

## Brighton window



While hundreds of Colorado teachers converged on the state Capitol on Monday to protest low wages (based on national standards) and lack of educational resources for students, some teachers at four District 27J schools – Second Creek (pictured) Southeast, South and Turnberry held a "walk-in" (organized through the Brighton Education Association) holding placards outside their respective schools for about 15 minutes before their contract-required reporting time at their schools. Their red clothing was also part of the "walk-in."

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## 'Guys and Dolls' this weekend

### PVP, BrightonMusic join for concert

BrightonMusic Orchestra and Platte Valley Players theater group, will combine for a second year to present two performances of the concert version of a musical-theater classic: This year it's *Guys and Dolls*, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Armory, 300 Strong St., and 4 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 510 S. 27th Ave., both in Brighton.

*Guys and Dolls*, No. 23 on the list of 25 best musicals, opened on Broadway in 1950, with a Broadway

reprise in 2009. Set in depression-era New York City, and briefly in Havana, the story of the romantic musical comedy is drawn from two Damon Runyon short stories, *Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown* and *Blood Pressure*, which, in turn, were based on a book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows.

Frank Loesser wrote both music and lyrics. Romance, conflicts, an ongoing illegal craps game, and a Salvation Army mission are unlikely

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## Gas gauge

**\$2.41.9** Lowest unleaded price as of 6:30 p.m. Monday:

• Gas-a-Mat on South Main Street

## Two Days

### Today

**9:30-10:15 a.m. – Baby Bounce.** Anythink Brighton; songs, rhymes, stories; babies to 23 months, caregivers.

**10-11:40 a.m. & 1-3:30 p.m. – Bonfils Blood Donation,** Anythink Brighton; Help save a life. Donating blood is one of the easiest ways to give back to your community. Sign up for the Bonfils mobile-donation center hosted at Anythink Brighton. Several time slots are available. For appointment, visit [bonfils.org](http://bonfils.org) or call 303-363-2300 and use site code A839. Drop-ins are welcome.

**11 a.m.-noon – Drop-in Tech Help,** Anythink Brighton; one-on-one tech help; discuss email, resumé, Internet searching, e-readers or ask any tech question; all ages.

**3-4 p.m. – Stroke Survivors Group,** Platte Valley Medical Center Conference Room B, and ...

**Stroke Caregivers Group,** Platte Valley Medical Center Conference Room C, Groups for patients who have experienced a stroke, and the families who care for them; support, education and community. Separate support groups for survivors and caretakers address your individual needs. To learn more, call Amanda Tarr at 303-498-1873. No need to RSVP, just come in.

**4-5 p.m. – STEAM Tuesdays,** Anythink Brighton; Barr Lake Ranger Talk – Learn about a natural facet from Barr Lake State Park; grades K-5. RSVP.

**5:45-6:30 p.m. – Pilates Mat Class,** Platte Valley Medical Center, Suite 130 Plaza 1, strengthen and tone abdominals, hips and shoulders, increase flexibility, stamina, improve overall fitness; taught by licensed physical therapist, certified Pilates instructor; \$9, RSVP 303-498-1840.

**6-7 p.m. – Compostable Pots: Plant a Seed,** Anythink Brighton, 6-7 p.m.; make compostable pots and start some seeds for your garden; Online registration advised.

**7 p.m. – Bible Study Fellowship,** Men's group at Zion Congregational Church on 27th Ave.; Women's group at Brighton United Methodist Church on Eighth Ave.; interdenominational, in-depth Bible study. All welcome. For info, call Kristen, 303-654-0972, or Caroline, 303-659-4686.

### Wednesday

**9:30-10:15 a.m. – Baby Bounce,** Anythink Brighton; time with your little one at the library; songs, rhymes and stories for babies and their caregivers. Ages birth-23 months.

**10-11:30 a.m. – Brighton Book Lovers,** Anythink Brighton; join the discussion of *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann; for adults. Online registration suggested.

**10:30-11:30 a.m. – Primetime for Preschoolers,** Anythink Brighton; Enjoy stories, finger plays, songs and other fun activities just for preschoolers; for ages 3-5.

**2:30-4:30 p.m. – After-School Get Together,** Anythink Brighton; Join your friends and family at the library for after-school activities; for grades K-5.

**3-4 p.m. – Tabletop Gaming Club,** Anythink Brighton; journey into the world of designing and playing tabletop gaming. Students in grades 6-12 welcome.

**4:30 p.m. – United Power Annual Meeting and Director Election,** Adams County Fairgrounds – registration, dinner and entertainment; 6:30 p.m. – meeting, election results, prizes.

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combinations of plot elements. Several of the songs have become established outside of the musical – *Luck Be a Lady Tonight, Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat, If I Were a Bell, and I've Never Been in Love Before.*

The performers, with extraordinary voices and animated style, make the characters and songs come to life in memorable fashion. A full orchestra accompanies the players.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors and children, and can be purchased online at [www.plattevalleyplayers.org](http://www.plattevalleyplayers.org) for \$2 less.

–By *Bobbette Ranney*

**Now playing****AMC Theatres in Brighton Pavilions**

Truth or Dare PG13 • Isle of Dogs PG13 • Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero PG • Rampage PG13 • The Miracle Season PG • A Quiet Place PG13 • Chappaquiddick PG13 • Blockers R • Ready Player One PG-13 • I Can Only Imagine PG • Sherlock Gnomes PG • Pacific Rim Uprising PG13 • Black Panther PG13 •



During the Berry Patch Farms 20th anniversary celebration on Saturday, the farms' Tim Ferrell introduces Gregorio and Angelica Torres, who – with their family – have been farming with Tim and Claudia Ferrell for the past 17 years. Several guests from farming, government and the community joined in the celebration, lining all four sides inside the classroom building where the celebration was held. While Bob Sakata was unable to attend, the event also was to celebrate his 92nd birthday.

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**Funeral notices**

**Charles L. "Chuck" Phelps**, 86, of Brighton, died April 12. He was born in Pueblo to Jean (Dickinson) and James Phelps, Sr. He attended Florida State University architectural program. He worked for Frontier Airlines as a warehouse manager, managed an appliance store, was a Carpet Mill representative, owned a grocery store, was the district and regional manager for Parents Without Partners and a member of the Air National Guard. Chuck was a local, state and national volunteer for the American Red Cross Disaster Program, Civitan Foundation, and served on the board of the Brighton Senior Center. Survivors include his wife, Shirley; children Jackie Phelps (Tom) Clark of Flower Mound, Texas, Pamela Phelps Genevesi of Salt Lake City, Utah, Brett Halsey and Robert Halsey of Brighton; brother Russell Phelps of Boulder; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Roller, and brothers James "Bud" Phelps and Neil "Butch" Phelps. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to: Eagle View Adult Center, 1150 Prairie Center Parkway, Brighton, CO 80601.

Visitation, 2-4 p.m. **April 22** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home; graveside service 11 a.m. **April 23** at Imperial Memorial Garden Cemetery, in Pueblo. [Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

**Christopher R.G. Tortolito**, 59, of Denver, died April 12. He was born in Cheyenne, Wyo., to Josephine (Hernandez) and Jimmy Tortolito. He attended public schools in Cheyenne and married his wife, Patricia in 1996 in Brighton. They lived in Brighton for 10 years.

Christopher was a cook for numerous restaurants in the Denver area. He was a loving uncle, who cherished his nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; mother, Josephine of Cheyenne; sisters Lorraine Del Hierro of Lubbock, Texas, and Sharon Tortolito of Colorado Springs, brothers Steve Tortolito of Cheyenne, Wyoming and Kenneth Tortolito of Los Lunas, N.M. He was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy; brothers Johnny, Jimmy, Manuel and Tony. Rosary, 7 p.m., **Thursday** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home. Funeral Mass, 11 a.m., Friday at Saint Augustine Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Brighton.

[Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

**Robert A. Amador**, 50, of Brighton, died April 11. He was born in Lancaster, Calif. Memorial service, 4 p.m., April 27 at the Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 9998 Grant St., Thornton.

**Walter L. Weber**, 89, of Broomfield, died April 10. He was born to Jacob and Lydia (Schissler) Weber in Platteville. He attended schools in the Fort Lupton area, then joined the Navy. He served during the Korean War as a baker from 1950 to 1954. Upon his return he obtained employment at Sunstrand. He married Carolyn (Andersen) in 1956 in Brighton. Walt was active in the American Legion and VFW posts. Survivors include his wife Carolyn; son Terry (Priscilla) Weber of Fort Lupton, and daughter Donna Fisher of Broomfield; six grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and siblings Dorothy Fry of Brighton, Jack

Weber of Fort Lupton and Mary Ann Haberkon of Erie. Services, 11 a.m. **today** at Tabor-Rice Funeral Home, with dinner following at the American Legion in Fort Lupton. Walt's final resting place will be at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, 1:15 p.m. on **Thursday**. Tabor-Rice Funeral Home handled the funeral arrangements. [Full obit Tabor-Rice](#)

**Richard D. Kaess**, 75, died March 26 at Oxford House Memory Care in Derby, Kan. He was born in Salida to Melville C. Kaess and Alice M. Bigelow. Rich attended Metro State, where he earned a degree in criminal justice. He worked 32 years in corrections for the state of Colorado. He lived in Brighton for 43 years. Survivors are his children, DeeAnn (Ron) Hill, of Pratt, Kan., and Brad (Barbara) Kaess, of Huntington Beach, Calif.; brother Don (Sue) Kaess; sisters Karen (Ben) Yeatts, and Melette (Doug) Maypark; and three grandchildren. Graveside service, 1 p.m. **April 28**, at Hillside Cemetery in Cotopaxi.

**Caroline "Carol" Robirds**, 77, of Brighton, died April 5. Survivors include her daughter, Elaine Robirds; sons Craig Robirds and Rick (Lisa) Robirds; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; her sisters Grace Robirds and Wanda Acosta. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Robirds. Carol grew up and graduated from high school in Crook. Memorial services to be planned for a later date in Sterling. Memorial donations in memory of Carol can be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123.