

FIRST DRAFT

# Cartographers often engaged in boosterism to map our state

Grand Junction appears in small letters on the 67-year-old highway map, but with a large peach orchard immediately to the north and a coyote standing on a rock outcropping just north of that.

To the southwest, apparently on the Utah border, is Colorado National Monument, with a stegosaurus perched atop the monument's cliffs.

Cartographic accuracy wasn't the goal of this map, put out by the Colorado State Highway Department in 1947 (Map 1). Attracting visitors to the state by highlighting a few of the prominent features in each region was.

Wording at the bottom reads: "Colorful Colorado offers to all America, Healthful Climate, Varied Resources, Superb Scenery and Recreation."

A friend emailed me a copy of the old map and it got me thinking about how many other maps have been drawn over the years in an effort to attract people to this region.

David Bailey, curator of history at the Museum of Western Colorado, pointed me to some of the earliest known maps of this region that sought to encourage Spanish explorers and settlers.

The map prepared by Father Alonso de Benavides for the Royal Report of 1630 (Map 2) was mostly supposition, based on second-hand reports of explorers and Indians. It optimistically marks the mythical Seven Cities of Gold in the upper right. The line running north from the Gulf of California may represent the Colorado River.

In 1779, when cartographer Bernardo de Miera y Pacheco of the 1776 Dominguez-Escalante expedition completed his map of this region, he had personally visited much of the country he mapped. But de Miera couldn't resist a little hype to perhaps attract more Spanish visitors.

In a paragraph he added to the map, he said the Indians living near what we now call Utah Lake made the tips of their arrows, lances and war clubs from a yellow metal.

Both the 1630 and the 1779 maps, as well as other early Spanish maps, are in the "Distant Treasures in the Mist" display at the Museum of Western Colorado, and in Bailey's book with the same name, which is sold at the museum.

The 19th century saw a frenzy of map-making activity in Colorado, with increasing accuracy as the century progressed.

For instance, an 1866 map of Colorado, published by the General Land Office, showed only four counties on what is now the Western Slope. The map lists what we now call the San Juans as the Uncompahgre Mountains.

With great optimism, the map shows a railroad to the Pacific running westward along the White River. And for those gold-hungry tourists, it

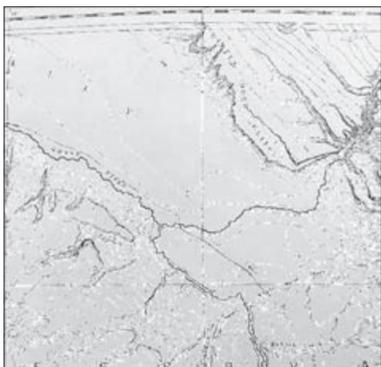


Map 1, distributed in 1947 by the Colorado State Highway Department, was meant to attract visitors by highlighting a few of the prominent features in each region.



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Map 2, prepared for the Royal Report of 1630, was based on second-hand reports of explorers and Indians. It optimistically marks the mythical Seven Cities of Gold in the upper right.



Map 3, published in 1877 by Ferdinand Hayden's survey expedition, was incredibly accurate for the time. No Thoroughfare Canyon is listed 34 years before Colorado National Monument was created.

outlined the "developed gold region" in yellow.

For intriguing detail, it's hard to beat the 1877 maps published by Ferdinand Hayden's survey expedition. Although there are some small errors, the maps are incredibly accurate for the time.

It is interesting, for instance, to see No Thoroughfare Canyon listed on a map published 34 years before Colorado National Monument was created and four years before Grand Junction existed (Map 3).

The Hayden maps also spawned others. "Williams



Map 4 was published in 1894 by James McConnell School Supplies of Denver. It details now-vanished communities in the Grand Valley.

Tourist's Map of Colorado and the San Juan Mines" was "engraved from surveys of the Hayden Geologic Expedition," according to a National Archives list of special maps of the state.

One of my favorite historical maps was published in 1894 by James McConnell School Supplies of Denver. Although not exactly to scale, it exhibits great detail, including now-vanished communities in the Grand Valley and a misspelled Palisade (Map 4).

Hundreds more maps of Colorado have been published over

the years, and many, like those listed here, sought to attract people by touting Colorado's benefits.

A poem addressed to the "People of America" on the 1947 map is typical of this boosterism. It concludes, "Where the sunbeams kiss the snowcaps on each and every peak. Where the rivers flow like magic and the water is crystal clear. If you like pure air and sunshine, then — for 'goodness sake' come here!"

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## REGION SENTINEL WIRE SERVICES

### Driver hits 2 deputies, triggers chase

WESTMINSTER — A woman speeding away from a traffic stop struck and injured two Adams County sheriff's deputies before leading authorities on a chase that hurt another driver.

Sheriff's Sgt. Paul Gregory said the two deputies and the person behind the wheel of a car hit by the fleeing woman were taken to a hospital. Their conditions weren't immediately available.

Gregory said two women got out of the car when authorities stopped it in Adams County at 11:40 a.m. Sunday for a traffic infraction. But one of them hopped back in and fled, hitting the deputies.

Authorities pursued the vehicle through Denver and Westminster. The chase ended when the woman ran a red light and struck another vehicle. She was apprehended.

### Kayaker who flipped on river found dead

HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS — Grand County authorities said a kayaker who flipped on the Colorado River was found dead.

Sheriff Rod Johnson said the kayaker, whose name and age have not been released, flipped in the Gore Canyon Rapids at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. She made it to shore and was last seen trying to climb up a cliff-like bank.

The victim's body was found early Sunday morning, but the sheriff did not say if she died on land or in the water. No other details have been released.

### Businessman calls for museum boycott

ASPEN — A New York businessman and Turtle Conservancy board member is calling for a boycott of the Aspen Art Museum until a controversial exhibit featuring tortoises carrying iPads on their backs is removed.

Andy Sabin, acting independently of the conservancy, said Cai Guo-Qiang's art installation "Moving Ghost Town" — which features tortoises displaying footage of ghost towns on their iPads — is exploitation. Sabin, of East Hampton, New York, owns Sabin Metal Corp., a large private refinery of silver, gold and platinum.

Tax records show he donated \$66,000 to the conservancy in 2011, but he says he most recently provided \$250,000 to the organization.

The museum has stood behind the exhibit, noting the tortoises were rescued from a breeder and are being watched over by a veterinarian.

## Wiener dog races set to benefit Roice-Hurst

By SENTINEL STAFF

Wieners, take your mark.

A day of wiener dog races is in store for the Aug. 27 Grand Junction Rockies game at Suplizio Field.

The races are planned between innings for that week's "Wienerschnitzel Wednesday" game, with proceeds benefiting Roice-Hurst Humane Society.

The game starts at 7 p.m., but elimination races will start at 4 p.m. at the practice field just east of Suplizio Field, organizers said in a release.

A field of racers will be cut to 18, determining who will race during the game.

The winning dogs will get more than \$1,000 in prizes, including complimentary tickets for four, good for two Colorado

Rockies games, including two nights lodging at Homewood Suites by Hilton at the Denver Downtown Convention Center.

Other prizes include a \$250 cash card from Alpine Bank and a \$100 gas card from the Shell station at First Street and Grand Avenue. Trophies will be presented to the top three finishers.

Entry forms can be picked up at Wienerschnitzel at First Street and Grand Avenue, and 2550 North Ave., in Grand Junction, and in Montrose at 1440 N. Townsend. The \$10 entry fee goes to Roice-Hurst, and registration ends at 5 p.m. Friday.

Entry forms and other rules can be found at [wienerschnitzel.com](http://wienerschnitzel.com).

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### Meth, child abuse suspect

Linda Marquez, 27, was arrested early Friday on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine and paraphernalia, and on suspicion of child abuse after officers responded to a report of two young children unattended inside a parked van in the 2600 block of Mesa Avenue.

An arrest affidavit said that when officers arrived, Marquez was in the back of the van with two children, 18 months and 8 months, while she said the van had run out of gas.

Officers learned Marquez had several felony warrants and found several baggies holding suspected meth.

Marquez was arrested, and her children were turned over to the custody of Mesa County Human Services.

### According to the Grand Junction Police Department:

■ Tyrone Martinez, 40, was cited Saturday on suspicion of urinating in public at 200 Rood Ave.

■ Dillon Fee, 18, and Zachery Eberl-Coe, 18, were cited Friday on suspicion of underage possession of marijuana at Grand Junction High School, 1400 N. Fifth St.

■ A business was burglarized early Friday at 2401 North Ave. Unspecified items were stolen. The case remains under investigation.

■ James Campion, 27, and Corey Spurlock, 27, were cited early Friday on suspicion of disorderly conduct after a fight call at 401 Main St.

■ Matthew Stapleton, 26, Jessica Singleton, 24, Levi Barks, 23, and Zebulon Ferguson, 21, were cited Thursday night on suspi-

cion of disorderly conduct after a fight call at Fifth and Main streets, which stemmed from a verbal altercation at Thunderstruck Valley, 436 Main St.

■ Preston Hale, 28, was ticketed Thursday on suspicion of possessing more than 2 ounces of marijuana at 3199 Mesa Ave.

■ Jose Trujillo, 26, was cited Aug. 10 on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol at 500 Main St.

■ Kenneth Mayfield, 54, and Tiffany Wilson, 26, were cited Aug. 11 on suspicion of possession of methamphetamine, among other charges, after officers were called to a fight report, which resulted in a traffic stop at 1103 Colorado Ave.

**The Mesa County Sheriff's Office did not release jail booking or activity reports on Sunday.**

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