions from the leaders in Salt Lake City led a group of settlers from near Rome, GA and settlers from Alabama to the SLV. Morgan described the people emigrating as "broken in feeling and fortune."

Southerners chose to move west with their new religion for several reasons. First of all some were convinced by the arguments of the

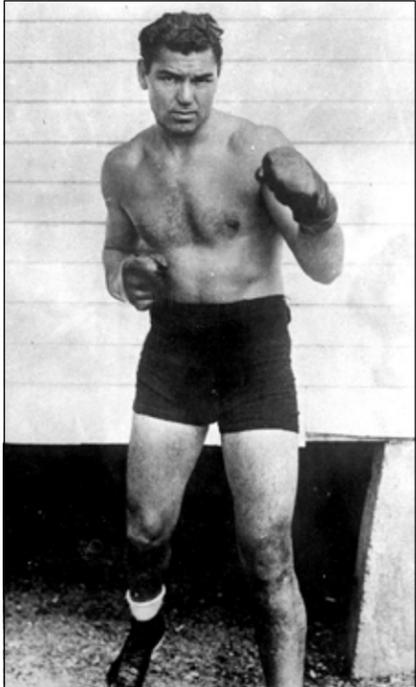
Mormon missionaries that it was their task to establish a holy kingdom, a Zion in the wilderness. Their desire was to find the just and harmonious society found in the Book of Mormon. Secondly, Christian southerners who were unaffiliated with other denominations saw that the zeal and commitment of the Mormon missionaries continued through persecution and therefore, must be true. The third reason is simple fear of persecution. As Morgan put it, "The irritation with the behavior of local elites with their night riding minions (KKK) may have helped compel some of the southern plain folk to convert." Reconstruction after the end of the Civil War caused popula-

tion upheaval, particularly in the south, and many moved west to start anew. Edward R. Crowther, writing in the *SLV Historian* about the so-called "Southern Saints" said, "Retaliation and murder, at least in part, spawned the desire of southern converts to immigrate to the west."

The first official Mormon mission was

the Lamanite or American Indian Mission. Begun in 1830 this mission reemerged after the Civil War. The Mormon doctrine teaches that some Native Americans or Lamanites belong to a group of Israelites many know as the "lost tribes of Israel" who left Jerusalem at the time of the Babylonian captivity and eventually crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a ship that landed in North America. In the Book of Mormon it is envisioned that converted Native American Lamanites would assist in building a "new Jerusalem" in North America.

In 1883 Mormon missionaries came to the Catawba Tribe of the Carolinas. This native nation is now located on a six hundred forty acre homeland at Rock Hill, York County, SC. When the first explorers from Spain met the Catawba (Cofitachiqui on Spanish docu-



Jack Dempsey, American heavyweight boxer (1895-1983) from Manassa's Mormon stock, circa 1935.

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Monument to Mormon pioneers.

ments) people, their lands covered most of what are now SC, central NC, and north into VA. By 1847 there were so few Catawbas left that Governor David Johnson of SC declared them extinct. It was under this state of extreme stress that Mormon missionaries found the Catawbas in 1883.

Once again John Morgan of the Southern States Mission acted as an agent for the tribe and made arrangements to bring Catawba converts to "Zion in Colorado." Morgan wrote, "Among those that the Elders have come in contact with are a remnant of the powerful Catawba Tribe of Indians now numbering only ninety three souls. They live on a reservation consisting of six hundred . . . acres and receiving an annuity of \$800 per annum from the State of SC. About two thirds of the tribe embraced the Gospel with very fair prospects of all or nearly all being baptized. They seem earnest and zealous and are endeavoring to make good Later-Day-Saints." Five families making up a large part of the Catawbas moved to the SLV as Mormon settlers between 1886 and 1890. Descendants of Catawba people in the SLV refer to themselves as Western Catawba. The Federal government does not recognize this group as a native nation.

A group of Scandinavians, mostly Danes, were dispatched to the SLV at the direction of Mormon leaders from the Sanpete Stake in Utah. Most had come to the Mormon faith in Denmark in the 1850s. Danish government statistics from 1904 show that one out of every twenty-two Danish immigrants to the US became a Mormon convert. Hans Jensen, leader of the eighteen Scandinavian settlers who came to the SLV from Utah, was made the first Mormon Bishop in CO.

As Crowder says in the *SLV Historian*, "there was a utopian element to the Mormon immigration. Often it was kin-based migration, a trek of family and friends looking for a new life." New to the SLV, Mormon settlers were helped by local Noretano families who came with provisions, shelter, and land acquisitions. Echohawk writes, "Most residents in the region had not previously met Mormons and hostilities leveled at them in the American South and Scandinavia had not preceded them to the Valley." The *SLV Courier* in 1889 wrote about the immigrants, "A great many of the better class of

Mormons are leaving Utah and settling in this Valley, mostly in the vicinity of Manassa. These people are a valuable addition to the country as they understand thoroughly the problem of farming by irrigation."

The Mormons tried to get along with their new neighbors. Some plural wives were hidden out in the SLV as widows from Utah. Brigham H. Roberts, a Mormon Church official visiting Conejos County at this time, wrote to the *Denver Tribune*, "Our settlements in the state have no political significance. We come to obtain homes, to make the wilderness glad of our toil and the desert blossom as the rose, rather than dabble in sly games of politics." Care was taken to assure community success. Each new Mormon settlement had a variety of individual talents and abilities needed to help a new community to succeed. Each settlement was designed to be as self-sufficient as possible.

The new denomination was not an entirely easy footing in the SLV. Judson Flowers comments, "Life was hard here. Persecution even followed them to their new home. They tell of sitting in a church and having a dead chicken thrown in the window and having a hand reach in to pull their beards. They struck out to what must have seemed the distant west, to a land they knew nothing about." Coloradoans like other Americans at the time saw the Mormons as a "peculiar people" with beliefs and customs they did not understand. In fact Mormons were in the 1860s and 1870s the most despised religious minority in the US. On top of this, as Crowder points out, besides their new Mormon religion "the manufacturing of a Mormon Community was not without hardship and required a sufficient degree of melding among peoples with Southern, Scandinavian and Yankee predilections."

But despite all persecution and hardship the mission to the SLV was a success. Their descendants still populate the southern part of the SLV. Manassa and Sanford stand as a testimony to the Mormon presence. Marvin S. Hill, in talking about Mormonism and the Mormon experience, points out, "The power of early Mormonism was the millennial hope, the vision of Zion soon to arise upon the Earth."

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In Search of Economic Reality

Scary takes many forms—a summer adventure

by Ed Lyell

Spring is a good time for a break from the world's economic chaos and fearful government policies around the world. I was rafting the Dolores River in the 1970s and 80s before the damn McPhee Dam. This used to be one of the best rafting rivers in the country. The upper was primarily rapids with a big one called Shark's Tooth. It was a huge rock in the river to float alongside in normal spring runoff, but a major pour over in the flood stage, my favorite. The lower Dolores was less adventuresome but had beautiful canyons and Native American markings on many rocks.

I was a white water river guide for the adventure program at the University of Colorado, Boulder. We ran trips for students, and contract trips taking faculty department teams down a river while they worked on leadership and bonding skills. I also took many anthropologists on boat trips into Indian lands where professors were cataloguing rare Indian ruins, especially kivas.

One particularly early spring upper Dolores trip went quickly from fun to scary. It was spring high water time and we were in a group of 3 paddle rafts, with me having the last boat, as the trip leader. The first two took a cheat route to avoid the biggest part of the rapid. By choice I had those that wanted

the high adventure of taking on the river's biggest rapid, Shark's Tooth. The water was moving fast and wide pouring over the top of the house-size, sabretooth-like rock. For a good ride I was going to take us right over the top, knowing that if we stayed in the right place we would have a great ride and not flip.

We made it over the top, all in the boat, with cheering from us and those on the shore. Then someone on the shore threw a long rope to our boat and starting wrapping their end around a large tree. Their intent was to stop us in the water and swing us into shore before we might get caught in the current flowing into a cave at the bottom of the rapid. This cave had a major current dragging boats and kayaks into the cave, trapping people to die.

I made the mistake of yelling "Don't grab the rope". The first guy grabbed the rope and was immediately pulled out of the boat into the river. The second guy only heard

"Grab the rope". He did and lodged his feet in the bottom of the boat under the baggage to keep from being pulled out like the first guy. The boat was filled with water from the rapid and weighed more than a ton, going downriver at about 9 miles per hour. So the rope he hung onto just dug into his hands, and he was quickly rope burned to the bone, spouting blood. His wife seeing this fell out of the boat into the river. My world had gone from great run, to "ah shit".

In those days I was a business professor for the academic year and ran rivers each summer throughout the west. I was a weight lifter, runner, and strong. So I quickly reached down and pulled the wife and floater into the boat. I told the bleeding hands guy to hold them together to stop the bleeding while I got the others into position to paddle us away from the upcoming cave. The wife looked at her husband and fell out again. I yanked her back onto the

boat then lifted and threw her into a parked, tied off boat on the shoreline as we flowed past.

The crew responded well and we avoided the cave, floated around the sharp left turn, and pulled into the shore and tied off. I got a fire started and had to cauterize both hands of the "boat savior". It worked to stop the bleeding and limit infection yet weeks later he had a life-long scar and stopped socializing with me.

I am somewhat crippled these days, 2 artificial knees, 2 artificial hips, and other problems so I don't do such adventurous trips anymore. Yet every spring I make sure to drive up to the Arkansas and park alongside that river at several places to watch today's youth float past. I did this a few years ago watching each of my two, now adult, grandsons rafting on this river while doing a church camp. In the 1970s and 80s I was seeking my thrills rafting, kayaking, skiing, Fourteeners, and back packing deep into wilderness areas. It was scary, but perhaps not as scary as today's world economy and elections.

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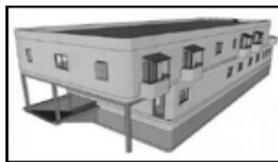
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\$219,500 3BD 2 BA on 3 consolidated lots, garage, fenced yard, garden, hot tub, open floor plan, hearthstone stove. Lovely treed, close to town, with wonderful mountain views. 715889



\$229,500 Cozy 3BD 2BA 1500 sq ft beautifully situated Victorian Ross Chapin cottage. ETS & baseboard heat. High ceilings, sky lights & fenced-in back yard. 699770



\$227,500 3BA 2BA, attached garage. Home for large family; spacious rooms, vaulted ceilings, 6 panel doors, tiled floor, fenced yard, deck. Sits on 3 lots, on private cul-de-sac.



\$225,000 Preppers, Hunters, those that like indoor gardening and seclusion-Here it is! This home is on 40 acres, completely off grid, surrounded by BLM Owner financing available. 719842



\$223,000 2BD 2BA, spacious straw bale home. Radiant heat, wood burning stove. Amazing views off decks and patio. Creek meanders through the property! 699757



\$209,000 2BD 2 full BA. Newly remodeled kitchen, all appliances, separate dining area with garden views. Wood stove, tile floors, adj. greenhouse, screened porch, guest cottage. 718991



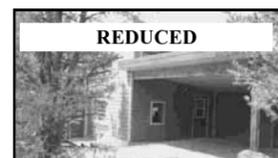
\$199,900 3BD 2BA, spacious, light home. Fireplace, vaulted ceilings, new carpet; sits on 3 consolidated lots, at the end of the street. Downstairs has own entrance. 708971



\$199,000 Spacious store/shop with large garage door, located on 1.5 acres. Commercial town well, commercial kitchen. 2BA & laundry room. Quonset hut, plenty of storage & garages. 716243



REDUCED! \$193,000 Secluded, close to Willow Creek with views, surrounded by greenbelt. Spacious kitchen, appliances. Green construction, fire resistant, kitchen gardens, solar shades. 711195



\$175,000 Motivated seller! 2BD 1 1/2 BA. Backs to greenbelt & creek. Passive solar, year-round warm earth mass floor. Custom kitchen. Bathroom with garden tub, screened-in porch. 699761



\$189,500 Recently remodeled, bright, spacious, cozy duplex with private patios 5BD 2BA. Conveniently located on the edge of town. Close to Charter School & grocery store. 699772



\$179,500 3BD 2BA 1434 sq ft cute Victorian Ross Chapin cottage home. ETS & baseboard heat. High ceilings, skylights, private balcony with amazing views. Convenient to town. 699771



\$179,500 2BD 1BA Last century feel! Private, mountain views. Home sits on 1 acre, has a deep well, landscaped, with new roof, new paint. Wood shed, partial fencing, woodstove. 717458



\$179,000 Unique home on 1.5 acres, 4BD 2BA. Beautiful wood walls, spacious living room with sunroom. Large, fenced-in yard, carport. Adj. shop with commercial well also for sale. 716242



\$175,000 Estate sale, sold "as-is", unfinished. Concrete constructed, 6" walls, on 5 prime lots in the Baca, with creek, greenbelt, large trees. Radiant-floor heat, boiler installed. 709580



\$159,000 An adorable café with commercial well on 3 acres. Excellent views. Commercial kitchen & appliances, spacious dining room, 2BA, office space and storage room. 716246



\$159,000 Surrounded by trees, spacious 3BD 2BA. 1817 sq.ft. living room, dining room, large family room, fireplace. Master suite has 5pc bath. 2-car garage. Qualifies FHA, VA & USDA. 715168



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REDUCED! \$145,000 Nestled in Downtown Crestone, this cozy 1024 sq ft home is bright & spacious, with great views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range. 712504



\$145,000 2BD 1BA Great small vacation home, on 1/2 acre, high up in Chalet II. Nicely treed lot in a quiet area. Newer quality construction, low maintenance. 682475



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Mountain Mamas Tell Tall Tales

A hot time in Vegas

by *Kizzen Laki*

It was July, 1975 and we headed to Las Vegas with a get-rich plan. Earl, my husband during those years when we were young and living in a cluster of nearly derelict cabins up Chalk Creek Canyon, was a dreamer. Yep, he had big dreams, sometimes lucid dreams. He was also a self-proclaimed psychic, inventor, mystical researcher and delver into the great cosmic unknown. He studied Tesla, free energy, UFOs, Blavatsky, the great pyramids and all things arcane and esoteric. He didn't do very well in the real world. But he was an interesting guy.

In 1975 he was into pendulums. He had fashioned several and was becoming "adept" at using them. They were a way for him to tap into knowledge—his subconscious, the universal force and font of all knowledge, the kind of stuff that is hard to describe, but often works. Sorta.

We were living rough and always broke. Money was a big issue and because of Earl's way of looking at the world (universe, actually), he sometimes had a hard time holding down a regular, lowly, 3rd dimension job. So in a sudden summertime moment of inspiration he decided that we needed to go to Las Vegas. He would use his pendulum to psych out the keno numbers and we would win big. Thousands of dollars awaited us. We would go to different casinos as we won so as not to draw attention to ourselves.

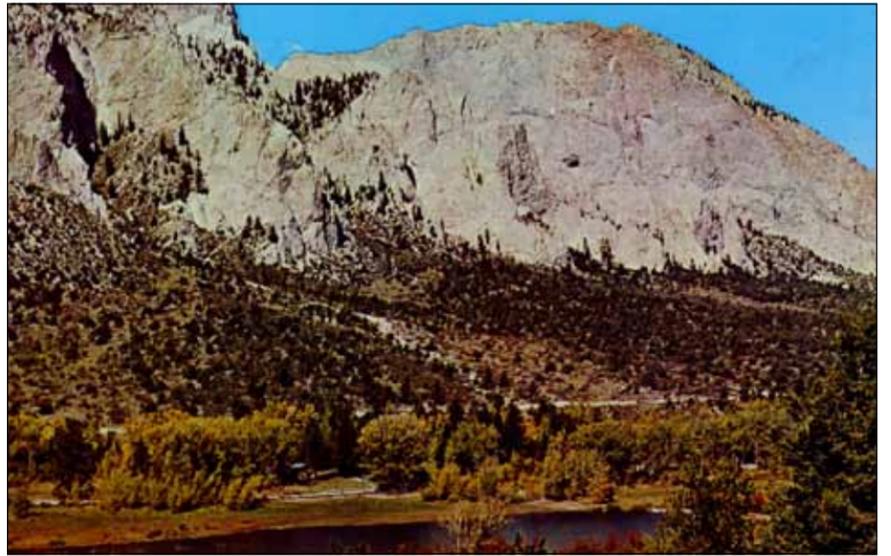
Oh, the faith of the young.

Of course we didn't actually have the money to make the trip.

We had about \$20 and borrowed another \$100 from a guy Earl sometimes worked for (he was going to get a cut of the winnings). It was enough money to get us there, but wasn't enough money to get us back home. We were counting on the pendulum for that. Part of making this work was believing it would. Doubt interferes with the energy. As above, so below.

It was early July and hot even for the Colorado mountains. Our daughter was just 2 years old and I was 6 months pregnant with our second child. We loaded up in our old Ford pickup truck and headed west. Buena Vista, Colorado, over Independence Pass, Grand Junction to Green River, getting hotter with every mile. No air conditioning in those old trucks. Windows wide open.

As we travelled west out of Green River I noticed a jacket lying in the center of the highway. "Let's pick that up" I said. You never know when a jacket will come in handy, even in 90° heat. Earl reluctantly turned around while I dashed into the highway to claim it. A blue windbreaker that turned into a real score. Nothing in the pockets except a wad of cash. A BIG wad of cash, lots of ones rolled up with a rubber band that totalled \$120. That was the exact amount of money we started with. I took it as a sign. A personal sign. That money went into MY pocket. While I still had faith in Earl's amazing abilities (sigh), I was a bit more grounded in 3D reality, and that money was my ticket home. Thank you very much.



The cliffs of Chalk Creek Canyon as they were in the 1970's, home to many adventures.

We arrived in Las Vegas late at night, found a place to pull off and slept in the truck cab with neon lights lighting up the sky. Big belly, 2-year-old crowd cab, and it was hot.

The next day was hotter still, temps soared to 110°. White hot sun bouncing off concrete. The air was almost too hot to breathe. We went into a cool air conditioned casino. Keno here we come!

No kids allowed.

While Earl pendulumed our future, my daughter and I sought cool spaces. Have you ever been 6 months pregnant in 110° heat? Not recommended. Cranky 2-year-old, cranky me, trying to sit on the floor in cool casino entrances while security guys checked us out. Periodic reports from Earl. No winnings yet. Bad Mafia vibes were interfering with the pendulum. We went to another casino, and then another. More bad vibes—who could have planned for negative vibes in Vegas? The all you-can-eat \$2 buffet was home for the afternoon until I was told "I'm sorry ma'am, your child cannot sleep on the floor". Out the door to another entrance and another casino. The bad psychic vibes continued to in-

terfere with our future fortune. So did the really bad vibes from a too-hot 2-year-old and a way too hot mama.

Earl used up all our money playing keno. Busted out in Vegas.

He wanted to tap into my stash. Nope, no way. We are going home. Like now! As the sun was setting we pulled into a small air-conditioned hotel with me paying for it in 1 dollar bills. As we crossed Nevada in the morning Earl wanted to stop at gas station casinos to just try one more time. No. Hot. Home. Over it.

I don't think I ever visited Vegas again after that. Certainly not in July. But Earl continued to seek out treasure with his pendulum. He even pendulumed what was maybe the location of a hidden lost Spanish treasure in the hills beyond Ruby Mountain and went seeking it. He got lost, I had to call the Sheriff to go find him—but that's another story.

In the 1970s Kizzen lived with her family in a cluster of cabins in the mountains of Colorado along with other assorted young folk. They chopped wood and hauled water. This is a story from those days.

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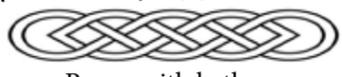
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Baca Grande Library News



by Suzanne McGregor

Few things are better on a hot July day than a frosty root beer float! Please support the Friends of the Library (FOL) on the Fourth of July by enjoying a root beer float at their booth in the park after the parade.

The FOL is always seeking new community members for input and direct involvement in developing fundraising projects and activities for enhancing our present library and for planning a new library in the future. They hope that they can tempt you with a cold treat on a hot summer day and encourage you to join forces in this valuable community service. We welcome volunteers to serve at the table for an hour or so—there will be a sign-up sheet at the library front desk.

If you missed the information last month, the children's summer reading program is in full swing on Tuesday mornings

from 10:30-11:30. The program, "For The Love of Reading" is for toddlers through age 10 and will be presented by Miss Penny from the Saguache Public Library. There will be stories, crafts, and a reading contest (with prizes!) for the youngsters. There is no charge for the program. Drop-ins are welcome, and healthy snacks will be served.

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ACROSS

1. Beaten as punishment in some countries
6. Tai's partner
9. Suite cleaner
13. Savory taste sensation
14. Time delay
15. *Colonial money: pounds, shillings and ____
16. Dyed fabric
17. Pooh's wise friend
18. Can't stand
19. *Grilled July 4th favorite
21. *The Washington Monument, e.g.
23. Confession subject
24. Under a fig leaf?
25. Talking Heads' "And She ____"
28. New Zealand fruit
30. *At center of the American Revolution
35. Crumbs
37. Before "saw" and "conquered"
39. Butterfly, pre-metamorphosis
40. Curved molding
41. Each and all
43. Pinocchio's claims
44. Albrecht ____, Renaissance artist
46. Alleviate
47. Legal wrong
48. Pined
50. Hibernation stations
52. Pig's digs
53. Worker's reward
55. Two-year-old sheep
57. *Washington and Jefferson's Mt. Rushmore neighbor
61. Holy Hindu
64. Foreign Language Oscar winner, 2012
65. *"All men ____ created equal"
67. Arm bones
69. Equipped with feathers
70. Famous T-Rex
71. Spritlike
72. Famous cookie brand
73. "For ____ a jolly..."
74. City in France

DOWN

1. Mowgli to Raksha in "The Jungle Book"
2. Nanjing nanny
3. North Atlantic Alliance, acr.
4. Gives off
5. Tiny antelope
6. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
7. TV variety show "Hee ____"
8. Icy hut
9. One of three square ones
10. Opposed to
11. Frosts a cake
12. Office furniture
15. ____ red, pH indicator
20. On the rocks
22. Baby's apron
24. Lemonade cousin
25. *Guthrie of "This Land Is Your Land"
26. Lock horns
27. "Private Parts" author
29. *"...star-spangled banner yet ____"
31. Sodium
32. The Three Musketeers and Destiny's Child
33. Not hidden
34. Highly unpleasant
36. "As ____ on TV"
38. Gaelic
42. Gossipmonger
45. Say it differently
49. Indian restaurant staple
51. *"The Independence Day: Resurgence," e.g.
54. Grind teeth
56. Post-rain ditch
57. Mount Vesuvius output
58. Mosque V.I.P.
59. Nay, to a baby
60. Prompter's comments
61. Lawyers' charges
62. Too much ____
63. *What you hope it doesn't do on July 4th?
66. Poe's Morgue
68. Lt.'s subordinate

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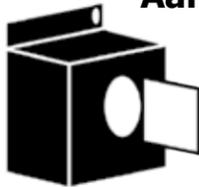
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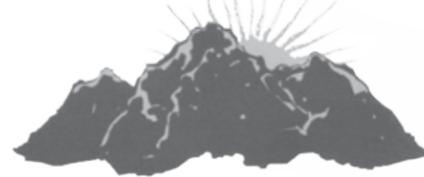


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Crestone-Baca Weather Report

by Keno

May 21 to June 20

Total precipitation for period:

Liquid precip: 0.78"

Snow: 1.5"

Measurable precipitation fell on 9 days.

Measurable rain fell on 8 days.

Measurable snow fell on 1 day.

A trace of rain fell on 3 days.

3 thunderstorms occurred.

No hail was reported.

Total precipitation year to date:

Since Jan 1: 5.56"

Total snow to date:

Since Jan 1: 45.9"

Snow Season *: 67.9"

*Snow season runs from July 1 to June 30

Temperatures for the period:

High temp: 91.6°F on June 19

Low temp: 30.4°F on May 27

Avg. high: 76.4°F

Avg. low: 43.4°F

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 90°: 2

Number of days with the high temperature at or above 80°: 11

Number of days with the low temperature at or below 32°: 2

Winds for the period:

Avg. speed: 4.5 mph

Highest gust: 40 mph on June 13

Main direction: Out of the east at night, out of the southwest during the day.

Weather summary:

The last 11 days in May were exactly like the first 20, with temperatures well below normal, along with a record snowfall for the date on May 27 of 1.5", breaking the old record of a trace, set in 1996. But snowfall was below normal for the entire month, while overall precipita-

tion ended up slightly above normal.

Then as soon as June 1 came along, temperatures started to go above normal; very much so, more than 5° about the average for highs and lows, yet no records were set for these high temperatures. But on the last 2 days of the period, the record highs were missed by one degree on each day, with highs of 92° and 91°, resulting in the first time in 3 years that our area has seen more than one 90° day for the year. Precipitation for the first 20 days was well below normal, yet a record for most daily liquid precipitation was set for June 14, when .11" fell, really not that much, but still a record for that day, and it came down in just 10 minutes time. The old record for the date was a mere .07", which fell as all snow (one inch), back in 1983.

Outlook for July:

July is our warmest and wettest month of the year. In the first week of the month the average high and low temperatures are 81° and 47°, and by month's end they average 80° and 48°. The record high temp was also the all-time highest temperature ever recorded in our area, that being 98°, set on July 20, 2005, while that July turned out to be the hottest month ever in the Crestone Baca by several degrees. The coolest ever July reading was set in 2003 when the temp dipped to 34°.

We average 2.24" of rain and hail in the month. The wettest July (and the wettest month ever) took place in 1998, when 5.74" of rain was recorded.

The 30-day outlook for July (as of June 21) from the NWS is calling for above average temps along with average precipitation.

EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear Earthtalk: What ever happened to the radical environmental group Earth First!? Are they still around and what other groups are leading the charge when it comes to so-called "radical environmentalism" these days?

—Betty Jones, Irvine, CA

Car bomb injuries, prison terms, and death were among the perils protesters with the Earth First! (EF!) movement faced throughout the 1990s. EF! formed in 1979, in response to what they called an increasingly corporate, compromising and ineffective environmental community. Throughout the 1980s and '90s, small EF! groups throughout the U.S. and other countries took part in protests that may have included road blockades, activists locking themselves to heavy equipment, tree-sitting, destruction of machinery and tree-spiking. Tree-spiking, which was advocated by EF! co-founder Dave Foreman in his book *Ecodefense*, involves hammering a nail into the trunk of a tree to discourage logging as a result of chain saw destruction. In 1987, California mill worker George Alexander was nearly killed when the bandsaw he was operating was shattered by a possible tree spike. This led many EF! groups to reject this form of "ecotage" entirely.

In 2008, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) stated that they consider eco-terrorists, along with animal rights extremists, among the most serious domestic terrorist threats in the United States today. One group the FBI specifically

named was the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), who they consider to be a "loosely-organized movement whose adherents engage in crimes like arson, fire bombings, vandalism, intimidation, assaults, stalking, etc." ELF, which formed in 1992, received national attention in 1998 after they burned down a Vail Ski Resort in Vail, Colorado that resulted in an estimated \$26 million in damages.

"Terrorism is terrorism, no matter what the motive," FBI Director Robert S. Mueller said. "There's a clear difference between constitutionally protected advocacy – which is the right of all Americans – and violent criminal activity."

A study published in 2014 re-



Sea Shepherd Conservation Society is one of the groups on the front lines of radical environmental activism these days.

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vealed that attacks related to eco-terrorism from 1970 to 2012 reached a peak of 163 incidents a year by 2001, but after 2003, the frequency declined, and by 2012, there were next to none. The decline in attacks coincided with stricter post-9/11 law enforcement policies against acts of eco-terrorism.

Today, groups like Greenpeace and Sea Shepherd Conservation Society — while not attempting illegal acts that earn them the label of an FBI domestic terrorist threat — still gain widespread publicity for their bold and aggressive tactics to achieve their campaign goals. Paul Watson, founder of Sea Shepherd, dispels accusations that they are an eco-terrorist organization, however, stating that they have no basis in fact. Watson has said that Sea Shepherd is not a protest organization, but rather an interventionist organization that intervenes against illegal activities, like the poaching of whales from a whale sanctuary.

"I was invited to give a lecture at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia in August 2009 where one agent remarked that Sea Shepherd walked a very fine line with the law," Watson detailed on the group's website. "My answer was, and he did not dispute it, is that there is nothing wrong with walking a fine line as long as the laws are not broken."

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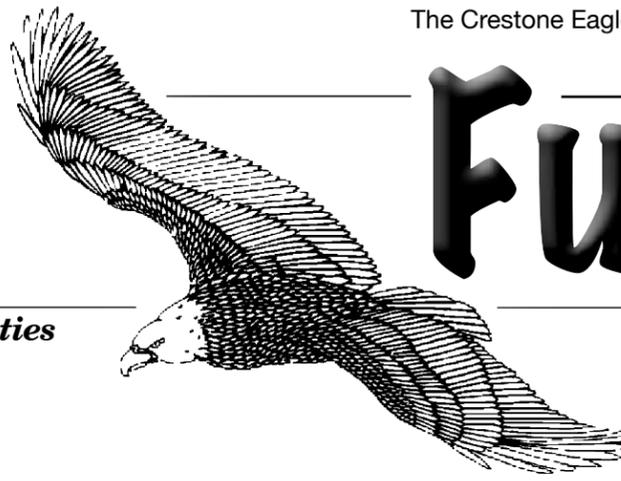
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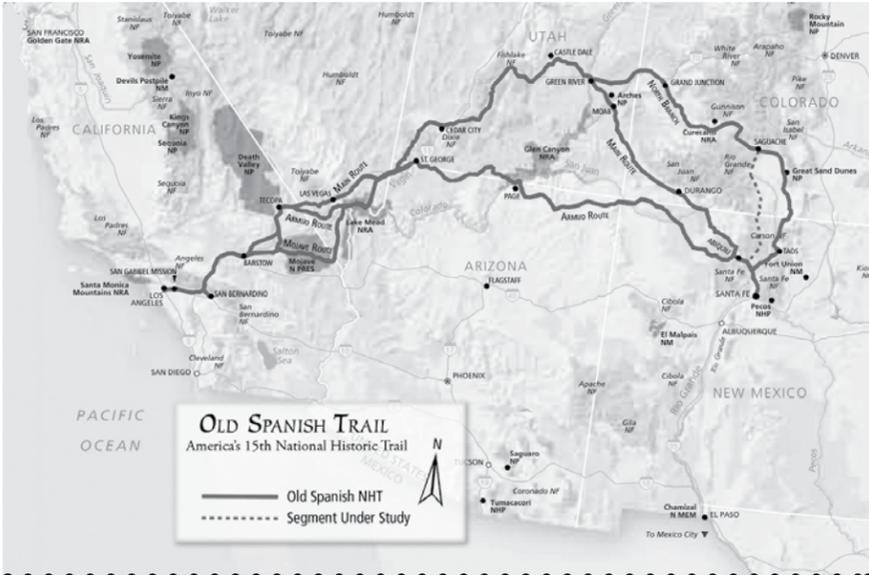
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Old Spanish Trail traveling exhibit at the Crestone Museum

by Mary Lowers

The Crestone History Museum located in the Town Hall in the heart of Crestone is excited to be hosting the Old Spanish Trail Exhibit for the summer 2016 season. This exhibit is a travelling show which has visited museums throughout the San Luis Valley. From ancient times to the 1840's people knew about the trail throughout the western US. Congress has recognized it as one of the largest and most significant of the National Historic Trails. In 2002 Congress named the Old Spanish Trail the fifteenth National Historic Trail. The exhibit shows the location and importance of the trail. It includes artifact excavated from spots along the trail and maps showing the route it took.

The Old Spanish Trail begins its journey in northern NM and takes you to Los Angeles, CA. It travel through six states and has been a

vital trade route for centuries before the US claimed it as part of the nation. The northern branch of the trail passes through Crestone and turns to cross the Valley going west near Rito Alto north of town. Before irrigation was introduced the center of the Valley was a big marsh so trails went between the wetlands and the mountains winding along past the Great Sand Dunes north and then west to CA.

For centuries the Old Spanish Trail has facilitated the exchange of people, traditions and economics that impact the southwest to the present. Diverse and unique cultures and traditions are linked by the trail. Following and learning about the trail can help visitors and locals alike gain a greater understanding of the cultures and individuals making the region what it is today. Don't miss this entertaining and enlightening exhibit.

'Weekends on the Rio' & 'Sundays at Six' serve up outdoor fun and concerts

A generous grant from the Colorado Health Foundation will fund a new "Weekends on the Rio" program, with an expanded Sundays at Six concert schedule and outdoor activities earlier in the day such as yoga, running clinics, youth bicycle clinics and paddle boarding at Cole Park and the Rio Grande Farm Park. Additionally, funding for monthly workdays at the Rio Grande Farm Park will be held on the last Saturday of every month, providing an opportunity for families to work on the Farm Park.

"This summer we are adding a variety of fun activities for youth and families to enjoy on the weekends, as well as year-round activities to get people outside and enjoy the Rio Grande Corridor," Julie Mordecai, director of the Rio Grande Farm Park explained. "Our team came together to try to figure out how to get people more engaged in the community and enjoy our parks year-round."

Mark your calendar for these Sundays at Six performances at Cole Park:

- July 10: Western Centuries (Country)

- July 17: Antonio Lopez and Emily Robinson (Singer Songwriters)
- July 24: Black Lilies (Americana)
- July 31: Richmond Brothers (Country/Americana)
- August 7: Mariachi San Luis (Mexican Folk)
- August 21: SLV Big Band
- August 28: TBA (Big name performers focusing on all ages)
- September 25 (noon to 5): 3rd Annual Harvest Soiree, local, to be held at the Rio Grande Farm Park (Entry cost is \$5 per person.)

Building on the wonderful Sundays at Six program that is in its 10th year, Weekends on the Rio will provide all kinds of fun outdoor activities before the concerts:

- 2:30-3:30pm: Afternoon Yoga with Jessica Chacon and friends from Cairn Yoga. Chacon welcomes all ages and levels. Some mats will be provided, or bare feet on the grass will work as well.
- 4pm: Running Clinics with running celebrities. There is a \$5 fee for each clinic; scholarships will be available. These clinics will be great fun

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4-6:30 P.M.: Paddleboarding on the Rio Grande

6-7:30 P.M.: Bike Pump Track for Kids

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Saguache

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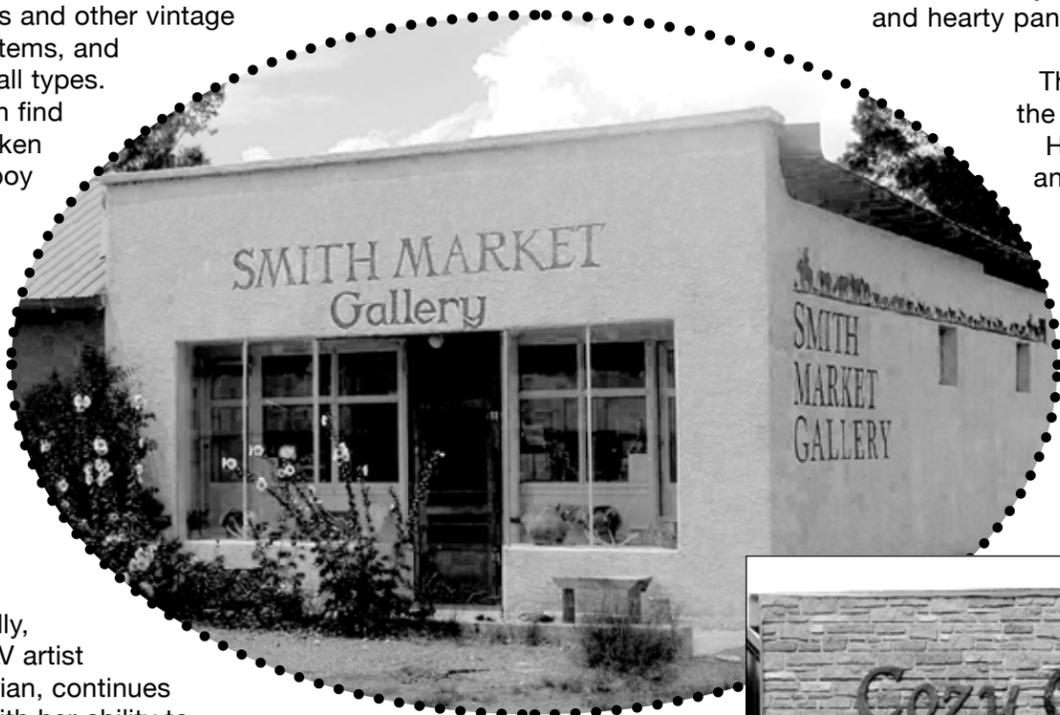
In addition to the beautiful handmade items is an interesting collection of western decorating items, which include saddles and other vintage horse-related items, and tobacciana of all types. You might even find an already-broken in pair of cowboy boots to make your western outfit complete.

If you are looking for antlers to decorate your house or garden, be sure to stop in and see our selection.

Additionally, well-known SLV artist Yvonne Halburian, continues to amaze us with her ability to capture the clarity and beauty of the valley in her watercolors. We are privileged to have in stock prints of Yvonne's famous maps of the valley's rock art and the Old Spanish Trail.

We are also featuring work by the wood artist Slim Wolfe. His furniture is both creative and functional.

We look forward to your visit, but suggest you call to ensure we are open, 719-655-0155.



Explore local history at Saguache County Museum

Start off your July 4th holiday morning with a delicious and hearty pancake breakfast for only \$5 in the yard at the Saguache County Museum, 7-11am.

The Diary of John Lawrence will be on sale in the Gift Shop for \$15. New books have arrived: High Country Cowboys, History of Ranching, and Unbroken Spirits, the story of three brave southern Colorado women.

July Sunday afternoon programs at 1:30pm will include on July 10, Brian Fredericks, BLM Archeologist. Call the Museum at 655-2557 for the July date for the program on Women Airforce Service Pilots, as Glenna Tracy and Julie Geiser speak about their mother's WASP experience.

Cozy Castle Cinema

The Cozy Castle Cinema, located at 403 4th Street in downtown Saguache, operates year round showing first-run movies and foreign films. First-run movies are shown every weekend. All showtimes are Friday 7pm, Saturday 4pm and 7pm, and Sunday 7pm. In addition to first-run movies, the cinema also showcases foreign films the first Thursday of every month starting at 7pm. Ticket prices are \$7 for all ages; children 3 and under are free. Cozy Castle Cinema features an all-digital cinema, amazing DTS 7.1 surround sound, all carpeted floors, high back rocker chairs, extended leg room, and a fully stocked concession stand. All this plus a warm, inviting, cozy atmosphere. Cozy Castle Cinema owners, Scott and Pearl Alexander, welcome you to experience a movie with us. Come by the cinema, sit back and enjoy the show. You won't be disappointed. For feature film and showtime information, call the movie hotline at 719-221-4159. Hope to see you here!

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'Sundays at Six' free summer concerts

One of the mainstays of the Alamosa Live Music Association is its free summer concert series, known locally as Sundays at Six. Sundays at Six started a number of years back and has grown into a hallmark of the San Luis Valley summertime season. For two of the most beautiful months in our fair valley, the community is exposed to all kinds of music, performed by everyone from the neighbor down the street to nationally recognized touring musicians. Please join us at the family-friendly Cole Park in Alamosa, starting on June 26, for this year's offerings. Check out the 2016 lineup in our accompanying ad.

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- JULY 31 - RICHMOND BROTHERS (COUNTRY/AMERICANA)
- AUG 7 - MARIACHI SAN LUIS (MEXICAN FOLK)
- AUG 21 - SLV BIG BAND (JAZZ)

Free movies at Zacheis Planetarium

This summer the Adams State University Zacheis Planetarium will offer free double feature movies every other Saturday at 3 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

- The schedule will include:
- July 9: 3 p.m. Supervolcanoes
3:45 p.m. Life: A Cosmic Story
 - July 23: 3 p.m. Exploding Universe
3:45 p.m. Dream to Fly
 - August 6: 3 p.m. Extreme Planets
3:45 p.m. Astronaut 2012
 - August 20: 3 p.m. Escher's Universe
3:45 p.m. Stars of the Pharaohs

As always, admission is free for everyone, just check in at the front desk. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For movie descriptions and more visit blogs.adams.edu/zacheis.

Weekends

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for the amateur as well as elite runners.

- 6-7:30pm: Bicycling clinics for kids. Adams State Adventure Sports and other bicyclists will provide fun and informative clinics each week at the Cole Park Pump Track and Skate Park. Bring your own bike but if you don't have one, Kristi Mountain Sports and the Colorado Health Foundation have generously helped provide some to borrow.

- 4-6:30pm: Stand-up Paddle boarding on the Rio Grande. Learn how to kneel, stand and paddle up and down stream. A wonderful family activity (easier than it looks too!).

In the winter, families and youth will get a chance to try cross-country skiing or snowshoeing along the Rio Grande with free equipment rentals and instruction provided by the members of the San Juan Nordic Club. These programs will be on

Saturdays. Check the club's web page for more information <https://sjnordic.wordpress.com>.

An exciting year-round program called Walk2Connect will begin in August. Community leaders from all over the Valley will be invited to participate in this program. "Walk2Connect is an innovative social enterprise working to create whole-health walking programs focused on connection to others, to the places we live, and ourselves," said program founder Jonathan Stalls. He will be in Alamosa Aug. 1-3 to work with and train anyone who wishes to lead weekly walks throughout Alamosa and other communities. He will design some walks, do a keynote address, train walk leaders and take the community on some amazing walks!

Please come out and enjoy all that these programs have to offer. A website is being developed at www.weekendsontherio.com. Information also is posted on the Weekends on the Rio Facebook page.



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Visit Su Casa's new furniture showroom



Su Casa! Furniture and Sleep Shop owners Jim and Nicole Balaun, have always taken leaps of faith when deciding the next step for their business. At the end of 2008, Nicole lost her job with a large cooperation and decided that she needed to be in control of her own destiny. They purchased an existing 800 square foot home décor store and established Su Casa! in 2009. Their mission was to create a home furnishings store for Salida and surrounding valley residents with affordable prices and respectful customer service. Since inception Su Casa! has expanded several times and at the end of May 2016 moved to an amazing 11,000 square foot showroom. Su Casa! now has many more items in stock to allow customers to purchase off the floor, including many made in the USA: sofas, chairs and even mattresses! They deliver to the valley and will remove old furniture and mattresses for you. SuCasa! will continue creating style and comfort for your home! 300 F Street, Salida. www.SuCasaFurniture.net



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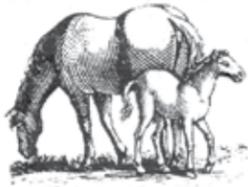
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Encaustic painting workshops

Stephen Futral, aka Ish, learned encaustics as an accident while living at Ein Hod Art Colony in Israel. There was no electricity and to paint at night he used candles.

After knocking them over a few times and throwing out his paintings he decided to pour the wax onto the paper with gouache and india ink and crayons. When he brought his portfolio to various NYC art schools he was told he worked in encaustics. He said, "you mean there's a name to my mistakes?" He continued painting with encaustic for several years and re-enlivened it in the past five years, teaching at the local middle school and the HS mentorship program. He has also offered it as a two-hour workshop at his studio.



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