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Connecting Women Personally, Professionally and Philanthropically

March Networking Luncheon

Join our Luncheon on Thursday, March 14, from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, at Lou's Food Bar, one of Chef Frank Bonanno's concept restaurants—part of his conspiracy is to shower Denver with great food and fabulous service.

Lou's, American Country food with a French Twist; 1851 W. 38th Avenue, in Denver—home to our exclusive luncheon!



Join us for food, fun, dynamic women and to hear from Betsy Wiersma, Founder of CampExperience™, and our luncheon Sponsor, and get the low down about camp this year. Also see Betsy's article on page 2. Website: www.campexperience.com

Our Meal Starters: Vegan Tomato Soup and Meat/Cheese Plate (per table)

Entrée Choices:

- 1/2 French Dip Sandwich with Fries
- 1/2 Chicken Chopped Salad with Avocado and Bleu Cheese
- Spinach Salad with Marinated Mushrooms and Brie Cheese—vegetarian option; can be gluten, dairy free and vegan

Cost: Members \$30; non-members \$40.

Registrations: Needed by 9:00 am, Thursday, March 7, to attend. We have a seating limit of 80, so please RSVP early!

**CLICK HERE
To RSVP**

The First Coffee Connection was a Success!

The APW Member Support Committee's LAURUEN KAPLAN held the first "Coffee Connection" on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 8:00 am at the **Woody Creek Bakery & Cafe** in DTC! All in attendance enjoyed good conversation, and learned about each other's businesses. "We focused on our goals and the type of connections that would help push each other forward" said Lauren. There was positive feedback about continuing to have more "Coffee Connections" in the future, so please stay tuned for more information on the next one.



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- Reflect and reconnect with the best, most real version of you
- Make new connections in our optional NEW in 2013 networking breakfasts

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Also see www.CampExperience.com.





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April Networking Luncheon

Save the Date – **Thursday, April 11, for our April Networking Luncheon, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the yummy Bonefish Grill,**
4948 S. Yosemite Street, Greenwood Village, CO 80111.

Stay tuned for menu options and a registration link, coming to our website soon.



Our luncheon sponsor at this event is **Kristi Sullivan**, of **Sullivan Financial Planning, LLC** (www.sullivanfinancialplanning.com). We are excited to hear from Kristi who is so smart with finances, and funny! Don't miss reading Kristi's clever article next...

Working with a Financial Planner

A Poem by Kristi Sullivan

Our **April Luncheon Sponsor, KRISTI SULLIVAN** of **Sullivan Financial Planning, LLC.**

We've all made decisions or mistakes we regret
I haven't met a perfect human being yet
So, when talking with a planner about your money
Trust me, you don't owe him an apology.

For the past is past, there's no need to repeat
The in-your-head "Why did I do that?!" beat
A good financial planner begins where you are
And won't make you feel like your brain is sub-par.

As you meet with a planner, what does he say?
Are they words that you normally use every day?
If he won't explain all his financial jargon,
Consider you may not be getting a bargain.

You are the customer, don't ever forget
It's your right to know which deal's the best bet
What are the drawbacks, the risks, the fees?
Is this investment best for you or for me?

How will you help me after this day?
Are you my planner for life or will you just run away
When I call with a question, concern or worry?
If I call, will you find a reason to scurry?

Is your planner so busy talking about his smarts
He forgets to find out about your special arts?
Does he ask about your life goals or just want the sale?
Go with your gut, if the advice sounds stale.

There are many financial planners, so don't generalize
Didn't like the last one? Don't shut your eyes
And give up on looking for the planner for you
You'll probably find her at the A. P. W.!



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Editor Notes**From The Editor**

The deadline for submitting articles for the COMMUNIQUÉ is Noon on the **15th** of each month. All submissions must be **electronic**. The COMMUNIQUÉ provides stories of interest & information to Alliance members. Please send **ideas, comments, contributions, and questions** to **Pauline Huddleson** at execdir@apwcolorado.org

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An Evening with Our Colorado Legislators

PRESENTED BY

The Alliance of Professional Women
Colorado Women's Bar Association
Women's Lobby of Colorado, Inc.

*Please join us for a special reception
to meet and hear from Colorado legislators.*

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Wynkoop Brewery - Mercantile Room ♦ 1634 18th Street, Denver
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 for registrations received by 5pm on February 25, 2013; \$30 thereafter
(includes hors d'oeuvres; cash bar)

REGISTRATION

Legislators RSVPs: Legislators please RSVP to Amy Redfern at aredfern@aponte-busam.com

Legislators attend this event as our guests. (This event is Amendment 41 compliant.
For reporting purposes, the value of the hors d'oeuvres is \$24.)

All other RSVPs: Visit <http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp> and enter event code: **APW35**
(all one word, not case sensitive) to confirm your attendance and register for this event.
You will be asked to provide your Name, Organization, Address, Telephone number,
and credit card billing information. You will also have the opportunity to provide the
name(s) of your guests, if any.

For more information, contact the APW at (303) 368-4747 or execdir@apwcolorado.org
or the CWBA at (303) 831-1040 or execdir@cwba.org

Proceeds from this event support lobbying efforts - - - as such,
no portion of ticket sales, sponsorships, or other donations are tax deductible.

Showcase your Business at the Member Appreciation Luncheon!

Our **7th Annual Member Appreciation Luncheon** is just around the corner; **SAVE the date of May 9, 2013** from 11 am to 1:00 pm, to be at the **Hyatt Regency** in the Tech Center! We have a beautiful ballroom lined up. Our amazing speaker is **CORINNE DOMAHIDY** (www.mypowerfullifenow.com).

Great news—again this year, for only \$35 member, \$45 non-member, you can sign up to be a special bag sponsor at this luncheon and get noticed by all of the fabulous women who attend our special 2-hour springtime event. That is... provide a special giveaway or goodie to be given to all attendees at this luncheon.

Sponsorship information and dates:

- **Deadline** to opt for primary sponsorship of SWAG bag — 04/01/13 (Sponsor can select SWAG container; can be shared by two companies if you wish)
- **Cost** \$35 – members, \$45 – non-members. Deadline sign-up/sponsor of SWAG bag contents — 04/01/2013 (This is the actual “SWAG” that goes into the container)
- **Cost** \$35 – members, \$45 – non-members
- **Deadline** for drop-off of SWAG contents — 04/30/2013. Drop off locations will be provided later.

How it works:

We will provide a Blacktie link on our website to sign up for being a SWAG sponsor. Then, you prepare 100 gift-type items/ items of value to be put into the bags and be given to each attendee. Our theme for this years Member Appreciation is “COMMUNITY,” to be interpreted in your own unique way. Have fun finding a creative gift to showcase your business!

Oh, and don't forget to RSVP to attend the event as well; this will be a separate link from the SWAG sponsorship link.

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WHAT: NETWORKING EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

When: **Tuesday, March 5**, and **April 2**, 11:30 am – 1 pm
 Where: **Vitamin Cottage**, Colorado Blvd and Evans
 RSVP: **ROBIN PEGLOW BERG** at 303-282-1077
Robin@SoulMoxie.net

WHAT: AN EVENING WITH WITH OUR COLORADO LEGISLATORS

When: **Tuesday, March 5**, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
 Where: **Wynkoop Brewery**, 1634 18th Street, Denver
 RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#) to register

WHAT: OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

When: **Wednesday, March 6**, and, **April 3**, 5:30 pm
 Where: 2218 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80205
 (PAM FISCHER'S)
 RSVP: **SAMANTHA DARDANO** at 303-523-0833
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WHAT: MARCH NETWORKING LUNCHEON

When: **Thursday, March 14**, 11:30 am – 1 pm
 Where: **Lou's Food Bar**, 1851 W. 38th Avenue, Denver
 Cost: Members, \$30; non-members \$40, **RSVP by 9 am, March 7**, to attend (RSVPs are needed a week early)
 RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#) to register

February Networking Luncheon

We could not have imagined a better luncheon for this month of love. We held a spectacular Networking Luncheon at the **ChopHouse** in Downtown Denver. Except for the snowy weather, all feedback was hugely positive—the meals and service superb! Thanks to **JOANNE PETERSON**, providing professional organizing services for businesses with **New World Office**, and **KATHRYN TRUAX**, Financial Advisor with **Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC**, for the awesome job of hosting this luncheon. We also thank **ELIZABETH MOORE**, CPA, MTX, Principal at **Ryan, Gunsauls & O'Donnell, P.C.**, for sponsoring this luncheon. Elizabeth gave us a quick sampling of some of the new tax laws and left us wanting to know more.

WHAT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

When: **Tuesday, March 19**, 7:00 am Networking, 7:30 am Speaker: **TONI LARSON**
 Where: **Zaidy's** in Cherry Creek, 1st & Adams
 RSVP: **ARLENE ABADY** at gazebo1@q.com or 303-237-0360
 Topic: **Colorado Higher Education Issues Relating to Low-Income Populations**

At our March 19 meeting, **TONI LARSON** will discuss the effects/benefits of higher education on low-income populations and funding options going forward. Private and state colleges and universities in Colorado are having financial difficulties due to the economy and systemic inadequacies. How low-income people are handling cuts in programs, scholarships, and support services is of great interest today. Toni is the executive director of **Independent Higher Education of Colorado**, a nonprofit association that conducts the government relations work for private colleges in Colorado. She has responsibility for public policy research, lobbying and administration. In her “spare” time, Toni serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the U.S. and is on the Board of Trustees of the League's Voters Education Fund.

The meeting is informal. We buy our own meal and chip in to cover the breakfast of our speaker. Although we're called a “committee,” there is no work involved—just show up, network, and learn. We start at 7:00 am to allow a half hour of networking and the speaker to order breakfast before the formal meeting begins at 7:30 am. The meeting is generally over by 9:00 am. **Please join us!!**

WHAT: MEMBER SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

When: **Wednesday, March 20**, 11:30 am
 Where: **Woody Creek Bakery**, DTC
 RSVP: **LEAH DIRKS** leah.dirks@efirstbank.com, or **CAROL HOLLIFIELD** carol@innercounseling.com

WHAT: APRIL NETWORKING LUNCHEON

When: **Thursday, April 11**, 11:30 am – 1 pm
 Where: **Bonefish Grill**, 4948 S.Yosemite Street, Greenwood Village, CO
 RSVP: Will open on our website soon
 Cost: Members \$30; non-members \$40, RSVP by 5pm Monday April 8, 2013 will be needed.

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New Members

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Anniversaries

The Alliance wishes to **recognize and thank** the following women who joined The Alliance of Professional Women March or April. We greatly appreciate your continued support of our organization.

14 Years: **PATRICIA FOLEY**, Capital Sisters International
 5 Years: **LEE WEISBARD**, Lee Weisbard DDS
 4 Years: **RUTH GARCIA**, RG2 Consulting, LLC

2 years: **CHRIS CAMPER**
 1 year: **Jennifer Meyer**, Strategic Decisions Group
Carol Hollifield, InnerCounseling

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WHAT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

When: **Tuesday, April 16**, 7:00 am Networking, 7:30 am Speaker: **SHARI SHINK**
 Where: **Zaidy's** in Cherry Creek, 1st & Adams
 RSVP: **NORA KELLY** at nvkesq@qwestoffice.net or 303-866-9868
 Topic: **Overview of Colorado's Child Welfare System and Current Legislation**

The problems with Colorado's child welfare system have been in the news a lot lately. At our April 16 meeting, **SHARI SHINK** will discuss the status of the Colorado child welfare system, summarize current legislative efforts, and provide insight into ways of improving the lives of abused and neglected children. Shari is founder and president of the **Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center** and a nationally known child advocate. She has earned several awards as a child advocate and has participated on numerous legislative task forces working to improve Colorado's foster care system. The mission of the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center is to change the lives of abused and neglected children through compassionate legal advocacy, education and public policy reform.

The meeting is informal. We buy our own meal and chip in to cover the breakfast of our speaker. Although we're called a "committee," there is no work involved—just show up, network, and learn. We start at 7:00 am. to allow a half hour of networking and the speaker to order breakfast before the formal meeting begins at 7:30 am. The meeting is generally over by 9:00 am. **Please join us!!**

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New Member Profiles

LISA CASTRO— Owner/Aesthetician, **Advanced Skincare**, 415-720-3069, lisa@youatyourbest.net

1. Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

Initially I was invited to a luncheon by **ANNE MOORE** and really enjoyed the venue, the smaller number of women and their professionalism and openness toward me and felt very comfortable. Through being involved with **Camp Experience™** I then found out they partner with APW so I was even more intent to join.

2. What are your hobbies?

The extent of my hobbies involve exercise, cycling and hot yoga, specifically. If I had more time I'm sure I would fill it with something else sports related.

3. What is your position/business?

I own Advanced Skincare and have been a Clinical Aesthetician for 18 years. Having moved from Northern CA, 1.5 yrs ago, I am building my new business here.

4. What is something that few people know about you?

I am a total sucker for animals, loooove them, so much so that I cannot watch any movie with animals in it or I fall apart, really.

KELLY STROTT—Loan Officer, **Universal Lending Corporation**, 303-284-6248, kstrott@ulc.com

1. Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

I have been to several lunches and like the “soft” networking, philanthropic feel to this group of ladies.

2. What are your hobbies?

I enjoy spending time with my family. In the summer we spend it by the pool and in the winter we are inside playing games and watching movies. I also enjoy riding my bike with my husband and working out. I will be competing in my first triathlon in August 2013.

3. What is your position/business?

I am a loan officer with Universal Lending. I am your first-time homebuyer specialist.

4. What is something that few people know about you?

I met my husband at a Poison Concert.

KATE HAGERTY—Speaker, Trainer, Coach, **Kate Hagerty**, 303-562-8530, katehagerty@yahoo.com

1. Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

I joined the APW to form new friendships and participate in the fab events and activities the group organizes. I also want to support other business women in growing their businesses

2. What are your hobbies?

I enjoy running, skiing, hiking, reading, photography and learning new things by attending workshops on energy work, communication, relationships, writing and more.

3. What is your position/business?

I am a speaker, trainer and coach. I am trained and certified as a Career & Relationship Intuitive Coach by Sue Frederick. I work with clients who don't feel that their life fits who they are inside. They have done what they thought was right but are now miserable and asking themselves, “Why am I here?” and “What am I really supposed to be doing?” My work with my clients helps launch them on their path to prosperity, meaningful work and to living a more inspired, authentic life.

4. What is something that few people know about you?

I have a twin brother (no, we're not identical but you'd be surprised how many people ask!). I've met and worked with celebrities, and I can ride a unicycle. How's that for a unique mix?

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DEBORAH O'NEIL—Vice President, **Assured Equity Management Corporation**, 303-785-7681, doneil@assured-equity.com

1. Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

I joined the Alliance to meet a great group of women who are successful and like to have fun.

2. What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are cooking, theater and trying to improve my running and skiing.

3. What is your position/business?

I am a Vice President with Assured Equity Management Corporation where I use my 18 years of financial experience and legal background with my partners to work with privately owned companies to help the owners "pass the baton" to the next owners in an efficient and tax advantaged manner, provide competitive benefits for management and employees, and ensure their business and personal goals are integrated to maximize goal accomplishments for both.

4. What is something that few people know about you?

I was enlisted in the US Air Force for 18 years living in Germany for 5 years before moving to Denver to start my law degree at the University of Denver.

KEVNE SHARPE— Financial Advisor, **A & I Financial Services LLC**, 303-690-5070, Kevne@assetsandincome.com

1. Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

I am new to Colorado and found the APW's website while I was searching for a dynamic organization comprised of capable, savvy women to become aligned with. After a few lunch visits I discovered the APW is all that and more.

2. What are your hobbies?

Originally from the Pacific NW, I am enjoying the active, outdoor lifestyle of Colorado. I love hiking, riding bikes, camping, and trying to name all of the deer in my neighborhood.

KEVNE SHARPE -

3. What is your position/business?

I am a Certified Financial Planner™ with A&I Financial Services. I am an ally and advocate for women navigating the financial complexities of transition whether it be divorce, widowhood, or retirement.

4. What is something that few people know about you?

Long, long ago, I sang in a rock and roll band! We recorded a record, that's right, not a tape or CD. (Don't do the math!).

COLLEEN KIDUFF—Business Development Manager, **Modis**, 303-222-2456, scanlancb@yahoo.com

1. Why did you join the Alliance of Professional Women?

I joined The Alliance to meet interesting women in the Denver area and to take part in social activities and professional growth.

2. What are your hobbies?

I have two small children so my hobbies get limited time at this point, but I LOVE skiing, hiking with the dog, reading, hosting and cooking.

3. What is your position/business?

I am a business development manager with Modis, an I.T. staffing firm.

4. What is something that few people know about you?

I spent most of my weekends as a child at my grandparents' funeral home in New Jersey.

Member News & Information

Dear Alliance Members,

We kick started 2013 with a very successful January Networking Luncheon at Chinook Tavern in DTC. We filled the room, to capacity and welcomed Tama Kieves as our delightful speaker. Tama was the perfect inspiration to move toward that which brings us the most joy. The food was delicious and service great, as always at Chinook. We thank our luncheon host **MELANIE PAHL**, Travel Advisor with Distinct Destinations, LLC, for her excellent job hosting (her first time) and also **ROBIN PEGLOW-BERG**, Life Fulfillment Strategist with Soul Moxie, for all her wonderful contributions to this luncheon as well.

We could not have imagined a better luncheon for February - the month of love. We held a spectacular Networking Luncheon at the **ChopHouse** in Downtown Denver. Except for the snowy weather, all feedback was hugely positive—the meals and service superb! Thanks to **JOANNE PETERSON**, providing professional organizing services for businesses with New World Office, and **KATHRYN TRUAX**, Financial Advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, for the awesome job of hosting this luncheon. We also thank **ELIZABETH MOORE, CPA, MTX**, Principal at Ryan, Gunsauls & O'Donnell, P.C., for sponsoring this luncheon. Elizabeth gave us a quick sampling of some of the new tax laws and left us wanting to know more.

The members of the Networking Events Committee of APW all contribute to our amazing luncheons each month, from finding great restaurants and speakers, working out the timing, menu and all details, to lending their great ideas and enthusiasm and willingness to pitch in wherever it is needed.

I am ever thankful for: Committee Chair—**ROBIN PEGLOW BERG, DANA LYNCH, ANNE MOORE, JEANE DOLE, JOANNE PETERSON, KATHRYN TRUAX, HELENE SCHMIDT, GINNY TAYLOR, MELANIE PAHL, and NANCY THAUETTE**. And welcome new members, **KRISTEN HARRIS, LINDA FRASER, and NICOLLE LEWIS**—you are in for some fun! Join me, in my shout out to you all--WELL DONE LADIES!

Pauline Huddleson

Executive Director at APW

Member News & Information

Member News

Our very own, **STEPHANIE BROOKS**, APW President, **has been nominated in the Denver Business Journal's, Denver's "Top 40 under 40."** Congratulations Stephanie, we hope you make the cut—you are tops in our hearts and minds!

MITCHELL HOFFMAN Named Partner at Harper Hofer & Associates

Harper Hofer & Associates, LLC is pleased to announce that **MITCHELL S. HOFFMAN**, CPA/ABV, has been named a partner with the firm, joining **MELINDA HARPER** and **PRESTON HOFER**. Mitch specializes in business valuations of ownership interests, securities, and intangible assets. He joined the firm in September, 2010, with 30 years of experience, including financial analysis, valuations, expert testimony, accounting, and tax services.

"Mitch's expertise with high-stakes complex business valuations and sophisticated financial analyses meets the needs of our growing client base," says Melinda Harper, Harper Hofer's founding member. "His skills have added value to our clients and the firm."

Harper Hofer & Associates, LLC is a Denver-based CPA firm providing valuation services, forensic accounting, tax consulting and compliances, and litigation support services to attorneys, corporations, and individuals. For more information about Harper Hofer, please visit our website at www.harperhofer.com. Harper Hofer was founded in 2004 and currently has three partners and 16 associates.

New Member Referrals

We **thank the following** Alliance members for their referral of a new member or two; word is getting out about our awesome organization. Thank you **ANNE MOORE** and **CampExperience™** for referring new member **LISA CASTRO**; **NANCY THAUETTE** for referring **KATE HAGERTY** and **EDIE TAYLOR**; **SAMANTHA DARDANO** and **LAUREN KAPLAN** for referring **KELLI STROTT**, **KRISTI SULLIVAN** for referring **KEVNE SHARPE**, **CHELSEY BURNS** for referring **LYNDSAY ARUNDEL**, **LISA CASTRO** (new member) for referring **DEBORAH KLAFTER**, and **PAULINE HUDDLESON** for referring **PAM SILVERBERG**. We appreciate your referrals and will include business card ads for the referring members as a small token for sharing our fabulous organization.

RECEIVE A FREE AD for referring new members to The Alliance! In an organization like the Alliance, we depend on referrals to increase our membership. As a small thank you for referring a new member to The Alliance, you will receive a complimentary business card ad in the Communiqué.

Compassion

Conflict is an unavoidable part of our lives because our beliefs and modes of being often contrast powerfully with those of our loved ones, acquaintances, and associates. Yet for all the grief disagreements can cause, we can learn much from them. The manner in which we handle ourselves when confronted with anger or argument demonstrates our overall level of patience and the quality of our energetic states.

To resolve conflict, no matter how exasperating the disagreement at hand, we should approach our adversary with an open heart laden with compassion. Judgments and blame must be cast aside and replaced with mutual respect. Conflict is frequently motivated by unspoken needs that are masked by confrontational attitudes or aggressive behavior. When we come at conflict with love and acceptance in our hearts, we empower ourselves to discover a means to attaining collective resolution. **HARRY PALMER**, author of *The Avatar® Course* writes "the thing we have to solve is how to make care and compassion more valuable than self-importance and impermanent things. The ultimate solution is broadly awakening the enlightened mind of spiritual consciousness. We need another miracle moment in which everyone realizes that we're in this all together, and that the earth is the only spaceship that we get. *Star's Edge®* has laid the foundation. The solution that we've been looking for is more alignment and cooperation, more attention on service to others. We need to become citizens for the planet. Have you ever felt the warmth of the morning sun on your face? That's what the broadcast from infinite being feels like., it inspires goodness, and love, and compassion. And it brings tears to the eyes, and compassion to the heart. Let's increase the amount of compassion on the planet..."

If you would like to learn more about *The Avatar Course* or the *Compassion Project*, contact APW member **ANNE MOORE**, Licensed Avatar Master at avatar.anne@gmail.com.

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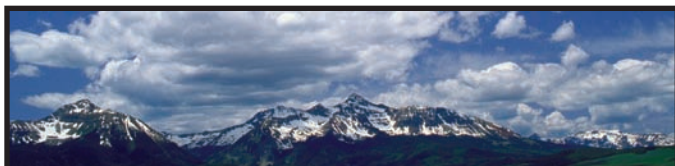
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