

20 YEARS AGO today

BY BONNIE CHLIPALA

The following stories appeared in this publication 20 years ago this week.

Thieves lured by bong by Mark Reaman

Local law enforcement personnel are currently looking for several hot bongs. Stolen from a local retail establishment last week, the missing "tobacco paraphernalia" comes in a variety of sizes and colors.

Perpetrators broke into a window at The Tobacco-nist sometime between New Year's Eve and the following Thursday and got away with approximately \$1,500 worth of gear and tobacco products.

According to the Crested Butte Marshal's report, several high-end water pipes known as bongs were taken in the heist. A partial list of the absconded items includes a blue and white 18-inch, Darkside water pipe valued at \$170, two 15-inch Darkside water pipes (one clear and one blue) valued at \$150 each, three Burnwater pipes valued between \$65 and \$75, two Bubbler pipes, three glass hand pipes worth between \$25 and \$45 each and two fishbowl brass hand pipes.

Marshals are still inves-

tigating the break-in. Chief marshal Tom Martin commented that it appeared the thieves knew what they were after and there is a good chance the store was hit by visitors who have since left the area with the loot. Anyone with information on the bong heist is asked to contact the Marshal's Office.

There are no suspects in the great bong caper at the moment. The marshals have, however, staked out the Brick Oven, Angelo's and The Avalanche looking for suspicious characters ordering large amounts of pizza on an extremely frequent basis.

Chamber budget woes deflate Aerial Weekend by Will Sands

A "financial challenge" at the Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce has forced a cutback to a long-standing summer tourism draw. Unless creative measures are successful, Aerial Weekend will remain alive but appearing in a revised form this summer. This setup joins several salary cuts and reduced hours at the Mt. Crested Butte chamber office as ways of making the chamber of commerce finan-



Chris Sprinkle and Mary Butler are the lucky parents of the first baby of 1997, Dean William Sprinkle. Dean was born January 5 weighing 7 pounds 10½ ounces and measuring 19¼ inches long. Along with Dean, the parents took home more than 40 gifts donated by local merchants. PHOTO BY MAGGIE McRAITH

cially healthy.

A recent look at the 1996 budget revealed a substantial financial shortfall. The chamber was approximately \$30,000 in the hole after last year, partly because of costs associated with the construction and operation of the new visitors center.

"There were about \$10,000

in one-time costs connected with the new visitors center that the chamber had to pay for," said chamber director Diane Markowitz. "We were in a situation prior to this building, where we didn't have utility costs and capital operating costs. Until you're in a building you're never going to know how much it's going to cost to run."

Another surprise expense that contributed to the shortfall was apparently the result of too much successful marketing. The chamber was forced to reprint a standard mailing piece to the tune of \$10,000 to meet demand.

"There was probably about another \$10,000 that was collateral cost," said Markowitz. "We had so much response to 1-800 numbers, [we] ran out of two key pieces that we sent out with every inquiry."

Markowitz added that staffing both the visitors center and the Mt. Crested Butte branch as well as a building loan to cover construction overruns that contributed to the shortfall. "Our staffing costs increased when we had to man two locations for both seasons," she said.

Mt. Crested Butte Balloon Festival Not eager for a repeat of

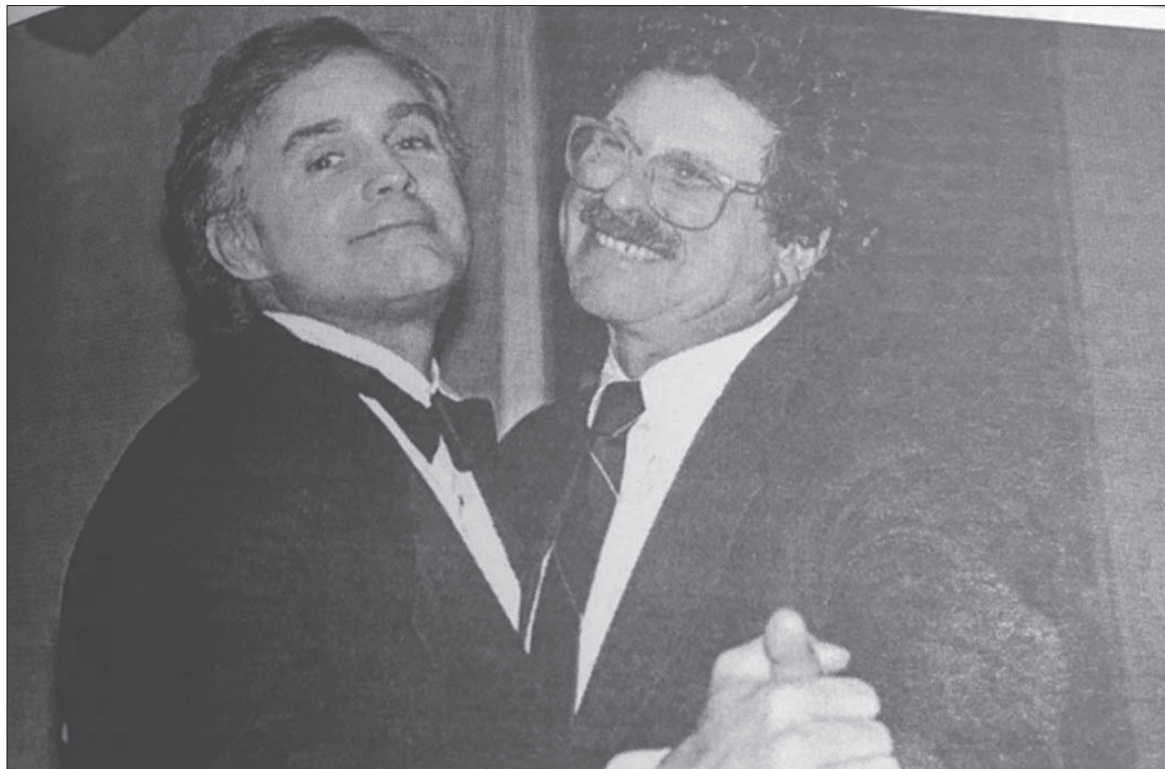
the 1996 budget, the chamber of commerce has elected to trim some fat. The mainstay of these cuts will come in the form of a slimmer 1997 Aerial Weekend.

"With our 1997 budget, we've decided to take a look at some of our events that cost us a lot of money," said Markowitz. "We're trying to keep Aerial Weekend alive because it does have a 20-year history but also watch our costs."

Chamber president Gloria Wojtalik put it more bluntly. "It was an expensive proposition for the chamber and a money loser," she said. "Basically, it's going to become a balloon festival for this coming year and will take place on the mountain."

While Aerial Weekend has traditionally been split between Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte, the probable elimination of sky diving, trick planes and raptors from the festival will push the focus toward Mt. Crested Butte.

Chamber board member Pete Schewe said there is hope the festival's new face will not have major impacts on the community. "We were hoping to find the one that had the least impact," he said. "We felt that Aerial Weekend was one we could trim back."



Larry Tanning and Eric Ross share a dance and the last few moments of 1996 at the Center for the Arts New Year's Eve Gala Fundraiser at the Crested Butte Country Club. PHOTO BY MAGGIE McRAITH

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—GUNNISON WATERSHED SCHOOL DISTRICT RE1J—
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 9, 2017 ~ 5:30 P.M.
LAKE SCHOOL
REGULAR SESSION

Board Member requests an item be clarified or even removed from the grouping for separate consideration.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following:

1. Board of Education Minutes*
 - a. December 5, 2016—Regular Session
2. Finance*
 - a. Approve for payment, as presented by the Business Manager, warrants as indicated:
 - a. Edward Bavouset—Small Vehicle/Bus Driver
 - b. Payroll Direct Deposit # 29108-29454
 3. Personnel*
 - a. Termination of Danyel Grooms—Custodian-GHS
 4. Correspondence
- B. New Business
 - a. CASB Debrief

- 7:30 VIII. Comments from the Public
- IX. Items introduced by Board Members
- X. Forthcoming Agendas/Meeting Dates and Times
 - A. Monday, January 23, 2017—Special Session@5:30pm
 - B. Monday, February 13, 2017—Regular Session@5:30pm
 - C. Monday, February 27, 2017—Work Session@5:30pm
 - D. Monday, March 13, 2017—Regular Session@5:30pm
- XI. Adjournment

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- 5:30 I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Modifications/Approval of Agenda
- 6:00 V. Commendations and recognition of visitors

*Visitors who wish to address the Board please fill out a slip of paper

 - VI. Administrative Action Summaries
 - A. Superintendent Report-Doug Tredway
 - B. Calendar Committee Report and Recommendation-Doug Tredway
 - VII. Action Items
- 6:30 A. Consent Grouping

Note: Items under the consent grouping are considered routine and will be enacted under one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes unless a

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**—NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF—
GUNNISON SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the above-named Association will be held at 303 North Main Street, Gunnison, Colorado 81230, on the 18th day of January 2017, at the hour of 5:30 p.m. of said day. The business to be taken up at the Annual Meeting shall be:

- (1) Considering and voting upon the minutes of last members' meeting;
- (2) Considering and voting upon reports of officers and committees of the Association;
- (3) Considering and voting upon the acts of directors and officers of the Association;
- (4) Election of directors to fill the offices the terms of which are then expiring.
- (5) No other matters.

Dated this 21st day of December 2016.
Janice English, Secretary
Gunnison Savings and Loan Association

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**—NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING—
CONCERNING A LAND USE CHANGE PERMIT
APPLICATION FOR A RIDGELINE RESIDENCE
LOT 10, STAR MOUNTAIN RANCH**

HEARING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: The Gunnison County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on **Friday, January 20th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Planning Commission Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Blackstock Government Center, 221 N. Wisconsin St. Gunnison, Colorado, to hear public comment concerning the land use change permit application.
APPLICANT: The applicants are Darin and Cathy Craig, represented by Ben White, Ben White Architecture.
LOCATION: The site is located on Lot 10, Star Mountain Ranch, at the end of Kestrel Drive, approximately 18 miles north of the City of Gunnison, east of CR 730 (Ohio Creek

Road).
PROPOSAL: The approval of the siting of a single-family residence, in compliance with Section 11-108: Standards for Development on Ridgelines. The applicant has provided a detailed ridgeline analysis.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The public is invited to submit oral or written comments at the hearing, or to submit written comments by email: planning@gunnisoncounty.org; fax (970) 641-8585, or letter (Community Development, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite D, Gunnison, CO 81230), so long as they are received by 5 p.m. the afternoon before the date of the meeting so that they may be submitted for the public record during the hearing. A

copy of the application is available in the Community Development Department, 221 N. Wisconsin, Suite D, Gunnison, CO; additional information may be obtained by calling the Planning Office (970) 641-0360.
ADA ACCOMMODATIONS: Anyone needing special accommodations as determined by the *American Disabilities Act* may contact the Community Development Department prior to the day of the hearing.
/s/ Neal Starkebaum
Assistant Director
Gunnison County Community Development Department

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**—GUNNISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION—
PRELIMINARY AGENDA: FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017**

8:45 a.m. • Call to order; determine quorum
• Approval of Minutes
• Unscheduled citizens: A brief period in which the public is invited to make general comments or ask questions of the Commission or Planning Staff about items which are not scheduled on the day's agenda.
9:00 a.m. Free Subdivision, work session/no action, request for the subdivision of 32.428-acres into two single-family lots: Lot 1, 5.898-acres (with existing cabin) and Lot 2, 26.53-acres (with three existing cabins) to settle a family estate. All of the cabins are served by exiting springs and pit privies. The property is located approximately 14 miles south of High-

way 50, directly west of County Road #858 (Big Cimarron Road), adjacent to Silverjack Subdivision. The property is legally described as being situated in U.S. Government Lots 9, 10, 15 & 16, Section 5, Township 46 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M.
LUC-16-000040
9:30 a.m. Sciortino Subdivision, work session/no action, represented by Marcus Lock and Jacob With, the applicant is requesting to legitimize the conveyance of a 25-acre parcel as a legal lot. The property is located directly east of Highway 135, approximately 18.5 miles north of the City of Gunnison. The property is legally described as being within the SW1/4NW1/4 Sec-

tion 2 and the SE1/4NE1/4 Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 85 West, 6th P.M., consisting of 25.32-acres.
LUC-15-00038
Site visit will follow work session
Adjourn
The applications can be viewed on gunnisoncounty.org, link to <http://204.132.78.100/citizenaccess/>
• Public access
• Projects
• Application #
• **LUC-15-00038**
• **LUC-15-00040**
• Attachments

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are conducted in the Blackstock Government Center Meeting Room 221 N. Wisconsin St. in Gunnison, across the street from the Post Office. This is a preliminary agenda; agenda times may be changed up to 24 hours before the meeting date. If you are interested in a specific agenda item, you may want to call the Planning Department (641-0360) ahead of time to confirm its scheduled time. Anyone needing special accommodations may contact the Planning Department before the meeting.

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**— PUBLIC NOTICE—
THE MOUNTAIN EXPRESS
INVITATION FOR BIDS NO. 2017-01
HEAVY DUTY, 39 PASSENGER 38-FOOT STANDARD FLOOR
TRANSIT BUSES**

Notice is hereby given that The Mountain Express is seeking bids for the following:

Description: Heavy Duty, 39 Passenger 38-Foot Standard Floor Transit Buses

Obtaining Bid Docs: Bid Packages are available online at <http://www.mtnexp.org> or by email at clarsen@crestedbutte-co.gov

Clarifications-A/E: Inquiries or approved equals regarding the bid are to be submitted to Chris Larsen via email, clarsen@crestedbutte-co.gov by 5:00 PM MST, Thursday, **January 19, 2017**. The Mountain Express will send to the bidders list and post all addenda in response on its website: www.mtnexp.org by 5:00 pm MST, Friday, **January 27, 2017**.

Bid Submittal Deadline: 2:00 pm MST, Friday, **February 24, 2017**.

Sealed bids for this purchase will be received at The Mountain Express office: 803 Butte Avenue, PO Box 3482, Crested Butte, CO 81224 and be publicly opened at that time.

Notice to all bidders is hereby provided, that in accordance with State and Federal laws, The Mountain Express will ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) are afforded full opportunity to submit offers and responses to this solicitation, and to participate in any contract consummated pursuant to this advertisement. Compliance with Federal and State laws on Equal Opportunity will also be asserted in consideration for the award of this contract. As an equal opportunity employer, The Mountain Express prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, sex, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, political affiliation, national origin, or ancestry. The Mountain Express reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted.
Chris Larsen, Transit Manager, The Mountain Express

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Ordinance No. 20, Series 2016, was passed on second reading and public hearing at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 2017 in the Town Offices at 507 Maroon Avenue, Crested Butte, Colorado: Ordinance No. 20, Series 2016 - An

—LEGAL—
Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Purchase of 721 Butte Ave, Unit 1, Town of Crested Butte for a Purchase Price Not to Exceed \$105,000.00. The full text of Ordinance No. 20, Series 2016 is on file at the Town Offices at 507 Maroon Avenue and will be available on the Town website at townofcrestedbutte.com for

public reading. This ordinance shall become effective five days after the date of publication.
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
/s/ Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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deadline tuesday at noon

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be continued to the 17th day of January, 2017 at 7PM in the Town Hall Offices at 507 Maroon Ave, Crested Butte, Colorado on Ordinance No. 12, Series 2016 and that public comment will be limited to the number of days and the exclusion of Blocks 37 & 55:
Ordinance No. 12, Series 2016 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Amending Chapter 6 of the Crested Butte

—LEGAL—
Municipal Code to Include New Regulations in Article 6 Thereof for the Licensing of Vacation Rentals and Making Such Other Related Changes to the Code in Connection Therewith.
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO
/s/ Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

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