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| Con’t  One person who has been living on the streets says that they already felt like a burden before the ordinance, but now they feel like a plague to the city.  A concerned Pueblo citizen frequently speaks with the unhoused. He states that they had stayed hidden away and out of people’s sights, but now they do not have anywhere to hide after the ordinance. Often people think that homeless shelters are the solution, or at least a way to help this population, but many times people must be turned away. This can be for a number of reasons such as it is full already, or the persons do not meet the requirements to enter. Sometimes the houseless physically cannot make it to a shelter either.  The houseless people in Pueblo have made a community that some would call a family. They look after each other and care for each other. Some even call others familial names such as Brother or Pop. When they were all pushed off public property, many of the houseless hid wherever they could, tearing apart and scattering this community. Some houseless have stated that they do not know if their friends are dead or alive, especially the elderly, but they live in fear of reaching out for help to find them. It is heartbreaking seeing these found families being separated from each other after already being separated from their real families.  Too often, people forget about the less fortunate and those who made one wrong decision. But these people are still human beings that deserve as much compassion as everyone else on this planet. Only with acts of kindness and attacking the roots of this issue can it be resolved.  *Editor’s note*  (This article was written and researched by Sami Ortmann. Due to an electronic error, it was lost to the ether when it should have been published in the December Issue of *Scorpion Tales.* Ms. Ortmann’s writing is top notch, and it is no slight on her that we were unable to publish last issue. With greatest apologies, Ms. Ortmann. TAM) |
| **Houseless People are Real People: Will Society Ever Understand?**  **Sami Ortmann, reporter**  Have you ever seen a person on the side of the road holding a sign saying, “anything helps?” It is true, anything really will help. But if you ask any houseless person what they need, it is likely that they will say that they do not know. The number of people without a house in Pueblo varies depending on who you ask, but many people will say it typically falls anywhere from a couple hundred to a couple thousand people without a home. At the beginning of 2024, Pueblo city ordered a new law seeming to target the houseless.  An ordinance was approved in Pueblo on February 16, 2024, making it illegal to camp on public property.  This means that the houseless would be forced to move off public property or pay a fine up to $1,000. If they cannot pay the fine, they would be brought to municipal court. Rather than making the streets of Pueblo cleaner, it is instead forcing the houseless out of the places they called “home”  and into places where they are more visible. Some people say that this ordinance allows the city to profit from the houseless population rather than helping to abolish it. | **Con’t**  The Jungle is an area between I-25 and Benedict Park in Pueblo where many houseless people had called their home. There are trees to provide some safety from the elements, and one person claims there used to be around fifty houseless people living there.  In the last week of October, the city went in and cleaned out much of the Jungle.  They removed trash left by previous houseless camps and trees from the area. Some say that they filled at least fifteen dumpsters full of trash and trees they dug up**.**  Pueblo Mayor Heather Graham said that she saw very few houseless in the area, leading some to believe that no one lives there anymore.  Since this was already after the ordinance to keep the houseless off public property, a probable reason that people left may be because they heard that the city was coming. They possibly fled in fear that they would have to pay a fine even though it was private property not owned by the city. |

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| Wrestling  Carlos Saenz , Silvino Gonzolez, Briana-Rose Vialpando, Dakota Lujan Staff Writers  Wrestling is a sport where two individuals engage with the aim of taking down or holding their opponents shoulders to the ground. The central of all forms of wrestling are grappling, joint locks, reversals and pins, this also involves grounding throws, takedowns, and holds, there are three variations of wrestling called Greco-Roman, Freestyle, and Folkstyle. Only two are wrestled at the olympics and the other is wrestled in highschool and in college. The difference between each wrestling variation is the take down. In Greco-Roman you are going to attack only the upper body. In Freestyle you use more leg attacks and faster scoring and in Folkstyle, you  have to get a controlled takedown. Wrestling is a captivating sport that brings in millions to watch while influencing pop culture worldwide. | | | Basketball: The true Winter Sport  High school basketball, also known as prep basketball, began in the early 20th century in the United States and Canada. It quickly became a popular sport, with many top athletes progressing to college and professional levels. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) governs the sport in the U.S. Over the years, high school basketball has produced numerous NBA stars, including Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant, and LeBron James.  Wanted: People to support Coach Guerrero in his belief that BASKETBALL is the SUPREME WINTER SPORT while cheering on his Scorpion Cagers!  Scorpion Basketball  The rage in the Cage! | |
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| The Importance of friendship  Monzerraht and Yesenia; staff writers  The importance of a friendship is to always keep your friend’s secrets. Trust is of the utmost importance when it comes to people you consider close friends. When those people confide a secret with you, always be there for them. Friendships last when there is a shared level of trust and respect. Always strive to be that respectful and supportive friend, it costs nothing and the rewards are so worth it. | | “Esports waiting”  Carlos Saenz, photo    “Come learn Science! It’s Fun”    Rose Vialpando, photos |
| **Wanted: People interested in rewarding hard work and supporting the experience of a lifetime! Coach Franklin is looking for you! Support Scorpion Wrestling! Champions are made in the Winter!** | | ***Make sure you are keeping up on your Service hours! Check with Mr. McBee or***  ***Ms. Padilla!***  *Scorpion Tales* is a wholly owned, non-profit, digital publication of Chavez Hurta Preparatory Academy/Delores Huerta Preparatory High school. All rights reserved.  Publisher: Fred Segura  Publisher: Bryan Weimer | |
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| DHPH Image/ Rose Vialpando | | | | |
| TikTok really shut down?     Briana-Rose Vialpando  If you  have been online for a while you would have noticed the app called Tik Tok along with Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter. Tik tok is a social media platform that came out in September of 2016 in China under the name Douyin from the ByteDance company. Douyin later became popular in the U.S when the name got changed to Tik tok. As of recently Tik Tok has had some controversy because of their complaints about data privacy and security issues because of this there was a push to ban Tik tok from others using it. | | It's a Johnson Kind of thing.  Opinion Column by Jaydyn and Josiah Johnson  Topic: Rudy Guiliani’s past, can it save him?  Rudy Guiliani’s past was very notable. He first became prominent as a US District attorney in 1980. He was responsible for the prosecution of organized crime and corruption, leading to many high-profile cases, and subsequent convictions. Seeking to further his political reach, he was elected Mayor of New York City in 1990. Reducing crime, from the street level to corporate level, which improved the city he was elected to lead. During the tragedy of 9/11, his leadership of his city won him national acclaim and respect for excellent job performance in a difficult situation.  Mr. Guiliani’s current political activity has led to a collapse of his reputation. Caught up in the 2020 “big lie” and other controversies, these choices overshadow his former triumphs. | EDITORIAL Hello, this is Mr. Weimer I’m calling with an important update regarding our school’s future and to ask for your support. As you know, CHPA is a proud charter school that serves students through three academies: Cesar Chavez Academy (K-5), Ersilia Cruz Middle School (6-8) and Dolores Huerta Preparatory High (9-12). We have always been committed to providing an exceptional education for our students, offering unique opportunities to help them succeed both in school and in life. Recently, the superintendent of District 60, our current charter authorizer, recommended to the D60 Board of Education that our charter authorization not be renewed for the 2025-2026 school year. While this decision may sound concerning, it presents an opportunity for CHPA to seek a new authorizer that will allow us to continue growing, innovating, and bringing in exciting new programs that District 60 has not permitted us to implement. However, there is one significant step we need to take to ensure CHPA’s bright future: for us to move forward with a new authorizer, the D60 Board must release us from their exclusive charter contract. With this release, we can continue to provide a high-quality education for our students and create even greater opportunities for their success. We need your help to make this happen. Your voice matters, and we ask you to join us at the upcoming D60 Board of Education meeting to show your support for our school and to urge the board to release CHPA from its exclusive contract. Details of the Meeting: 📅 Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025,⏰ Time: 6:00 PM Address: 315 W. 11th Street Your presence will send a powerful message to the D60 Board about the importance of CHPA and the impact it has on your children’s education. Together, we can advocate for the future of our school and ensure that CHPA continues to be a beacon of excellence for our students and community. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school. Please mark your calendars, spread the word, and plan to attend this critical meeting. Sincerely, Mr. Weimer Dolores Huerta Preparatory High School Principal | |
| Who Wins in the Battle of the Best winter sport?  Is it Coach Franklin and his mat-men?  Is it Coach Guerrero and his rowdy Cagers?  Find out in Scorpion Tales! | | Hand Crafted by Ivanka Medina!  One for $2 or 12 for $20! | Got a question, a burning desire? Hit us up! Need some advice?  Dearsting14@gmail.com | |
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