

# OVER THE PASS



"I like Frisbee-related games. Kan Jam uses two trash cans about 50 feet apart. You and a partner play against another pair. You throw to your partner and they deflect it into the can. You can play it anywhere—your yard, tailgates, parking lots. It's only been out a couple years. You can buy sets to play."

— Kristin Leal, special-education teacher, Amarillo, TX



"Cards Against Humanity. It's super fun. It's a social game for six to eight people. You deal out a question and people pick answers. It's definitely an adult game—the questions and answers are very blue."

— Jason and Brook Moore, fitness engineer and café supervisor, Colorado Springs



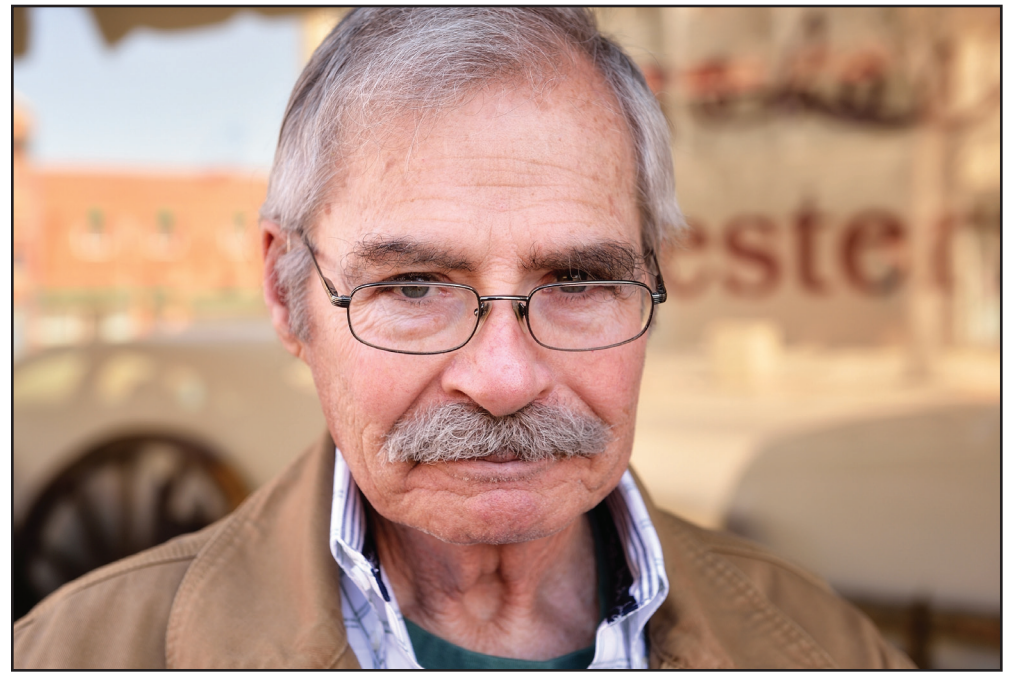
"I love playing Pitch. It's a card game for a group of people, usually four. The one with the lowest points wins. My favorite version is called 'Hate Your Neighbor' where you try to dump all your points on the others. I'm showing my age here. My parents and grandparents played Pitch."

— Shelly King, cleaning lady, Trinidad

## TIM KELLER'S CONNECTIONS

### "What games do you enjoy playing?"

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"I like horseshoes, and I play a lot of bridge. Bridge is probably my number one game, probably because I'm better at that than horseshoes. I've played most games once or twice. I used to play baseball but it got too hard on my brittle bones."

— Dick Hollenback, writer of historical (Santa Fe Trail) fiction, Castle Rock, CO

## SPORTS

### Story's amazing first week in the majors is one for the record books

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DENVER (AP) — Manager Walt Weiss told rookie Trevor Story when he reported to spring training that he had a chance to win the starting shortstop job for the Colorado Rockies with veteran Jose Reyes on paid leave while facing legal issues.

Then, he sat back and wondered how the 23-year-old would handle his opportunity.

"You see young players go either way. Sometimes it's too much for them at an early age," Weiss said. "Trevor went the other way. He elevated his game. I never saw the game get too fast for him in spring training. It's nice when pressure brings out the best in people."

Nobody in major league history ever had a first week like Story did: a record seven home runs in his first six games, including homers in his first four starts.

"It has been fun so far," Story said Sunday after hitting a solo shot in Colorado's 6-3 win over San Diego, giving him 12 RBIs and putting him on a ridiculous pace for 189 home runs and 324 RBIs this season.

OK, that won't happen. But that's the kind of start Story had in his first week in the majors, when just about every day he was doing something nobody had ever done in the history of the game.

Of the 27 players in the 500-homer club, Willie McCovey needed the fewest games — 18 — to reach seven home runs back in 1959, according to STATS.

Barry Bonds needed 38 games. Hank Aaron needed 49, Babe Ruth 68 and Alex Rodriguez 77.

Cooperstown already has Story's helmet and batting gloves.

"They asked for the bat," Story said, "but I couldn't give up the bat."

Story, who averaged 14 home runs in his five minor league seasons, has no explanation for his sizzling start other than he's locked in at the plate, where he said, "I just clear my mind, compete with my eyes and react with my hands."

Story, who already has as many homers as Reyes hit in 116 games last season, isn't your typical buffed slugger with the six-pack abs and bulging biceps.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound shortstop gener-



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Colorado Rockies' Trevor Story gestures as he crosses home plate after hitting a solo home run off San Diego Padres relief pitcher Brandon Maurer in the eighth inning of a baseball game Sunday, April 10, 2016, in Denver. Colorado won 6-3.

ates his tremendous bat speed and powerful punch at the plate with a strong core and technique honed in places like Modesto, California, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, since being selected 45th overall in the 2011 draft.

"He uses his lower half well. That's usually where it comes from," Weiss said. "The guys that hit from the ground up tend to have more power, and that's what he does very well. He's a strong kid."

That's also how he generates such speed with his throws to first, which are making Rockies fans start to forgive owner Dick Monfort for trading star Troy Tulowitzki to Toronto for a trio of pitching prospects last summer along with Reyes — who's facing a possible suspension under baseball's new domestic abuse policy.

"Really, anything you do athletically you do from the ground up, whether it's hitting or fielding a groundball," Weiss said.

The two teammates who are raving the loudest about Story are Nolan Arenado, who plays next to him at third base and admires his glove work as much as anything, and Carlos Gonzalez who hits behind him in the order and gets an up-close view of his swing.

"In spring training it surprised me how

well he played right away, but I'm just kind of expecting it now," Arenado said. "He's shown a lot of range. He has the ability to get a lot of balls. He's not afraid to dive and get dirty, which is cool. And he plays hard, and that's what you want from a shortstop."

Gonzalez said he's thoroughly impressed by Story's approach at the plate and his ability to turn on any pitch, saying, "it's legendary what he's doing."

"Whenever he gets a pitch around the strike zone he just hits it out of the ballpark," Gonzalez said. "So, hopefully he can continue to do that for the entire year and we're going to see a special season."

Of course, he can't keep up this pace. Pitchers will start to figure out some weaknesses. But this kind of introductory week can propel a rookie to a great season and maybe more.

"That's a big boost for a player that just got called up to be playing the way he's been playing," Gonzalez said. "That gives you a lot of confidence. And in this game confidence is No. 1. The more confident you feel out there, the more your ability is going to show and right now that's his game."

AP Sports Writer Pat Graham contributed.

## ELECTION 2016

### Ted Cruz looking to scoop up more Colorado delegates

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz has locked up the support of 21 Colorado delegates and may scoop up even more Saturday.

Slates loyal to Cruz won every assembly in the state's seven congressional districts, which began April 2 and culminated Friday with 12 delegates selected.

The Texas senator is well-positioned to pad his total Saturday, when 13 more delegates were to be chosen at the party's state convention.

According to an Associated Press count, Trump has 743 delegates, Cruz has 532 and Ohio Gov. John Kasich has 143. It takes 1,237 to clinch the nomination, though there's a real chance no candidate will reach that mark by the national convention in Cleveland in July.

Of Cruz's Colorado delegates so far, only 17 were formally pledged to him, and in theory the other four could change their vote in Cleveland. But they were all included on the senator's slates and are largely state party officials who said they were barred from signing a formal pledge for Cruz but have promised to back him in balloting at the convention.

The result shows how Cruz's superior organization has helped him as he tries to catch up with front-runner Donald Trump.

While Cruz's campaign spent months recruiting slates of delegates and securing pledges, Trump only this past week hired a Colorado state director.

The Trump campaign said it wasn't worried and had always expected to fare poorly in Colorado because its assembly process is dominated by party insiders. "If we had a primary, yes, we would have done very well here," said Trump senior adviser Alan Cobb.

Cruz also appeals to activists who dominate party functions — a deeply conservative, religious crowd with a libertarian streak.

"Coloradans, naturally having that pioneer spirit, gravitate toward someone like Cruz," said state Rep. Justin Everett, one of Cruz's pledged delegates.