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In Brief

It's Spring Break time at Kendall Mountain with music series

Kendall Mountain Ski Area is offering an extended operating schedule for spring break. The ski hill will be open 11 a.m. –4 p.m. Thursday–Monday every weekend in March, snow conditions permitting.

Lift tickets are $17 for kids/seniors and $25 for adults. Children 5 or under ski free.

The Town's Spring Fever Music Series will also bring live music and a beer garden to the Kendall Mountain beach the first three Saturdays in March from 1 –4 p.m.

Featured artists include Blue Rose Revival, Dave Mensch and Stillhouse Junkies, and participating breweries include Avalanche Brewing Company, Golden Block Brewery and Ska Brewing. For more information visit www.skikendall.com.

Town Board candidates night date changed to Thursday, March 8

The *Silverton Standard* and Silverton High School are hosting a Town Board Candidates Night Forum on Thursday, March 8, at Town Hall, from 6-7:30 p.m.

The date has been changed to avoid a conflict with the March 6 county caucuses.

Candidates are Kevin Baldwin, Molly Barela, Erica Curnow, Judy Graham, Austin Lashley, Mike Maxfield, Stoney Molina, and Nicole von Gaza-Reavis.

The three highest vote-getters will win 4-year terms on the 7-member Town Board of Trustees.

Microloans available for local businesses

Microloan funds are available to San Juan County businesses.

The San Juan Development Association Loan program, which began over 15 years ago, has re-energized. The purpose of the loan fund is to provide businesses with capital to expand, relocate, and start up.

SJDA's Loan Committee is currently comprised of four members who review the confidential applications. Loans are available from $500 to over $7,500 for the following uses:

- Equipment
- Inventory
- Working Capital
- Renovation
- Energy efficiency efforts
- Other fixed assets or training/education

Anyone interested in applying for a microloan can print materials from the SJDA's link on the San Juan County website: sanjuancountycolorado.us/economic-development1.html or contact Mel Russek at (970) 769-3486 or sanjuancoordinator@scan.org for copies of the application.

Mining firm: No more study needed

Sunnyside says treatment plant is the answer; says it's not responsible

Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund Site

Sunnyside Gold Corp. is harshly criticizing the EPA's response to the Aug. 5, 2015 Gold King Mine spill and complaining that more study is not needed to address acid-mine drainage in the upper Animas Basin.

The company released two reports last week, totaling 82 pages, arguing that a lime treatment plant at Gladstone is the best option to address water quality problems in the basin.

One of the papers was authored by Sunnyside Gold, in coordination with its consultants, said Sunnyside Gold Reclamation Manager Larry Perino.

The other was authored by Steven Lange, an independent consultant with Knight Peisold Consulting of Denver.

Sunnyside Gold argues that the temporary treatment plant installed at Gladstone by the EPA in the fall of 2015 should treat drainage from other mines, including the American Tunnel.

And the mining company insists that the only potential responsible parties for the water quality in the region are the BLM, EPA and the U.S. Forest Service.

Sunnyside argues that the EPA should focus on point-sources discharging into Cement Creek above Gladstone.

"It is clear that targeting these point sources should be the priority," the Sunnyside report states. "EPA's existing water treatment plant at Gladstone has the capacity to treat additional flows and the existing plant should be run to its full capacity."

The company pointed out that the treatment plant, which now treats about 600 gallons per minute flowing from the Gold King Mine, also treated American Tunnel drainage last summer.

The EPA reports that it treated discharge from the American Tunnel during two periods of time last year:

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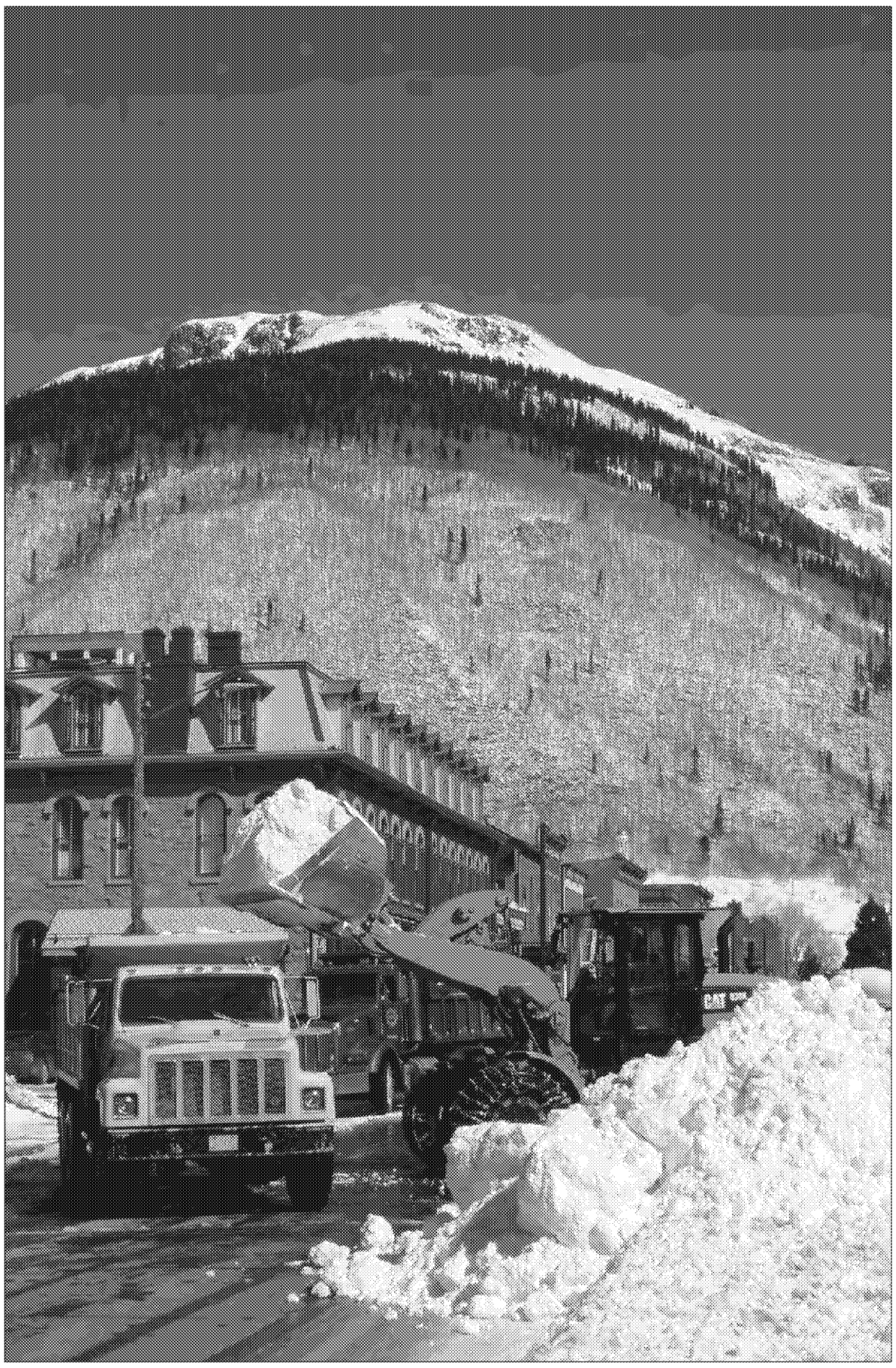
Getting Dumped On



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John Girodo, operating the front-end loader, drops a bucket of snow into a town dump truck Tuesday morning as the berm of snow in the middle of Greene Street is removed.

Proposed ordinance on drones grounded

The town's effort to regulate the use of drones in Silverton's air space is running into turbulence.

Town Manager Louis Fineberg told the Town Board on Monday that "there may be some problems" with the draft ordinance.

"The FAA does not allow local permitting of drones," Fineberg said.

And he said the FAA has a policy of reviewing local ordinances on drones to see if they are compliant with FAA regulations.

"I think we should take them up on that and send it (the town's draft ordinance) to them and see what they think," Fineberg said.

The Town Board on Monday unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance giving town staff more flexibility in purchasing.

The current town code states that any purchase valued at $500 or more needs to go through a bid process.

"I suppose those are 1964 dollars they are talking about," Town Manager Louis Fineberg said.

The new ordinance allows the town staff to solicit quotes on purchases up to $5,000 without a bidding process. And it also allows purchases of up to $20,000 in the event of an emergency.

That would require a sign off from the mayor or town manager.

Town Trustee Barbara Renowden said the Town Board should still be kept in the loop on such purchases.

"We get yelled at all the time anyway," she said.

Town Public Works Director John Sites said he "can't see many situations where we'd have to spend $20,000 in an emergency.

"But if we have a catastrophic failure at the water plant we may have to truck in water," Sites said.

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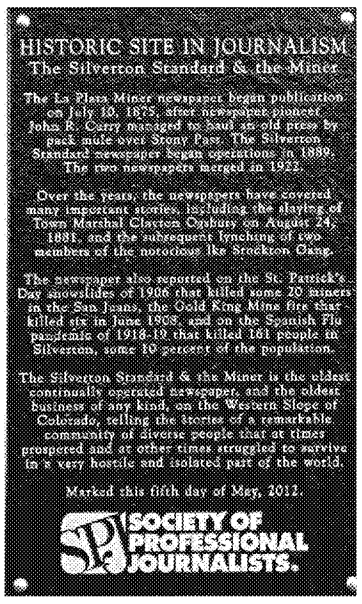

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Finding inspiration in our classrooms

By Barbara McLachlan

GUEST OPINION

Not much is as fulfilling as a classroom of first graders giggling as they tell you how they want to change the world: Be nice. Listen to others. Lots of ice cream. More recess. It's hard to argue with their reasoning.

This year, I spent a day at each of the 15 public elementary schools in the nine school districts I represent. I wanted to see what is happening in those buildings. What are the students learning? Are they being challenged? What do the teachers, administrators, parents, aides, and school board members think about the state of education in Colorado?

It's good news. Students are writing and decoding. They're exploring and questioning. Work sheets are rare, and teachers are giving time for students to learn by doing, using projects, group discussions, and manipulatives.

Rarely did I see students sitting in straight rows with a teacher at the front of the class; teachers are moving throughout the room, congratulating and correcting. They are working long hours designing lessons, creating inviting spaces for learning, and working out ways to help struggling students.

At cursory glance, everything in each school, though different, did not indicate glaring problems. But they can always be better, and the educator shortage bill I passed last year can help.

Using the action plan presented by the Department of Higher Education, Representatives are crafting bills to address the identified needs. Knowing the schools

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Wondering what will happen next

WEATHER AND OBSERVATIONS

Date	High	Low	Conditions
Feb. 21	24	-20	Snowvercast
Feb. 22	19	11	Snowvercast
Feb. 23	21	-9	Near clear
Feb. 24	26	-9	Snowvercast
Feb. 25	29	-19	Perfectly clear
Feb. 26	35	-19	Clearly mixed
Feb. 27	38	-2	Clearly mixed

Season snow total: 88.7 inches

Last day of an amazing month of February and your correspondent is wondering what will happen next with our weather up here in the high country.

We are just coming out of two week's worth of snow, blow and an amazing amount of sustained deep cold nights and often days as well.

Freddie Canfield

We began our current weather week last Wednesday morning at 19.5 below, our coldest reading yet.

We were already into our second day of seven below freezing and the third of seven sustained days of snow accumulation, 10.8 inches at the beginning of January, 40.8 inches at the beginning of February, and now we are up to 88.7 inches — 44 of those this month occurred between the 10 and 24th, with only two days snow free.

What all of this adds up to is a far better snowpack — although with a persistent rotten base — than any of us could have imagined less than three weeks ago.

If you are into "percentage of normal" statistics — 65 percent. Not shabby, yet still a far cry from where we were last season.

What this means for all of us who enjoy getting out in it is Kendall Mountain Recreation Area operational four days a week. Up higher, some incredibly perfect groomed or ski and snowmobile packed conditions for boards and bikes.

Yes, those snow bikes are a blast to brake and drift effortlessly through turns in the steeps, including up at Silverton Mountain. Just ask Cliff Pinto!

Got off the phone with Greg Dubbit, my mushing pard. His dogs are off and running on a well-packed trail down at Purgatory. Give him a call if you, your friends or folks visiting want to have a big team dog sledding experience.

Last night, Matt Janoviac gave me word of an exciting program that he has initiated to help raise some serious money for trail development, bridge building, etc. on Forest Service land in our realm.

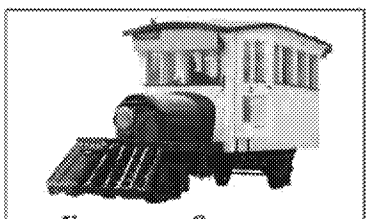
Purgatory is already on board, along with some of our outfitter and guide friends. We would love to see the railroad along with all of you good folks who operate businesses around here getting on board with this.

Details I will leave to Matt at the Columbine Ranger District and DeAnne Gallegos. Once they are on the same page together, this will really get rolling.

Cliff Pinto over at the bike shop can also tell you more about how to make it happen.

All of this came together last night along with some excellent discussion and map marking at the first of our open single track meetings, with a focus on San Juan County existing trails and connections with those in adjoining counties. Many more meetings will be forthcoming and once plans solidify follow-through on the ground — once we can see it again!

Exciting times with plenty happening around here. So roll up your sleeves and get involved.



FROM THE STANDARD MAIL CAR

Thanks for memories

Editor;

This is a belated "me too." Thank you for the excellent letter from Don Stott about his years in Silverton.

There may not be many now who remember the elegance of the Grand Imperial dining room — crisp, white table cloths and classical music. But the memories are sweet.

—Duane Murphy, Cortez

Demanding answers on the town budget

Editor;

I would like to make a few comments regarding the Finance Committee meeting that the Town of Silverton held on Monday night.

I am thoroughly disappointed in the way the meeting was conducted and the lack of questions and answers that were brought to light. For those that are not familiar with the finance committee meetings, they are supposed to be held bi-monthly a half hour prior to the regular scheduled Town meeting.

On Monday, the meeting was not called to session until 6:10 p.m., which only left a total of 20 minutes for this meeting. A Power Point presentation was made to compare the 2017 budget to the adopted 2018 budget.

The focus of this meeting was supposed to be the fact that 2017 budget was not balanced and there were concerns of a shortage. The presentation concluded with only 2 minutes left for question and answers.

Luckily, Town Trustee Barbara Renowden, said there wasn't enough time to ask appropriate questions and asked for another meeting to be scheduled. I was happy that the Town Administrator agreed to schedule another meeting. Trustee MacDougall then stated that he was confident that everything was good with the 2017 budget because the Town was conservative when they adopted the 2017 budget and felt public comment wasn't necessary.

How can Trustee MacDougal think that there isn't a problem with the budget when $409,000 was taken out of the Enterprise fund to balance the General Fund?

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Write to Us!

The *Silverton Standard & the Miner* welcomes letters to the editor. Send letters via e-mail to editor@silverton-standard. com, or via snail mail to, Editor, Silverton Standard & the Miner, P.O. Box 8, Silverton, CO 81433.

Signed letters and articles are the responsibility of the author and do not necessarily represent the opinion of the editor.

Letters to the editor should be no longer than 300 words and will be edited at the editor's discretion for length. Letters should be pertinent to community issues.

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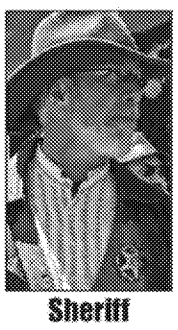
San Juan County Sheriff's Office Blotter

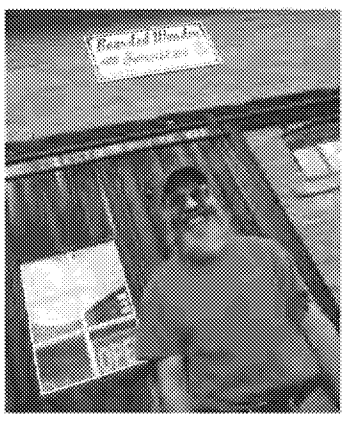
Checking on School Safety



Sheriff Bruce Conrad

Our community is extremely lucky to have such a resource as Reserve Deputy, and world-renowned expert in his field, Rob Pincus making himself available to our school safety program. Last year we conducted phase one, a training involving our agency's response to the campus with actors playing out roles in a variety of locations and scenarios. In phase two, we will be augmenting the schools equipment to better deal with a variety of potential school emergencies, as well as integrating our agency's response with that of the school staff. I commend Ms. White and her amazing team for placing a priority on the safety of our children, and I couldn't begin to thank Rob enough for bringing his expertise to the mission of better preparing our community for the unfortunate realities of our time. While we are a small community, I am proud that we refuse to be bound by small thinking in such important matters.

–Sheriff Conrad



• I grew up and lived in the Denver area, primarily Littleton, from 1956 through 2009.
• I have two sons, Josh age 34 and David age 29. Josh currently lives in Texas and David is married attending Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Parker, CO.
• Moved to Silverton in 2009.
• In 2012, I started my own business in Silverton called Bearded Wonder Services.

Kevin Baldwin
Candidate for Town Trustee

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Mountain Happenings

Saturday, March 3
• **Spring Fever Music Series,** Kendall Mountain, noon to 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 8
• **Silverton Town Board Candidates Night**, 6 p.m., Town Hall.

Saturday, March 10
• **Spring Fever Music Series,** Kendall Mountain, noon to 4 p.m.

Monday, March 12
• **Silverton Town Board**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall.

Wednesday, March 14
• **San Juan County Board of Commissioners**, 8 a.m., County Courthouse.

Ongoing
• **Silverton Clinic**, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. most Thursdays, Miners Union Hospital. Call for appointment, 387-5114 or 0242.
• **Tai Chi,** Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m., Kendall Mountain Community Center.
• **American Legion,** 6 p.m., first Thursday of the month, Grand Imperial.
• **Silverton Threads Quilting Club**. 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Barbara Renowden's house. (970) 946-8496).
• **San Juan County Historical Society Archive** — Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
• **Blair Street Historic District Association**, 5 p.m., first Wednesday of each month, Empire Street Bunkhouse.
• **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets in Silverton every Monday at 7 p.m. For locations, questions or help, call (888) 333-9649.
• **Silverton Youth Center:** Monday-Friday 5-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 4-10 p.m.

Spiritual Events
• **Church of Christ**, Sundays: Bible class, 8 a.m.; service, 9 a.m.; and Sunday Bible discussion, 5 p.m., (970) 946-7648.
• **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Father Nat Foshage, Mass, 5 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays, 1005 Reese St., 325- 4373.
• **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, Sunday services: sacrament meeting, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; priesthood, 11 a.m., 727 Greene St., 387-5338.
• **First Congregational Church of Silverton**, Sue Kurtz, moderator. Sunday service 9 a.m. All are welcome. 1070 Reese St. (970) 387-5759. e-mail: silvertonucc@aol.com. Website: silvertonchurch.org.
• **Silverton Church on the Hill**, 11th and Snowden, Pastor Mark Lawson, (970) 387-5215. Sunday KSJC (92.5 FM) 8-10 a.m., Christian music, devotional and sermon; Bible study, 9 a.m.; Children's Sunday School at 10:15; 10:15 a.m. regular service; Wednesday night prayer fellowship, 7 p.m.
• **Word of Life Fellowship,** Pastor Jim Greenfield, Sunday service starts at 9 a.m., 1706 Empire St. 387-5893.

Embrace the Past ...
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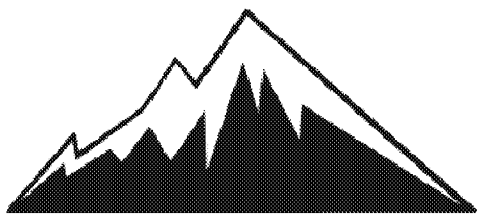

Judy Graham
for TOWN TRUSTEE
analytical - pragmatic - no agenda

EXPERIENCE:
■ On 13 Boards of Directors, since 1989 in Madison, WI & Silverton
■ 28 years operating Wingate B&B in Silverton
■ 36 years in business
■ 50 years as an artist
■ 4 years college teaching
■ 26 years volunteering & teaching pre-school, K-12 in Silverton
■ 40 years mother of Quai Barker Gurule, Grandmother of Bradly Gurule, Blake Gurule and Brooklyn Worcester
■ 30 yrs back, dog & horse packing & elk hunting in the Weminuche Wilderness & around Silverton

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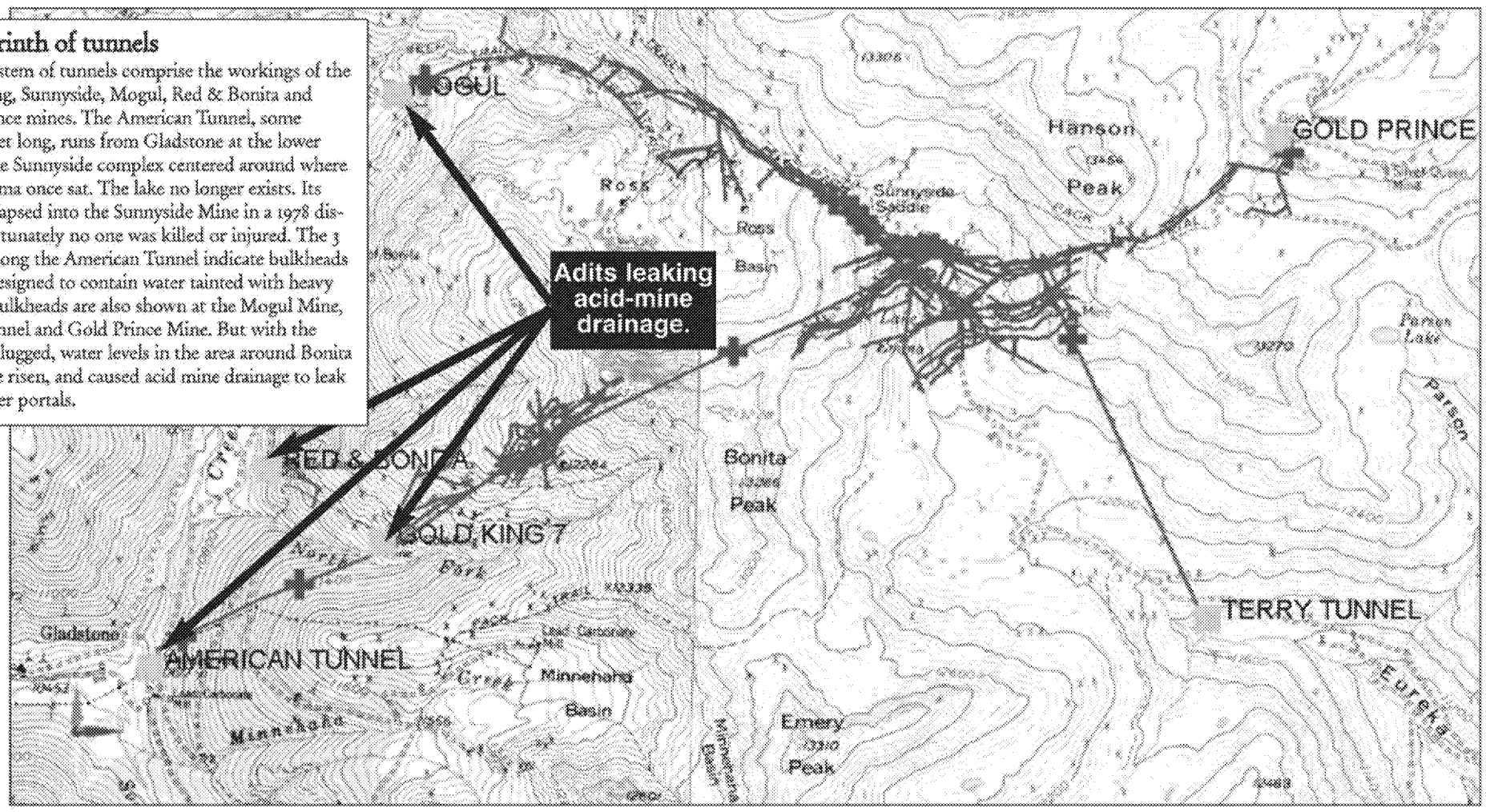

A labyrinth of tunnels

A vast system of tunnels comprise the workings of the Gold King, Sunnyside, Mogul, Red & Bonita and Gold Prince mines. The American Tunnel, some 10,000 feet long, runs from Gladstone at the lower left, to the Sunnyside complex centered around where Lake Emma once sat. The lake no longer exists. Its floor collapsed into the Sunnyside Mine in a 1978 disaster. Fortunately no one was killed or injured. The 3 crosses along the American Tunnel indicate bulkheads (plugs) designed to contain water tainted with heavy metals. Bulkheads are also shown at the Mogul Mine, Terry Tunnel and Gold Prince Mine. But with the tunnels plugged, water levels in the area around Bonita Peak have risen, and caused acid mine drainage to leak from other portals.

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from Sept. 15 through Oct. 9.

The discharge from the American Tunnel was routed to the treatment plant during the opening and draining of the tunnel and when work was being conducted inside the tunnel to access the outermost bulkhead.

The discharge was treated to prevent disturbed solids in the tunnel from being transported to, and potentially causing discoloration of, Cement Creek, the EPA said.

As for its potential liability, Sunnyside Gold points out that mining in the area was going on long before the company was formed in 1985. In November that year, the company acquired the then-closed Sunnyside Mine.

Sunnyside operated the mine for five years, and the report details several reclamation and water-quality projects the company undertook during that time, and after the mine's closure.

The Sunnyside report also hints at results of testing conducted this summer at the huge Mayflower Impoundments north of Silverton.

Sunnyside says it spent more than $6 million in the drilling program. Its aim was to help find the source of significant zinc loading in the nearby Animas River.

"While the data from SGC's investigatory work needs to be analyzed, it is likely that much of the metals loading in this stream segment does not come from the Mayflower Impoundments at all," the report says.

Sunnyside's report pointed out that the Animas River Stakeholders Group 2014 "timeline" for addressing water quality issues in the district called for implementation of the selected means by June 2017.

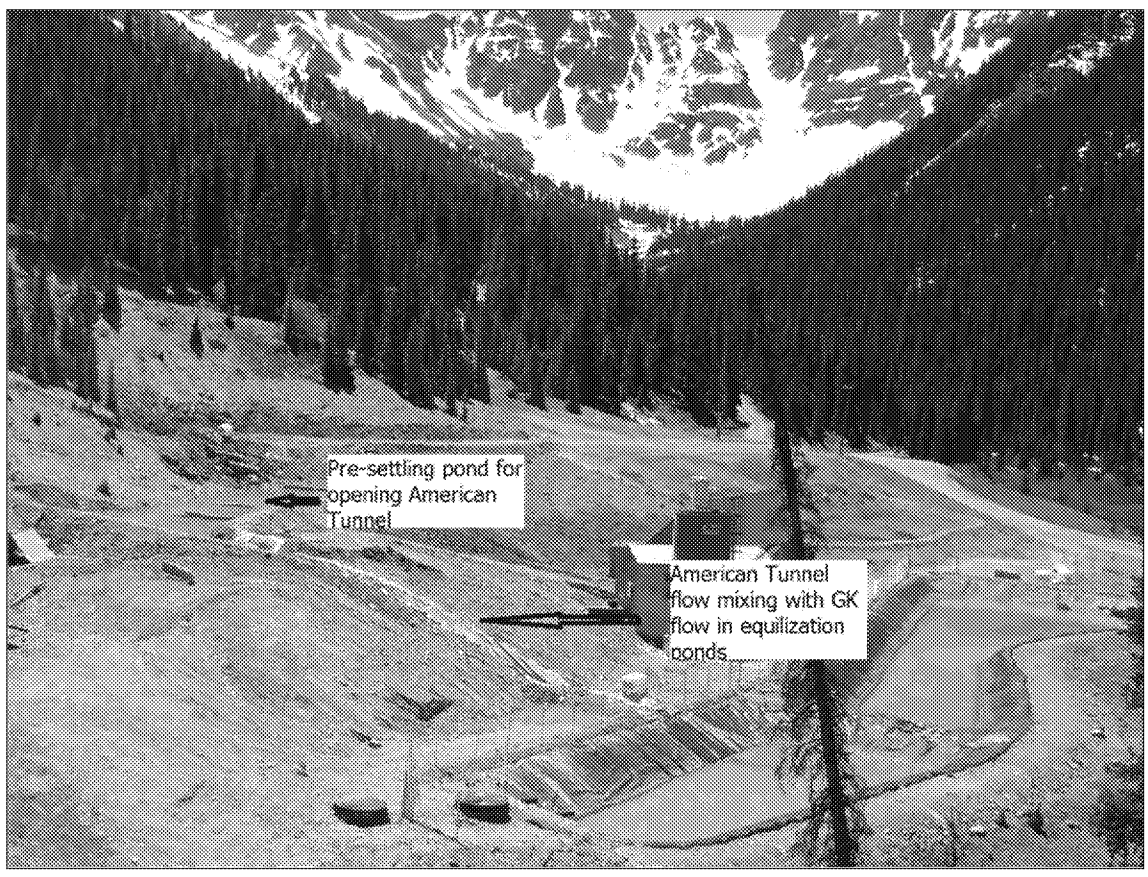
"Intelligent decision making can be done now," the report states. "Further study would be wasteful and is not required."

And Sunnyside said there is no need to search for more "Potentially Responsible Parties" that could face financial liability for the cleanup under the Superfund law.

"There are no significant PRPs with potential liability other than the BLM, EPA , and to a lesser degree, the U.S. Forest Service."

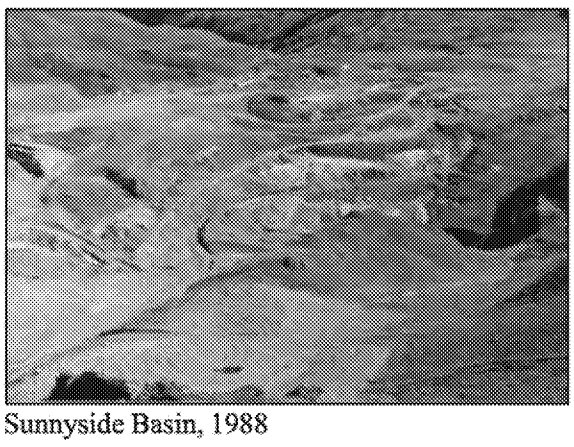
And the report pointed out that the Superfund law provides that the federal government be treated no differently than non-governmental entities with respect to responsibility for environmental cleanup.

"The only means of addressing metals loading from the major Cement Creek point sources is through the operation of a lime treatment plant," Sunnyside concluded. "This technology has been successfully demonstrated by SGC, which ran a lime treatment plant in the area from 1985-2003."

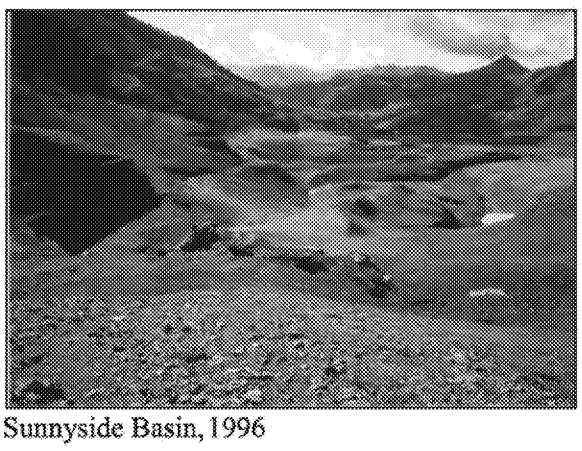


Sunnyside Gold Corp. released this photo showing water from the American Tunnel being routed to the interim water treatment plant at Gladstone in June 2017.

BELOW RIGHT: Sunnyside Basin before reclamation in 1988 and after reclamation in 1996.



Sunnyside Basin, 1988



Sunnyside Basin, 1996

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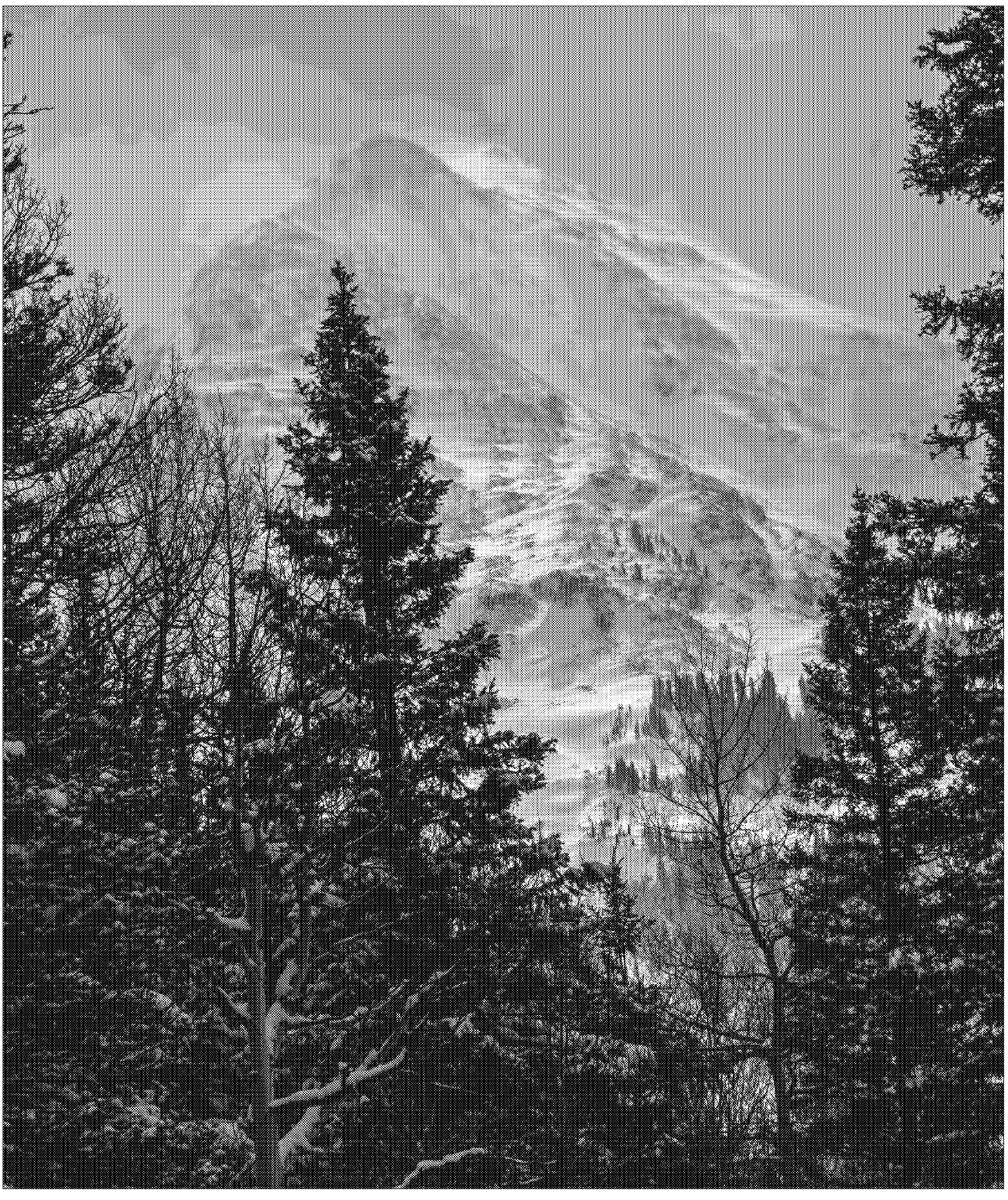
Snowin' in the Wind



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Strong winds blow snow off of Kendall Mountain on Sunday, Feb. 25.

Jerry Lyle/Silverton Standard & the Miner

The iconic Old Hundred Boarding House can be seen in the upper left, along with tram towers extending down Galena Mountain.

In Brief

Town board gets complaints about snow-route tickets

The Silverton Town Board will ask Sheriff Bruce Conrad to attend its next meeting (March 12) to address complaints about snow-route parking enforcement.

Silverton resident Deborah Runion complained about getting two $25 tickets even though she believes she was in compliance with the ordinance.

"Inconsistency of enforcement is the issue," she said.

Avalanche information available downtown

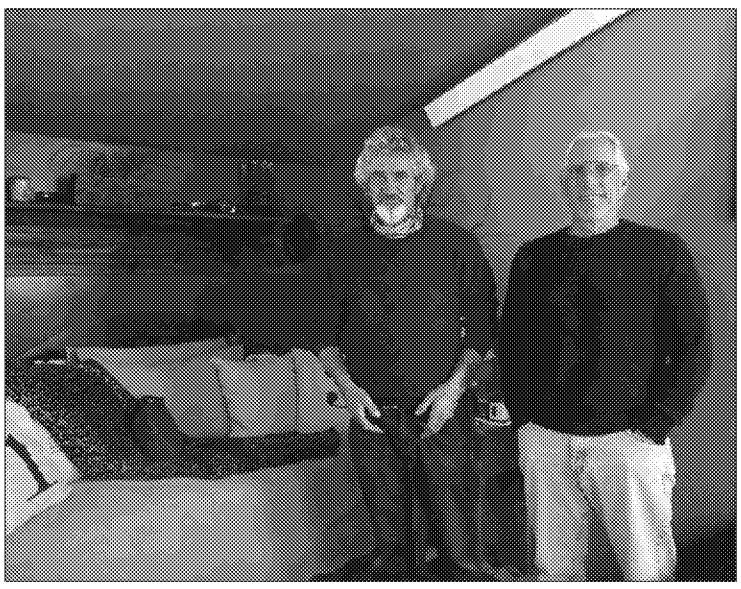
The Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC) and the Silverton Avalanche School (SAS) are combining efforts in Silverton CO to increase public outreach and provide better access to avalanche safety information and educational programs.

The CAIC's Silverton office will serve as a hub for the public to get the avalanche forecast, discuss current conditions, and learn more about avalanche education and safety programs. Trained volunteers from the SAS will be available to help, and we are encouraging everyone to stop in and submit a snow, avalanche, or weather observation.

Silverton has a rich history in snow science, avalanche education and forecasting but finding information about the history and current conditions in the area has never been straightforward. This winter, the office will have public visiting hours Friday-Sunday.

You're invited to come in and talk about snow!

Visit the SAS Facebook page for specific times. https://www.facebook.com/SilvertonAvalancheSchool/



Greg Stapleton, left, and Jay Lantz inside the small auxiliary dwelling unit.

First ADU completed under new ordinance

Last March, the Silverton Town Board approved an ordinance permitting the development of "granny flats," or long-term residential units, ranging in size from 300 to 600 square feet.

So far only one has been developed.

Sharon and Jay Lantz have converted a shed to an auxiliary dwelling unit. And though their proposal drew criticism from neighbors, they say the approval process went smoothly.

"The process was good, especially considering we were one of the first to apply," Sharon Lantz said.

And the tiny space is now occupied by Greg Stapleton, who came here from New Zealand and actually did the conversion work himself.

The final inspection on the property was completed in January," Jay Lantz said.

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and teachers and kids has given me good insight into where I go next.

I am presenting a "Grow Your Own" bill to encourage students from rural areas to return to their hometowns to work. Grants will help them afford that last year of student teaching when they can't work another job, as long as they stay in the district for three years.

Other bills focus on rural classrooms. A bill I co-sponsored continues a program financing AP classes in rural districts, giving students equal opportunity for the challenging classes and college credits their urban counterparts enjoy. It passed through the House Education Committee.

A third bill addresses the educator shortage in hard-to-fill areas, such as special service providers, special education or math, by offering loan forgiveness.

A fourth bill in the works offers to complete the promise the legislature made to the state in the early 2000s, to fund full-day kindergarten.

Two groups are looking at school funding: state superintendents and a committee of bipartisan Senators and Representatives. They both address inequities and teacher pay. We will all have to see what bills they present from their research.

A final bill addressed suicide prevention help in school; it failed in the Senate.

The first and second graders I met should have the chance to make the world a better place, as they imagine they will. Giving them opportunity, good teachers, and solid academics within a well-rounded curriculum helps move that vision forward.

Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, is the representative for Colorado House District 59.

LETTERS, from Page 2

If the Town was so conservative, how can they still be close to over $100,000 out of budget in the General Fund at the end of 2017? There should be a concern from not only the citizens of Silverton but from Town Council on how this happened.

The public does have the right to ask questions of what is going on. My final thought is that these budget issues would not be occurring if the Town Board followed policy when it comes to holding bi-monthly financial committee meetings.

Approximately 10 years ago, the Town Board was hit with a Mandamus lawsuit for similar budgetary concerns. Citizens were concerned that the Town was exceeding and over spending town funds.

The Town adopted the policy that they would hold bi-monthly meetings to prevent this type of situation from happening again. I hope that it does not come down to having another Mandamus lawsuit being filed because of the neglect being shown.

— Gilbert Archuleta, Silverton

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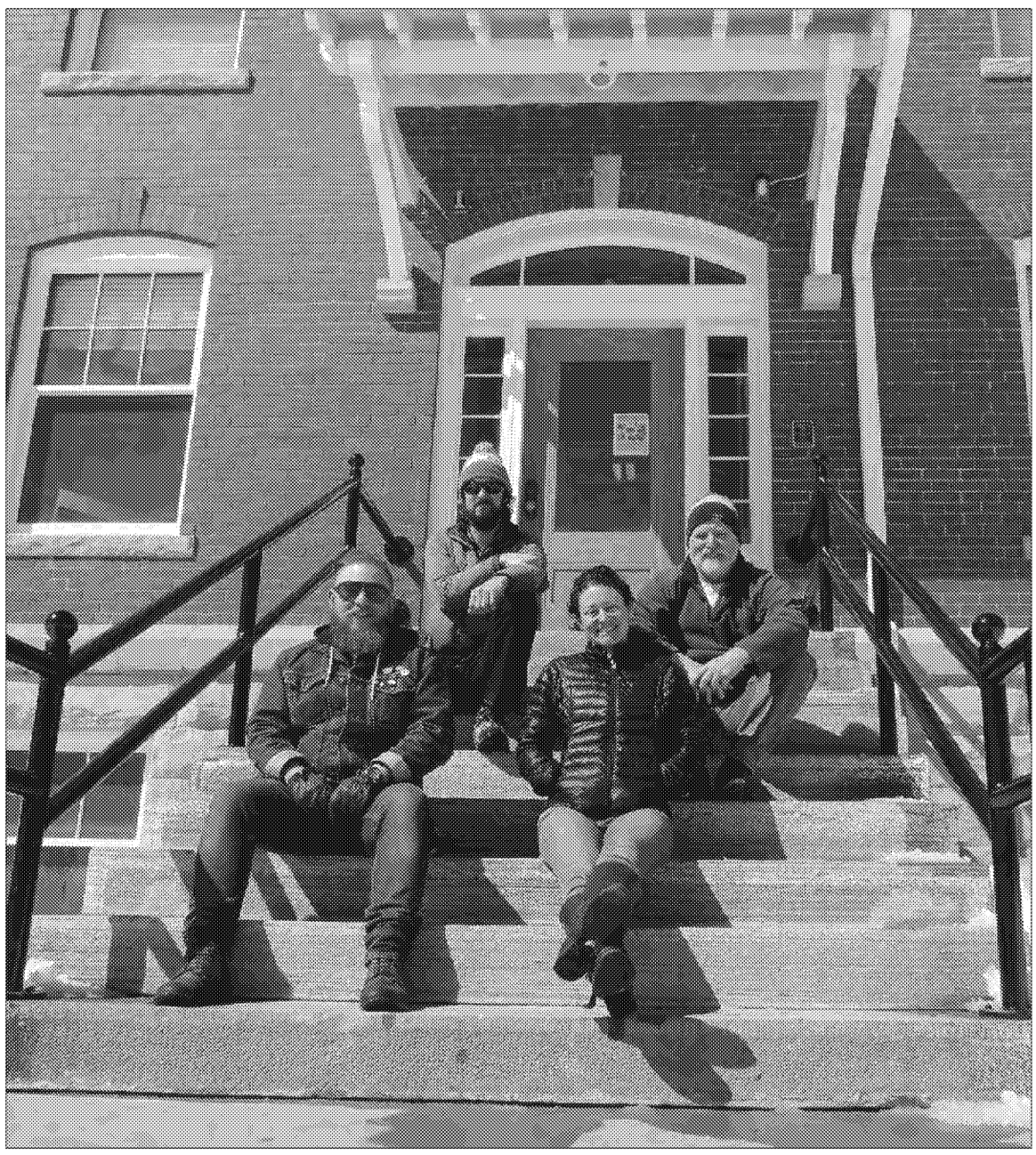
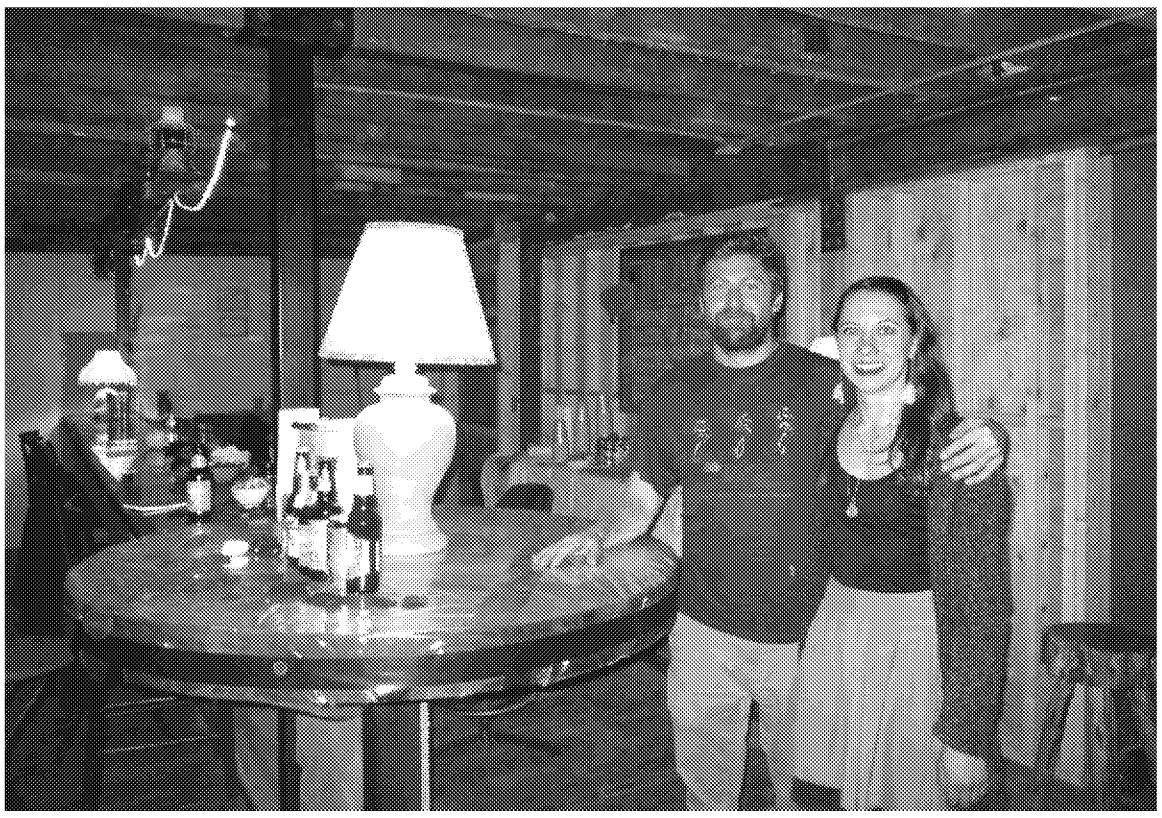
STILLHOUSE JUNKIES



Mark Esper/Silverton Standard & the Miner

The Durango band Stillhouse Junkies will be playing at Kendall Mountain from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 as part of the town's Spring Fever Music Series. They were in town on Tuesday and posed here on the steps of the Miners Union Hospital.



Daniel Clute and Julia Lamberton at The Avon. Work is continuing on the building but the bar is open along with some of the rooms.

At The Avon, the bar is open again

The Avon Hotel at 10th and Blair Streets is coming back to life this winter, after some 25 years of dormancy.

"Now the main-floor bar is open, hopefully every weekend forever," said co-owner Daniel Clute. And while the overhaul of the 114-year-old building is not done, rooms are available for rent as well.

"After a year and eight months, making that first dollar was a special thing," Clute said.

Daniel Clute, his girlfriend Julia Lamberton and co-owner Brian Meissner closed on the $585,000 purchase on Aug. 16.

They launched an extensive renovation effort to make "The Avon on Notorious Blair Street" a lively place again.

While the building is getting a thorough overhaul, Clute says he's being respectful to its place in history.

"We love this town and we love the building," Clute said. "We want to keep everything cool about the building. We're definitely not gutting it."

He said the basement bar "is a couple of months away" from being ready, and the exterior is "further out than that."

He plans on a June 1 Grand Reopening, with all 14 rooms ready.

"That's been my goal the whole time," Clute said.

"What we're going for here is one-of-a-kind, unique, charming, unforgettable," Clute said. He says he hopes to offer "value and character."

The first floor will have a railroad theme and the basement bar will look more like a mine.

The bar is now open 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays through Sundays.

Chaco astronomy is topic of presentation

A presentation entitled "Chacoan Astronomy, Cosmography, Roads, and Ritual Power: New Insights into Chaco's Powerful Expanse using New Technologies" will be held on Friday March 9 at 7 p.m. in Room 130 at Noble Hall, Fort Lewis College.

Solstice Project (www.solsticeproject.org) researchers Anna Sofaer, Richard Friedman, and Robert Weiner will share their latest research findings, that reveal the vast extent of the Chaco culture and the compelling cosmology that supported its regional power.

This presentation will review Chaco's complex solar and lunar astronomy, as commemorated at the Sun Dagger site and in the alignments of buildings. The researchers will also share the results of the Solstice Project's recent use of LiDAR technology to document enigmatic Chaco "roads," many of which establish connections with striking features of the natural landscape and astronomical directions.

This presentation is sponsored by the San Juan Basin Archaeological Society and the San Juan Citizen's Alliance, and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit sjbas.org.

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— an extract from the *Gladstone Kibosh*, January 5, 1901

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Help Wanted

The Town of Silverton is advertising for a Facilities, Parks, and Recreation Director. Interested applicants may obtain job information at Silverton Town Hall or at www.colorado.gov/townofsilverton where the job notice is available for download. This is a full-time position with a salary range DOE and has a competitive benefit package. An application and resume must be delivered to Silverton Town Hall 1360 Greene St. or emailed to mhamilton@silverton.co.us by 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 2018. The Town of Silverton is an EOE.

The Town of Silverton is advertising for a Maintenance Worker position. Interested applicants may obtain job information at Silverton Town Hall or at www.silverton.co.us where the job description and application are available for download. This is a temporary full-time position with an hourly rate range depending on experience with potential to become a permanent full-time position with benefits. Applications must be delivered to Silverton Town Hall, 1360 Greene Street or via email to Michelle Hamilton at mhamilton@silverton.co.us by 4:00 p.m. on March 23. The Town of Silverton is an equal opportunity employer. For additional questions contact John Sites at jsites@silverton.co.us
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NOTICE OF SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF SILVERTON, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4-5-50, 4-5-60 AND 4-5-80 TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF ADMINISTRATIVE PURCHASES WITHOUT REQUIRING A FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS FROM $500 TO $5000.

WHEREAS, the Town of Silverton Board of Trustees recognizes that Town staff requires an increased degree of flexibility with regard to the procurement of services, equipment and supplies in order to effectively and efficiently carry out the day to day operations of the Town; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Silverton Board of Trustees recognizes that the current limit of $500 per transaction without requiring a formal bid process is an overly restrictive minimum amount;
Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Silverton Board of Trustees approves the following amendments to the Town Code:
Section 1.
Sec. 4-5-50. - Formal bidding procedure.
Unless otherwise specified in this Article, formal advertisement by publication shall precede the execution of any contract for supplies which is estimated to amount to $5000.00 or more. Such advertisement or notice shall give the specifications of the supplies to be purchased or refer to the standards and specifications theretofore established pursuant to this Article and shall state the amount of bond, if any, required. All bids in response to such advertisements or notices shall be submitted in duplicate in sealed form and shall be publicly opened at the time specified in the advertisement or notice. After examination and tabulation, the results shall be subject to inspection by competing bidders.
(Prior code, § 3-4-5; Ord. No. 2016-07, § 1, 6-13-2016)
Section 2.
Sec. 4-5-60. - Informal bidding procedure.
In general, any contract for supplies which is estimated to amount to less than $5000.00 may be executed by informal procedure calculated to achieve maximum competition among bidders and maximum economy to the Town. In such instances, the Town shall make an attempt to secure a minimum of three (3) quotes for comparable supplies if possible.
(Prior code, § 3-4-6; Ord. No. 2016-07, § 1, 6-13-2016)
Section 4.
Sec. 4-5-65. Emergency bidding procedure.
The Town recognizes that some contracts for supplies in excess of $5000 must be executed through an informal bidding process in certain emergency situations where a formal bidding process would cause undue delay. In such emergency situations, the particular emergency must be documented and the purchase shall not exceed $20,000.
Section 3.
Sec. 4-5-80. - Purchase without competitive bidding.
Unless otherwise specified in this article, the Board of Trustees or the officer in charge of any department may purchase supplies in an amount not exceeding an estimated $5000.00 without competitive bidding. However, all such purchases shall be made with maximum economy to the Town.
THIS ORDINANCE was introduced at First Reading by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Silverton on the 12th day of February, 2018; and adopted following a public hearing and ordered published on this _____ day of _____, 2018.
ATTEST:
Michelle J. Hamilton, Town Clerk
Christine M. Tookey, Mayor
Town of Silverton, Colorado

FIRST READING APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2018. PUBLISHED IN FULL ON MARCH 1, 2018. SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTION SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018, 7:30 PM, SILVERTON TOWN HALL, 1360 GREENE STREET.

SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION, INC.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO NOMINATE DIRECTORS

San Miguel Power Association, Inc. (Cooperative) will hold its Annual Election of Directors to be concluded on Thursday, June 7, 2018. Two directors will be elected; one from each of the following districts:
District No. 3 – Four-year term: includes Parts of Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Dolores and San Juan Counties including Dunton, Norwood, Placerville, Rico and Sawpit.
T39N R9-11W, T40N R9-12W, T41N R9-12W, T42N R9W Sections 17-20 and 27-34, T42N R10W, T43N R10-11W, T44N R10-11W, T45N R10-11W, R45N R12W Sections 1-30, T45N R13W Sections 1-17 and 20-29.
District No. 6 – Four-year term: includes Part of Ouray County including Ridgway and much of Log Hill Village.
T44N R8W western parts of Sections 2 and 11 and Sections 3-10, T45N R8W, T46N R8W Sections 13-36.
Call for verification if in T44N R8W Sections 2 or 11.
Please contact SMPA to verify the District in which you reside.
Nominations may be made only by petition, which must be signed by fifteen (15) or more members certified from the district in which the election is being held. In order to be nominated for director you must be a member of San Miguel Power Association, Inc. (Cooperative) and live within the District you are seeking to represent. You must also meet the qualification requirements for a director of the Cooperative. (See www.smpa.com/content/elections.)
Such petitions must be delivered to one of the following offices of the Cooperative:
• Nucla, Colorado at 170 W. 10th Avenue
• Ridgway, Colorado at 720 N. Railroad Street,
...or received at San Miguel Power Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1150, Ridgway, Colorado 81432 during regular business hours, on or before 5:30 p.m. April 19, 2018. The Cooperative will not be responsible for lost, slow, or misdirected mail.
Petition forms and information concerning qualifications for prospective nominees and petition signers are available at any of the above noted offices. Information can also be obtained by telephone during regular business hours at (970) 626-5549 (Ridgway) or (970) 864-7311 (Nucla) 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and at www.smpa.com.
Dave Alexander, Secretary/Treasurer
San Miguel Power Association, Inc.
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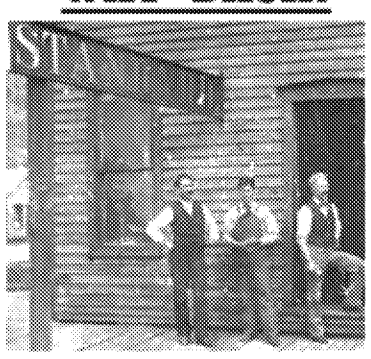
Thursday, March 1, 2018

"The Past is not dead. In fact, it's not even past." — William Faulkner

WAY BACK!



125 Years Ago

From the March 4, 1893 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

FIRE AT MINER OFFICE SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO.

Some few months since a fire partially destroyed the *Miner* office, the origin of which seemed at the time very doubtful to say the least. This week some light was thrown upon the subject by the carpenters who are now employed in removing the second story and replacing it with a new one. Underneath the hardwood floor was found some "copy" in the handwriting of one of the staff then employed on the paper. This may mean nothing, yet, we think it justified the insurance companies in delaying payment of the loss as long as possible, and had they delayed yet a little longer, it is very doubtful they would have payed at all.

SILVER LAKE TO START UP FULL FORCE MARCH 15.

The Silver Lake mine and mill will start up full-force on or about March 15. Apply to mine and mill foremen at office after March 10.

— Edward G. Stoiber

115 Years Ago

From the February 28, 1903 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

EXTRACTS FROM THE GLADSTONE KIBOSH:

Last week Jule Bush was carried down in a slide 4,000 feet, over a cliff and buried underneath 200 feet of snow, ice and rocks. We deeply mourn his being taken off so sudden as it was quite a shock to this office, he being delinquent on his subscription two years. We will have to wait in suspense until summer, when it can be ascertained if he had $2 on his person. Attachment papers have been filed by this office.

110 Years Ago

From the February 29, 1908 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

CLOCK ARRIVES FOR COURT HOUSE TOWER.

Thursday morning, the new clock for the court house arrived from Boston. The bell has been here since before the first of the year. Immediately upon the arrival of the clock a telegram was sent to the Howard Watch company so that they could at once send a man to install it.

When complete and in place it will cost the county $1,765. It will strike the hour and the half hour and is guaranteed to keep time within one minute per month. It will hereafter be unnecessary for workmen within a radius of one mile from the court house to carry a time piece ... We are all anxiously awaiting the installation of this splendid time piece.

GIRL'S TEAM, 1913

San Juan County Historical Society photo

Silverton High School Girls Basketball in the spring of 1913. From left to right: Front, Olga Dillon, forward and team captain; second row: 1. May Maguire, forward (died Oct 27, 1915 of typhoid fever) 2. May McNamara, center, stationary (died Oct 23, 1918 in flu epidemic 3. Nellie Brown, guard. Back Row: Anna Sullivan, center, jumping 2-W.A. Sellars, coach 3-Anna Wyman, guard.

90 Years Ago

From the March 3, 1928 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

MOUNTAIN LION CRYING IN TOWN.

Quite a number of our citizens have of late been startled by the sound of what many take to be a child or woman in distress, calling and then for a few moments everything will be still, and then break forth again, and upon questioning around it is said, to be the cry of a mountain lion, by those who know their habits. The animal is on the move and generally in a hungry condition at such times. No one has been fortunate enough to see the lion yet, but good authority stated that there is no other thing possible than such being the cry of this beast. A bounty of $25.00 each is paid for one by the *Denver Post* and while this seems very small, when taken into consideration that hardly a week goes by but some rapper claims his token, it amounts up in all. The cry heard here recently sounds as though it came from off Kendall Mountain at about a line with Tenth street, but this cannot be followed as they are said to be quite adept at throwing their voices.

George "Dutch" Clark, who was recently taken to Durango by federal authorities in connection with a still found at his place of residence and who was placed on $1000 bond, secured same during the past week and is now enjoying life with friends until the meeting of the federal court at Pueblo some time this spring at which time he must answer to the charge.

85 Years Ago

From the February 25, 1933 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

NO TRACE OF CHARLES.

Although every effort has been made to locate Charles Bechtel, watchman at the Treasury Tunnel, who has been missing since Jan. 17, no trace of the man has been found and his fate remains a mystery.

65 Years Ago

From the February 27, 1953 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

TOWN ADJUSTING TO MINE CLOSURE.

The panic which gripped the town last week is taking on signs of adjustment and many merchants are reporting near-normal business.

The Shenandoah-Dives mine and mill will resume operations for an additional two weeks to take care of custom shippers and to mill a block of their own ore before calling off all crews.

Reports that many local miners will have an opportunity to go to work at the Treasury tunnel has given added hopes to the community. These reports are well-founded. ...

The San Juan mining area isn't through! Each year it is becoming more widely known as a highly mineralized area. No homes are being sold at forced sale. Silverton is on the verge of the greatest mining era in its history.

60 Years Ago

From the February 28, 1958 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

PART OF LOST BRIDGE FOUND.

Part of the 100-foot steel bridge swept away by a huge snowslide last week near Howardsville has been located. Some of the steel structure was uncovered a few hundred feet downstream in the general path of the Hematite Slide, which tore the 50-ton structure from its pierings last week.

55 Years Ago:

From the March 8, 1963 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

THREE LOST IN SLIDE.

Workmen this morning tackled the enormous heap of snow at the base of East Riverside slide on the Million Dollar Highway for the sixth day in search of some signs of three members of the Marvin Hudson family, missing since Sunday morning when a slide ran and engulfed them and their car.

Amelia Hudson

Pauline Hudson

Marvin Hudson

The Rev. Marvin Hudson, 44, and two of his daughters, Amelia, 17, and Pauline, 11, were on their way from their family ranch between Ouray and Ridgway to Silverton when they encountered difficulty on the highway under the East Riverside slide.

While Rev. Hudson was putting chains on the car, the slide ran with a force that "didn't compare with other slides" in the words of a highway maintenance man who witnessed the tragedy.

When the mist had cleared, there was no sign of the car or its three occupants, and nothing has been seen of them since. ...

Rev. Hudson was on his way to conduct services at the Congregational church here at the time of the accident.

In addition to serving as minister here, he taught the sixth grade in Silverton's grade school.

50 Years Ago

From the March 1, 1968 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO PAY FOR TRIAL.

A bill to reimburse San Juan County from state funds for the murder trial of Tom Sergent passed the Colorado House of Representatives this Thursday morning.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Ralph Porter of Crested Butte and Rep. John S. Carroll of Westminster, would pay the county $15,000 for the costs of prosecution in the case.

Silverton's School Board voted this past Tuesday evening not to reissue the contract of superintendent Sam Avis for the 1968-69 school year.

Avis chastised the board for discussing the matter at a public meeting, and mathematics teacher John Ross, joining Avis in criticism of the board, submitted his resignation at the conclusion of the meeting.

Looking Back

Five Years Ago
February 28, 2013

The Silverton Town Council has unanimously approved the use of unlicensed ATVs and off-highway vehicles on town streets for two special events this summer, but with some stipulations.

The town staff was instructed to draft an ordinance to require any such ATV users to be licensed drivers with proof of insurance.

And the council said no more such special-event use of ATVs will be permitted until after the two events already approved have been assessed.

10 Years Ago
February 28, 2008

Former Silverton Mayor Terry Kerwin says he is running for the job again, setting up a showdown with incumbent Mayor Greg Swanson in the town's April 1 election.

Kerwin, 56, served as Silverton mayor from 1996-2000. Swanson, 61, was appointed mayor in February 2000 following the resignation of Jim Huffman.

15 Years Ago
February 28, 2003

They gave him just five days to make a decision. Mayor Jim Huffman must decide by today (Friday) whether to step down from his position as Mayor and remain a town trustee, or to take his chances in an official hearing of his colleagues and face possible expulsion from the board.

Facing an audience of around 50 people, Huffman sat at the boardroom table Monday night and read an apology. ...

At the center of the issue was Huffman's statement last week, to (Sen. Ben Nighthorse) Campbell's Western Slope Director Katie Aggeler, that he'd "rather have a truckload of Taliban here than MSI."

20 Years Ago
February 26, 1998

Willy Tookey resigned from the Town Board of Trustees at their meeting on February 23rd. ... Tookey has served on the board either as trustee or mayor since 1979.

The old term "sparking" took on new meaning Saturday morning when the friends of the Silverton Mountain School sponsored the first annual Sparking Sled Rodeo. ... Local baker Jonathan Thompson was declared best all-around athlete. ... Wiley Carmack and Mary Beaber finished first in the senior handicapped division.

30 Years Ago
February 25, 1988

Sunnyside Gold, which laid off 87 employees last May, announced Friday that 16 more employees are losing their jobs.

The Silverton trustees approved a site plan for the new visitors center. ... The site of the relocated building donated by Sunnyside Gold will be about 300 feet northwest of what had been originally proposed.

35 Years Ago
February 24, 1983

A front-page story in the *Durango Herald* reported that cable TV had brought the world to Silverton. If what I see on TV — cable or otherwise — is the real world, no wonder we are in trouble. —George Chapman.

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