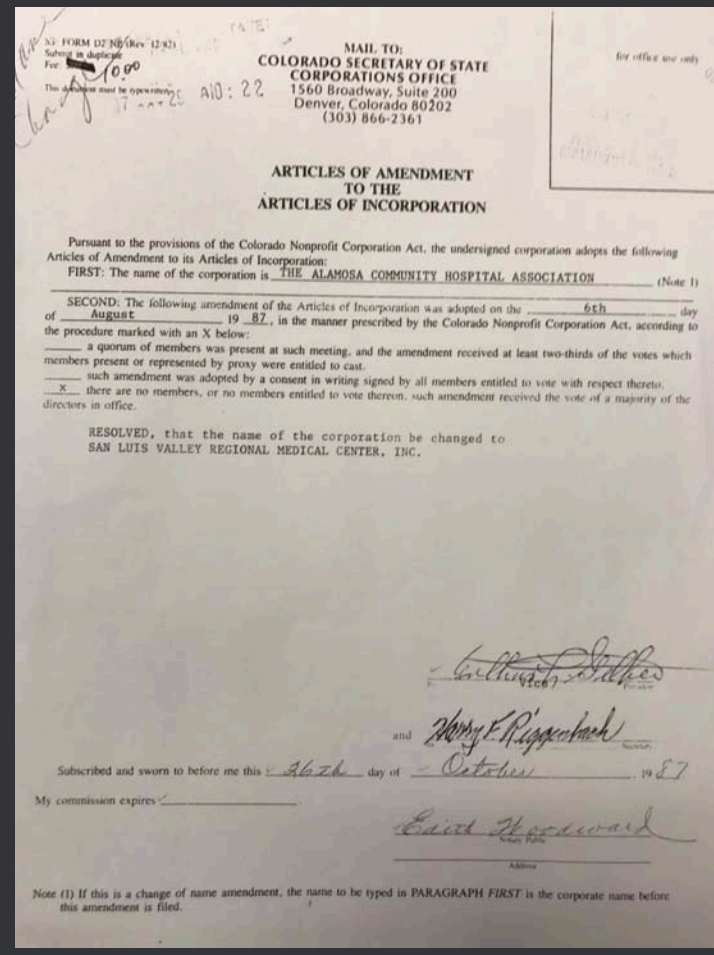


# San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center 1987-2012



## 1987: Hospital becomes San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center (SLVRMC) 1988: New Logo and Byline

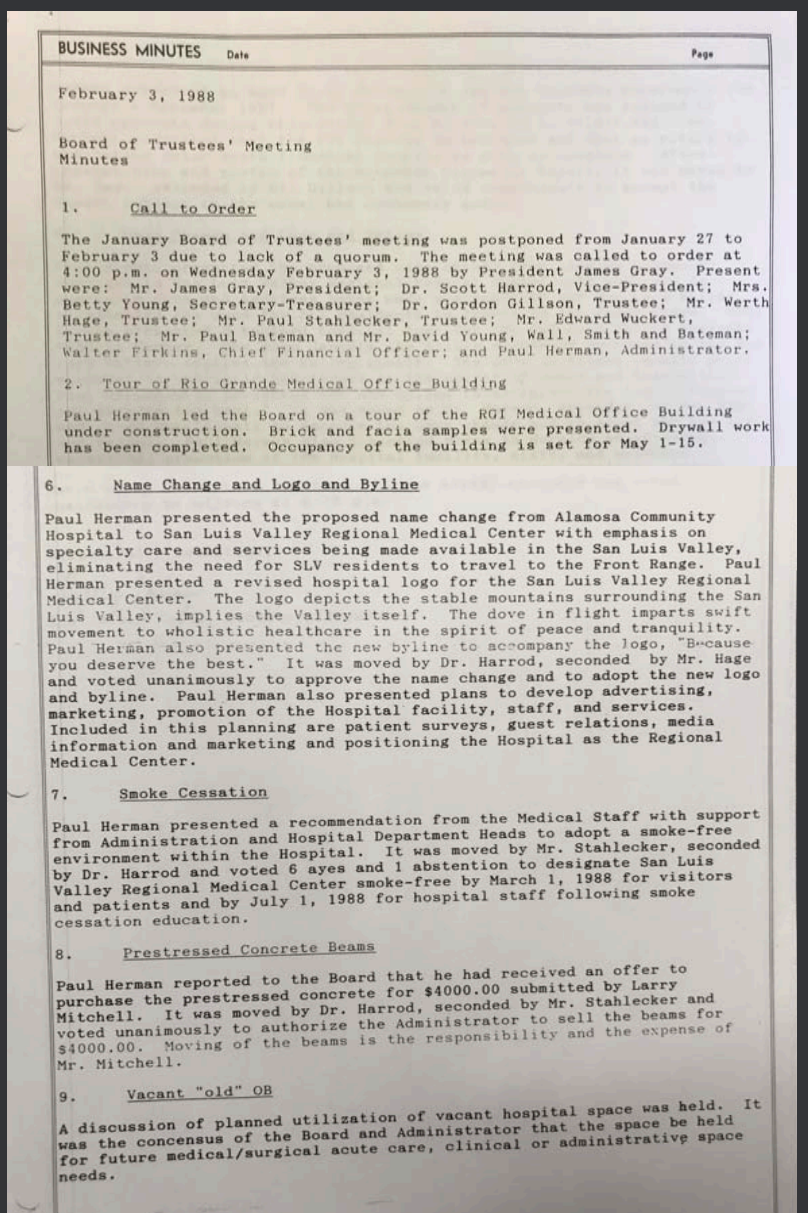
Paul Herman presented the proposed name change from Alamosa Community Hospital to San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center with emphasis on specialty care and services being made available in the San Luis Valley. On February 3, 1988, Herman presented a revised hospital logo for the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center. The logo depicts the stable mountains surrounding the San Luis Valley. The dove in flight imparts swift movement to wholistic healthcare in the spirit of peace and tranquility. Herman also presented the new byline to accompany the logo, "Because you deserve the best"

## 1990's: Advances to Radiology

Fred Casanova, Director of Radiology for 35 years, "I started in a room with two x-ray machines. We used to have to expose and develop the x-rays which was time consuming. Computers and technology changed everything. We added an MRI machine in the 1990's and that was huge for SLVRMC."



1990's crane installation of MRI machine at SLVRMC Fred Casanova, Dr. Ed Carter, Janet McGinnis and Paul Jiron



## 1991: Dr. Jay Ruddell performed first laparoscopic surgery in Alamosa

Current Surgeon, Dr. David Geiger, recalled, "When Endoscopy was first invented, it was thought to be a fad. They performed laparoscopic surgery in Europe long before it was approved in the United States. What really changed surgical procedures was the innovation of the computer chip cameras."



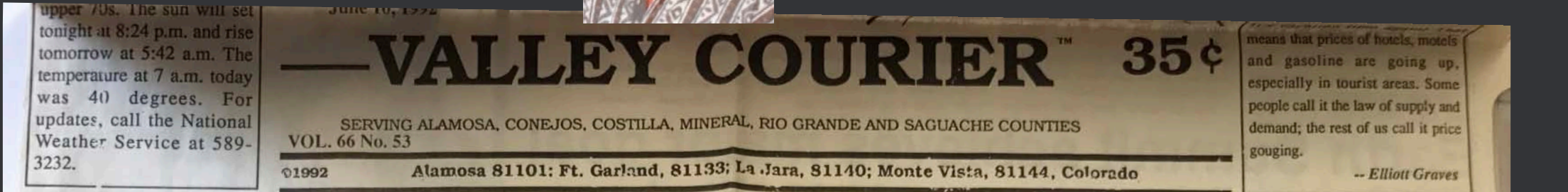
Dr. Jay Ruddell

## 1991: City of Alamosa turns over ambulance operations to the newly formed Alamosa County Ambulance District

Dr. Paul Wagner was instrumental in organizing the new Ambulance District. The first board consisted of himself, Paul Herman, Lyle Hood, Dr. Bob Linden and Jack Felme. They had to raise a mill levy, which passed, in order to fund it.

## 1991-94: Building and construction included expanded emergency department and lab, streamlined admissions, 2nd floor addition, and 3rd floor dedicated to critical care.

The Helipad was paid for by an El Pomar grant. An Energy Impact Assistant Grant helped fund the new ambulance bay. The addition would turn the hospital from a 50 to 60 bed hospital.



## Regional Medical Center breaks ground for expansion

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## 1993: The medical center employs 240

"The medical center employs 240 people - counting physicians 275 - and had an annual payroll of \$7 million" (The Pueblo Chieftain, November 19, 1993)



BRICKING GROUND for the new addition at Wallace Taylor, mayor Farris Bervig, administrator Paul Herman and Roger Vigil. June 9 are from left James Gray, Dr. Marvin Metz, Don Wuckert, Rev. David Floerke. [Courier photo by Ruth Heide]

## Medical providers settle into new home

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The SLV Regional Board of Directors congratulated the hospital for its achievements. The board praised the hospital's commitment to providing high-quality care and its dedication to the community. The board also recognized the hard work of the hospital's staff and the leadership of its administrators.

## 'This hospital is ours'

Speakers say SLV Regional is for people of the Valley. The hospital is a source of pride for the community, and it is important that everyone feels a sense of ownership and responsibility for its success. The hospital's staff and administrators are committed to providing the best possible care for all patients, and they are grateful for the support and trust of the community.

## 1994: Dr. Janet Ginzkey joined the staff in Physical Therapy

## 1995: Hospital acknowledged as "Top 100 Hospitals"

The hospital was acknowledged as one of the "Top 100 Hospitals" in the country by the Mercer Corporation. SLVRMC ranked in the top 20 for hospitals with less than 250 beds.



## 1996-97: Labor and Delivery moves into the 2nd floor

After being an empty shell for several years, in 1997 Labor and Delivery officially moved into the 2nd floor. Pictures here show the staff in the "Old OB" during the late 1980's. And some are in the "New OB" in the 90's.



CEO Paul Herman "listens to a phone call"



Mary Rodriguez, Head of Housekeeping



Doctor Robert Kelly



Dr. Herb Nason



Cathy Velasquez (rocking chair donated by Norma Stamps)



Bonnie Bahr



LouAnn Cheslock Skinner

## 1999-2000: Leslie Fleming and Larry Pochardt serve as Interim Co-Administrators

Leslie Fleming and Larry Pochardt served as Interim Co-Administrators of the hospital while the board searched for a replacement. Leslie, C.P.A., was the Chief Financial Officer from 1988-2001. In 1998, she and Leonard Snow were the Assistant Administrators for the hospital.



The new \$6.2 million project went pretty much as planned. The hospital's expansion project is well on its way to completion, and the new building is expected to be ready for occupancy in the near future. The project has been a success, and the hospital is grateful for the support and trust of the community.

Jim Gray was the epitome of an outstanding hospital board member. Many volunteer community board members through the years give countless hours of their time and expertise in this vital leadership role. It was my personal and professional privilege and pleasure to work with Jim as a Trustee and President of the Lutheran Hospital Association of the San Luis Valley while I was the CEO. During his years of service Alamosa Community Hospital became the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center, a "Top 100 Hospital" in the United States, the First Street Medical Office Building was built, and the Medical Staff and Hospital Staff was greatly increased to meet the healthcare needs of the San Luis Valley. Jim was always Gentleman Servant as he made the San Luis Valley a better place to live. He set the bar very high. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. -Paul Herman