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## NEW DDA DIRECTOR SETS SIGHTS ON THE 'SMALL STUFF'

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE- As a skydiver who has planned a (weather-permitting) dive as her entrance to the Montrose Chamber of Commerce Gala on Jan. 19, Melissa Lowe knows what it means to go big.

As the new director of the Montrose Downtown Development Authority (DDA) she also knows that sometimes, "We need to focus on the small stuff."

For Lowe, an entrepreneur herself, the first order of business will be a relatively small step forward; "I want to meet everybody, face to face."

In coming weeks Lowe will be checking in with DDA business owners to see who is doing well, who might be struggling,



*Melissa Lowe, a professional sky diver, marketer, and owner of the Yoga House, will step into the role of DDA director following the resignation of former director Sonia Dumas last year.*

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## SEEKING AN AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOME?

*Be proactive with the search, local experts say*



*One of the few residential rental signs to be seen around town this winter. Experts say that those seeking an affordable, residential rental home in this competitive market should be proactive in the search.*

Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Those searching for single family homes for rent in the Montrose area often find available units to be scarce. While there tends to be no shortage of higher priced short-term rentals here, the real reason for the scarcity of long-term residential rentals is simple supply and demand, experts say.

Said Montrose County Housing Authority Executive Director Susan Barrientos, "The biggest complaint we hear is that rents are higher than the [HUD](#) (Housing & Urban Development) payment standard."

The Housing Authority helps to subsidize affordable rentals for those who qualify for assistance, but market forces can make that mission more difficult. "It's kind of a tightrope in between what HUD will pay and what the market will allow," Barrientos said.

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## BOCC PROCLAIMS JANUARY CRIME STOPPERS AWARENESS MONTH



*John W. Nelson, President of Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers and Director of Crime Stoppers USA reads a proclamation declaring January as Crime Stoppers Awareness Month.*



*BOCC Chair Keith Caddy and Commissioner Sue Hansen conduct County business at the first BOCC meeting of 2019.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-At the [first 2019 meeting](#) of the Montrose Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), no public comment was heard, and there were no changes to the agenda. BOCC Chair Keith Caddy welcomed those present, and recognized Montrose City Councilor Doug Glaspell, who was in attendance. "Thank you for coming."

BOCC Vice Chair Roger Rash was not present at the meeting.

### CONSENT AGENDA

[Consent Agenda](#) items were approved unanimously.

### GENERAL BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATIVE

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers President John W. Nelson, also serving as Crime Stoppers USA director, presented a proclamation for consideration and possible adoption. Unanimously approved by the BOCC, the [proclamation](#) declares January to be Crime Stoppers Awareness Month in Montrose.

"The Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. program has empowered the citizens of the City of Montrose, Montrose County, and the surrounding region to take a stand against crime," the proclamation states.

"Tips received have led to the capture of fugitives in Alabama and have resulted in the arrests of criminals in Montrose, Delta and Mesa counties. Over 130 charges have been cleared, over 50 arrests have been made and nearly \$11,000 in rewards have been awarded. Drugs and stolen property have been recovered, with tips increasing as public awareness of the program heightens."

Nelson thanked Crime Stoppers board members and County staffer Susan Byrne for their work on behalf of the program and said that Tips are definitely on the rise. "The last four months things have been going crazy," he noted.

Crime Stoppers is especially effective and needed right now, with both the Montrose County Sheriff's Office and Montrose

Police Department under new leadership and undergoing major organizational changes, Nelson said.

"Right now, they basically need all the help they can get."

"...I do want to thank Crime Stoppers for what they have done for the community over the years," Caddy said.

"...Thank you for all of the work you guys do."

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers has been active since 2014; there are approximately 1,000 Crime Stoppers chapters in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere.

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Three planning & development items were unanimously approved; [a proposal by Trout Creek Minor](#) Subdivision to divide a 36.61-acre parcel into three lots; [a proposal by Vernal Road Minor](#) Subdivision to divide a 5.3-acre parcel into three lots; and a [proposal by K.W. Large Tract](#) Exemption to create two lots from a 90-acre tract.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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## ***SEEKING AN AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOME?*** ***From pg 1***

Local realtor John Renfrow, who works with both residential and commercial properties, said that commercial rentals are "kind of stagnant" at the moment, with a vibrant South Townsend business sector offset by an increasing number of vacancies downtown.

Residential rentals, on the other hand, are in high demand and priced accordingly.

"The market is coming back and there are more jobs here," Renfrow said. "The

economy is doing well. People are moving to the area, and a lot of them want to rent before they buy."

To find a long-term residential rental, be proactive, Renfrow advised.

"Start early," he said. "Call a lot of property management companies and see if you can get on their wait list."

Would-be renters are even calling home sellers to ask about leasing properties that are on the market, he noted.

Ben Alexander of Colorado West Proper-

ty Management said that demand has slowed slightly from six months ago, but that the slowdown is typical of the winter months.

"There's not a lot that's empty, but we do have several available now," Alexander said.

"Demand is strong; we ought to be careful about adding too many more units to the inventory.

"I think it's pretty evenly matched between supply and demand."

## **REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

### **MONTROSE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

*Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE-The public is invited to attend Montrose County's annual re-organization of the board and swearing in ceremony on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, at 9:30 am at the Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th Street). During this regularly scheduled board meeting, the following individuals will be sworn-in to office: Commissioner-Elect Sue Hansen (currently seated), Coroner-Elect Dr. Thomas Canfield (currently seated), Clerk and Recorder-Elect Tressa Guynes (currently seated), Assessor-Elect Brad Hughes (currently seated), and Sheriff-Elect Gene R. Lillard. Additionally, the county will appoint several of its officers/directors as dictated by statute including veteran service officer, finance director, and more. The regularly scheduled board meeting will take place first followed by the swearing-in ceremonies. For board meeting agendas, please visit: <http://www.montrosecounty.net/390/Agendas-Minutes-Upcoming-Board-Meetings>.

Due to the alternate location, this meeting will not be live-streamed. An audio recording will be posted on [www.montrosecounty.net](http://www.montrosecounty.net) at a later date.

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## **PROCLAMATION**

### **National Crime Stoppers Awareness Month January 2019**

**WHEREAS**, crime is a cancer on our society. It tears apart lives and breeds feelings of fear, anger and helplessness. As caring citizens, we are obligated to do everything in our power to ensure that our communities are not victimized by criminals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. program has empowered the citizens of the City of Montrose, Montrose County and the surrounding region to take a stand against crime. This program brings together businesses, citizens, law enforcement, the school district, and the media to combat crime and make our communities safer; and

**WHEREAS**, combining media awareness, monetary rewards and anonymity for tipsters, Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. has created an effective method for solving crimes and helping citizens take back control over their neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. has been effective in Montrose and neighboring counties since 2014. Tips received have led to the capture of fugitives in Alabama and have resulted in arrests of criminals in Montrose, Delta and Mesa Counties. Over 130 charges have been cleared, over 50 arrests have been made and nearly \$11,000 in rewards have been awarded. Drugs and stolen property have been recovered, with Tips increasing as public awareness of the effectiveness of the program heightens; and

**WHEREAS**, Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. works with all law enforcement agencies, including Colorado State Patrol, Montrose, Ouray, Ridgway, Delta and Grand Junction police and marshals' departments and sheriffs' offices in all 6 counties of the 7th Judicial District; and

**WHEREAS**, Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. is undertaking a month-long campaign to increase awareness of community safety issues as well as awareness of its successful crime prevention and reduction efforts, utilizing the anonymous telephone number 970-249-8500, the mobile app P3 Tips and the website P3Tips.com.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Montrose County Commissioners proclaim January 2019 as National Crime Stoppers Awareness Month in Montrose County and call upon its residents to join Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. in an effort to help prevent crime, apprehend criminals, and make our communities safer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we hereunto set our hands and cause to be affixed the official seal of Montrose County this 2nd day of January, 2019.

Montrose County Board of Commissioners

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# MONTROSE DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE TO RELOCATE

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DENVER-- The Montrose Driver License Office, currently located at 86 Rose Lane in Montrose, will relocate to 2305 S. Townsend Ave., Unit C, on Jan. 11. The office will close at 3 p.m. Jan. 9 and be closed Jan. 10, while equipment is moved and installed in the new location.

The new location, located 2.3 miles from the previous location, offers more space,

which will allow the DMV to maintain the current level of service, while allowing for future options of expanding service capability.

The new Montrose location is part of a larger DMV initiative to update, improve and expand facilities across the state of Colorado. Other recent projects include moving the Glenwood Springs office to a larger location and opening a new driver

license office in Westminster.

Individuals are reminded that online services, including driver license renewal, driving records and citation payment will remain available throughout the move at [mydmv.colorado.gov](http://mydmv.colorado.gov).

For a complete list of Colorado driver license locations or additional information, please visit [www.colorado.gov/dmv](http://www.colorado.gov/dmv).

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and to build an engaged network of those who earn their livelihoods in the Downtown business district. Her principal goal? "Keeping business here."

Ideas for the future include conferences, a downtown awards program, and contests. With a background in digital marketing, business development, and physical fitness (she is a professional skydiver and owns the Yoga House), Lowe intends to combine her planning and team-building skills with her proven marketing expertise.

"My ideas are not about big flashy stuff," she said. "It's more about getting into the nitty gritty. I really love this place...I want to keep things on track, I want us to be an asset."

Lowe has researched the DDA's history and read the plan of development. She has taken stock of tools, such as the newly

-created façade improvement program, and she is developing a plan based on available resources. She is also compiling packets of materials for new businesses and for potential businesses.

"I want to encourage people," she said. "I want them to stay."

Seeing the big picture is also important, she said. "We have to be more creative—if you have a problem, get to the root. And looking at the long term, sometimes we have to spend money to make money."

Where missions overlap, the DDA should complement other organizations rather than compete, she said.



*Getting out and meeting business owners within the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) boundaries is a priority for new DDA Director Melissa Lowe.*

"I am excited," Lowe said. "I see this as a long-term deal."

Lowe can be reached at [mlowe@montrosedowntown.com](mailto:mlowe@montrosedowntown.com).



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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### CRIME STOPPERS ALERT-SHOPLIFTING AND THEFT



*Courtesy photo Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers.*

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MONTROSE REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS, INC. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspect in the shoplifting and theft of liquor at West Main Liquors, located at 113 West Main Street in Montrose.

On Sunday, Dec. 9th, at approximately 3:30 p.m., a white male suspect concealed a container of alcohol and exited the store without paying for it. A clear photo of the suspect was captured on surveillance video.

Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### MCSO SEARCH WARRANTS UNCOVER SUSPECTED DRUGS, CASH, FIREARMS

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MONTROSE— On Dec. 11, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant in the 14000 block of 6355 Road.

The search of the residence uncovered two medium-sized safes and three firearms (two of which were stolen), which were stored as evidence at the Sheriff's Office. Following a second search warrant, the safes were found to contain approximately \$6,000 in cash and 2.5 pounds of suspected methamphetamine worth approximately \$10,000-15,000.

"This bust was directly the result of hard work by one of my deputies," said Sheriff Rick Dunlap. "He would frequently pull over and write reports from his patrol vehicle so he could observe the house. Ultimately, that hard work led to probable cause for a warrant. I'd like to congratulate this deputy and his crew for their hard work."

Following the investigation, a warrant was issued for the arrest of David Mendoza. To date, Mr. Mendoza has not been located. An old booking photo of Mr. Mendoza and a photo of the suspected meth in the safe

are attached. Anyone with information regarding Mr. Mendoza's whereabouts is encouraged to contact the Montrose



**Mr. Mendoza, right, and a photo of the suspected meth in the safe. Courtesy photo.**

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## CITY CREWS CLEAR THE WAY AFTER RECENT SNOWS



### Mirror staff report

MONTROSE-Following a snowy New Year's weekend, City of Montrose snow removal crews were on the job by 4:30 a.m. Jan. 2, despite various mechanical issues and temperatures that dipped to eight below.

City of Montrose Streets Superintendent John Cain said that his own 10-person department was joined by seven staffers from other divisions in the effort to clean up after the significant snowfall left by recent storms.

Loading a truck is greatly simplified by the "snogo" machine pictured here, Cain said. "We can load a truck in less than 30 seconds."

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COUNTY RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO TEST HOMES FOR RADON DURING JANUARY

#### *Special to the Mirror*

MONTROSE- Montrose County is offering free radon test kits during the month of January in an effort to protect county residents from a leading cause of lung cancer. Winter is the perfect time to test your home for radon, according to Christine Kelley, radon program manager for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

"Testing your home for radon is simple and works best when all your doors and windows are closed," Kelley said. "That's why January is a great time to test, during National Radon Action Month."

"Montrose County is glad to offer free radon test kits to community members," said Environmental and Public Health

Manager Jim Austin. "The kits are an easy way to protect your family and know your risk. There are also resources available to aid with mitigation assistance."

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas responsible for hundreds of Colorado lung cancer deaths each year. The colorless, odorless, tasteless gas can enter homes through minuscule cracks in the floor or small spaces around utility pipes. It can accumulate unless properly mitigated. Long-term radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. More Americans die from lung cancer than any other cancer.

The State Board of Health has declared January as Radon Action Month, and state

environmental officials hope residents will take the time to test their homes. Kelley encouraged all Colorado citizens to protect their families from the serious health risks associated with radon by testing and reducing any elevated radon levels found in their homes.

Testing is easy and affordable. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's [website](#) also lists contractors certified by the National Radon Proficiency Program who install systems to mitigate radon. Colorado residents also can call the state's Radon Hotline at 1-800-846-3986. Free test kits are available at Montrose County Health and Human Services offices at 1845 South Townsend Avenue.

### CO PARKS & WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETS JAN. 9 - 10 IN DENVER

#### *Special to the Mirror*

DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss the Species Conservation Trust Fund, the Novice Hunter Program, a financial prospectus of the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex, policies concerning sponsorship and commission operations, and will present the Order of Conservation Award at its January meeting.

The Commission will also consider hunter perspectives about CWD and management, the Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan, and hear an update on the Colorado Wildlife & Transportation Alliance.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 4:15 p.m. on January 9 at CPW's Hunter Education Building at

6060 Broadway in Denver.

The meeting will reconvene at the same location at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 10 and will adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

Additional agenda items include:

Annual review of big game regulations (including annual changes to season dates, limited license areas, quotas and manner of take provisions for bighorn sheep and mountain goat)

Herd Management Plans for RBS-05, D-26, E-26, and E-18

Annual review of small game regulations  
Annual review of wildlife properties controlled by the Division of Parks and Wildlife, including State Trust Lands leased by the Division

Department of Agriculture Update

Department of Natural Resources Update

Financial Update

GOCO Update

Executive Session

[A complete agenda](#) for this meeting can be found on the [CPW website](#).


The commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can listen to commission meetings through [the CPW website](#). This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on [the CPW website](#). The next commission meeting will take place March 13 - 14 in Denver.



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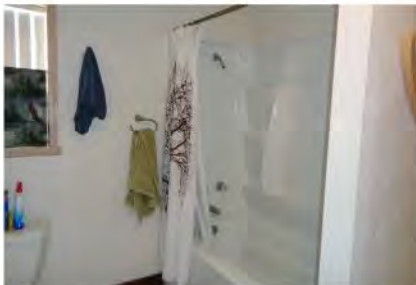
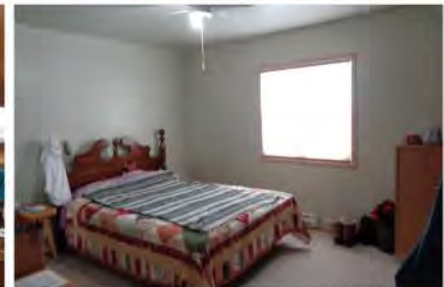
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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

# CDOT WARNS ABOUT UNATTENDED VEHICLES

*Special to the Mirror*

COLORADO-Recent welcomed snowstorms have encouraged backcountry users to plan their next outdoor adventure – packing up skis and snowshoes into the car or loading snowmobiles on to trailers. Meanwhile, for CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation), the accumulating snow means deploying snowplow operators and winter equipment to clear the highways and keep the roads safe for travelers.

CDOT recognizes and appreciates that the public uses and enjoys Colorado's backcountry, but reminds and urges outdoor enthusiasts to do so safely.

Recreationists should be aware of avalanche conditions in the high country and any avalanche control operations that may be planned.

"Always obey road closures set in place for avalanche control mitigation and wait until authorities open the highway to ensure snow slide operations have been completed and roads cleared," said Paul Wilson, CDOT maintenance foreman who supervises operations for US Highway (US) 550 Red Mountain, Molas and Coal Bank passes of the southern San Juan Mountains. "Backcountry users should NEVER leave vehicles near or adjacent to snow slide areas, which are always well marked with signs."

CDOT advises those who use the backcountry to be careful when parking and leaving vehicles along the roadway.

Anyone leaving a vehicle unattended on the side of the road, runs the risk of breaking the law and having their vehicle towed away by law enforcement.

Backcountry users should park only in clearly marked and designated parking areas, typically found at the summit of mountain passes and at some trail heads.

Some areas along the highway may provide ample room to park several feet away and off the asphalt. But CDOT reminds vehicle owners that they run the risk of being trapped with snow pushed by the plow. Vehicles left on the side of the road also make the plowing job difficult for road maintenance crews.

"Our main objective is to clear the roadway as quickly and efficiently as possible so that the highway is made passable and safe for all travelers," continued Wilson.

"Our crews work in all sorts of weather conditions. When visibility is low and a plow comes upon a vehicle parked on the side of the road, there is potential for a collision. The vehicle could be damaged by the passing plow. Plus, this puts our operator's safety at risk and operations get behind schedule because of needed repairs or replacement of our own CDOT equipment."

**OBEY THE LAW:** Backcountry users are also advised that when leaving vehicles on the shoulder of the road, they are at risk of being fined and their vehicle being towed away.

Owners who leave vehicles unattended on the side of the road are at risk of obstructing the operations of heavy equipment which is in violation of state law.

**2016 Colorado Revised Statutes**



*This caution sign, along US 550 Coal Bank Pass north of Durango, indicates an avalanche area and advises that there is no stopping or standing at the location. Backcountry users are urged to watch for these signs and never park vehicles or trailers on the side of the road at these sites. CDOT Courtesy photo.*

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Article 4. Regulation of Vehicles and Traffic

Part 18. Vehicles Abandoned on Public Property

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### **DOWNTOWN COLORADO, INC. (DCI) ANNOUNCES 2019 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR DOWNTOWN EXCELLENCE**

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DENVER - Since 2003, the Downtown Colorado, Inc. (DCI) Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence have recognized outstanding projects and people in Colorado that demonstrate creativity in the face of challenges, unlikely and enduring partnerships and dedication to community to further downtown initiatives.

Each year the Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence serve as a highlight for DCI's IN THE GAME Vibrant Downtown Event, an annual conference for downtown champions, resources, and stewards. The 2019 IN THE GAME event will be in Aspen, CO April 9-12, and the Governor's Awards will be presented on Thursday, April 11, 2019 in Aspen, CO. The Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence will celebrate the amazing projects and people that are committed to economic and community revitalization in Colorado.

The 2019 Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence categories are:

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## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### SAN MIGUEL POWER SENDS OUT OVER \$1.1M IN MEMBER DIVIDENDS

#### Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-In December, San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) sent more than \$1.1 million in Member Dividends to the consumer-members. This move completes the process by which excess revenues get shared back with consumers over time.

In a typical year, SMPA collects more than enough revenue to cover its expenses. The excess revenue, called "margins" is allocated to each consumer in proportion to their contributions for that year. For a period of time, this capital can be used by the cooperative to finance operations and construction. This helps keep

rates at an affordable level by reducing the amount of funds that must be borrowed to maintain and enhance SMPA's existing electric system.

When the Board determines the time is right, allocations for a given year or combination of years are cashed out as "Member Dividends" and returned to the members.

This month, many SMPA members received checks in the mail. These checks are good for ninety days, but members who did not get them claimed in time may request a re-issued check for up to six months. The final deadline to deposit or

cash these funds is June 26, 2019.

The dividends represent allocations from the years 1989, 1991, and 1992. The majority of members received dividend checks between \$20 and \$250. Some large power users, including towns, counties, and schools received checks over \$4000.

"Giving member dividends back to you is one of the ways we distinguish ourselves from investor-owned, for-profit utilities," said Board President, Rube Felicelli. "It's a commitment that is absolutely foundational for an electric cooperative like SMPA."

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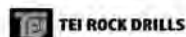
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## BACKCOUNTRY SKIER LOSES LIFE IN OURAY COUNTY AVALANCHE

### *Mirror Staff Report*

OURAY COUNTY-According to the [Colorado Avalanche Information Center \(CAIC\)](#), a backcountry skier was caught, buried, and killed in an avalanche in Ouray County's upper Senator Beck Basin on Saturday, Jan. 5, northwest of Red Mountain Pass. Four other skiers were rescued.

The [San Juan County Sheriff's Office](#) posted on Facebook Saturday that rescue workers from La Plata, San Juan, and Ouray counties assisted with rescue efforts.

According to the CAIC, over the last 10 seasons, they have documented 11 incidents and accidents during the first week of the New Year. In 2018, the first avalanche fatality involving a backcountry skier took place between Red Mountain Pass and Silverton. No further details on the Jan. 5, 2019 fatality have been released at this time.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### COLLBRAN MAN ARRESTED AFTER SATURDAY NIGHT SHOOTING

#### *Special to the Mirror*

COLLBRAN- On Jan. 5, 2019, at approximately 7:56 pm, Mesa County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched to a reported shooting at 513 Glenarm Avenue #5, in the town of Collbran. When deputies arrived they found an adult female deceased inside.

After developing information on a suspect, an attempt to locate was issued for Adam Trevor Boggie, age 36, of Collbran.

Mr. Boggie was located and arrested without incident on I-70, Mile Marker 87, by Garfield County Law Enforcement at approximately 9 pm.

Mr. Boggie was transported to the Mesa County Detention Facility, where he is being held on Murder in the Second Degree charges.

No bond has been set for Mr. Boggie.

Mesa County Sheriff's Office Investigators will work with the Mesa County Coroner to positively identify the victim and to determine the cause and manner of death.



**Adam Boggie, age 36**  
**MCSO Photo 1-6-19.**

News, if unreported, has no impact.  
It might as well have not happened at all.  
*Thank you for reading The Montrose Mirror.*



## OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

# POLITICALLY CORRECT CULTURE HAS A BLINDSPOT

By Matt Johnson

UNITED STATES—In a lecture at the [Heartland Festival](#) last year, the Slovenian social philosopher Slavoj Žižek pointed out that proponents of political correctness (PC) often do not bring poor and working-class white people under their mantle of protection. While many decry PC for going too far in the context of gender, race, sexuality, etc., in the context of social class, it does not go far enough.

A lack of class consciousness was a major feature of American culture from the beginning. French historian [Alexis de Tocqueville](#), writing in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, famously noted the prominence of the American value of equality while identifying historical explanations for this, such as the lack of an American royal family or peasantry.

Then there is the far more recent observation, attributed to [Ronald Wright](#) that "... the poor see themselves not as an exploited proletariat but as temporarily embarrassed millionaires." In other words, the underclass does not identify as such in the United States; therefore, there is (perceived) equality between rich and poor. The [Horatio Alger myth](#) is near-gospel, but upward class mobility is a canard that is useful to those who benefit from working class illusion that they are likely to be well off some day. Developing class consciousness is threatening to billionaires and is thus discouraged. This is one reason socialism has long been considered a dirty word despite the popularity of socialist policies, such as Social Security and Medicare—or the public roads, bridges, and highways.

It is an indication of the cultural power of perceived equality that even the American left does not draw a line between rich whites and poor whites the way it does between whites and people of color, men and women, heteronormative and queer

folks, and so on. Speaking for myself, I have never been labeled — at least not in any discernable way — as lower-middle class (which I am at best) or economically insecure (which I have been at times), even though there has often been a noticeable gap between my family's financial and education attainment and that of the people I choose to associate with in the personal, professional, and political (organizing) realm.

It is partly due to this background that I am a critic of PC because, although I agree with most of the goals of so-called '[social justice warriors](#)' (SJWs), their tactics simply do not appeal to the under-educated and under-employed (or the over-employed-but-under-paid) masses.

I started discussing this problem more than 10 years ago with my peers, who at the time were radical college students (SJW-types) like me. We asked ourselves: how do we appeal to those who may share our goals but not our *language*? Is it fair, for example, to label a working-class white man a racist for using the phrase "colored people" out of ignorance rather than malice? Also, how do we educate him without coming off as condescending and thus alienating him further?

Unlike many of my peers, I did not regard these questions as academic; I wanted to know how to appeal to my family members, many of whom still do not use or recognize the terms "people of color," "LGBTQ+," "intersectionality," and so on. My father once (erroneously in my opinion) referred to Malcolm X as "racist" (against whites) because he had not learned enough about anti-black oppression to understand that Malcolm's rhetoric was designed to incite emancipatory consciousness and not racial hatred



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for its own sake.

It took only a few minutes of constructive, respectful dialogue to convince my father to rethink his position whereas a knee-jerk reaction with the intent of upholding politically correct modes of discourse would have been counterproductive and distancing. I favor "calling in," not so much "calling out."

The same approach could be taken to someone making a racist or a sexist joke as opposed to shaming the person for it. One could ask questions with the intention of identifying the attitudes lurking behind the attempt at humor. Jokes, after all, do not always represent where an individual stands on a complex issue and can easily be misinterpreted.

To be clear, I am not arguing that civility is only important for those who are educated. This would be classist and condescending, but it is equally classist and condescending for educated people to expect less-educated people to adopt their way of speaking, which implies adopting their way of *thinking* as well. This is not a progressive approach to social change.

It is time to integrate the labels progressive and conservative—both should favor human and civil rights, economic justice, a clean environment, and a robust democracy. This approach to social change is one that meets people where they *are* and not where they are expected to be.

# OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

## NO LOVE FOR A LIFE LOST TOO SOON AT LOVELAND SKI RESORT



*Editor's note: The final and 4<sup>th</sup> part of the Safe Skiing Series is written as a letter to the editor by Randall White of Montrose, founder of Safe Skiing Advocates. This article is the opinion of the writer and should not be considered the opinion of the Montrose Mirror. It discusses the other spectrum of ski safety in Colorado, that of ski employees. White talks about the death of an employee on Colorado's ski slopes, at Loveland Ski Area.*

By Randall White

Safe Skiing Advocates, Montrose  
COLORADO-From what was an allegedly preventable fatal accident on Dec 28, 2017, a widow and family of four children are now in a destitute state in nearby Clear Creek County.

The Loveland Ski Area immediately mischaracterized 42-year-old Adam Lee's fatality as "a freak accident." The ski area then went about shifting the blame onto the deceased employee, told other employees 'not to say anything,' and fired an associate employee to help conceal the truth.

Lee's widow, Erika Lee, was initially provided Workman's Compensation widow benefits. Those benefits were reduced by 50 percent when it was revealed that Adam had some level of THC present during the autopsy. Harsh as that is, it is legal -- unless the deceased was an innocent victim of negligence by other employees or the company. That [allegedly is the case, according to the OSHA Investigation findings](#), and a local police report.

To make matters worse, months later Erika

was fired from her school teacher position over 'pretext allegations' of parent complaints and work performance, she says. Erika has said the reality is that the community fears and turns on people who stand up to the ski business, and marginalizes them.

The OSHA incident report of Lee's death included 16 violation items, 14 serious and aggregate fines of \$64, 673. Among the violations were three counts involving a Lock-out tag, a confined space, and a hazard communication. Even without the complete details of the investigation it is possible to construct a scenario where safety lock-out procedures were not in place, nor was communication (training), and a willing but new employee (former lift attendant) was consequently put in the jaws of a death trap, and another, perhaps untrained, employee pushed the button to close those jaws. Father, husband, son, and friend gone in a few seconds of negligence.

On Dec. 13, 2013, the manufacturers of the Magic Carpet Lift (the lift involved in this accident) issued a technical bulletin referencing national safety standards and requiring safety protection action by Magic Carpet owners.

The bulletin indicates in part "...injuries continue to individuals that ignore warnings and procedures..." It appears that Loveland may be among those that ignored the technical warning and had no procedures in place.

On page 18 of the police report, a worker at Loveland is quoted "...Adam was the

newest mechanic and he was put in a lot of dangerous situations while he was working there.... Adam got told to do the job by himself... his partner was the other new guy and they were unsupervised by professionals who were experienced." Also in a separate notation on page 18/19 in the police report, "...people at Loveland were told not to talk..." and "...he (Adam) wasn't certified and there wasn't a second person there..." and finally "...concerned that people are covering up for people." Lastly, from the police report there is a series of interviews with various individuals, including the Colorado Dept. of Regulatory Agencies (Tramway Board) Rep. Lawrence Smith. The sum of all those recorded interviews can be characterized as confused and inconsistent.

In a nutshell, the particular equipment, "Mini Magic Carpet," was only two weeks old and Adam Lee was an apparently rookie maintenance worker untrained and not certified to maintain the equipment. Retired ski accident investigator Steve Chaladoff has indicated the police report was thorough, and that widow Erika Lee likely has a good case for a wrongful death lawsuit.

In my opinion, the conduct of Loveland Management ought to be investigated by the local district attorney's office for potential criminal negligence charges.

District Attorney Bruce Brown has confirmed he is "in the process of requesting and reviewing investigative information from OSHA and other sources in consideration of potentially reopening the case."

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### STATEMENT ON PROTECTING NATIONAL PARKS WHILE PROVIDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ACCESS DURING LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS

By P. Daniel Smith

Deputy Director, National Park Service

UNITED STATES—During the lapse of appropriations, the men and women of the National Park Service who have remained on duty have gone to incredible lengths to keep America's iconic national parks as accessible as possible to the American public. Thanks to the strong relationships that many national parks have built with partners across the country, a number of states, private concession companies, and park nonprofit groups have stepped up to provide millions of dollars' worth of donations and in-kind services to help more than 40 parks continue to provide key services for visitors.

As the lapse in appropriations continues, it has become clear that highly-visited parks with limited staff have urgent needs that cannot be addressed solely through the generosity of our partners.

Over the last few days the Acting Secretary of the Department of the Interior David Bernhardt and the National Park Service (NPS) have explored a number of options to address the maintenance and sanitation issues that have arisen at a number of highly visited parks while keeping our commitment to the American public to ensure they have access to their lands.

The NPS currently has funds derived from entrance, camping, parking and other fees collected from park visitors that would typically be used for future projects at parks. After consultation with the Office of the Solicitor at the Department of the Interior, it has been determined that these funds can and should be used to provide immediate assistance and services to highly visited parks during the lapse in appropriations.

We are taking this extraordinary step to

ensure that parks are protected, and that visitors can continue to access parks with limited basic services.

In the coming days the NPS will begin to use these funds to clean up trash that has built up at numerous parks, clean and maintain restrooms, bring additional law enforcement rangers into parks to patrol accessible areas, and to restore accessibility to areas that would typically be accessible this time of year. While the NPS will not be able to fully open parks, and many of the smaller sites around the country will remain closed, utilizing these funds now will allow the American public to safely visit many of our nation's national parks while providing these iconic treasures the protection they deserve.

Visitors should go to [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) and select "Find a Park" for additional information on access to parks and sites in a particular area.



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# ART & SOL

## TWO NIGHTS, TWO SHOWS LIVE AT CLUB RED FEATURING THE FLOOZIES AND THE MOTET

### *Special to Art & Sol*

TELLURIDE-Beyond the Groove is thrilled to announce back-to-back nights of music on Jan. 11 and 12, 2019 at Club Red.

The Floozies start the weekend on Friday, Jan. 11 comprised of producer/guitarist Matt Hill and drummer Mark Hill, two brothers from Lawrence, KS. They bring their fresh approach to electronic music and live performance. The duo's combination of cutting-edge electronic production and party rocking funk energizes crowds and turns venues into epic dance parties.

Maddy O'Neal will open the show starting a new chapter with the launch of her new self-titled project 'Maddy O'Neal.' Breaking free from the past and stepping out on her own for the first time in her music career. Maddy is determined to become a female leader in the very diverse electronic genre. Maddy's rock n' roll family roots and growing appetite for old-school hip-hop, give her a versatility that sets her apart from other artists in the scene.

The show is all ages, with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. and the show starting at 8:00 p.m. Tickets start at \$25 for general admission with preferred seating tickets available at \$35 and \$45.

On Saturday, Jan. 12, Denver-based funk



*Club Red. Courtesy photo.*

band The Motet return to Club Red. Fusing fiery funk, simmering soul, and improvisational inventiveness, the Denver, CO seven-piece—Lyle Divinsky [vocals], Dave Watts [drums], Joey Porter [keyboards], Garrett Sayers [bass], Ryan Jalbert [guitar], Parris Fleming [trumpet], and Drew Sayers [saxophone]—have continually provided an escape for listeners over the course of

seven full-length albums since 1998, including their latest release Totem and with an upcoming 2019 release.

The show is all ages, with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. and the show starting at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets start at \$30 for general admission with preferred seating tickets available at \$40 and \$50.





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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### WOMEN'S MARCH COMES TO MONTROSE JAN. 19

#### *Special to Art & Sol*

MONTROSE-Montrose, Colorado is mobilizing for unity. Alongside events taking place in Durango, Grand Junction, Denver, and throughout Colorado and the world, and in conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Women's March on Washington, Western Slope citizens will gather in Montrose for a demonstration to unify the community, affect change from a grassroots level, and to support equality and opportunity for all.

The march will take place from 10 - 11am on Saturday, Jan. 19 beginning at Demoret Park, 246 E. Main Street in Montrose (marchers are encouraged to arrive at 9:30 am). The route will conclude at Centennial Plaza at approximately 11 am where participants will be treated to live music from Gabrielle Louise and the Deli-

cious House Band, as well as a slate of inspiring guest speakers from around the region including Rachel Esters, diversity and leadership trainer, Karl Hanlon, primary house candidate for Colorado's District 3, Kori Keil Zapletal, Montrose Public Defenders office, and others.

Coffee Trader has generously donated coffee and hot chocolate for the event. Participants are encouraged to bring their own signs with an emphasis on positive expression.

The project is a collaboration between local, statewide and national organizations including D3 Indivisible Colorado, Western Colorado Alliance, Uncompahgre Valley Alliance, Hispanic Affairs Project, Indivisible Montrose, Community Spirit Church and Vote Common Good, in an effort to promote the protection of the inalienable

rights and freedoms afforded to all Americans by the U.S. Constitution through respectful engagement – even when we disagree.

The event supports all members of our society, regardless of race, gender, economic status, citizenship status, disability, religion, political belief or sexual orientation, with the understanding that all citizens have the right to prosper and live freely in safe and healthy environments.

Additionally, the march endorses the application of clear, fair, and consistently applied immigration laws that do not discriminate against any person based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or origin, and advocates for the building bridges and gateways rather than walls.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### NATALIE SPENCER NAMED TO PRESIDENT'S LIST AT BOB JONES UNIVERSITY



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GREENVILLE, SC-- Natalie Spencer, a Freshman Early Childhood Education major of Montrose, was among approximately 550 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2018 President's List. The President's List recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: OUTDOOR RECREATION

### GUIDED SNOWSHOE TOUR OF THE RED MOUNTAIN MINING DISTRICT

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OURAY-Join Ouray Historian Don Paulson for a fun, informative snowshoe adventure into historic mine sites. Moderate difficulty level (elevation: 8,000-plus).

Date & Time: Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meeting Place: Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave, Ouray, CO 81427 (from there we will carpool to CR 31)

What to Bring: snowshoes, cross country or touring gear, appropriate clothing & accessories to keep you comfy & happy, lunch, water, sunscreen, friends, kids, but please leave your furry friends at home (*Need snowshoes? Ridgway Adventure Sports is offering a 10 percent discount on rentals for this tour! Find out more by calling 970-626-8500 or stopping by 109 N. Lena St., Ridgway.*)

Registration: spaces are limited to 20. Do not delay, sign up now! We kindly request a \$30 donation to support our nonprofit tour hosts, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership and Ouray County Historical Society. Email Tanya at [uwpcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:uwpcommunications@gmail.com) to get a registration link or leave a message at 970-325-3010.

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## COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

# RARE SUFFOLK HORSE HITCH TO APPEAR AT NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW PARADE

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MONTROSE -American AgCredit, along with Montrose, Colorado's Y Bar Hitch, will join together to present the impressive Y Bar Suffolk Punch Draft Hitch at the National Western Stock Show Parade. The Y Bar horses, the only working six horse hitch of registered Suffolk Punch Draft horses in North America, will appear as part of the NWSS Parade on Jan. 10 in downtown Denver, Colorado.

These extremely rare horses, driven six-up by Valorie Barnica of the Y Bar Hitch, represent a working tie to the great Suffolk horses that helped shape agriculture in the United States more than a century ago. "These horses need to be seen, appreciated, remembered, and their culture preserved," said Valorie, adding, "I am so proud to be able to bring them out on the National Western stage, and appreciate this partnership with American AgCredit."

Founded in 1916, American AgCredit is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System and is the nation's sixth largest Farm Credit cooperative.

American AgCredit specializes in providing financial services to agricultural and rural customers throughout California, Nevada, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and New Mexico – as well as to capital markets customers throughout the country.



*The Y Bar horses, the only working six horse hitch of registered Suffolk Punch Draft horses in North America. Courtesy photo.*

Suffolk Punch horses evolved in the farmland of Suffolk and Norfolk counties in England and were imported into the United States in the late 1800s. At the outset of WWI, there were 1.3 million of them in the U.K alone. Today, only about 200 head remain, with perhaps 900+ more scattered in very small herds across North America. The Y Bar Hitch Horses, assembled from bloodlines across the western United States and Canada, are one of the finest remaining herds.

The hitch coming to Denver features mares Rose and Goldie, each weighing

more than 2,200 lbs. The six are presented in traditional style, with regal oak/brass hames on leather harness, hitched to a historic oak hitch wagon weighing in excess of 3,200 lbs.

"We are pleased to help bring these beautiful, proud, and extremely rare horses to the public," said Greg Reno, senior vice-president of American AgCredit.

"Our partnership with the Y Bar Hitch horses represents both a tie to the great traditions of our agricultural heritage and a strong vision moving forward in lockstep with our industry partners."



## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS: AGRICULTURE

# STATE'S FOREMOST WATER AUTHORITY KEVIN REIN TO ANCHOR WATER WORKSHOP JAN. 25



**State Water Engineer and Director of Water Resources Kevin Rein. Courtesy photo.**



**Ben Hartman, author of *The Lean Farm*. Courtesy photo.**



**Bill Parker of Parker Pastures in Gunnison. Courtesy photo.**

conditions last summer left you needing to understand your water rights more thoroughly, Kevin Rein, State Water Engineer and Director of Water Resources will present an in-depth workshop in Montrose Jan. 25, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. According to organizer, Aracely Tellez, "Attendees will leave with a clearer understanding of such issues as prior appropriation, or 'first in time, first in right,' and how water law impacts agricultural water use." The presentation will also describe the role of the Colorado River Compact and how the compact determines water supply delivery within and across state lines. The workshop will address what a water shortage declaration might mean for irrigators. Frank Kugel, manager of Gunnison Basin River Conservancy, will discuss ways to participate in leadership roles. Funding of water conservation projects will also be covered.

The Western Water Workshop is part of

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the Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum, a two-day sustainable agriculture conference. It is organized in collaboration with the National Young Farmers Coalition, CSU Extension, the Valley Food Partnership, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Shavano Valley Conservation District and ENGAGE.

Afternoon Friday sessions include two additional workshops, one for crop farmers and one for livestock producers. Ben Hartman, author of *The Lean Farm* will present, "Lean Concepts Applied to Crop Production." This half-day workshop will take you on a deep dive tour of Hartman's Claybottom Farm and show you how to earn a comfortable living on one half acre of cultivated land. The "lean thinking" concepts they employ – such as 5S organizing, heijunka (load-leveling), and VSM (visual system management) – will be covered.

For livestock producers, Bill Parker of Parker Pastures in Gunnison will present "Performance Based Planned Grazing." This half-day workshop examines how to determine stocking rates, create drought

reserves, and maximize livestock performance using regenerative planned grazing techniques.

Producers will be able to tailor a plan to better understand how planned grazing is your Profit Center.

On Saturday Jan. 26, the conference continues at the Montrose Pavilion and includes 18 breakout sessions presented by nationally known and local experts.

"The theme is Healthy Fields, Farmers, Futures, and attendees will find sessions on soil health, marketing trends, personnel management, future weather patterns, season extension, livestock production, and other innovative agricultural practices being deployed within our region," says Conference Chair Carol Parker.

Joel Salatin is the keynote speaker and provides a community presentation available via separate registration.

Full details and registration at [www.foodfarmforum.org](http://www.foodfarmforum.org) or call (970) 765-6170.



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# Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

## A bibliophile confesses his addiction

**BOOKS** ... I buy books. It's an old ingrained pleasure. Knowledge was my avenue of escape from a lower middle-class life. And books were the mechanism ... I read encyclopedias as a youth -- as entertained by the esoteric as I was charmed by accumulated data

about this strange world I was born into. One of the first of the post-war generation, appearing three days after the surrender of Japan -- where my orphan grandmother had been born. A crazy mixed up world on the cusp of rapid change. Television didn't come until I entered grammar school. Copiers until I left the seminary. Computers not until middle age ... So, even today, I buy books. Mostly poetry. I have several hundred of them stacked in my bedroom, of which I'm in the midst of reading all of them, book-marks noting where I'd been interrupted by something and, willy-nilly, left for another. And still I buy more ... Some because I think I ought to read them. Some because they come highly recommended. Some just fall into my lap ... I'm reading Naomi Replansky because I learned of her from the late Ursula K. Le Guin, found I loved Naomi's work, and sought out her book, diving into the *Collected Poems*. She's a marvelous poet, 100 years old last year. A woman who hasn't received the widespread fame of others, but who clearly deserves it. And I'm loving her deep resonances, where the understated lyrics, words carefully chosen, lead one along a smooth surface like a mountain pool but whose images and meaning take one deep beneath the surface to mirror upon marvel upon dazzling reflections. Resonances that ripple out into the world and move beyond one's ken ... Then some dear



Steve Bunch with his Wordplay shirt on (Courtesy photo).

friend sends you Jonelle Maison's *Cruisin' Passion Boulevard*, and you're not expecting much. Having seen too many self-published chappies of weary words, old metaphors, tired meanings. But, *mirabile dictu*, the book blows you away. The cover is racy. Wild. Two outré dames: one naked, breasts exposed, with a snake around her neck, and the other casting a enigmatic sidelong glance with a flaming red wrap atop her head like Carmen Miranda. Neither actually driving the big-finned pink DeSoto they sit collaged in, on a beach of yucca blossoms and palm trees ... The poems are similar. Sexy. Collages of strong images. Childhood stories. And more. I find myself underlining every poem. Circling exciting language. Great metaphors. A surface like a two-story slide at a fun house, or the flat merry-go-round that, spinning, sends everyone flying off ... It's delights like those -- planned, executed, enjoyed and the serendipities that you never expected -- that keep me buying books. Loving books in an age of videos and podcasts. Reading books. Even if only, sometimes, half-way through.

**KYRA ON THE ROAD** ... Kyra Kopentonsky lived on Fall Creek in San Miguel County for the last few years. Her most memorable incident was her encounter with a Mountain Lion, face to face. They stared



Naomi Replansky. Courtesy photo.

each other down from about 20 feet away for a good 20 minutes, the cat coming closer every time she stepped back. Finally she sang to the creature, and it wandered off at last. It made wire service news. She's off traveling now, and sending me postcards. I wanted to share them with you. So, here's number one ... "Greetings from the Grand Canyon! I'm here for a few weeks, staying at my ranger friend's apartment on the South Rim. I like walking along the edge of the canyon at night in the moonlight, feeling the immensity of the canyon beside me, and the upwelling of air from its depths. A continuous rush of powerful energy from the deep."

**EARLY HOMINIDS** ... Tool-making used to be something that people thought was unique to our species, *Homo sapiens* ... Although I rather prefer the term *Humus ludens* to describe our species ... But our earlier ancestors were flaking stone tools and using them to hunt or scavenge animals several million years ago ... Archaeologists have recently found evidence of primitive stone tools in Algeria's Ain Boucherit site dating back 2.4 million years ago. While no remains of hominid bones were found, the site did yield "stone tools strewn among butchered animals," according to *Science News* last week ... The

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## *Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes*

find adds to the evidence that *Homo* evolution didn't just occur in East Africa and shows "that the North African savanna corridor and the East African one were connected and early [*Homo*] started using stone tools and eating meat basically simultaneously in both areas," said archaeologist Manuel Dominguez-Rodrigo of Complutense University in Madrid.

**LIVING HIGH** ... Until now, evidence of humans on Asia's Tibetan Plateau (15,000 feet above sea level) only dated back to about 8,000 years ago. But archaeologist Xiaoling Zhang of the Chinese Academy of Science in Beijing and her colleagues found 3,683 stone artifacts from three sediment layers at the Nwya Devu site, the oldest dating back to 40,000 years ago, according to the same issue of *Science News*.

**WEEKLY QUOTA** ... "Poetry has become for me a language I studied in high school but no longer really understand. Like German, or Trigonometry." -Scott Nicolay

# THE TALKING GOURD

## Remains

He thinks he is more than  
he will leave behind,  
more than the oily whorls of fingerprints  
left indiscriminately  
on the selvages of life,  
distinctive as any spiraling galaxy,  
more than the windings of his DNA,  
a speculative sowing of seed in a whirlwind.

He thinks he is more than the books  
in his library, his notes in the margins  
of the books in his library, the silence  
that settles like dust on the shelves.

He thinks he is more than the daily trip  
to the compost barrel, the weekly recycling  
of glass, plastic, paper,  
the continuous sloughing and slogging,  
always leaving to make his mark,  
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-Stephen Bunch  
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## CURRENT/ONGOING-

**YOGA HOUSE**-Yoga House has added HIIT Yoga on Wednesday's at 5:45p AND Hot Yoga and is held on Fridays @ 4:30p.m. and Saturday's at 10a.m.; Yoga House is holding 75-minute Inversion Workshops every Sunday in January at 9:45a.m. SUP (Stand up paddle board) Yoga is Held at Montrose Rec Ctr

\$25/class, Held the Following Thursday's at 7p.m.

Dec. 20; Jan. 10 & 17; Feb. 7 & 21; March 7 & 21.

For more info on classes and workshops: [ColoradoYogaHouse.com](http://ColoradoYogaHouse.com)

**MONTROSE FARMERS MARKET WINTER MARKET** will be open the following Saturdays 10am-1pm. Beginning Jan. 5, 2019, open every other Saturday through April 27, 2019. We are located at Centennial Plaza - Indoor Market in the Centennial Meeting Room, 421 S. 1st Street, Building #1.

**ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING**-There will be no meeting in December; regular meetings resume in January of 2019, on the second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m., Place: Community Meeting Room, Montrose Library, 320 S 2nd St. Includes: Presentations, photo sharing & critiques. All are welcome to attend.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 24** hosts Bingo every Saturday and Sunday at 7pm, at the Bingo Connection, 2075 East Main Montrose. Its open to the Public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.. For more info call Tom at 260-8298.

**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS** meeting every 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Montrose. All veterans with at least a 10 percent service connected disability are welcome. For more information call [\(970\)964-4375](tel:9709644375).

## MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

Meetings every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Centennial Room, 431 South First in Montrose.

**MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM**-"Montrose County Historical Society Presents" is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

## MONTROSE COUNTY GOP MEETING

6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month. MC-GOP Headquarters at 242 E. Main. Information: 970-765-7406

## MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays. Hampton Inn, [1980 North Townsend Ave.](http://1980NorthTownsendAve.com) Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

## MONTHLY-

**Jan. 8**-The public is invited to attend Montrose County's annual re-organization of the board and swearing in ceremony on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, at 9:30 am at the Montrose County Event Center (1036 North 7th Street). During this regularly scheduled board meeting, the following individuals will be sworn-in to office: Commissioner-Elect Sue Hansen (currently seated), Coroner-Elect Dr. Thomas Canfield (currently seated), Clerk and Recorder-Elect Tressa Guynes (currently seated), Assessor-Elect Brad Hughes (currently seated), and Sheriff-Elect Gene R. Lillard. The regularly scheduled board meeting will take place first followed by the swearing-in ceremonies.

**Jan. 10**-Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Showdown performs on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 pm at the Avalon Theatre. Tickets are \$35 - \$65 and may be purchased online at [www.avalontheatrej.com](http://www.avalontheatrej.com), by phone at 800-626-TIXS (8497) or at the theatre box office. The Avalon Theatre is located at 645 Main St, Grand Junction, CO 81501. The show is appropriate for all ages.

**Jan. 11**-"You Knew Me When :: A Night of Folk-Rock Music" <https://healthyrhythmartgallery.bigcartel.com/product/hrms-presents-you-knew-me-when-a-night-of-folk-rock-music>. On Sale Online Now.

**Jan. 14**-On Monday Jan. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Citizens' Climate Lobby meets at Montrose Library meeting rm 320 S 2nd. The US Congress has proposed Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. Come hear about groundbreaking development and nonpartisan networking to influence action to sustain the environment, [Citizensclimatelobby.org](http://Citizensclimatelobby.org) 240-9146.

**Jan. 16**-On Jan. 16, Steven Baker of Centuries Research in Montrose will present "An Archaeological Tour of Important Fremont Sites on the Douglas Creek Arch, Rio Blanco County." This talk will include excavations and startling information about the Sky Aerie, Rim Rock Hamlet and Sand-shadow sites, and granaries and rock art. Baker is a local archaeologist whose firm has conducted research in Western Colorado for nearly forty years. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church, Baldrige Hall, 19 S. Park Street, Montrose. The public is invited (no charge; donation accepted); new members are always welcome.

**Jan. 17**-RE-1J Schools Community Meeting, 6 p.m. on Jan. 17, 2019, RE-1J board room. Update on vaping and school safety.

**Jan. 19**- Montrose, CO, 10-11 am ~ March from Demoret Park, 246 W Main Street, Corner of Main & Townsend (meet at 9:30am), 11am-Noon ~ Speakers at Centennial Plaza, 422 S 1st Street (March finish). March will take place rain, snow or shine. Dress accordingly. Participants are encouraged to bring their own signs with an emphasis on positive expression, please.

**Jan. 25-26**-Local farmers and ranchers take center stage with nationally known speakers at the 7th Annual Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum, Jan 25-26, 2019 in Montrose. For a complete list of topics or to register please visit: [foodfarmforum.org](http://foodfarmforum.org) or call 970-765-6170.

**Jan. 25**-A celebration of Robert Burns KAFM Radio Room. 7-9:30 pm, 1310 Ute Ave, Grand Junction.

**Jan. 26**--FREE monthly coffee cupping at Cimarron Coffee Roasters, 72 S. Grand Ave, 10-11 a.m.

**Jan. 31**-"Buddy Mondlock :: Live at Healthy Rhythm" (Special Guest, Chris Mullen)

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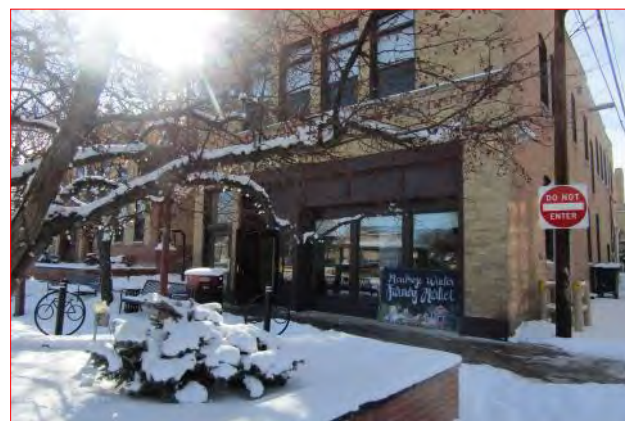
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**Feb. 16**- "Kipori Woods :: An Intimate Evening of Jazz & Blues"

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## WARMING UP @ THE MONTROSE WINTER FARMERS MARKET



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