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WEDNESDAY

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Don't quote me but...

"Fifty percent off sale all day today (Wednesday) at Sublime."

—Rubie deLuca

Calendar

Wednesday

- Open House: Toben Chiropractic, Nugget Building, 2-5:30 p.m.
- Wagner Factory Tour: Wagner Custom Ski Shop, 4 p.m.
- AA: Christ Presbyterian Church, 5:30 p.m.
- Live Music: Telluride Gold Kings, Phoenix Bean, 6 p.m.
- Live Music: John Kirk, Peaks Resort, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- Live Music: Tom & Claybrook, New Sheridan Historic Bar, 8 p.m.

Thursday

- Mountain Village Town Council Meeting: Mountain Village Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.
- Patron Appreciation Day barbecue: Wilkinson Public Library, noon-2 p.m.
- San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Meeting: Mountain Village Town Hall, 3 p.m.
- Celebrate Public Lands Summer Kick-off Picnic: Telluride Town Park Core, hosted by Sheep Mountain Alliance, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- AA: Alpine Chapel, 5:30 p.m.
- Live Music: Colona, Phoenix Bean, 6 p.m.
- Mountain Air Music Series: Nora Jane Struthers and The Casey Kristofferson Band, Fellin Park, Ouray, 6 p.m.
- Live Music: Donavan Daily & Anneke Dean, Peaks Resort, 6:30 p.m.

Weather

Forecast: Wednesday and Thursday will be mostly sunny with highs of 72 and 70, respectively.

Muse: "Strength and guidance. All that I'm wishing for my friends." —Drake

IN ORBIT:

Wednesday Focus:
Arts, Lifestyles
& Nonprofits

Bike park
opening July 5

Friday: Music
& Entertainment

TELLURIDE

Bear Creek landscape scoured by massive avalanche

By SUZANNE CHEAVENS
Associate Editor

The first thing that hits you before you arrive at the scene of a massive avalanche about three-quarters of the way up the popular Bear Creek Trail is the smell of pine trees. It's not just the pleasant tang of pine common to many an

area hike, but it is the powerful scent of acres and acres of fresh-hewn pine.

And then you see it. Trees — both aspens and conifers — are snapped like toothpicks every-

where you look, and an expanse of snow blanketed in pine needles and boughs stretches over the trail for about the length of a city block. The avalanche — which officials believe happened

sometime in March or April — thundered down from the east side, high above the trail on the other side of the creek. It disgorged from La Junta Basin into a choke and over a sheer drop, taking with it trees, rocks and millions of tons of snow. Trees

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Crews work to open popular trail



Gavin Haskin and John Fry of the Town of Telluride's Public Works Department give the crosswalk on Colorado Avenue and Oak Street a fresh coat of paint over the weekend. (Photo courtesy of Tobin Behling)

TELLURIDE

In Colorado, summer means road repair

Nighttime work on Spur began Monday

By SUZANNE CHEAVENS
Associated Editor

Along the same lines as "making hay while the sun shines," road construction crews in the area have started working as if winter is coming sooner than later. Two major projects are underway that will cause traffic flow delays, but will ultimately result in needed repairs or traffic flow improvements.

Commuters and visitors using the Spur into Telluride were greeted Monday morning by rough pavement in areas

that will be rehabilitated and a row of orange markers along the centerline. The Town of Telluride's \$1.6 million Spur overlay project has begun, and a bit earlier than originally planned.

According to Karen Guglielmo, the town's environmental and engineering division manager, the projected timeframe is still expected to take about eight days, but the good weather pushed up its start date from June 25 to Monday.

"The good weather is indeed a factor in starting now," Gul-

ielmo said, "but also the contractor is trying to complete a number of different projects in the region to be efficient with their equipment and personnel mobilization."

The work includes applying 4-inch overlay on the well-traveled road into town and consists of a 1.5-inch leveling layer of asphalt that will, in turn, be covered with a 2.5-inch overlay.

"Each course is a different asphalt mix to address different issues," she said earlier

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RECREATION

HARDROCK 100 ENDURANCE RUN CANCELED

Organizer cites snow, avalanche debris in calling off race

By DALE STRODE
Planet Contributor

For the first time since 2002, the Hardrock 100 Endurance Run, a summer staple in the San Juan Mountains, has been canceled, race organizers announced Monday.

Too much snow and avalanche debris, not to mention lingering avalanche danger, was the main reason for the decision to call off the 2019 edition of the popular 100-mile loop trail run linking Silverton, Telluride, Ouray and Lake City.

"Due to historic snowfall, avalanches, avalanche debris, an inability to reach certain aid stations and uncertain conditions on more than 40 percent of the course, the 2019 Hardrock has been canceled," the official announcement read. "This decision, while difficult, adheres to the Hardrock 100 Endurance Run's overall commitment to land stewardship and the safety of the Hardrock community."

Officials said they used a number of key resources to support the decision to scrap the 2019 race, set for mid-July, including on-the-ground reports and observations.

Dale Garland, longtime director of the Hardrock 100, said officials went through an exhaustive review of the trail conditions.

"We started monitoring things

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