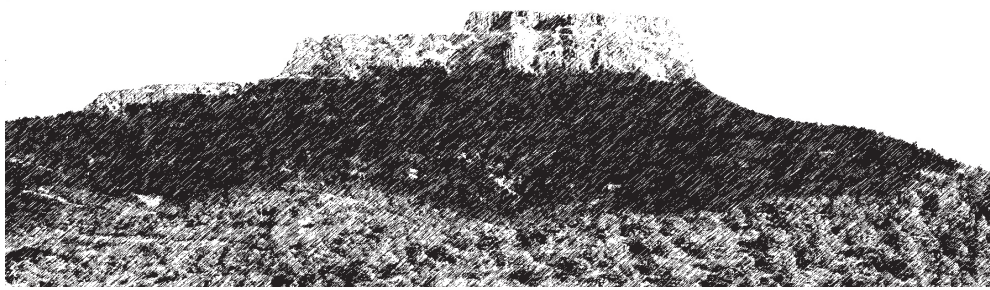


OVER THE PASS



"Merle Haggard. I liked his conservative message and the way he sang. Being from Oklahoma myself, I could relate to him. I never got to see him in person."

— Jim Hamilton, firearms instructor, Hoehne



"Jim Morrison of the Doors. I saw them in concert in Madison, Wisconsin. Another was Jimi Hendrix. I saw him in Madison, too. I grew up there and Madison had phenomenal shows. I also saw ZZ Top there, the Beach Boys and Waylon Jennings."

— Dennis Dumbleton, property management, Pueblo



"I've liked Bob Marley since I was a little girl, because my sister Diane used to like him a lot. She passed away, too. Bob Marley was all original the way he was. Any way he dressed, they accepted him. My favorite of his songs is 'Buffalo Soldier.'"

— Magdalena Vigil, professional Subway sandwich artist, Clayton, NM

TIM KELLER'S CONNECTIONS

"Who is your favorite singer from the past?"

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"John Lennon. I like his style, his life and what he sang about—freedom, peace, 'Give Peace a Chance.' He had the gift of knowing how to write."

— Matthew Nelson, handyman, Trinidad

SUPREME COURT

Justice Brian Boatright to visit La Junta, attend problem solving court dockets, graduation

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LA JUNTA, Colo. — Colorado Supreme Court Justice Brian Boatright will be in La Junta on Friday, May 6, 2016, to attend the MAP (Motivation, Achievement, Power) truancy court docket and celebrate the graduation of two participants from the ITC (Integrated Treatment Court) adult drug court program.

"I am looking forward to my visit to La Junta," Justice Boatright said. "In addition to having an opportunity to visit with the judges and court staff, I am pleased to be able to sit in on the dockets for these important treatment court programs that are making a positive difference in Otero County."

In addition to meeting with current program participants, Justice Boatright will have an opportunity to meet with recent graduates from each program and learn about their experiences in the court programs.

The MAP docket will begin and 9 a.m. and the ITC docket will begin at 1 p.m. with the



graduation celebration following. The Honorable Michael Schiferl presides over both treatment courts. Both dockets will be held in Division B of the Otero County Courthouse, 13 W. 3rd, La Junta, CO 81050. The public is invited to attend.

MAP's mission statement is "To Motivate youth to Achieve in school and evoke the Power to succeed." The program, in its current format, was started in August 2014 and is one of three such pilot programs in Colorado. The program serves elementary to high school students in Bent, Crowley and Otero counties who have been adjudicated as truant and for whom and Order to Compel Attendance at school has been entered.

MAP currently has 16 active participants and has graduated 29 participants from the program since inception. In 2014, the overall use of detention in truancy cases decreased by 9 percent from 2013 as a result of the MAP program.

In addition to court and probation staff, program partners with the truancy court include school administrators and representatives from Tri-County Family Care Center, Southeast Health Group, CBR Youth Connect and the Department of Human Services.

ITC's mission statement is "To empower participants to choose a law abiding, drug-free way of life." ITC was launched in February 2009, currently has eight participants and has graduated 18 participants from the program.

In addition to court and probation staff, program partners for the adult drug court include representatives from Southeast Health Group, Partnership for Progress, RESADA, law enforcement, Workforce Center, District Attorney's Office and local defense bar.

The MAP and ITC court programs are two of about 80 problem-solving courts in Colorado, including adult and juvenile drug courts, family/dependency-and-neglect drug courts, DUI courts, adult and juvenile mental-health courts, veteran trauma courts and truancy courts.

COLORADO MARIJUANA DEBATE

Pot-in-schools bill nearing gov's desk

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Colorado schools would be required to allow medical marijuana use under a bill nearing its final vote in the state Legislature.

The bill won unanimous approval Monday in the state Senate. It expands a 2015 law to allow schools to permit non-smokeable marijuana medicine at school, as long as the school districts agree and the drug is administered by a parent or adult caregiver.

No school district has agreed to allow pot, however. This year's bill makes it a requirement.

The bill has already passed the House. One more formal Senate vote is required before the measure heads to the governor's desk.

Colorado would be the second state after New Jersey to require schools to accommodate medical pot.

DENVER BRONCOS

Mark Sanchez sees Lynch selection as endorsement

ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Normally, watching the boss trade up in the first round of the NFL draft to take a player at your position wouldn't be such good news. Mark Sanchez saw it as a vote of confidence.

"Absolutely, and that's been the message I've received," Sanchez said Monday. "I'm thrilled about this opportunity. So, whether it was a veteran they brought in, any of names that were out there, any of these guys in the draft that are becoming pros this year, my focus wouldn't change."

Denver Broncos general manager John Elway outmaneuvered Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones to move up in a trade with Seattle to select Memphis QB Paxton Lynch with the 26th overall pick last week.

Although Lynch is a potential franchise quarterback, he ideally needs some seasoning in the pros, and the other QB on the Denver roster, Trevor Siemian, has taken just one NFL snap.

Lynch's selection put the kibosh on Elway's pursuit of another veteran quarterback because Denver's GM wants these three quarterbacks all getting snaps with the starters this offseason.

That leaves Sanchez, who hasn't been a full-

time starter since 2012, as the front-runner to win the starting job.

Elway has been saying all spring that he'd be fine with Sanchez as the starter when the Broncos begin defense of their title in September against Carolina, whom they beat in the Super Bowl.

"Because he's been in playoffs, he's been in championship games," Elway said. "He's proven he can do that. He hasn't done it in a while. I don't know that he's ever been in a great offensive system that takes advantage of what he can do. And I can't tell you I've gone and studied him when he was with the Jets. I know with the Eagles last year ... he played OK when he did play. He made a couple of mistakes."

"So, I think sometimes you get quarterbacks in the right situations, you get the right people around him, then you have a chance to take advantage of what they can do."

Sanchez isn't getting ahead of himself, however.

"We've sure got a long way to go and it's been one day on the field but I sure am enjoying this process," Sanchez said after the start of on-field workouts Monday marked the first time he'd been on the field with his new team. "I love the concepts here. I love what Coach (Gary) Kubiak has done with quarterbacks in the past."

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