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Be Involved in Your Local Planning

By Sarah Toenin

You may have heard of 15 minute cities. If not, the FMC concept is a progressive urban planning proposal, to create pocket living spaces with access to necessities within a walk, bike ride, or public transit system ride only. The good side of the agenda approach says it will reduce car dependency, create healthy sustainable and improved wellbeing for city people. Cities - meaning areas with around 250K population minimum - quite larger than most small cities in the four corners. It's an idea under the label New Urbanism. The down side of this concept is seen as controlling an individual's way of life and opportunities by restricting their movement, among other things.

This is a world wide proposal, United Nations supported, but looking at the U.S. specifically, our western civilization has been moving to specialized disjunctive lives for many decades. Take the medical field - there usually was a family doctor in a 'town' or community, broadly helpful for many remedies. Now each doctor has become so specialized in their field, you need a whole team to treat a patient. The 'work force' in one of these FMCs, are said to include remote working, which is opposite to the model of 'communities' that dot the rural landscape in the last century; where individuals work in jobs that all play a part in the lives of the smaller populated location. When people participate in their area economy, and community, they have an investment - a vested interest in the overall health and strength for themselves and their children. Trips out of town are few, as most of the daily needs are met as part of a healthy community. Or perhaps that's the goal. In an FMC the developers are not only creating your living working and recreational spaces, but your options as well.

Our Western way of life, the "American Dream" to work and grow to try to become whatever you desire without infringing others (a broad 'definition'), has provided a sense of 'freedom' that many other countries are not offering. In part it was what made the United States attractive for people to want to work to come here. Many communities beyond the cities, are re-examining their land use and zoning regulations, to stay lawfully aligned with the governing bodies, while addressing the specific local nuances and desires of the residents. We see more locals becoming involved in the process, which is best to avoid top down decisions or structures brought in from outside the area that might not work best here. The opposition to imposing the 15 minute city concept, aligns with people's distrust of the government ruling in their best interest. With an ever increasing network of surveillance, a fear has grown out of this distrust, that the concept of FMC is not in the best interest of the residents: the small areas without individual mobility could result in more of a controlled open air prison, if you don't acquiesce to the demands of those in positions of power, you are restricted. (Look to the Digital ID and social credit scores).

However, college towns, have long been known for creating the small walkable communities that the FMC are proposing. Those are very fluid locations with populations migrating in and out yearly, not living long term in one spot. But they do seem to offer - at a price to the student - this type of walkable small scale high density low vehicle use living.

Another phrase you may hear is Low Traffic Neighborhoods or LTN as everything tends to be abbreviated for low information consumers.

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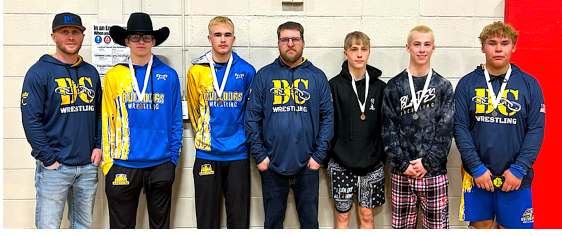
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DOVE CREEKERS DOVE CREEK WRESTLING



Contributed by Shelbie Beanland

The Dove Creek High School Wrestling team wrapped up their season on a high note with all five wrestlers making the podium at the Regional Tournament in Ignacio, and taking four wrestlers to the State Tournament. At the Regional Tournament, Chad Kline (Jr.) placed sixth, Cael Beanland (So.) placed fourth, Konner Spigner (So.) placed third, and Teagan Larimore (So.) and Frankey Montoya (Sr.) placed second.

State qualification requires a top-4 finish, and four of the DC wrestlers earned their ticket to the State Tournament in Denver at Ball Arena. Larimore made the podium, bringing home a fourth-place medal. Beanland, Spigner, and Montoya did not place, but all of Dove Creek's wrestlers finished with impressive records. Four of the five athletes are returning next year and are looking forward to another dominating season.



For Dolores County School information go online: <https://www.dc2j.org/>

BASKETBALL END OF SEASON

The Lady Bulldogs have won 13 of their last 15 games, bringing their record to 18-5. Finishing 2nd in the SJB, going 10-2. March 8th weekend finds them traveling to Regional Playoffs in Merino CO



In February the Teams celebrated the basketball "Parent's Night" see page 5... Youth sports do best with parental support!



DOLORES COUNTY SCHOOLS

- MAR 4 MS Wrestling League @Nucla
- MAR 6 Mid Term / Dr. Seuss Day
- MAR 7-8 HS Basketball Regionals
- MAR 8 HS Track @Durango
- MAR 11 First and Sec. Field trip
- MAR 13-15 HS State Basketball Tourn.
- MAR 14 HS Track @Bayfield
- HS Baseball @Shiprock
- MAR 17 Spring Pictures
- MAR 18 HS Baseball (H) Nucla
- MAR 19 Mental Health Day
- School Board Meeting
- MAR 20 HS Baseball @Cortez
- 3rd-5th Reading Fair
- MAR 24-28 SPRING BREAK**
- MAR 25 HS Baseball @Nucla
- MAR 29 HS Track @Bayfield
- APR 1 HS Baseball @Ignacio



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Farmington NM roundabouts

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Much of what's rolling out in the 2020s was tried in the 1970s - and did not work. Yet you see planners putting roads on diets as they are called, to strangle traffic to drive slower, and encourage not driving at all; on one hand a good outcome, on the other hand, constricting emergency vehicle navigation, and pushing traffic to alternate routes and further out parking. Those opposed often site the concept of 'climate lockdowns' being enacted, after experiencing the authoritarianism during the COVID narrative - no movement without papers etc. This is still fresh in many people's minds. Freedom to afford to go where you want to, has become part of the convenience society all parties have played their part in developing. With the 15 minute tiny home concept, offering convenience in the manner the government sees fit to offer you, could be attractive to some; In all situations, one must ask 'convenience' at what price.

Dove Creek Boy's Bulldogs Basketball heading to Regionals the second weekend of March

The Dove Creek Boys Basketball team has had its ups and downs throughout the season. Losing 4 straight around Christmas time and being 4-4 coming into the new year. The bulldogs then went on a 12 game winning streak, before losing to Ouray and Ridgway to end their regular season schedule play at the end of February. Now, Dove Creek will travel to Simla the second weekend of March to play Vail Mountain on the Friday of the Regionals! The winner of that game will then play the winner of Simla and Burlington on Saturday. Whoever wins the game on Saturday will then go on to the 2A State Tournament in Loveland. Coach Martin says, "Please come and support the Dove Creek Bulldogs in Simla!"



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Dove Creek Bulldog Boys basketball heading into March is 16-7. As Basketball and Wrestling both wind down, the next school sports programs will be the Track and Field and Baseball Teams.

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A Cowpuncher's Life

Contributed by Sam 'Jeff' Elliot
well, not that one.

Several of my friends have heard this story, probably more than they really cared to. But I'm gonna tell it anyway.... Several years ago, I was working for the Gray ranch down south of Animas, New Mexico, I spent nearly five years there, for the most part it was one of the best camp jobs I've ever been lucky enough to have. One spring day I was prowling around and checking fences down in Guadeloupe country, crowding the border country. A very cool part of the world but pretty rough, for that reason I took a particular little black horse, he could really get around in the rocks. At one point I was coming off of a pretty nasty hill next a fence, like I said the horse was pretty handy, so we were clipping pretty good. At one point he stepped off of a little short bank, and barely got a glimpse of a crack in the rock. I thought I hope he don't stick his foot in that. Guess what he did, yep, we went in to a long stumbling slow motion fall. When the wreck was done I was laying face down, pointed down the hill, he was laying on my right leg, with all four of his legs pointing uphill. He thrashed around a little and just quit. I don't know how long we laid like that, but it seemed like quite awhile, long enough to think of a lot of things, like that his feet were



uphill, there was no way for him to get up but to roll over the top of me, not a thought I liked very well. There was also the fact that that country was loaded with Mexican drug runners, I hadn't told anyone where I was headed that morning, and the big thought was is this it? Am I looking at death? I was pretty scared and humbled to say the least. Yes I was praying to my God in Heaven, mostly begging for a Marical that only he can do. About the time I had lost all hope, that little horse kind of went to thrashing around, I covered my head and waited for worst. Just like that he was standing next to me, he had not mashed me. People can think what they want, but I've thought about it a lot, there was no earthly way he could get off of me without rolling over me, I know without a doubt GOD saved me. I know he lifted the horse off of me.



FILMING IN UT & CO

In Utah, five new productions for state film incentives, generating an estimated economic impact of \$12.6 million and over 400 new jobs, will film in Grand, Salt Lake, San Juan, Summit, and Wasatch counties. Academy Award-winning Writer/Director Martin McDonagh will be producing "Wild Horse Nine" with a Rural Utah Film Incentive. The thriller produced by Blueprint Pictures, Searchlight Pictures, and Film4 stars John Malkovich, Sam Rockwell, Parker Posey, Mark Ruffalo, and Tom Waits. "Utah's vast, cinematic landscapes and striking quality of light make it the perfect setting for "Wild Horse Nine," said Producer Anita Overland. "Beyond its scenery, Utah's highly skilled and professional crew base made the decision to film here an easy one. We look forward to bringing "Wild Horse Nine" to life in this extraordinary setting." No plot line has been released, but filming in Utah is just one location, filming starts on Easter Island in March 2025. FTIA shows Wild Horse 9 in development with a summary line "An intriguing story woven around the lives of characters engaged in the challenges of survival and resilience."

"Zeus," is the other local production; a new action-adventure film. "In our search for a

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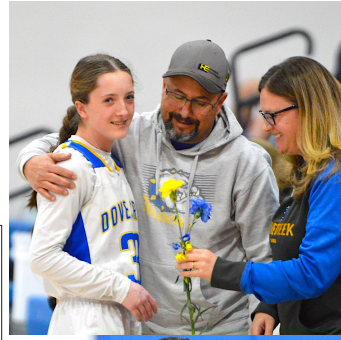
SAN JUAN BASIN AREA AGENCY ON AGING



The sun setting is no less beautiful than the sun rising

The San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging ("Agency") provides notice that on March 5th, 2025 at 11:00am (MST) the Agency's Board of Directors will meet to vote on a proposed amendment to the Agency's Articles of Incorporation that would streamline Agency operations by making the Agency a non-profit corporation without members. The meeting will be held remotely by Zoom. Those wishing to attend may contact SJBAAA Chair, Sue Fletcher, at coloradostorm6@gmail.com for login information.

February's Sport's Parent's Appreciation Night Dove Creek - for Youth Sports Programs, the parental support is so important.



Winning is the goal, but team sports offer growth, teamwork experience, achievements, to learn positive dedication as a worthy outcome.



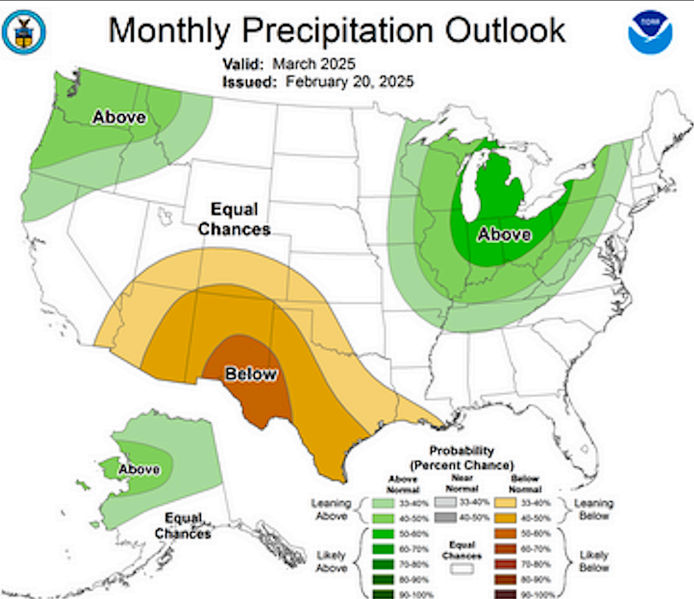
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Food for Thought
 By Kenny Ray

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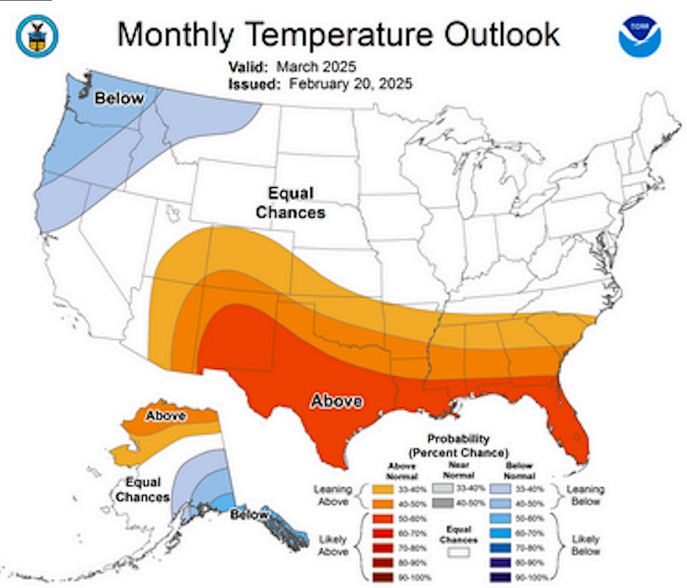


MARCH WEATHER

Where was winter - we head into Spring mid month, the four corners remains more likely above avg. temps and below avg. precipitation.

Weekly "Bad News Broadcast" from GeonengineeringWatch.Org will answer some of your questions.

Weather.gov



A dragon would never explode... but a Dino might

Women getting older that start collecting dogs are known as going through Many Paws.



It's a 5 minute walk from the house to the bar, but a 45 minute walk from the bar to the house, the difference is staggering

My grandpa passed away at 101 - he died in his prime.



MARCH WHAT'S UP

- Birth Flowers – Daffodil
- Birth Stone – Aquamarine
- Zodiac Signs – Pisces - Aries
- Mar 4 - Mardi Gras
- Mar 9 - Day light Savings
- Mar 14 - PI Day
- Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 - Equinox
- Mar 26 - Natl Spinach Day
- Mar 29 - Natl Mom & Pop Biz Day
- Mar 31 - Natl Tater Day



- Mar 29 - New Moon
- Mar 14 - Full Moon
- Mar 1/30 - Perigee
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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

By Dewey Cheatham

“What have you done today to earn your place in this crowded world?” is the phrase repeated by the character Dr. Kevin Christie played by John Cusak in the 8 part series ironically named “Utopia”. Back in 2020, the Amazon Prime series was released as a shocker thriller, that made the viewer think long and hard on how current living was unfolding under lockdowns; carrying papers to prove you were an ‘essential worker’. Mentally crippling and cruel to be told if you matter or not? Who decides. The series is creepy and timed up with the COVID craze in the US, though it was a remake of a 2013 British series from novelist Gillian Flynn. The basic story line is about a group of comic book fans, who reveal a medical conspiracy playing out within the comic book series and in real life... (Spoiler - The injections to ‘save’ people actually make them sterile, and the viral strain was concocted and spread through a traveling petting farm to accomplish the doctor’s goal of depopulation



- making the need for the ‘vax’ - where the treatment is worse than the disease.)

Many were likely reeling from the chaos and spinning storylines in ‘the news’ at the time, with so many sitting in front of the tell-a-vision boxes as they stayed at home in fear. There are a lot of other interesting plot lines and metaphors throughout the series too.

The phrase made me think of the current DOGE triggering email requests to the government employees, “Respond with 5 things you’ve done in the past week.” There are many discussions on what and why this was done. In its simplest form, to see if someone in a job responds to the email request, and secondarily to assess that the employee was accomplishing tasks in the previous week. Instead of being seen as an action as part of their investigating governmental efficiency, many people went mad on social media and in protests. In private businesses, employees always prove their ‘worth’ as to functioning to aid in the success of the business, or they loose their

job. Why is a government job different? But back to humans ‘proving’ they are worthy to be a part of society. If some individuals make the decision on the value or worth of others... and take action to eliminate reproduction, or actual life, that’s part of the Eugenics program. Best to just look that up on your own - where it came from, who’s still involved (hint: check out Bill Gates). There will continue to be people who truly believe what they are doing - which might be life threatening to some - is for the best overall. Some might say that it takes a sociopath to do such things - people without empathy for others. But it all does make you think: what am I doing for the good of the world and others - not to prove your spot, but to inspire yourself to do the best you can.

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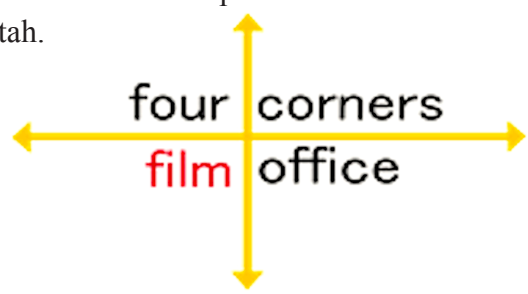
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breathtaking backdrop to capture pivotal moments of the film, we found the perfect locations in Utah,” commented Producer Eric McLeod (“The Lone Ranger”). Currently in Colorado - a film titled “The Man Who Changed the World“ is set to shoot March in Boulder CO. The plot on this film says “Guided by the visionary spirit of architect Buckminster Fuller and the steadfast wisdom of his wife, Lollie, an optimistic father of five, Bud, pursues his dream of building a family business amidst turbulent 1969.”

If you're not at the table,
you're on the menu.



By *Aimee Tooker*

That is the lesson that I have learned the hard way for the past ten years. When I first started working with the local economic development corporation one of my fellow board members told me that. And the more I get myself to the tables the more I learn how true that really is. Learning about legislation or policies that would affect my businesses or fellow community members, our public lands, our water; I am glad I was there to hear it. I can bring another perspective to the table and tell the committee members how it will really affect the people. It is interesting to figure out that conversations regarding your future and that of your neighbors is up for interpretation and transformation without consent. While some days I would like to say get lost and don't let the door hit you on the way out, it is not at all helpful. Hard conversations, although often extremely uncomfortable, are necessary for growth. Stay at the tables and listen to those you disagree with. Finding truth in preconceived notions helps to gain new insights and creative solutions for the issues at hand. I now try to truly hear the other person's perspective and think carefully before I respond.

When I first told my oldest daughter (yes, I have a 25-year-old) about the proposed Dolores River National Monument, I wanted her to run to Washington D.C. and protest the press conference. She called me back and said her friends want to know why I wouldn't want a national monument? And I was flabbergasted. But then again until this proposal I didn't understand either. I too did not have a negative opinion on monuments until digging into the details. I carefully explained how those conversations had not started with the locals but were happening behind our backs, along with the large vast area covering the Uravan Mineral Belt, our family's heritage, along with all the other negative implications. The reasons the proponents were pushing sounded nice and sweet but digging into the details they really were constrictive. Learning all those things through reading (not AI) and researching was a hard lesson. We were just living our lives and going along our merry way and not realizing what was around the corner. I will try hard not to get caught off guard like that again. I read, I research, I ask questions, and I reach out. Some tables I am invited to, others I have to fight to get myself to, but I am there, and I am taking notes, and I am absorbing the information. That knowledge will help me in my personal and professional life, and I will be able to relay that to my friends and neighbors. Do not learn the hard way, take it from me... If you are not at the table, then I promise you in one way or another you are on the menu.



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Commentary By Linda Cunningham

Have you been DOGE'd yet? There's so much new information that's coming out at light speed, all of this reckless spending and the "look the other way", it's really shedding a big bright spotlight on just how incompetent our government really has been, for decades. The democrats are pissed, they're singing 1930's protest songs, dropping the F bomb all over the place. It's almost like they've lost all sense of what's right and what's wrong. I believe this "shake-up" will be the best thing that's happened to America and long overdue. And not only is this "shake-up" happening in America, it's also happening in places like Canada and Mexico, and all over the world really. I don't put all the blame on the democrats the republicans are just as much to blame. It takes two to tango, so to speak, and neither party has been working for the good of America for a long time. It's hard to fathom the dollar amounts that DOGE is discovering in waste spending, the lists are long and somewhat unbelievable, and shocking at how money could be dolled out so easily for seemingly ridiculous programs. I'm excited to see how this next 4 years shapes up, but I will forever remain skeptical and I will always question why.

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Mar 7-9 Run The Rock
Mar 8-11 Skinny Tire Festival
Mar 15 Canyonlands Half Marathon
Mar 17 St Patrick's Day Parade
Mar 22 Behind the Rocks Ultra Trail Race

Monticello

Mar. 1 Monument Valley Ultra
Mar 6-8 Natural Bridges National Monument
Visitor Center Dark Sky Anniversary
Mar. 29-30 Monument Valley Photo Excursion

Blanding

Mar 4 Blanding Library Community Seed Exchange

Cortez

Mar 6 The Over The Hill Gang Cortez Car Club
Mar 4-5 Four States Ag Expo

Mancos

Mar 1 Fenceline Anniversary Party
Mar 2 Mixed in Mancos

Durango

Mar 1 Wolf Creek Mardi Gras Fun Road
Mar 1-2 Cascade Canyon Winter Train
Mar 4 Mardi Gras Party Parade Purgatory
Mar 5-9 Durango Independent Film Festival
Mar 22 Purgatory St Patrick's Dat Festivities

Festivities

Mar 28-29 Celtic Festival
Mar 31 Wolf Creek Ski Area Local's Day

Pagosa

Mar2 Live Music @ Coyote Moon Lounge
Mar 4 - 9 Bamboo Fly Rod Building Class

Farmington

Mar 1 A Health and Wellness Fair
Mar 7 San Juan College Planetarium
Mar 14 Moonrise Cross Country Ski @ Cloman Park
Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Bonnie Dallas Senior Center
Mar 20 Legally Blonde Farmington Civic Center

Telluride

Mar 1 Telluride Gay Ski Week
Mar 1 Goose Chase Scavenger Hunt
Mar 21 -22 Burlesque Show

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Mar 16 Stories & Poems
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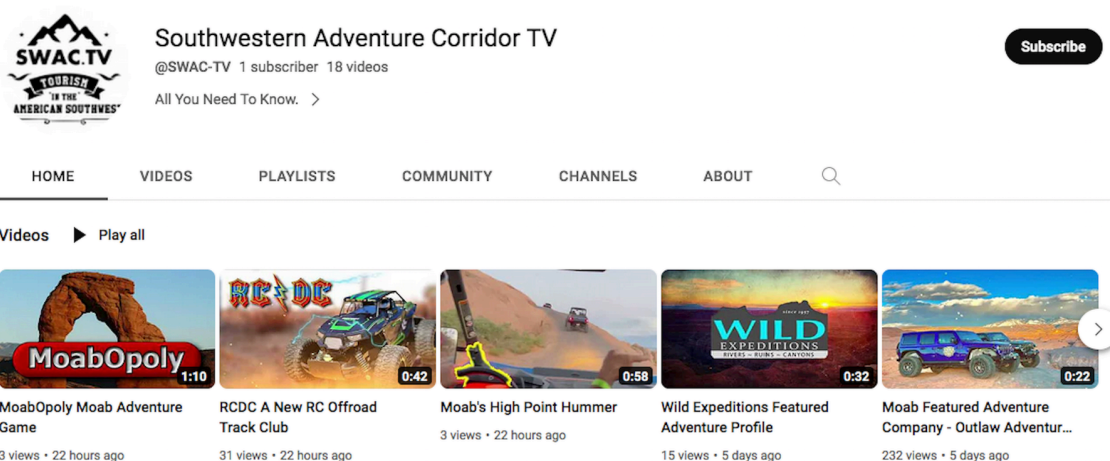
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Spring season in March is approaching with the astrological start of the year on the equinox the 21st. The month named after Mars the planet of war, associated with the Greek god Aries, and Anunnaki god Marduk, had been the first of the calendar year in pre-Gregorian change in the year 1582 (or more truthfully forced upon the world). Will it come in like a lamb and out like a lion perhaps? There are two astrological happenings in the month that will make the energy special - a Lunar Eclipse in Virgo on March 13th, and a Solar Eclipse in Aries March 29th. Growth is said to offer itself up at these times, yet it isn't always comfortable or predictable — but it will ultimately transform you for the better. This also aligns with Mercury going “retrograde” mid month on the 14th through April 6th. If you are not familiar with what that ‘means’ - often people feel that energy impacting communications, computers, plans or travel delays, contracts delayed and so forth. I'm not an astrologer but one can't ignore all types of data input into our lives, to manifest our realities.

Spring is a time for cleaning - clearing out the stagnant winter vibes, and rejuvenating . “If you look at the change that we're in, you just have to keep on learning” said Catherine Austin Fitts of the Solari Financial Report, referencing the transformations from 2024 to this year. Wise words, for any time. The topic of learning to learn came up in an interview with Elana Freeland on the Higherside Chats. The US educational system unabashedly was established by the Rockefellers, as more of a way to train and control minds to repeat information, not to teach people how to learn and comprehend as much as just spew back what they want you to memorize. Ms. Freeland has a new book just released, long title - “The Geoenigneered Transhuman: The Hidden Technologies of HAARP, Chemtrails, 5G/6G, Nanotechnology, Synthetic Biology, and the Scientific Effort to Transform Humanity” (see more on page 14)

Her writing explores how chemicals and nano tech, along with trans humanism public private partnerships and the secret space program, 5G/6G the Internet of Things (and people) and AI all are set to change our future. She posits “What if the degradation of the planet is not just a byproduct of human greed but the explicit intention of government agencies bought off by corporations? What if their intent is to create a "post-human" global government run by AI, populated by a genetically and electromagnetically altered Homo sapiens loaded with nanotechnology and run by 5G/6G/7G transceivers from space?” What if?

Exploring different information, theories, and examining alternatives to what we have been ‘taught’ and ‘told’, is still seen by many as not believable, and worse, shunned as fringe craziness. However - you can't miss that many ‘conspiracies’ have turned out to be the truth, just not at the time the few were yelling from the roof tops and laughed at as ‘nutters’. If more humans used their brain power - and other aspects of being human - to understand and learn more, about all sorts of topics that apply to our future, we may be able to navigate out of the darkness and into the light. To make us healthier, it starts with education and understanding. Perhaps this is an amazing rebirth of not only a country, but our version of homo sapiens right here right now. You can feel the energies of spring, and a new beginning, a revealing, and know intrinsically how important it is to hold true to our inner spiritual and physical health - not the least what's in our soils, air and waters. Surfs up - Mars is not slowing down and neither is what's coming next - it's definitely time to ride the wave!

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9. EGG
10. EXPO
14. DAYLIGHT
15. KIDS

DOWN

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PB 3.25

LAND & GUNS

By Dexter Gill

There are lots of discussions going on in the State legislature these days over guns, lands, water and money. All efforts are being placed at fighting an AI computer generated problem that nobody knows what the problem is or if it is even real, "It's a make believe world!" The answer is to "make a law". What are the make-believe problems? Some make-believe prognosticators say the climate is changing, all due to money hungry industries destroying the environment by mining, drilling, lumbering and grazing livestock on make-believe "public land." That must be stopped to save the Climate and the Earth.

The other perceived "problem" is people having firearms, aka, guns and they will use them for nefarious and evil purposes for "gun violence". The solution is obviously to "make a law" for a government to attempt to control the violent guns that exist and may be owned and used by a non-violent person protecting his property and life while securing food.. That will solve the "gun violence problem."

In the last six thousand years of recorded history, all mankind has sought for land to build on, to sustain his life and create wealth and economy. He protected his life, land, family and wealth by any and all means possible from those who would seek to rob or destroy him. Communities would come together for strength and support. All needed the basics of land, water, shelter and means to protect for food and economy.

Jumping forward to the development of the United States of today, did you know why the Colonies were developed? A major reason was for business ventures gathering wealth in new world trade. Did you ever wonder why there were Thirteen (13) small colonies established instead of one larger one? It was mostly due to being from differing religious beliefs, values, and economic interests. People of "like mind" have joined together throughout history for common economy and protection. It took 125 years for the 13 Colonies to be chartered, starting with Virginia in 1607 and ending with Georgia in 1732. Forty four (44) years later in 1776, there were 17 Colonies that came together to declare independence from the United Kingdom, one Hundred and sixty nine (169) years. That was very difficult for they were not of "like mind" on much of anything else. The Colonies strung out from Vermont to Georgia, with a total population of about 2.2 million. The problem was the Monarchy Parliament of elitists ruled with the Colonies not being allowed any seats in Parliament, thus the term penned was "Taxation without representation." The Revolution, which involved guns, brought about a new form of government, where the Colony States were "self-governed", and the individual people owned the land and resources to live and develop economy under the new Constitutional Republic with a "capitalistic" economic system that excelled in the new world.

That is all interesting, but why do we care? When the West was acquired and Colorado State was designated and formed in 1876, just 100 years



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after 1776 and lots of water under the bridge. For some perspective, Colorado is about the same size as New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey all combined, which were three of the original 13 Colonies, and self-governing. Today, 149 years after statehood, the State population is estimated to be 5.9 million which I estimate 80+% resides within a narrow corridor along Interstate 25, which involves approximately 10% of all land within the State Boundary. Colorado actually governs only 64% of the land within its boundary. The other 36% is the self-governing "federal State".

Where am I going with all this? For governance, the State has 64 defined Counties, which are the local arm of the central government and which are all very different from each other in values, beliefs, and economy. The Legislative House, this year has 65 Seats to balance near equal populations. With a 5.9 million population

divided up by local population, the west 1/2 of the State gets 9 seats, the east side gets 3 seats and the center small 10% land base fills the other 54 seats. Legislation is being conducted and ruled by 80% of population within 10% of the State land base and with 90% of the social and environmental problems. This is of major concern regarding recent "gun bills" when considering a U.K. study there, that concluded, "there is no compelling evidence that the current enforcement led strategy developed by the government is likely to provide an effective way of dealing with firearms related offenses. Gun crime requires 'social and economic solutions'." The first Thirteen (13) Colony States complained about not having a seat in Parliament that ruled over them. We can question if seating in the Colorado "House" is fair and representative of the entire State? Colorado is a time capsule opening of 1770, at both local and national levels.



HASHGRAPH MONEY

By Miso Poh

There are those who would like to see the dollar crash, as the out of control “printing” of the fiat currency has run the country’s debt beyond the tipping point. The federal debt was \$36.2 Trillion with a T as of February 2025. The antiquated system of the printed green paper will be replaced by Artificial Intelligence as in a digital system to ‘save the day’. As was written in the Pinto Bean before, the blockchain technology though proposed as a private secure tracking of ‘value’, it was included in the Bitcoin white paper as being perfect for tagging and tracing every person and every aspect of one’s life. If you thought your social security number tracking was over reaching as being a registered human being, a bio metric digital ID goes that much further to the point of monitoring tracking tracing and controlling immediately as based on the AI ‘decisions’.

As we wrote about “Tokenization”, the tracking of every person and every ‘thing’ as an assigned value attribute along the ‘blockchain’, the latest development of “Hashgraph” blows the older tech out of the proverbial water. Hashgraph is a ‘distributed ledger tech’ - by Hedera. The distributed ledger uses a variant of proof of stake to



reach consensus. The native cryptocurrency of the Hedera Hashgraph system is called HBAR”. The newer system reaches ‘consensus’ with higher speed and efficiency, by using information about information - they call it ‘gossip’ and gossip about gossip, to validate and confirm transactions. Now gossip isn’t exactly what you think by definition - but sort of. Info about data is called ‘gossip’ including the timestamp, additional transactions or zeros, two hashes from the parent containers and an encrypted signature. Sound mumbo jumbo and for the masses, most will never exactly learn or understand it. The bottom line is this takes the computing part of encrypted transaction information to a higher level.

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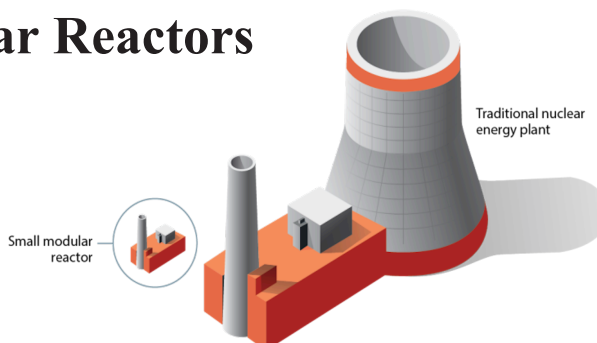
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Along with this is the roll out of “Stablecoin” regulations, expected to get pushed through in a bi-partisan manner soon. “Stablecoins are a type of cryptocurrency designed to keep a steady value, usually by being tied (or “pegged”) to something stable, like the U.S. dollar or better yet, gold. This means that for every stablecoin issued, there is usually an equal amount of real-world assets held in reserve to back it up. Notably, most government-issued currencies, including the U.S. dollar, have only a fractional reserve.” Unlike Bitcoin and the others, that fluctuate depending on market supply and demand, the hope is for a digital currency that is, well, stable. It looks like very quickly, this type of digital ID and currency could become the gateway for mass consumer acceptance. The only real truth we can see, is that we are in a wild west frontier, with very high stakes on the verge of further digital transformations.

SMR - Small Module Nuclear Reactors

By Kendra Cook

Some on the Western Slope may be considering new small scale nuclear modular generation and technologies, that can take advantage of power creation through spent nuclear fuel being repurposed. This comes on the heels of the Craig Power Station closing after a longer list of various coal plant closures and ‘fossil’ fuels on the decline also on the WS. The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) have been spearheading research and potential options for their region’s future. The Rocky Mt Voice reported that “NCEI (northwest co energy initiative) to launch its next phase of work, focusing on creating a regional coalition and fostering collaboration across multiple states. This phase includes the development of a multi-state stakeholder map, guided by the Department of Energy’s Energy Transition Playbook.” They are looking at public private partnerships to include the community input from the start. To align with existing ‘clean energy’ initiatives, a crucial piece to the puzzle appears to be adding nuclear to the list of clean energy options as a qualified ‘green’ clean energy. Colorado legislature is looking at House Bill 25-1040, a bipartisan bill to address that issue. The bill basically says, “Colorado’s electricity needs are estimated to double in



the next five years... Providing more options for generating electricity in Colorado, and will lead to a less expensive and a more reliable path to eliminating greenhouse gas emissions. Advanced nuclear energy can produce higher quantities of clean energy with a smaller land footprint than other clean energy sources”.. In addition to the House bill, the Colorado Senate introduced SB 120 to establish the ‘Colorado Nuclear Workforce Development and Education Program in the Department of Higher Education’ to address growing workforce demand in the nuclear energy sector for the future. Much of the anticipated greater energy need will theoretically come from AI data centers. Oregon based NuScale Power (NYSE:SMR) gained approval for development of their small modular nuclear reactors (SMR) a few years back, with a previously proposed development at the Idaho National Laboratory that was since terminated in 2023. Other companies are also developing various types of facilities to re-envision the option of nuclear power.

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Gold King Mine Spill compensation Act is being reintroduced to the Senate by CO Sen. Bennet 10 years after the ‘spill’ north of Durango CO. It is brought forward to help communities in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona affected by the disaster of the contamination into the Animas River in 2015. The GK Mine spill released 3 million gallons of polluted mining wastewater into the Animas and San Juan rivers, reaching into NM UT and the Southern Ute reservation and Navajo Nation. The EPA had partially compensated some claims. This proposed Act would provide the necessary authority and funding to compensate outstanding claims. La Plata county commissioners and City of Durango shared letters of support.



MOAB, UT

Grand County UT Commissioners approved a proposal to collect Light Detection and Ranging aka LIDAR technology, to assess elevation data with remote sensing that will map the surface in a 3D model. It’s often used for floodplain mapping, as the elevation data points offer an insight into how water run off and potential flooding may occur. The past winter gave Moab UT a break from the heavy run offs that caused severe damage during the past three years. The data will focus on the Mill and Pack creek corridors.



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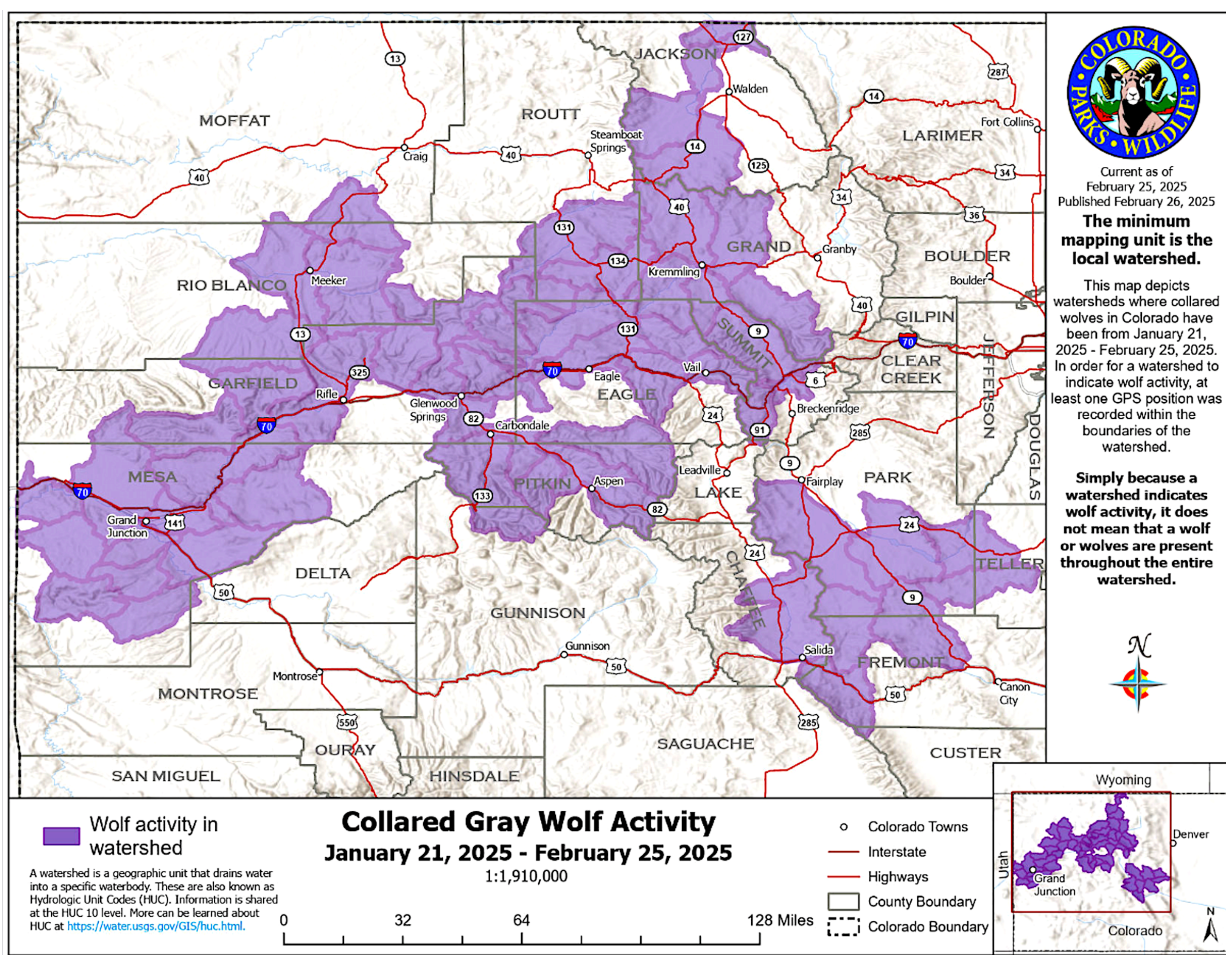
Utah State Univ. Blanding student Desiree Benally became Miss Utah Navajo, celebrating her heritage as Diné (Navajo). The press release states, “Miss Utah Navajo, Benally has volunteered with Warm Elders, a nonprofit that delivers firewood to Utah Navajo elders and veterans. She has also sung the Navajo National Anthem at several events and will be singing for USU Blanding’s commencement ceremony this year. Her title runs through August of 2025, Alongside cultural learning, Benally has embraced opportunities through USU Blanding to expand her education in the criminal justice program, including a pre-law summer program and a study abroad trip to Ireland.” She hopes to follow a law degree career and return to the Navajo Nation and inspire others to follow their passions. Congratulations!

NUCLA, CO

Montrose County Commissioner Rick Dunlap, died unexpectedly in February, leaving an open seat that needed to be filled. He represented District 3, from the “West End” area. There were several people who submitted their interest in taking the seat, and after discussion, the Vacancy Committee of the Republican Party selected Sean Pond to fill the Dist. 3 seat left vacant by Rick Dunlap, “who served the county with dedication and honor” as per the press release. Mr. Pond has gained a higher regional profile over the last year, as he initiated the “Halt the Dolores” petition and overall successful movement in 2024.

In other West End news, Pinto Bean contributor Aimee Tooker will represent Montrose County for Club 20 and recently has announced her running for Mayor of Nucla. Mrs. Tooker is a vibrant voice in the region in support of maintaining the local character of the area, and in opposition to the proposed National Monument designation. The Mayoral special vote question in Nucla is being held April 1 after a recent contentious effort to recall former Mayor Yerke.

Both Pond and Tooker are truly dedicated to the local representation of the area for a better future.



The CPW tracking of the re-introduction of wolves into Colorado has continued to follow their dispersing across the state, including one animal tracking close to the Utah border as well. The maps are updated every month as those for and opposed to this, continue their debates.

Look Back in tHis Story

The “Great Depression” retroactively determined to run through the late 1920s and 1930s witnessed the longest and most severe economic downturn the industrialized Western world had ever seen, blamed or known for the four-day stock market crash, banking panic and failures, and the use of the gold standard—the Great Depression caused a substantial decline in employment, wealth, output, gross domestic product (GDP), and more in numerous countries. In the midst of this crisis, Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated as



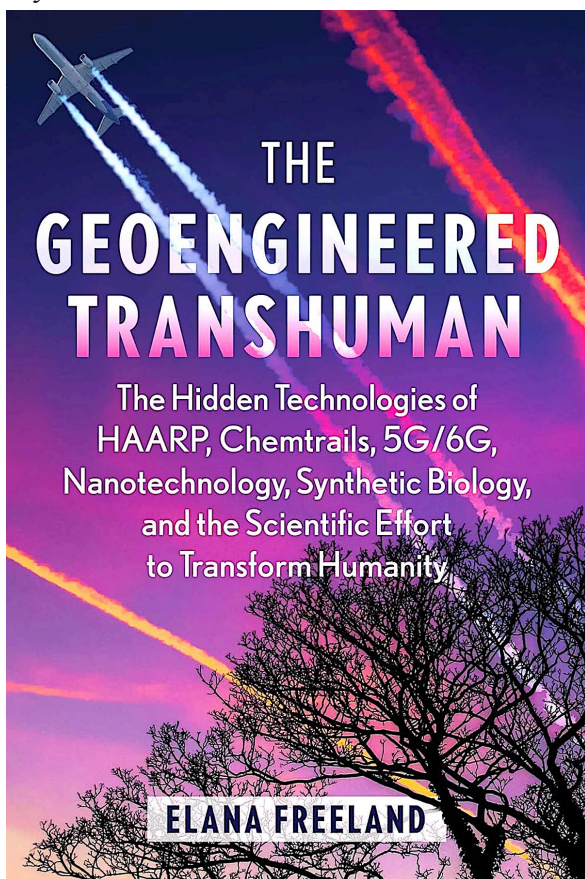
the 32nd President of the United States. On March 4, 1933, he offered 20 minutes of reassurance, hope, and promises for urgent action in his first inaugural address, stating the now famous line: “... the only thing we have to fear is ... fear itself ...”

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How we live Under Ionized Skies - in an unseen Toxic Fog.

By Sarah Toenin



Researcher and author Elana Freeland, has just come out with her latest book - see cover to the left. Her previous books include titles “Sub Rosa America” “Chemtrails, HAARP, and the Full Spectrum Dominance of Planet Earth” “Under an Ionized Sky” and “Geoengineered Transhumanism”. She is a researcher, writer, teacher, and lecturer who studies classified-status issues such as geoengineering, MK-Ultra neural operations, and invasive electromagnetic weapons. She lives in Olympia, Washington.

You can find her works on most online book shops, Inner Traditions is her publisher, with this last book also being released as an audio book on Amazon prime. She is a guest on a variety of podcast shows online. Her new focus is on synthetic biology, as it relates to the geoengineering. As above, so below, she explains how we are bombarded from above with elements that are invading our bodies, crossing the blood brain barrier, and matched with what was injected in pharma offerings, as a presumed preventative concoction, she shows how this all plays a part in changing humankind.

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For the Love of Food

By Kendra Cook

Galette can be a sweet or savory dish; deriving its name from the French word galet meaning a smooth small river rock. The edible anytime dish can appear like a smooth lump - these days the shape can be however you'd like - though it's a bit like a tart, pie or pizza, the free form of the 'crust' that is gently wrapped around the filling to hold it together, is what makes it different and rustic looking.

This recipe showcases the humble mushroom, packed with lots of good nutrition, and hearty flavors, you can even home grow your own for the freshest taste and quality! (you can fill the galette with everything from layered fruits and nuts, to cheese and sausage for example).

Basically there are two elements - the dough, and the filling. Tastiest doughs include the best butter chilled, fresh flour, kosher salt and a splash of vinegar. Though every baker may have their own special take to make it their best. Mix the elements together, then knead the dough just a bit and wrap it up to rest in the fridge for 2 to 12 hours. When you have made the filling, take the dough out and roll it to make a round, rectangle, or oval, on a lightly floured surface, then transferred to a parchment-lined baking sheet.

So what's the mushroom filling? Chop and pulse crimini mushrooms so they are almost a paste, combine that with a lightly pulsed



combination of shallots, garlic, parsley or chives. (you might recognize this as being a French "duxelles" which is often used in the assembly of a beef wellington). In a heated skillet with butter and evoo, sauté the mixture to brown and reduce the water from the shrooms, adding the salt and pepper (10-15 min). (many people enjoy sautéed onions in addition to the mushroom mixture). Take that mixture and in a bowl, fold in the coarsely grated cheese and cream. That will be spread onto the rolled out dough, the edges pulled over, and an egg wash brushed on the visible dough. Layered on top of the filling, you can add more thinly sliced or better yet torn, mushrooms like oyster or king trumpet, and scatter a little more cheese if you'd like.

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Dough:

- 2 c all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. kosher salt
- ¾cup (1½ sticks) chilled unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1Tbsp. apple cider vinegar

Filling and assembly:

- 1lb. crimini mushrooms
- 3 large shallots
- 1 garlic clove
- ½ c coarsely chopped tender herbs parsley/chives plus more for serving
- 2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- ¼ tsp.kosher salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 6oz. sharp cheddar grated (about 1½ cups)
- ¼ cup heavy cream
- All-purpose flour (for surface)
- 6oz. oyster and/or king trumpet, torn mushrooms
- 1 large egg, beaten to blend as wash
- Flaky sea salt and finely grated lemon zest (for serving)



Bake it in a 400* oven for 45-50 minutes, rotating half way through. When removing the dish, top with finely grated lemon zest and add coarsely chopped tender herbs and a drizzle of oil for presentation. You can cut it into small pieces for an appetizer dish, sections for a side dish, or serve as a primary feature.

BEAN ON THE MARCH PUZZLE

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6. The thaw and rains make this
7. Crazy Final March Basketball 'name'
9. Very expensive Easter Decoration
10. Four States Ag _____ in Cortez
14. What the Savings Time change, changes
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8. Gentle waters from the sky
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13. Future 'money' (egg) layers

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Local Pricing as of 3.1.25

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Source: CSU Extension and sources

Commodity Pricing Samples

<i>Spot Prices ahead of 3.1.25</i>	
Gold \$2,858.62	Silver \$31.16
Uranium \$70.05	Copper \$9,338.06
Oil (WTI) \$69.94	Natural Gas (Henry Hub) \$3.82
Live Cattle \$1.98	Feeder Cattle \$2.75
<i>Source: Business Insider</i>	

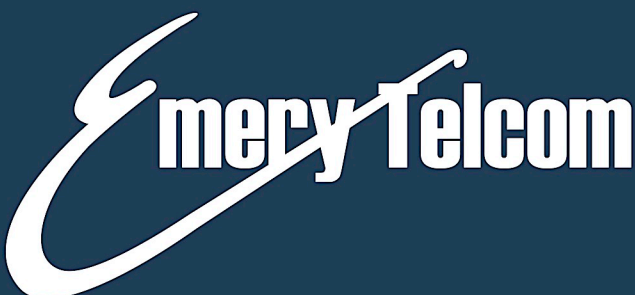


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