

NEWS IN BRIEF

MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

TOWN RECOMMENDS \$118K IN GRANTS

The Town of Mountain Village is recommending a total of \$118,000 to 12 local nonprofit organizations as part of the town's newly created Community Grant Program.

The town received \$183,300 in grant requests from 15 nonprofits. Four organizations secured funding for the first time under the new program: San Miguel Educational Fund, San Miguel Mentoring Program, True North Youth Program and Watershed Education Program of the Telluride Institute have received grants of \$7,500 or less.

Mountain Village's Community Grant Program was designed to support projects and programs that meet the needs of residential and business communities and to provide funding fairly, equitably and consistently by adopting a clear and comprehensive policy, according to a town news release.

The town accepted applications from organizations seeking to fund programs, projects, and services that support and promote Community Services (i.e., health and human services, education, athletics, arts and culture, early childhood, or environmental stewardship) that help to support a healthy community.

Aside from the aforementioned four nonprofits, this year's recipients include:

- EcoAction Partners
- San Miguel and Ouray counties Juvenile Diversion
- San Miguel Resource Center
- San Miguel Watershed Coalition
- Telluride Adaptive Sports Program
- Telluride Community Television
- Telluride Ski and Snowboard Club
- Tri-County Health Network

Council accepted the recommendations of the grant committee at its Oct. 11 budget meeting. The budget will be reviewed and then adopted in December.

GRAND JUNCTION

TWO DEAD IN I-70 HIGHWAY CRASH

Authorities say two people are dead after a truck crossed a highway median and struck another truck in Grand Junction on Sunday.

Firefighters say that a third person was taken to the hospital.

It's not known why the driver of the westbound truck crossed the Interstate 70 median.

All eastbound lanes were closed. Two police vehicles being used to direct traffic in westbound lanes were struck by a pickup truck about an hour after the crash.



Day of the Dead

The Wilkinson Public Library offers a program in celebration of the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos today (Wednesday). The get-together begins with crafts at 3:30 p.m. and concludes with a parade to Lone Tree Cemetery. The photo above is a Day of the Dead shrine, on display at the Wilkinson. (Courtesy photo)

ELECTIONS

Tancredo to make third bid for governor

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo is entering Colorado's Republican gubernatorial race, bringing a familiar hard line on immigration and drawing an early barb Tuesday from Democratic candidate U.S. Rep. Jared Polis.

Colorado Politics reported Tuesday that Tancredo will official-

ly launch his third bid for governor on Wednesday.

A five-term former congressman from Denver's southern suburbs, Tancredo made his mark as an advocate for strict immigration laws and enforcement and is a contributor to conservative Breitbart News, run by Steve Bannon, the former adviser to President Donald Trump. He said he'd welcome Ban-

non's support if he needs it.

Tancredo ran for governor in 2010 and 2014 — the first time as a candidate of the American Constitution Party. He sparred with GOP leaders both times and blamed his 2014 primary loss to former Rep. Bob Beauprez on a spending campaign by the Republican Governors Association. He quit the party again in 2015 but rejoined this year.

OBITUARY

Beverly Ann (Sova) Skripsky

July 29, 1950 — Oct. 22, 2017

SPECIAL TO THE PLANET

Beverly Ann (Sova) Skripsky, of Scottsdale, Arizona, and her twin sister Barbara Jo (Sova) Thomas of McKinney, Texas, were tragically killed on Sunday, Oct. 22, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The sisters, both 67, were walking on the beach when hit by a rogue wave that carried them out to sea, which resulted in drowning.

Beverly and Barbara were born in Eldora, Iowa, on July 29, 1950, to Rudolph and Elsie Sova. Beverly and Barbara attended grade school in the Tama-Toledo area and graduated from Washington High School in Cedar Rapids in 1968. Barbara graduated from the University of Iowa in 1972. Beverly attended Iowa State University and graduated from Northeast Missouri State University in 1974.

Beverly married Harold Skripsky on Dec. 27, 1970, in Cedar Rapids, while Harold was in the armed services, stationed in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. She resided in marriage with Harold in Naperville, Illinois; Telluride, Colorado;

and Scottsdale, Arizona. Harold and Beverly had two children that were raised in Naperville: Kelly (Skripsky) Hurter and Matthew Skripsky. They were fortunate to have 47 years of marriage together.

Barbara and Beverly were preceded in death by their parents, Rudolph and Elsie Sova. They both are survived by their brothers: Tom Sova, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Richard Sova, of Chicago.

Surviving Beverly are her husband Harold Skripsky, of Scottsdale; two children, Kelly (Brandon) Hurter, of Scottsdale, and Matthew (Keli) Skripsky, of Mattoon, Illinois; and four grandchildren.

Beverly was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She found joy in travel and spending time with her family. During her 22 years of residency in Telluride, some of her favorite memories and activities were playing mahjong with the ladies group, attending summer festivals such as the Fourth of July parade, and taking long walks and hikes with local friends. Harold and Bev together loved the majestic beauty of



Beverly Ann Skripsky

Telluride.

Lifelong best friends, Beverly and her sister Barbara were inseparable as they planned family get-togethers and joint vacations throughout their lives.

A Celebration of Life for Beverly is being scheduled in Scottsdale. In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting Make a Wish Arizona in her memory, an organization that Beverly held close to her heart. Visit site.wish.org/goto/beverly-skripsky to donate.

WASHINGTON

MUELLER PROBE ENTERS NEW PHASE

By ZEKE MILLER and JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special counsel Robert Mueller's charges against former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort and two other aides marked a new phase in his sprawling investigation into Russia and President Donald Trump, underscoring the ongoing threat Mueller poses to the president.

Trump immediately sought to distance himself after Manafort and Rick Gates pleaded not guilty Monday to a 12-count indictment alleging money laundering, conspiracy and other offenses and as another former aide was revealed to be cooperating with authorities after entering a guilty plea for lying to the FBI. White House officials were publicly optimistic about Mueller's investigation wrapping up swiftly, but the probe is far from over and its reach still uncertain.

Trump has become increasingly concerned that the Mueller probe could be moving beyond Russia to an investigation into his personal dealings, two people familiar with the president's thinking said. Trump expressed irritation Monday morning that he was being tarnished by his former aides.

In the hours after the indictment, the president angrily told one confidant that Manafort had been a campaign "part-timer" who had only helped steer the convention and got too much credit for Trump's ability to hold onto the nomination, according to a person familiar with the private discussion. Those describing Trump's thinking or private discussions were not authorized to speak publicly about them and requested anonymity.

Trump dismissed the money-laundering charges against Manafort as typical political corruption that did not reflect on his campaign, one of the persons said. The president also insisted that the charges predated Manafort's time on the campaign and that he should not be held responsible for any prior misdeeds by Manafort.

Trump took to Twitter to argue that allegations against Manafort were from "years ago" and asserted there was "NO COLLUSION" between his campaign and Russia. But the indictment against Manafort and Gates details allegations stretching from 2006 all the way to 2017.

And Trump's insistence that there was no collusion between his campaign and Russia was complicated by the revelation that campaign adviser George Papadopoulos was answering questions from prosecutors after admitting he lied about his unsuccessful attempts to broker a meeting between Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The White House tried to play down the campaign role of Papadopoulos, whom Trump named as a foreign policy adviser in March 2016, saying the aide's attempts to earn assistance from Russian nationals were unauthorized. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders dismissed him as an unpaid "volunteer" and said "no activity was ever done in an official capacity on behalf of the campaign in that regard."