

OVER THE PASS



"Orlando, Florida, seven or eight years ago. Red light. I disagreed with it but I paid it. It was like \$50."

— Rick Richards, retired insurance agent, Trinidad



"The only ticket I've ever gotten was in Tucson. I was driving at night with only my parking lights on. The officer asked if I knew why he pulled me over. I said no. He said I was driving without my headlights. I said, oh thank you! Then he gave me a \$15 ticket. A wrong-way driver sped by and I pointed that out and suggested that that was a better ticket for him, but I still got my ticket."

— Erin Ogletree, artist, Marketplace Gallery, Trinidad



"It was a speeding ticket in Oklahoma three years ago. I was late on my way to play Santa Claus—this is not a joke—so I was going 50 in a 35 zone. I asked the cop for leniency since I was playing Santa Claus but he showed me no mercy. Maybe if I was being pulled by reindeer..."

— Jon Rogers, church volunteer & golfer, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

TIM KELLER'S CONNECTIONS

"What was your last traffic ticket?"

Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News



"I'm not used to driving downtown in El Paso. I turned the wrong way down a one-way street. Instead of turning around, I tried to make it to a parking lot ahead. A policeman pulled out and stopped me head-on. I thought he might think it was funny and let me go, but he wrote me a \$200 ticket. It's the only ticket I've ever gotten."

— Alexis Vargas, psychology student, El Paso Community College, Texas

STATE LEGISLATURE

Colorado lawmakers: Arizona anti-pot ads are inaccurate

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PHOENIX (AP) — Three Colorado state legislators on Monday called on opponents of the Arizona measure to legalize recreational pot to stop airing what they say are misleading and inaccurate ads.

Colorado State Sen. Pat Steadman and Reps. Jonathan Singer and Millie Hamner, all Democrats, sent the letter to Arizonans for Responsible Drug Policy, which opposes Proposition 205 in Arizona.

Among the gripes the legislators have are several ads that claim Colorado schools have not seen any money from marijuana tax revenues. They also cited studies that dispute the group's claims in ads that teen marijuana use in Colorado is at an all-time high.

At least five of the group's ads claim Colorado schools have not seen money. They feature a former school superintendent and principal who say that funds that were promised to schools went to regulating the pot industry instead, and that Denver schools got no money at all. They also state that more teens are using pot than before and that marijuana-related traffic deaths have surged by 62 percent.

But the Colorado legislators say over \$138.3 million of the approximate \$220.8 million in total marijuana tax revenue went to the Colorado Department of Education to benefit schools from fiscal years 2015 through 2017. Colorado legalized recreational marijuana in 2012 and began collecting taxes on the sales in 2014. Arizonans will vote on the measure to do the same on Nov. 8.

Steadman, who is one of six Colorado legislators who write the state's budget, says documents clearly show that schools are getting money.

"They are saying these things that are really far from the truth," Steadman said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We've been building schools and repairing schools with the excess tax revenue that was dedicated to school construction. Those dollars are flowing."

Campaign manager Adam Deguire said the legislators have "been bought and paid for" by the marijuana industry and that they are pushing misleading information.

"The bottom line is that Colorado schools were promised more money for classrooms than they have actually received and that is

why so many schools officials are now asking where all the pot money is that they were promised. Our ads clearly point out that Denver schools received no pot money which is also true, and uses real Colorado school officials who back up these facts," Deguire said in an email to the AP.

The Colorado legislators also sent the No on Prop. 205 campaign a recent survey on teen marijuana use that contradicts the figures it has been using in ads.

Deguire wrote in a letter to the three legislators that Colorado doctors, law enforcement officials and others have spoken out about the negative impacts of legalized pot.

"While flawed surveys may tell a creative story, they cannot change the reliable, first-hand accounts from real Colorado educators and civic leaders who are seeing the harmful effects of legal marijuana every day," Deguire wrote.

Steadman said the data showing increased troubles tied to legalized pot isn't there.

"It's easy to look at some of the data and kind of get swept up in whatever conclusions you want to lead to, but for those of us who are sitting back keeping a calm eye on this, we have not seen the kinds of problems that people have been afraid of or what people are sensationalizing this into," Steadman said.

DENVER BRONCOS BIG HIT: Phillips back at work but offense is ailing

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ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Wade Phillips returned to work Monday, his sense of humor still intact after a scary fall when San Diego running back Melvin Gordon plowed into him on the sideline Sunday.

"I am ok today and back to work at what I love," Phillips wrote on Twitter. "I get the big hit award for the week!"

Oh, and about that tumble ... "They say it was a collision on the sideline but actually I got run over," Denver's 69-year-old defensive coordinator tweeted.

His defense didn't. The reigning Super Bowl champs hit the halfway point at 6-2 even though their offense remains stuck in neutral and managed just two touchdowns in a half-dozen trips inside the red zone in their 27-19 win over San Diego.

The Broncos broke up 13 passes, hit Philip Rivers 17 times and picked off three of his passes even though they were missing two



AP Photo / Jack Dempsey

Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Wade Phillips is carted off the field after being run into by a player while on standing on the sidelines during the first half of an NFL football game against the San Diego Chargers, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016, in Denver.

starters in cornerback Aqib Talib and linebacker Brandon Marshall and lost backup cornerback Kayvon Webster to a pulled hamstring Sunday.

After Phillips was carted off the field in the second quarter and taken to a hospital, linebackers coach Reggie Herring took over defensive play calls, sending in signals to backup Corey Nelson, who played 77 of 81 snaps in place of Marshall.

Phillips was released shortly after the game ended and cleared to return to work.

"He's sitting in the back of the meeting just now, he's got a big smile on his face," coach Gary Kubiak said. "He's sore but he's feeling good and back at it. I'm trying to get him to go home and rest a little bit today. He didn't want to do that. But he's good. He's himself today."

Asked for specifics on what happened to Phillips, Kubiak said, "He just got the heck knocked out of him. I saw the play finally late last night. The turnover, the running back was chasing the ball. He ran through the sidelines, kind of caught Wade up high and it looked like the back of his head hit the ground pretty hard. So, you know, just a scary situation right there. But ... he was talking to us and responding to us on the field. So, we just feel very fortunate that he's OK."

Moving Phillips to the coaches box upstairs didn't seem to be something the Broncos are seriously considering at this point.

"We'll see how Wade's feeling," Kubiak said. "What I'm seeing today, he's himself today and the fact he's battling me today when I'm trying to get him to go home and get some rest makes me know he's back to his old self."

Besides, Kubiak said, "there's a lot of guys

down here who can't move very good. It really is scary sometimes, when you have turnovers, field position change, gunners on punt team, you've got to really pay attention and boy, he got caught pretty good. He's just got to move quicker, I guess."

Bradley Roby scored on a 49-yard interception return on the play.

Darian Stewart's interception also led to a touchdown, but the Broncos failed to convert T.J. Ward's interception into points when rookie running back Devontae Booker fumbled at the 2, one of four failures inside the 20-yard line that kept this one close despite Denver's defensive dominance.

"We're not even close to what we need to be," said Kubiak, whose team has a Sunday night showdown next weekend at Oakland, also 6-2. "We didn't play well yesterday, but the team still found a way to win. So, that's a good sign for the football team."

The Broncos rushed for just 57 yards six days after piling up 190 — but that was with C.J. Anderson, who went on IR after right knee surgery Thursday — and Trevor Siemian completed just 20 of 38 passes with no touchdowns and a pick-6 on a ball that went off Jordan Norwood's hands.

Siemian responded with completions of 40 and 31 yards on his next two throws, leading to a field goal that made it an 8-point game. Then, after Denver's goal-line stand, rookie punter Riley Dixon had his best punt of the season, a 68-yarder.

"There was no bigger play than that, kicking the ball out of our end zone," Kubiak said. "Heck, we had two almost holding calls down there. It was a mess, and the bottom line is we needed the best punt of the year from him and we got it."