



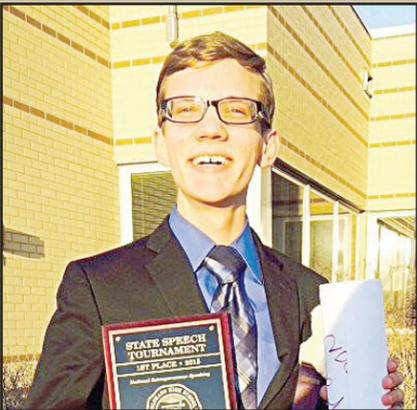
Celebrating Gardens



The Broadmoor Garden Club's annual community meeting gathered plant enthusiasts to learn about Mount Vernon.

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Local Student Knows About News



Air Academy junior Matthew Barad took first place in a statewide extemporaneous speech competition.

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Getting a Spacey Education



Local teachers connected at this week's Space Symposium in an effort to challenge and interest their students.

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Lightning Fast Thinking and Moving

D20 Students Bring Home Honors by Solving Rubik's Cubes Quickly



The High Plains Elementary School Rubik's team placed first in its division at the puzzle cube competition in Monument this week. The team solved 25 of the cubes in just over four minutes. Fifth-grader Owen Larmour also came in second place in the solo division while classmate Jordan Jeong came in third.

BY MELISSA ROLLI AND PATTYE VOLZ

Quick – How fast can you solve a Rubik's Cube?

It took Mountain Ridge Middle School sixth grader Atharva Vispute 32.639 seconds. For that, he came in fourth in the middle school solo division at the You CAN Do The Rubik's Cube competition hosted at Lewis Palmer Elementary in Monument on Tuesday.

The Mountain Ridge team solved a set of 25 cubes in three minutes and 40 seconds, taking third place in the event's middle school team division.

High Plains Elementary School's team took first place in the elementary division by solving 25 cubes in just over four minutes and two seconds. High Plains fifth graders Owen Larmour and Jordan Jeong came in second and third place, respectively, in the solo competition by solving single cubes in 43.063 and 49.360 seconds.

"I have seen gains in confidence, creativity and performance under pressure," said Laurel Camarano, puzzle cube coach for Prairie Hills Elementary School. The team of Gabe Clark, Hunter Croslin, Lauren Gentry, Matthew Gutierrez, Marcus Rolli, Timothy Vollmer and Samuel White earned fifth place in the elementary team division by solving 25 cubes in just over six minutes and 40 seconds.

"All in all, the process of learning the cube and experimenting with the mosaics and alternate solution strategies has given students opportunities for opening their perspectives towards visual and spatial reasoning," said Camarano, noting this is the first year the school has had a Rubik's Cube Club and competitive team.



Antelope Trails Elementary student Stefan Kleynhans, center, competed with his team at the Rubik's Cube competition this week.

Camarano said that in September she and "24 curious third through fifth graders began the process of learning how to solve the cube....Teaching that many problem solvers per session became quite daunting as I was working towards learning the algorithms as well."

Other D20 schools represented at the April 14 event included Antelope Trails Elementary, Explorer Elementary, Challenger Middle School, and Discovery Canyon Middle School.

Holly Riehl, a Rubik's Brand senior vice president, said more than 20 teams and 150 solo competitors from all across Southern Colorado in grades three through nine competed. Each team consisted of eight competitors working to collectively solve 25 cubes in the fastest time.

Riehl said solving the puzzle cube helps "students learn such STEM

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Local Teachers Get Hands-On Education During Space Symposium

By **PATTYE VOLZ**

While space agency leaders from around the world

were discussing the specifics of space travel, communications and exploration at this week's 31st annual Space

Symposium held mostly at The Broadmoor, area teachers were getting to meet some of these space leaders and learn more about how to inspire local students with such science and technology.

"Kids love space. They are curious and it is something they wonder about," said The Classical Academy librarian Linda Retting who was inducted as a Space Foundation teacher liaison Monday. As a liaison, Retting participated in an all-day space education workshop that day and attended events of the Space Symposium.

"It can help spark a kid's interest. It's a platform for getting kids engaged...it's

another language for learning," said Retting about why she appreciates working with the Space Foundation's education department. The foundation's international headquarters are in Colorado Springs and Retting says she reaches out to the organization often for resources and support for inspiring her students.

"We learned about the James Webb Space Telescope," said Retting of something covered during Monday's workshop. "When it deploys it has to unfold to the size of a tennis court. How do engineers make that work?" asked Retting, relating the idea to the origami some of her students tackle in an after-school club. "It's exciting that making cootie



Linda Retting is a kindergarten-through-sixth grade librarian for The Classical Academy. As a teacher liaison with the Space Foundation, Retting participated in events at this week's Space Symposium held at The Broadmoor.

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Area teachers spoke with popular science educator Bill Nye "The Science Guy" at a teacher liaison reception at the Space Symposium this week.

catchers can expose the kids to important 3-D engineering concepts," she said.

She was also enthusiastic about hosting a group of teacher liaisons from India at The Classical Academy this week. "They integrate space into everything," said Retting, noting the visiting teachers were going to present a "Bollywood-style tour of the solar system" at the school.

Cheyenne Mountain Junior High teacher David Eick mentioned that the teacher liaison workshop included a Google Chat with someone from NASA who helps make the maps used at the Space Foundation's Science on Sphere education exhibit. He said the teachers also saw a quantum mechanics presentation by Dr. Ron Furstenu, Air Force Academy professor of chemistry.

The teachers got to attend the symposium's opening events which featured remarks by Governor John Hickenlooper, a performance by the Japanese troupe Enra which melds music, technology and art, award presenta-

tions, and a fireworks display. They could also visit, and in some cases bring student groups to, the popular exhibit center of the symposium which included more than 160 booths and displays of space-related businesses and organizations.

Like last year, this year's symposium, which ran from Monday through Thursday, attracted about 11,000 participants, including registered attendees, exhibitors, volunteers, teachers, students and media, according to Space Foundation public relations director Carol Hively.

In addition to Retting, others from School District 20 who are listed as part of the Space Foundation's teacher liaison program include Lin Esposito from Douglass Valley Elementary School, Amber Izzo from Antelope Trails Elementary, Caron Kusters from Mountain Ridge Middle School, Amy Paul from School in the Woods, Georgia Hansen Paul from Pioneer Elementary and Debbie Saccoliti of Eagleview Middle School.

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Air Academy Student Wins State Extemporaneous Speech Tournament

BY GAIL HARRISON

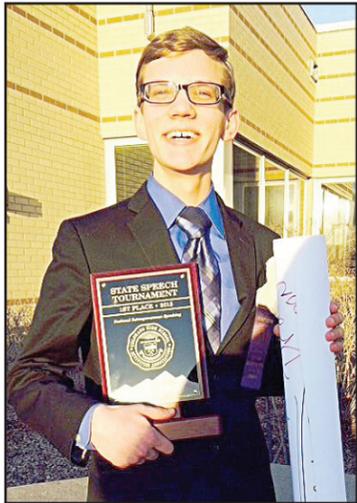
Air Academy High School (AAHS) junior, Matthew Barad, earned first place in the 2015 United States Extemporaneous Speech Tournament held at Douglas County High School in Castle Rock.

“I’m a news junky,” said Barad, “I listen to NPR (National Public Radio) every morning on the way to school.” In preparation for his extemporaneous speech he memorized all the information he could find on a variety of U.S. as well as world policies, not knowing ahead of time what his topic would be.

“It’s cool to see a kid that young who is so passionate about what’s going on in the world. Matthew has a huge knowledge of world news and U.S. policy. You could ask him almost anything about current events and he could answer. You would have a hard time stumping him,” said AAHS English teacher and speech/debate head coach Renee Motter.

In order to present a winning speech, a contestant must be well-informed, have an excellent understanding of the topic, and prepare an array of information so well organized that he/she can immediately recall and present the facts in a convincing argument. Barad said he uses notes in preparing but never uses notes in his presentation.

Competitors are allowed to draw three topics and choose the one they want to pursue. They are granted 30 minutes to prepare a seven-minute speech. Going over the allotted seven minutes affects the score. Barad timed his speech perfectly at six minutes and 58 seconds. “After studying and practicing so many different speeches, one has an innate sense of time,” he said. “Also, knowing your facts, organizing your information, and practicing several times”



Matthew Barad, a junior at Air Academy High School, won the United States Extemporaneous Speaking Competition during the recent Colorado High School Activities Association Speech and Debate Tournament.

are key.

The topic Barad drew was, “How will the GOP’s condemnation of Hillary Clinton affect her presidential bid?” Using his store of memorized information, Barad concluded that GOP opinions likely would not affect Clinton’s bid because voters in her favor would be from a generation that doesn’t follow what the GOP says and they have already made up their minds who they would vote for.

Barad said he began participating in speech in sixth and seventh grade. “Then I was in debate freshman year. After debating, I found my place—extemporaneous speech. I liked being able to talk longer about a topic.”

As to his future, Barad said, “I hope to attend Boston College--or a college in the Boston area. I want to study constitutional law. I would love to go into politics. That would be important to me in my life.”

Two additional Air Academy students also placed in the top 12 of the extemporaneous speech competition. Helen Landwehr took fourth and Elisabeth Bernatska took 11th.

East Library Will Close Next Week for Renovations

As part of its Tri-Building Project, the East Library at 5550 N. Union Blvd. will be closed from April 22 – 26 for re-carpeting in the main area. The library will reopen on Mon., April 27 at its normal time of 9 a.m.

“Chasing Ice” Film and Lecture Monday

James Balog has been a leader in photographing, understanding, and interpreting the natural environment for over three decades. To reveal the impact of climate change, Balog founded the Extreme Ice Survey, which “Chasing Ice” documents with dramatic visuals. A screening of the film at 3:30 p.m., Monday, April 20 in the Cornerstone Screening Room of the Cornerstone Arts Center at 825 N. Cascade Avenue is followed by Balog’s environmental talk at 6 p.m. in Armstrong Hall across the street at 14 E. Cache La Poudre Street. The two events are free.

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Sunday, April 19

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OBSERVATIONS

BY HENRY WALTER

There's No Immaculate Solution

I know, I know. I have been observing the frailties, the foibles and the fibs of this country's government for years. I'm as guilty as any pundit over the age of puberty; but I don't apologize.

Over the past several years the media has abdicated its position of being adversarial towards government misbehavior and resolutely unbiased judgment in its final copy. That is comprehensible but not defensible; of aligning oneself too close to government official thinking, since narcissism naturally occurs in "public service" at higher levels.

And being pretty much natural, in a manner of speaking, this pundit admits to a certain direction in this column: "That is, striving for social amends before government influencing replaces human authentication for kneejerk legislation.

However, "human authentication" has its own frailties, foibles and fibs. Consider for a moment the conduct of mobs in those places where police have shot citizens. Before even the EMTs can get to the scene, hundreds of folks have already convicted the police. And some of these on the spot "verdicts" have resulted in long-term rioting and destruction of property belonging to other citizens who have absolutely no culpability. Neighbors rob and pillage their neighbors' stores and businesses just because... Because? Because!

Law enforcement is not a perfect science since too many of us aren't—perfect. There will always be clashes between human natures. Consider the "Gunfight at the OK Corral." Human nature doesn't always bless us with good judgment. That leaves us with the too-human emotion of jumping to conclusions, usually preconceptions toward conclusions. (I can't remember who said "Jumping to conclusions seldom leads to happy landings," but appropriate it certainly is.)

The irony in all this was validated in a photo run in the WSJ April 14 where a policeman was walking his beat at a college while looking for the perpetrator in a fatal shooting on campus. The cop was doing his job but, as several students walked by, it looked like more than half were tweeting or whatever on their little handheld computers.

Not one student was paying the slightest attention to the cop; they were comfortable in their safety, by the looks on their faces. It sort of substantiates the human existent condition: "Keep me safe and happy and I'll tolerate you, even if I do think you're a pig. But I depend on you to give your life to save me."

But here's the thing; the U.S. law enforcement with all its warts and worms, is asked to keep a lid on things like perverted lifestyles of drugs and thievery and greed and covetousness and murder and temper tantrums that rage beyond the bounds of civilized behavior.

And we certainly have bad guys in authority and most probably some bad lawladies always with us. We don't, however, have the experience of many hometowns in our world, those where folks have to live a different sort of lifestyle as they try to stay out of the law's field of vision and avoid walking in certain areas but instead have to sneak through filthy alleys to get to their destination without being noticed by those who thrive on using fear as their weapon.

Or they stay at home with the drapes (if affordable) pulled.

Okay, there are always problems with those who attain a vested authority in keeping the peace—without succumbing to the dares offered by the denizens of the darker part of our nature. This while confronting some hostile situations that are not always easily detectable

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Trail Notes

Crew Leaders in Training this Weekend

A MONTHLY COLUMN FROM SUSAN DAVIES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COALITION



If you happen to hike Bear

Creek Regional Park in the vicinity of the Nature Center over the weekend, chances are you'll see a few dozen students standing in a circle "cuss" tools, repeatedly. Don't get me wrong, no one is angry. "Cuss" stands for carrying, using, storing and safety – all relating to trail tools. Learning to "cuss" is a required skill for new crew leaders.

These same students will learn how to maintain our system trails and close rogue trails. Rogue trails (or social trails) are trails created by users. They're rarely well-constructed and usually damage the conservation values of the park or open space. In the case of rogue trails, just blocking the entrance with large branches does not close the trail and it certainly doesn't contribute to restoration. There's a technique to returning it to a "natural state." Crew Leaders will learn how to make that happen. Also, there's a lot more to maintaining a trail than removing a few roots or branches. By the end of the weekend they'll learn how to lead a successful

project, keeping volunteers safe, happy and willing to return.

These students are remarkable people. Without crew leaders, trail projects are limited to trash removal. It's neither safe nor environmentally responsible to have volunteers work on trails without crew leaders. Trail tools are sharp and can be dangerous if not handled responsibly. If all goes well, there will be 30 crew leader graduates by Sunday afternoon. Thirty new leaders ready to lead quality projects in our city, county and state public spaces. If you are out hiking and see them "cussing," give them a thumbs up.

Those of you who care deeply for our trails, parks and open spaces might have strong opinions on other topics like storm-water, multi-modal transportation and land-use. Find out how our mayoral candidates view these issues. Come to a Mayoral Runoff Forum on Monday, April 27th at Colorado College beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Celeste Theater. The forum is a collaborative effort of the Trails and Open Space Coalition, Catamount Institute, Live Well Colorado Springs, the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Sierra Club and Sustainability Department of Colorado College.

And by all means – please vote.

The 26-year-old non-profit Trails and Open Space Coalition is dedicated to the preservation of open space and parks and the creation of a network of trails and bikeways and greenways for the Pikes Peak region.

at an instant's notice.

It's not a pretty system, this keeping the peace without carrying big club. And it is seldom an enjoyable vocation when force must meet force. And since many in this country have learned very early in life to disrespect the law in any form, there will be confrontations. And sometimes confrontations result in injury and grief.

So unless we can clone the perfect law enforcement personnel someday down

the road, we're gonna have good cops and some bad cops and some who have just had enough of the underworld to react and retaliate under the constant pressure of insolence toward social stability.

At least we don't have secret police—yet.

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Garden Club's Community Event is a Sure Sign of Spring

By JANET ROSE

"Welcome Home, George Washington," was the lively presentation given by Dean Norton, director of horticulture for the Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens of Alexandria, Va., during the Broadmoor Garden Club's annual community meeting.

The event drew more than 215 people to the First United Methodist Church on Friday, April 10 to enjoy a festive coffee hour and hear about the gardens associated with the national shrine.

Welcomed by club president Kathy Rogers, past club president Kay Klunder introduced Norton, a recognized leader in his profession and recipient



Chatting during coffee hour last Friday morning were, left to right, Broadmoor Garden Club members Ann Blackmun, Cathy Plush, Nini Maytag, guest speaker Mount Vernon director of horticulture Dean Norton, garden club president Kathy Rogers and club member Dana McDermott. Photos courtesy of Melani Tutt.



Broadmoor Garden Club member Sarah Young, left, shared last week's annual event with guests, left to right, Cheryl Snider, Sue Poremba, Julie Brook and Judith Nolan.

of many distinguished awards. Norton was right at home at the podium, comfortable in his long-sleeved, hunter green Mount Vernon shirt.

Illustrated at every point with larger-than-life slides of historical paintings, Washington's own garden design plans, garden photos, the imposing brick greenhouse, and the people past and present, the presentation created a visual impact. It encompassed Washington's scientific approach to plantation management, plant propagation and conservation, ongoing research and archaeological excavations, and future horticultural projects designed to remain true to Washington's authentic 18th century gardens, farm and landscape.

A "Q" and "A" session fol-

lowed the talk. It became evident that Norton, the horticulturist, through years of work and research in this unique setting, had also become a historian with the heart of a teacher. His humorous speaking style and antics kept the audience laughing, while absorbing serious chunks of history, with a mix of agricultural science and aesthetic appreciation.

"The most beautiful place to me is the East lawn overlooking the Potomac. It's unbelievably breathtaking," said Norton. "When I watch visitors take in this view, they're overwhelmed with its beauty, the same view that others saw in the far distant past." Today Mount Vernon is open to the public 365 days a year accommodating a million visitors annually. Norton recom-

mends May and June in full bloom, and September as very good times to visit.

Norton's love for his workplace began in childhood, growing up in Alexandria. As a 13-year-old Boy Scout, he sounded taps at President George and Martha Custis Washington's Mount Vernon tomb. In 1969, as a 16-year-old sophomore at Fort Hunt High School, Norton would bicycle to the estate working as a part-time groundskeeper. He earned associate degrees in science at Northern Virginia Community College until 1974. From there, he entered Clemson University in South Carolina, graduating in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in horticulture and ready to begin a career at his beloved Mount Vernon. He became director of horticulture in 1980.

It was also at Mount Vernon that Norton met and later, in the garden, proposed to the Virginia Tech-educated intern Susanne Schrage. The couple has raised four daughters in Alexandria.

Norton's three-day visit included one day with friends, formerly of Virginia, now settled in the Springs, and a two-day itinerary arranged by the club.

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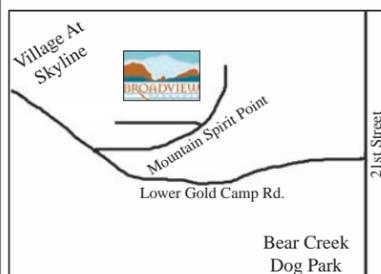


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Liberty Band Performed at National Festival



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Liberty students must audition to be a part of the 51-member group which practices each school day. At the festival, the students participated in clinics and classes, listed to other bands and performed their own concert of five musical pieces.

The only other Colorado schools to have a band apply and get accepted to this event over its 23-year history are Cheyenne Mountain, Lewis Palmer, Cherry Creek, and Fossil Ridge high schools. Photo courtesy of Pamela Bower.

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Rampart Students Preparing "Pajama Game"



In the number "Never Be Jealous Again," secretary Mabel (Gina Snyder) tries to convince Vernon Hines (Bob Carpenter) to trust his girlfriend in Rampart High School's upcoming production of the musical "Pajama Game." When it comes to getting a pay raise, Sleptite Pajama Factory employees won't take no for an answer, and their feisty representative finds her match in the shop superintendent. The show is set for 7 p.m., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 23, 24 and 25 at the school, 8250 Lexington Drive. Tickets available (\$8 for adults and \$6 for students) at www.showtix4u.com or 234-2086.



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Warnings about Marijuana and Driving

With a plethora of marijuana-friendly events slated around the April 20 weekend, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is rolling out its 2015 "Drive High, Get a DUI" campaign. As 420 has become code for pot, 4/20 has become known as Marijuana Day among many smokers.

"With the legalization of marijuana in Colorado, we have a responsibility to pioneer marijuana education campaigns to keep our roadways safe," said Sam Cole, CDOT's Communication Manager. The goal is to remind Coloradans that while they can now legally do plenty of things while high, driving isn't one of them.

According to CDOT, Colorado has 212 active law enforcement officers across 62 agencies that are Drug Recognition Experts trained to recognize impairment from a wide variety of drugs. For more information on marijuana-impaired driving, visit DriveHighDUI.com.

Wrestler Wins Award



Colorado Springs Mayor Steve Bach presented Discovery Canyon Campus junior Sam Turner with a Spirit of the Springs award earlier this month at the school. Turner is the 2015 4A wrestling state champion and this is his second consecutive state title.

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Free Books at Literacy Festival

The second annual multicultural literacy festival, "Minds, Spines & Rhymes: the Many Facets of Literacy" takes place from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 18 at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. The free event is designed to bring together all ages of lovers of reading to celebrate literacy with a continental breakfast, door prizes, free books and a wide variety of activities. There will be a keynote speaker, music, art, dance, slam poetry, readings, and workshops for parents. Advance registration is recommended at https://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UCOC/event/showEventForm.jsp?form_id=187991. For more information, contact Theresa Newsom at mstnewsom@comcast.net or 650-0478.

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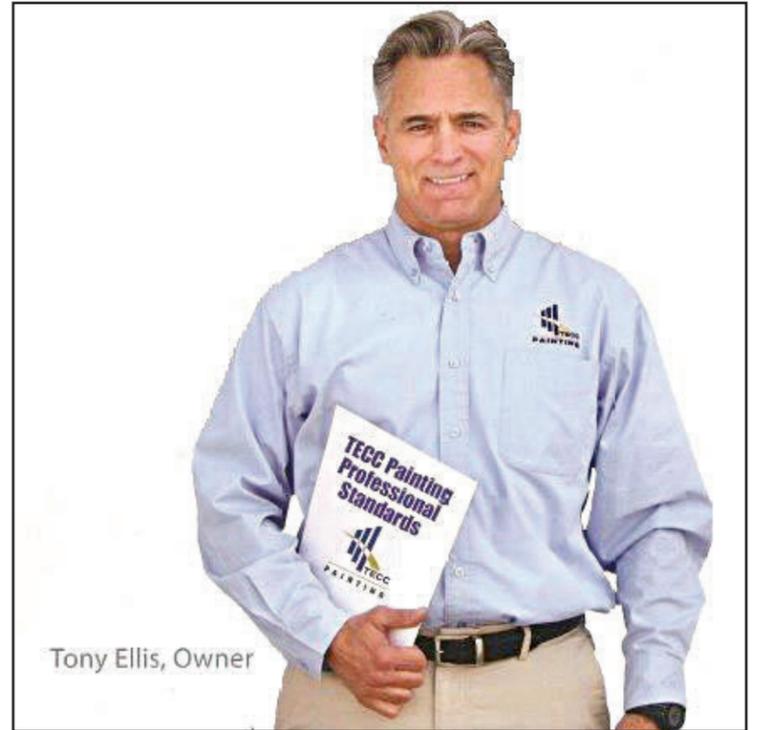
While you might not be excited to declutter your garage or wash your baseboards, spring-cleaning is one of the best things you can do to protect your investment in your home. Maintenance, especially preventative maintenance, not only keeps your home looking great but it also helps prevent the need to do costly repairs later on.

One of the most overlooked areas of maintenance by homeowners is their exterior paint job. No paint job is meant to last forever—especially in our harsh UV environment here in Colorado Springs—but with the right care you can easily extend the life of your paint job by a couple of years.

So this spring consider taking care of these projects to prolong the life of your exterior paint job:

Give Your House a Bath – Road grime, bird droppings, mildew, dust, and air pollution build up over time and can create an unsightly film on your painted exterior surfaces. Power washing your home once a year will help keep your paint looking new. Be sure to clean your gutters before power washing though. Clogged gutters are one of the leading causes for having to repaint fascia and trim.

Caulk – Over time, caulk can begin to shrink and crack. Look for troubled areas around doors



Tony Ellis, Owner

and windows. Anywhere you notice the caulking separating from your house is a place where the elements, including bugs, are sneaking into your home. Now is the time to find those cracks and fill them in.

Spot Touch-up – What starts as a small chipping of paint can easily become a major nuisance. Any type of bare wood exposes your home to the weather and creates additional chipping and peeling. Simply going around and doing spot touch-up on the body and trim of your house will keep it looking fresh.

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And remember, the sooner you take care of your spring-cleaning, the sooner you can relax and enjoy the lazy days of summer!

Garden Club

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"My husband Dave and I really enjoyed Dean at our home," Kay Klunder exclaimed. "He was such a fun house guest and proved to be one of the most informative and entertaining speakers that we have ever had. As vice president of the Garden Club of America, I was fortunate to first meet Dean while attending a zone meeting in Lexington, Ky. where he received an award for preservation and conservation. When told me that he had never been to Colorado, we decided to change that," she said.

Klunder, with other club members, led Norton on tours of home gardens, Garden of the Gods, High Valley Farm and Garden, the Air Force Academy, and the Broadmoor Resort, meeting with Broadmoor's horticulturist Karen Anderson. A dinner party honoring Norton took place in the Maytag home hosted by Cornelia Maytag and Kay Klunder for members and husbands.

Somehow, they were not at all surprised when fun-loving Norton, with his bugle, signaled the call to dinner in old military style, and later, at their departure, played taps!

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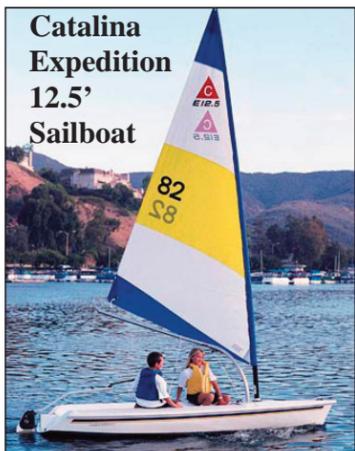
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Rubik's Cube

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Mountain Ridge Middle School's Rubik's team placed third in the middle school team division of this week's cube competition in Monument. The team solved 25 cubes in three minutes and 40 seconds. Sixth grader Atharva Vispute, second from right, placed fourth in the solo competition for solving his cube in 32.639 seconds.

concepts such as perimeter, volume, area and algorithms and 21st Century skills like problem-solving, following directions, and perseverance."

Maria Johnson from Lewis Palmer Elementary, the hosting school, said "It is a great sport for our visual-spatial intelligent children. These students think and create differently and are our future computer science engineers, surgeons, architects, city planners, pilots and mechanical engineers. It is great for them to have a sport to excel at and gain confidence."

Stages of Life Concert Sunday

The Abendmusik Chamber Choir will present "Stages of Life, Seasons of Love" at 3 p.m., Sunday April 19 at the First Congregational Church on the corner of St. Vrain and North Tejon streets. The concert will include a capella singing as well as accompaniment by piano, organ, violin, flute, cello, recorder and guitar. Admission is free. For more information, call Ginger Littleton at 237-6502.

Getting Started with Genealogy

The first of three Pikes Peak Genealogical Society workshops is set for 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, April 25 at the East Library. The Genealogy Level I Workshop will focus on getting started, standards & terminology, and census records. All workshops are free, but reservations are required. For more information, call 531-6333, ext. 2252. Please note that the main area of the library will be undergoing renovations, but there will still be access to the classroom.

State Park Volunteer Open House

Cheyenne Mountain State Park is hosting a volunteer event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 25 at the park's visitor center, 410 JL Ranch Heights Road. All are invited to come and talk with current helpers and explore the available opportunities including greeting visitors, helping with educational programs, leading hikes, working on trails and conducting fire mitigation. No experience is necessary and training is provided. Volunteers are invited to special events and those who contribute 48 hours or more within a 12-month period receive an annual state parks pass. For more information, call 576-2016. The park is located on Highway 115, 1.5 miles south of Academy Boulevard, directly across from Fort Carson Gate 1.

Groups Invited to Clean Up County Next Saturday

El Paso County is hosting the third annual Tackle the Trash outdoor spring cleanup event on Saturday, April 25, and is encouraging groups and individuals to get involved. County Commissioners will greet volunteers beginning at 9 a.m. at seven check-in sites and assist with cleaning chores in those areas. Check-in sites will include Memorial Park in Manitou Springs, The Third Street Trailhead for the Santa Fe Regional Trail in Monument, Fountain Creek Regional Park in Fountain, the Falcon Trailhead of the Rock Island Regional Trail in Falcon, park headquarters in Bear Creek Regional Park, the El Paso County fairgrounds in Calhan, and Centennial Hall in downtown Colorado Springs. For additional information and to register, www.tacklethetrash.com or call 520-7871.