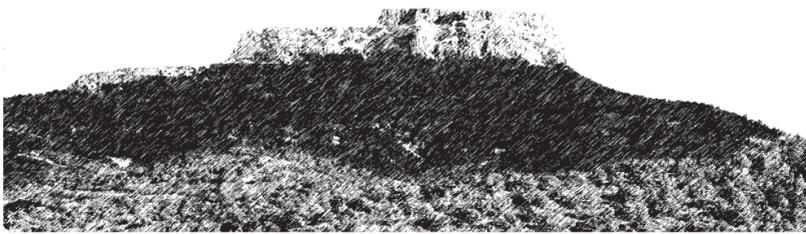


# OVER THE PASS



"My health. I'm getting old, going through a lot, not aging well. I've had five knee operations in the last seven years. The last one liked to kill me."

– Bill Joines, retired crane operator, Trinidad



"When someone dies that is close to me. Recently my uncle died. That was difficult to deal with. I also feel sad when my friends are sad, when a friend is going through something difficult and I'm trying to help but it's not working."

– Whitney Nelson, TSJC student, Trinidad

## TIM KELLER'S CONNECTIONS

### "What makes you sad?"

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"People who don't spay or neuter their animals or otherwise don't properly care for them. Coming out of Noah's Ark, what did you expect me to say? I have two dogs, three cats and three hens. The fresh eggs are great. I share them with friends and neighbors."

– Cherie Kollander, recycler and animal caretaker, Trinidad



"What really makes me sad is to see how poor people live on the street. In New York City, rich people be busy buying a lot of stuff they don't even need, while they could be helping the homeless people. The other day I saw a homeless woman here in Trinidad."

– Edgar Gil, TSJC baseball player, Brooklyn, NY

## STATE BRIEFS

Associated Press

### High court won't hear challenge to internet sales tax law

WASHINGTON (AP)— The Supreme Court won't hear a challenge to a Colorado law that requires out-of-state internet retailers to tell customers how much they owe in state sales taxes.

The justices on Monday let stand a lower court ruling that said the law doesn't discriminate against interstate commerce, as online retailers had claimed.

An industry trade group representing retailers challenged the law as unconstitutional because it applies only to companies outside the state. A federal appeals court rejected that challenge.

Colorado's law doesn't require internet retailers to collect taxes, but requires them to tell customers what taxes are owed and report purchases to the state government. A 1992 Supreme Court decision bans states from forcing out-of-state retailers to collect taxes if they don't have a physical presence in the state.

### Boulder looks to establish 'sanctuary city' policies

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Officials are looking to create an ordinance establishing Boulder as a so-called "sanctuary city" before President-elect Donald Trump takes office.

The Daily Camera reports that the City Council last week directed the city attorney's office to return either Jan. 3 of Jan. 17 with an ordinance.

Many of Boulder's policies already align with those in communities that identify as sanctuary, meaning any action the city takes would be largely symbolic.

The details of the forthcoming ordinance are unclear. It will likely affirm a commitment to support for immigrants and potentially will commit to any number of practices such as not using city funds to enforce immigration laws or bolstering anti-profiling laws.

### Colorado man arrested in Arizona after meth found in vehicle

HOLBROOK, Ariz. (AP) — A Colorado man has been arrested in eastern Arizona after authorities say they found 5.5 pounds of methamphetamine in his vehicle.

Navajo County Sheriff's officials say 27-year-old Ivan Gamez Sierras, of Pueblo, has been booked into the county jail on suspicion of distribution of dangerous drugs.

It was unclear Monday if he has a lawyer yet. Sheriff's officials say Sierras was arrested last Friday after being pulled over for speeding on Interstate 40 in Holbrook.

He gave deputies permission to search his vehicle and they reported finding bricks of methamphetamine in the trunk.

## DAUGHTER VALUES PRIVACY KEEPS MOM AT DISTANCE

DEAR ABBY: My mother has a tight circle of friends she socializes with often. They are all retired with grown children and grandchildren and eager to share every bit of news of their lives. Mom talks nonstop about her friends' children's parenting challenges, marital squabbles and medical issues. The challenge for me is that anything I tell her becomes fodder for their cocktail-hour discussion, which then gets around our community.

After hearing that the daughter of one of my mom's neighbors knew the results of my breast biopsy, I stopped sharing anything personal. This has damaged our relationship. She doesn't think mothers and daughters should keep secrets from each other, and I agree, but she also said she won't keep secrets from her friends.

I miss being able to turn to her for support, but do not want the world to know my business. I understand that her friends are like family to her, but they are not MY family, and I think she has chosen gossip over our relationship. Is keeping her at arm's length my only choice here, or is there another path that I can't see? -- NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS

DEAR NONE OF THEIR BUSINESS: Your mother's judgment is terrible. Her friends may be "like family"

to her, but they are not FAMILY. If you prefer not to have your personal business be fodder for lunchtime conversation, then your only choice is to carefully edit what you tell her.

DEAR ABBY: I have an issue with my daughter marrying a man who has no job. She has been supporting him financially. He has had a few jobs, but he gets fired or quits within a few weeks or months.

My daughter is 30 and never married. She's an assistant professor at a good university and a leader in her field of education. Her intended has no career and no prospects. He asked her to marry him without consulting me. Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but I would have expressed my concern about his lack of career.

I can't alienate my daughter by saying the wrong thing. But what if she can't work someday and he can't support a household? He has a million excuses. I don't think he's the man she thinks he is. My life lessons tell me he may never be the man she thinks he could be. I have come to the conclusion that marrying him would bring her only misery. What should I do? --

VERY WORRIED DAD

DEAR VERY WORRIED DAD: It would not be wrong if, without putting her fiance down, you expressed to your daughter your concern about his employment record (or lack of one) and the impact it may have on their future. And when you do, raise the question of what she thinks might happen if for some reason she becomes unable to work, because it's a good one, and something she should carefully consider before tying the knot.

After that, accept that at 30, your daughter is an adult who has the right to go forward with the marriage if she chooses, and keep your fingers crossed.

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