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Don't quote me but...

"See you next spring!"

— Galloping Goose, No. 4,
Ridgway-bound for the winter

Calendar

Wednesday

- AA: Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 p.m., 970-729-1120
- Live Music: Jazz with saxophonist Yasuo Ishikawa, plus a special menu by Honga Im, Courtyard at 210, 6 p.m., reservations at sherbino.org
- Film: "Waves," Wright Opera House, 7 p.m.

Weather

Forecast: Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with a high of 70.

Muse: "Never hurry and never worry."
—E.B. White

IN ORBIT:

Wednesday Focus:
Arts, Lifestyles &
Nonprofits

Art installation
postponed

Thursday: A closer
look

TELLURIDE

Tailings, river project ahead of schedule

By SUZANNE CHEAVENS
Associate Editor

USFS planning new remediation project on Valley Floor for 2021

Telluride's mining history has left an indelible stamp on the valley. The presence of the town itself is a testament to a past that brought thousands here, lured by dreams of adventure, riches and opportunity. Those people are long gone, but the physical reminders of mining practices remains in the form of beachy stretches along the San

Miguel River as it wends along the Valley Floor. Those mine tailings, riddled with toxic elements such as arsenic and lead, leach into the river, a legacy that, in modern times, is being removed or capped, often at great cost.

Telluride Town Council learned at its Tuesday meeting that one such project will be completed ahead of schedule, and of another new project, which will commence next year. This summer, town project

manager Lance McDonald reported, work on the large tailings area on the northwest end of the Valley Floor should be completed by early October. The original completion time was mid-November. The ambitious project included not only capping the 23-acre Society Turn Tailings Pile No. 1, but rerouting the San Miguel to the south through a

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Galloping Goose No. 4 moves to Ridgway

The Telluride Fire Protection District helped transport the historic Galloping Goose No. 4 from the courthouse to Ridgway for winter storage. The train will also have its cab repainted and restored. "It also needs to exercise and run to benefit its Pierce Arrow engine," according to a county news release. It will return to Telluride prior to Memorial Day weekend. (Photo courtesy of Tobin Behling)

PUBLIC HEALTH

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Tri-County Health Network offers resources

SPECIAL TO THE PLANET

Traditional religions, including Christianity, Judaism and Islam, have long viewed suicide as a sin against God. The Catholic Church used to forbid a funeral mass or burial in a Catholic cemetery, considering suicide a mortal sin. Until quite recently, suicide was illegal in some western European countries, with England decriminalizing it in 1961 and Ireland in 1993. Fortunately, progress has been made

and both governments and religions have changed their views of suicide.

While there have been significant advances over the past 100 years, and attitudes toward survivors of suicide and the family members of individuals who have died by suicide shift toward one of compassion, hope, resilience and recovery, suicide is still a topic which provokes uncomfortable feelings and fears, and is still surrounded by a veil of dark-

ness. It is rare for families to speak openly of their loss, in part due to the continuing shame and stigma associated with suicide.

We lost almost 50,000 individuals to suicide in the United States in 2018, including almost 1,300 Coloradans. It remains the second leading cause of death for individuals ages 10-44, and Colorado ranks seventh nationally in the number of deaths per 100,000 in population. These

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STATE

ANOTHER RECALL EFFORT

Recall Polis 2020 has to collect 631,266 signatures to force a special election

By JESSE PAUL
The Colorado Sun

Backers of a long-shot effort to recall Gov. Jared Polis over his response to the coronavirus response and use of executive authority may begin collecting signatures.

The Colorado Secretary of State's Office on Monday approved the petition drafted by "Recall Polis 2020," which is tied to at least one of the people behind the failed efforts last year to remove the Democrat from office.

The organization has 60 days — or until Nov. 13 — to collect 631,266 signatures to force a special election to decide whether or not Polis, who is halfway through his first term in office, should be recalled.

Thus far, the Recall Polis 2020 issue committee, formed on June 10, reports raising only about \$4,000 in cash. Organizer Lori Ann Cutunelli, of Summit County, reported donating more than \$7,300 to pay for drafting the petition wording and to make a downpayment on printing costs. Additionally, a GoFundMe campaign has raised about \$7,600 from 275 donors.

Cutinelli, when reached by phone on Monday by The Colorado Sun, said she would call back, but never did.

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