

Stations KAJX and KCJX (Aspen Public Radio)
Quarterly Listing of Community Issues and Programs
[October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023]

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: A longtime local journalist's lawsuit against The Aspen Times could have wider implications

Issue: ability of local journalists to have editorial independence

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: October 5, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: A longtime local journalist's lawsuit against The Aspen Times could have wider implications for the future of journalism and workers' rights. Andrew Travers filed the lawsuit Tuesday, claiming the newspaper and its parent companies wrongfully fired him on June 10, 2022, shortly after he accepted a promotion to the role of editor-in-chief.

Program: Special Broadcast

Story Title: ASD Board of Directors Candidate Forum

Issue: school board elections

Producer: James Barrs

Date: October 10, 2023

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Description: live broadcast of debate for Aspen School District election

Program: Sunday Special

Story Title: Equity Speaker Series: Nuestras Voces

Issue: theater for the Spanish-speaking local community

Producer: James Barrs

Date: October 15, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 7:59 PM.

Description: The evening starts with a sneak preview of the "Nuestras VOCES - Noche Mística" theater production, which aims to celebrate the voices, stories, and heritages of the local Spanish-speaking community. Then the cast and creative team of Angélica, Art, Bryan, Claudia, Flor, Livier, and Lorenzo explore the devised theater process. They also discuss each individual's unique footprint in the valley as an artist and as a member striving to create a vibrant and diverse community.

Program: Special Broadcast

Story Title: Roaring Fork School Board of Directors Candidate Forum

Issue: school board elections

Producer: James Barrs

Date: October 17, 2023

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Description: live broadcast of debate for Roaring Fork School District election

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: As communities face climate change, CORE and CLEER help them transition to clean energy

Issue: transitioning to clean energy

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: October 26, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:59 AM, and 4:44 - 4:59 PM.

Description: Transitioning to renewable energy sources and improving energy efficiency is a crucial part of addressing climate change. But climate scientists and advocates say that the transition can be complicated, especially in communities that rely on oil, gas and luxury tourism. In the Roaring Fork and Colorado River valleys, two local nonprofits are working to help communities overcome these barriers and make the shift. The Basalt-based Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE) works with homeowners, businesses and local governments to help make their buildings more energy efficient.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Garfield Re-2 school board rejects American Birthright for social studies — for now

Issue: school curriculum

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: October 31, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

Description: Colorado's Department of Education developed and adopted a set of social studies standards last year that complied with new state laws, requiring education about genocide and the Holocaust, financial and media literacy, and the contributions of underrepresented groups to state and national history. Most school districts in Colorado adopted that standard without much fanfare. But Garfield Re-2 school board president Tony May asked that the district consider another option: the conservative American Birthright Standard.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Local public health department says: add COVID-19 to your cold & flu season shots

Issue: COVID-19 vaccinations

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: November 2, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: While it no longer makes the headlines, people are still getting sick from COVID-19 on a regular basis. And, health experts say that we should assume that cold and flu season now includes COVID as well. Garfield County Public Health is encouraging everyone six months and older to get both their flu shot and an updated COVID vaccine.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Advocates call on community to support a group of people from Venezuela seeking opportunity in Carbondale

Issue: helping undocumented immigrants in Carbondale as winter approaches

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: November 7, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Local nonprofit Voces Unidas and state Rep. Elizabeth Velasco of Glenwood Springs have been organizing support for a group of people from Venezuela who recently arrived in Carbondale looking for work and housing. According to Voces Unidas and Velasco, around 80 people have been living in the boat ramp parking lot near the bridge off of Highway 133 at the entrance to town for about two weeks. Members of the group said some families are also staying at a church in Glenwood Springs.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Housing options limited for 80 South American migrants seeking winter shelter

Issue: helping undocumented immigrants in Carbondale as winter approaches

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: November 9, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Carbondale town officials met with leaders from the nonprofit Voces Unidas and Colorado Representative Elizabeth Velasco on Wednesday to develop housing solutions for roughly 80 migrants who've recently arrived from Venezuela and Colombia. Four of the new arrivals were also present at the meeting as part of a committee to speak on behalf of their peers, and finding stable shelter was one of their most pressing needs. While a few have been staying in hotels, almost all of the migrants are unhoused; some have been living in cars while others have been in tents or on the street, according to a survey conducted by Voces Unidas staff.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Amid a 'crushing housing problem,' one program sweetens the deal for landlords and helps employees plant roots

Issue: workforce housing shortage

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: November 11, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The Aspen Skiing Company has about 900 beds in their own employee housing inventory, mostly for seasonal workers. But in the peak season, SkiCo has thousands of employees. They can't all fit in the housing Skico owns, and a lot of them struggle to find affordable housing on the free market. So a couple years ago, the company started something new, called "Tenants for Turns." Landlords who rent to a SkiCo employee — within certain parameters — can get big incentives, like a free season pass, a bundle of 10 single-day lift tickets, or a gift certificate worth \$1,500.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Israel rally draws a crowd at Gondola Plaza, as well as several ceasefire protesters

Caroline Llanes, Halle Zander

Published November 11, 2023

Issue: local reaction to Israel\Hammas conflict

Reporter: Caroline Llanes and Halle Zander

Date: November 11, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: About two hundred people showed up to the Gondola Plaza in downtown Aspen on November 9th for an event in support of Israel in the wake of the October 7th attack by Hamas. They were joined by a small group who showed up to call for a ceasefire in the war between Israel and Hamas, describing the mounting deaths in the region — over 10,000 Palestinians and 1000 Israelis — as abhorrent. Reporter Caroline Llanes went to the event, and spoke with local All Things Considered host Halle Zander while she was there.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen School District holds safety forum after social media scare

Issue: school safety

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: November 13, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Law enforcement and school officials addressed a potential social media threat to the Aspen School District (ASD) during a safety forum in the Aspen District Theatre Monday night. The alleged threat was made in a post on an "Aspen High School Class of 2028" Snapchat thread, according to ASD Superintendent David Baugh. He said multiple Aspen students showed the post to their parents, who alerted school officials and law enforcement officers.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Local schools enrolling new unhoused arrivals, coordinating other support

Issue: undocumented immigrants in Carbondale

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: November 16, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Since Nov. 10, at least five children have joined a group of about 100 migrants from Venezuela and Colombia who couldn't find work or shelter in Denver. Some of the families have received a few free nights in hotels in Glenwood Springs, while the other migrants are currently sheltering at Carbondale's Third Street Center or camping near the intersection of Highway 82 and Highway 133. The director of the Roaring Fork School District's Family Resource Center, Kelly Medina, said their office is working this week to enroll two families with school-aged children from the unhoused group in Carbondale. But they're also enrolling one unaccompanied minor who is not affiliated with the group. That's on top of the 105 students currently enrolled in the district who are also experiencing homelessness.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: In a burn scar on Basalt Mountain, artists mobilize to help restore the landscape

Issue: recovery from a forest fire

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: November 20, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Google "The Most Famous Artist," and one of the first links that comes up is for a guy named Matty Mo. His work is designed to grab attention online — he's best known for turning the "Hollywood" sign into one that said "Hollyweed," and says his preferred medium is "tomfoolery." But after years of flashy projects that were all about the internet, Mo wants to get loud about things like climate change.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: As temporary migrant shelter hits capacity in Carbondale, some call for regional emergency response

Issue: undocumented immigrants in Carbondale

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: November 22, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: An emergency shelter for new migrants at the Third Street Center in Carbondale has turned away at least five people every night since Nov. 15 because the facility is already at capacity. As needs continue to arise, advocates are calling on regional governments, emergency teams and social service nonprofits to coordinate a more cohesive response. The Third Street

Center is largely used for nonprofit offices and community gatherings. It doesn't have showers or a kitchen with refrigeration, but it opened its doors as a temporary shelter about two weeks ago. The space can hold up to 60 people, but according to the Latino advocacy organization Voces Unidas, there are now over 100 newcomers, mostly from Venezuela, who have arrived in recent weeks and months.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Aspen students try new strategy to curb youth suicide, following national model

Issue: teen suicide prevention

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: November 27, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Students at Aspen High School (AHS) organized Aspen Hope Week earlier this month in an effort to raise awareness about a new club aimed at preventing teen suicide.

Members of AHS's Hope Squad are trained to recognize the warning signs of suicide and to connect those needing help with trusted adults. Over the five days of Aspen Hope Week, students shared the mission of the Hope Squad with the AHS student body through small activities around campus.

Program: 1A

Story Title: SOS: Reintroducing endangered species

Issue: wolf reintroduction

Host: Jenn White

Date: November 29, 2023

Time: 10:00 - 10:59 AM, and 9:00 - 9:59 PM.

Description: A million species are under the threat of extinction, scientists say. Since the passage of the Endangered Species Act in 1973, 11 species on that list have been declared extinct in the United States. One tool being used to combat the extinction crisis is species reintroduction — the process of re-establishing a species population in an area they've been driven out of.

Reintroduction has been successful in the U.S. before, with a variety of species. Black-footed ferrets were once among the rarest mammals in the world, with only 18 in existence in 1987.

Decades of reintroduction later, about a thousand black-footed ferrets are in the wild today. But how are decisions around reintroduction made? We'll check in on the battle over a gray wolf release program in Colorado, and answer your reintroduction questions as part of our weeklong biodiversity series — SOS: Save Our Species.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Garfield County residents start recall petition for Re-2 school board president

Issue: school board president recall effort

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: November 29, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: A group of community members in the Garfield Re-2 school district has started collecting signatures to recall school board president Tony May. The recall petition alleges May has misused his position on the board to push a personal political agenda, and says he has bullied district staff, parents, and community members.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: In film and live performances, Larry Yazzie uses ‘dance as a platform to educate’ about Native American culture

Issue: Native American representation in film

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: November 30, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The Shining Mountains Film Festival takes place at the Wheeler Opera House in Aspen this weekend with a focus on the stories and culture of Indigenous people. The documentaries cover everything from sports to art to reclaiming sacred land; some are just a few minutes long, while others are feature-length films. One of the short films focuses on Larry Yazzie, from the Meskwaki Nation in Iowa. He’s an artist, actor and champion fancy dancer who performs elaborate cultural dances in traditional dress for audiences around the world.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Bilingual Christmas tree harvest and holiday Posada increases access to public lands

Issue: informing Spanish-speaking residents about public lands

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: December 4, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Over 150 people gathered at the Babbish Gulch Trailhead near Sunlight Mountain on Saturday to cut their own Christmas trees and celebrate with a Latino holiday party called a “Posada.” The bilingual, bicultural event is organized each year by the U.S. Forest Service’s Aspen-Sopris Ranger District and Wilderness Workshop’s Latino-led environmental advocacy program, Defiende Nuestra Tierra (Defend Our Land). The gathering in the mountains outside of Glenwood Springs is a chance for English and Spanish-speaking residents to come together to learn about their public lands in the Thompson Divide area, eat tamales and harvest a tree.

Program: All Things Considered

Story Title: Migrants drawn to Colo. mountain town to find work, but shelter is limited

Issue: undocumented immigrants in Carbondale

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: December 5, 2023

Time: 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Big cities across the country are struggling to accommodate thousands of migrants arriving from Venezuela and other countries. But some small towns are also seeing an influx of migrants, too. Halle Zander with Aspen Public Radio reports on a group drawn to Colorado's mountains where labor is in constant demand.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Harvest for Hunger aims to help people thrive by rescuing unsold food in the Roaring Fork Valley

Issue: food insecurity and food waste

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: December 5, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Every Friday morning, in the delivery docks of grocery stores and parking spots outside of bakeries from Aspen to Carbondale, Gray Warr shows up for the leftovers: Vegetables, turkeys, sandwich bread and fruit juice, plus birthday cakes, baguettes, cookies and eggnog, hauled to his van by the cartful. His mission, as the founder of the nonprofit Harvest for Hunger, is to “rescue” unsold food and redistribute it through food banks and mobile pantries. Since 2021, with help from one part-time employee and a small crew of volunteers, Warr has collected more than 250,000 pounds of food. A single haul can total upward of 1,500 pounds on a Friday, and 200 to 500 pounds on a different route on Tuesdays.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Pitkin County limits commercial use at North Star in response to increased recreation, but some say the limits aren't enough

Issue: managing use at local nature preserve

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: December 7, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: New limits are coming next spring for commercial outfitters who use the North Star Nature Preserve for paddleboarding, kayaking and other river recreation. On Tuesday, Pitkin County officials authorized Open Space and Trails staff to reduce the number of commercial permits available for that stretch of the Roaring Fork River east of Aspen — but some say even stricter regulations are warranted. The new regulations are a response to increased recreation on the quiet nature preserve in recent years, as more people flock to the popular stretch of river for a peaceful float in the summer months.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: 'The system is so broken': Legal clinic for Venezuelan arrivals highlights immigration challenges

Issue: undocumented immigrants in Carbondale

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: December 12, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Immigration attorneys held a legal clinic for roughly 60 people from Venezuela in Carbondale last week. Many of the attendees arrived in the Roaring Fork Valley this fall and are eligible for temporary protected status (TPS). The session covered the TPS application process, but attorneys Claire Noone and Jennifer Smith also discussed legal challenges and flaws in the U.S. immigration system. People who arrived in the U.S. from Venezuela before July 31, 2023 can be eligible for TPS based on Venezuela's increased instability and lack of safety, which grants work permits and some protection from deportation. But Noone said, unfortunately, a lot of the information about eligibility and how to apply are in English.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Garfield County libraries remain committed to safe spaces for kids and adult patrons alike

Issue: library book bans

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: December 12, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: At the Glenwood Springs branch library, a couple of a dozen kids and adults are using kid-friendly plastic needles, thick embroidery thread, and safety scissors to assemble little felt stuffed dinosaurs from kits. In short, it's a typical Wednesday afternoon with the SPARK program, designed to spark kids' imaginations in a fun, safe, social environment.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: As investors buy up mobile home parks, lawmakers and advocates work to keep homes affordable

Issue: affordable housing

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: December 13, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

Description: Investment companies are buying up mobile home parks across the country, including in the Roaring Fork and Colorado River valleys. It's part of a trend away from family-owned parks and toward out-of-state real estate interests, and it often results in higher rents in neighborhoods that have historically been a source of affordable housing. Longtime local

journalist John Stroud has been covering the impact of this on mobile home parks in the valley as well as efforts to protect residents from being priced out.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Skico opens first major terrain expansion on Aspen Mountain since 1986

Issue: recreation economy

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: December 15, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: A group of skiers and riders gathered at the base of the new Hero's chairlift on Aspen Mountain Friday morning to celebrate the official opening of the Hero's terrain area, formerly known as Pandora's. Aspen Skiing Company's new CEO Geoff Buchheister gave remarks before the ribbon was cut and the lift started spinning. He honored late Skico owner Jim Crown, who passed away in June — and also thanked the many company staff, contractors and agency partners who helped open the area.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

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Story Title: Five gray wolves released on the Western Slope, with more to come

Issue: wolf reintroduction in Colorado

Reporter: Halle Zander

Date: December 18, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) released five gray wolves onto public land in Grand County on Monday as part of a voter-approved ballot initiative passed in 2020 that required wolf reintroduction by the end of 2023. The release of three male and two female wolves — mostly juveniles — is part of an effort to develop a permanent, self-sustaining gray wolf population in Colorado. Wildlife officials are aiming for a population of roughly 30 to 50 wolves in the next three to five years.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: 'It makes them feel valued': Collaboration between high school and art gallery celebrates the work of immigrant students

Issue: integration of immigrant students into the community

Reporter: Kaya Williams

Date: December 21, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: A creative collaboration between Basalt High School and an established local gallery celebrates the stories of young “newcomers” — students who very recently immigrated

to the United States. They come from countries like Mexico, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Honduras. Many of them have been in the Roaring Fork Valley for less than a year. And now, their work is on display at The Art Base in downtown Basalt; after the exhibition, it will be distributed throughout the community.

Story Title: What it was like to witness the first wolves released in Colorado, and what happens next

Issue: wolf reintroduction in Colorado

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: December 21, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The first group of gray wolves was released in Colorado this week after voters narrowly approved a statewide ballot initiative in 2020 to reintroduce the species. The ballot measure broadly pitted environmentalists, who were in favor of reintroducing the species that once played a critical role in the ecosystem, against ranchers and hunters who were concerned about the loss of livestock and big game. According to state wildlife officials, wolves were eradicated from Colorado in the 1940s and were among the first animals protected by the Endangered Species Act. Colorado Public Radio's Sam Brasch was one of a handful of reporters selected to be onsite when Colorado Parks and Wildlife reintroduced five wolves - three males and two females - from Oregon onto state-owned public lands in Grand County on Monday.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Carbondale receives state funds to support newly arrived migrants through the winter

Issue: undocumented immigrants in Carbondale

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett

Date: December 22, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The town of Carbondale has been awarded state emergency funding it requested to help support over 100 migrants, mostly from Venezuela, who arrived in the valley over the past few months. According to Town Manager Lauren Gister, the \$223,880 grant from Colorado's Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) can be used to reimburse the town for things like housing assistance, food, medical care, transportation, staffing and other expenses. But Gister worries this grant may not be enough to cover all of the new arrivals' needs. "I added all of it up, got a lot of help getting estimates and everything else and I still suspect that this number is low," Gister told town trustees during a meeting earlier this month. Some of the funds will help officials open two new overnight shelters in early January, including one in a community room at Carbondale's town hall, to help new arrivals through the cold winter months.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: 'It's not easy to leave your roots': Asdrúbal Alvarado seeks better opportunities for himself in the U.S. and his family in Venezuela

Issue: undocumented immigrants in Carbondale

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett and Halle Zander

Date: December 27, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

Description: About 30,000 people fleeing violence and instability in Venezuela have arrived in Denver over the past year. Many are now seeking work and opportunity in rural communities such as the Roaring Fork Valley, where over a hundred migrants have arrived in recent months. Aspen Public Radio spent time getting to know three members of the group who have been representing their peers in meetings with local government officials and nonprofits. Reporters Halle Zander and Eleanor Bennett produced a series of audio postcards from their conversations.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Boebert to switch districts for better shot at winning in 2024, decries “Aspen donors”

Issue: congressional representative election

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: December 27, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: Republican U.S. Representative Lauren Boebert of Silt will not be running for re-election in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District. Instead, she'll be running in the fourth, a more staunchly Republican district. Boebert held her seat in the district by just 546 votes last year, after facing a challenge from former Aspen city councilor Democrat Adam Frisch.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: Wildfire, water, and more on the agenda for Roaring Fork lawmakers in 2024 session

Issue: state legislature session

Reporter: Caroline Llanes

Date: December 28, 2023

Time: 7:45 - 7:50 AM, and 4:44 - 4:49 PM.

Description: The 2024 legislative session for Colorado's general assembly is rapidly approaching, and once it kicks off, the House and the Senate will have 120 days to accomplish their legislative agendas. For their part, representatives for the Roaring Fork Valley say they're ready to hit the ground running.

Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: 'They are the kids that God gave me': Libia Guzmán finds family in the U.S. after long journey from Venezuela

Issue: undocumented immigrants in Carbondale

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett and Halle Zander

Date: December 28, 2023

Time: 7:50 - 7:59 AM, and 4:50 - 4:59 PM.

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Program: Morning Edition/All Things Considered

Story Title: 'At least I'm not alone in this battle': Edwin Jiménez finds camaraderie in the Roaring Fork Valley after traveling from Venezuela

Issue: undocumented immigrants in Carbondale

Reporter: Eleanor Bennett and Halle Zander

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