

# OVER THE PASS



"Probably kindergarten. I stapled my finger. The teacher had told me not to do it. I'm the kid that does what they tell you not to do."

— Aaron Lynam, store manager, Sherwin-Williams paint store, Albuquerque



"My mom had this broom, brown bristles and a maroon handle, that she would not let anyone touch. She stood it on its handle so it wouldn't bend the bristles. I remember that broom when I was still crawling. I've still got that broom. It's older than I am and I'm 46."

— Jim Fillwalk, new to Trinidad

## TIM KELLER'S CONNECTIONS

### "What is your earliest memory?"

Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News



"I remember snow up to our wahzoo. I remember my brother splitting his head open on the bed. He came back from the hospital with seven or eight stitches and said, 'I saw Dr. Kildare!' I guess I was three or four."

— Cathy Tamas, massage therapist, Awaken Salon & Spa, Trinidad



"I grew up on a 2000-acre farm in Nebraska. My parents still live on it. I remember sitting in kindergarten. The town kids got to go home at noon but the farm kids had to stay all day. We got our carton of milk and our nap, and then we did more classwork and played games."

— Randy Stamm, activities assistant, Colorado State Veterans Home, Walsenburg

## HONOR

### Funeral held for Colorado deputy shot by teen

Associated Press

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — Mesa County Sheriff's Deputy Derek Geer, who was shot and killed in the line of duty, was remembered at a funeral service for the commitment he showed his community and his family.

Geer was shot multiple times Feb. 8 after responding to a report that a person carrying a gun and wearing a bandanna over his face had been spotted near two Grand Junction schools.

At the end of the hourlong service, hundreds of mourners stood as uniformed fellow officers bore his coffin from a Grand Junction church. The officers marched out in silence at a halting, mournful pace.

In a letter from his wife read during the service, Kate Geer said she and their two children were her husband's priority.

Sheriff Matt Lewis addressed the mourners at Canyon View Vineyard Church on Monday. Senior Pastor Kirk Yamaguchi also spoke.

Yamaguchi thanked God that Geer "was willing to lay down his life for the sake of protecting all of us."

A bagpiper played as uniformed col-



Photo credit: Mesa County Sheriff's Office

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mesa County Deputy Derek Geer who sustained "life-threatening injuries" and was taken off life support after he was shot multiple times by a teenager last week.

leagues carried Geer's body into the church. Geer's flag-draped coffin was then placed before an array of flowers and a large photograph of the deputy.

After bringing in the coffin, the eight pallbearers gave it a slow, solemn salute as family members and other mourners filed in. Some mourners wore blue T-shirts emblazoned with sheriff's stars.

## "EYES TO THE FUTURE"

### Colorado Planned Parenthood clinic reopens after Nov. shooting

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs reopened nearly three months after a gunman killed three people and injured nine others, its exterior walls showing bullet scars and its entrance sheathed in plywood on Monday.

The clinic had more than 30 scheduled appointments, plus walk-ins, said Vicki Cowart, president of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains. Security guards were on duty, and the organization was reviewing safety, she said.

"We are opening today with our eyes to the future," Cowart said.

The rest of the week's schedule was nearly full for a range of health services, including abortions, the Colorado Springs Gazette reported.

Only about a third of the building was in use because crews still were repairing damage from the Nov. 27 attack. The entrance was heavily damaged by a police armored vehicle during the response to the shooting.

Robert Lewis Dear has been charged with 179 counts including murder, attempted murder and assault. During courtroom outbursts, he declared himself a "warrior for the babies" and said he was guilty.

A judge ordered Dear to undergo a mental health evaluation to determine if he is competent to stand trial.

Police and witnesses said Dear began shooting in the parking lot before moving into the building. Over the next several hours, SWAT teams tried to rescue people from hiding places inside the clinic and to corner Dear as he kept firing.

He surrendered about five hours after the attack began.

Among those killed was a police officer with the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs who had gone to help. Two civilians also died, and five police officers were among the wounded.

Cowart said Planned Parenthood is discussing ways to honor the victims.

Words of encouragement were written on the sidewalk in chalk Monday, and an ornament hanging on a nearby tree read "Hope."

Cowart said the 15-member staff is tough but suffered from the attack.

"I don't want to underplay that this has been hard on our people," she said.

Clinic workers declined to comment Monday.

Abortion protesters also returned to the area, holding signs along a nearby street, but they distanced themselves from Dear's actions and expressed sympathy for the shooting victims.

"No one deserves to go through what they went through," protester Joseph Martone said. "We respect life. All life."

## WEATHER

### Presidents Day could be windy, snowy

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — High wind and snow could cause trouble over a large swath of northern Colorado on Presidents Day.

The north-central mountains are under a winter weather advisory Monday, with snow and blowing snow making travel hazardous.

The National Weather Service says the advisory extends from Aspen and Fairplay on the south to the Wyoming border. It's in

effect till midnight.

East of the Continental Divide, the northern Front Range is under a high wind watch with 75 mph gusts possible.

The watch extends from Douglas County north to the Wyoming border. Sustained winds of 20 to 40 mph are possible through Monday night.

Forecasters say areas of southeastern Wyoming could see sustained winds of 35 to 50 mph Monday, with gusts up to 75 mph.



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