



Encounters with hilarious animals in Southern La Plata County



A winter full moon over the La Plata Mountains.



The random brush with trailside art.



Oh, man. Remember that crazy bike race when an international crowd of freaks descended upon Horse Gulch for a week?



There was the time I personally witnessed a crowd of elementary school students go catatonic (and worse) during a pig heart dissection at the Discovery Museum.

# Adios!

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It's been a good run Durango, but the winds of change are a blowin,' and it's time to hit the road. I owe all of you *Telegraph* readers a huge and humble high five (a hug, even) for providing this photographer with lifetimes of material and memories. Here's an homage to our homeland and a look at just what makes us such a "special" community. As the prolific newsroom anchor Ron Burgundy says: "You stay classy, Durango."



And who can forget the "Word on the Street" guy who divulged a little TMI when he told us about his broken New Year's resolution? (Which, incidentally, found its way to the Chive and Tosh.0.)



One of my favorite regional subcultures: Hot air ballooners.



Biting our nails throughout June and July.



And then there's our world-renowned mountain snow-pack...



The "steal-the-\$50-bill-taped-to-the-horns-of-a-raging-bull" event during Ignacio's Bike Week. Always a classic.



Oh, the irony.