

Camp Polk Cemetery to honor service members

Camp Polk Cemetery will host a wreath-laying ceremony, joining more than 1,200 other locations across the country for National Wreaths Across America Day. This annual event seeks to further the WAA mission of "Remember, Honor, Teach," ensuring that the memory of those who served our country endures.

This year's WAA event will be held on Saturday, December 16, at 9 a.m. at Camp Polk Cemetery. Parking is extremely limited and attendees are encouraged to carpool.

The local ceremony, coordinated and led by volunteers, has raised over \$300 to place 22 wreaths on the headstones of fallen service members and is still looking for an additional \$200 to cover the final 15 headstones. Wreaths are \$15 each and can be purchased at WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. To ensure your donation is purchasing a wreath at Camp Polk Cemetery please search for Camp Polk Cemetery on the official website prior to donating.

Since 1992, WAA founder Morrill Worcester has always

asked volunteers placing remembrance wreaths to take time to read the name on the headstone aloud.

"Without the thousands of local volunteers across the country who give their time and energy to support the mission, Wreaths Across America would not exist," said Karen Worcester. "All our supporters understand the value of remembering the fallen, honoring those who currently serve, and the need to teach the next generation about the sacrifices made for our freedom."

The goal for Camp Polk Cemetery is to raise enough funds to place 39 remembrance wreaths on the headstones and say the names of all the local heroes laid to rest there, to ensure that the individuals who served to protect the freedoms of our country are not, and never will be, forgotten.

Those interested in volunteering for Wreaths Across America, either locally or at Arlington National Cemetery may visit the WAA website at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org to learn more. National Wreaths Across America Day is a free event open to all.

BUNKHOUSE: Respect for a man who works for everything he has

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because they had found steady work somewhere. The alternative was a long slide into that sleaziest world of street-level meth, crack, and heroin dealing.

But here was Armando, pulling into our driveway with only his rake and a ratty tarp, without the slightest idea what kind of reception he might receive. The dogs liked him instantly, which is something I pay attention to because they have proven to be excellent judges of character.

Armando made his proposal and he went to work raking pine needles out of the bunch grass. His reception here was far better, I promise you, than the one I reserve for the well-heeled proselytizers who come banging on our door — even after I tell them not to do it anymore — looking to save my soul from what must look to them like a rock-solid case of eternal damnation. But I have a practical approach to all of that: I'll take help with the chores

around our place, but while I appreciate the concern, the final disposition of my soul is a matter held strictly between the Almighty and me.

So we get these gifts. In Armando's case it is the gift of needed help, but he also serves as an important reflection, an image we might look at and be prompted to think about what we are becoming, this nation of immigrants. We might, by looking at how hard Armando works — without the slightest hint of bitterness — learn to better judge ourselves, and our notions of what we think life owes us.

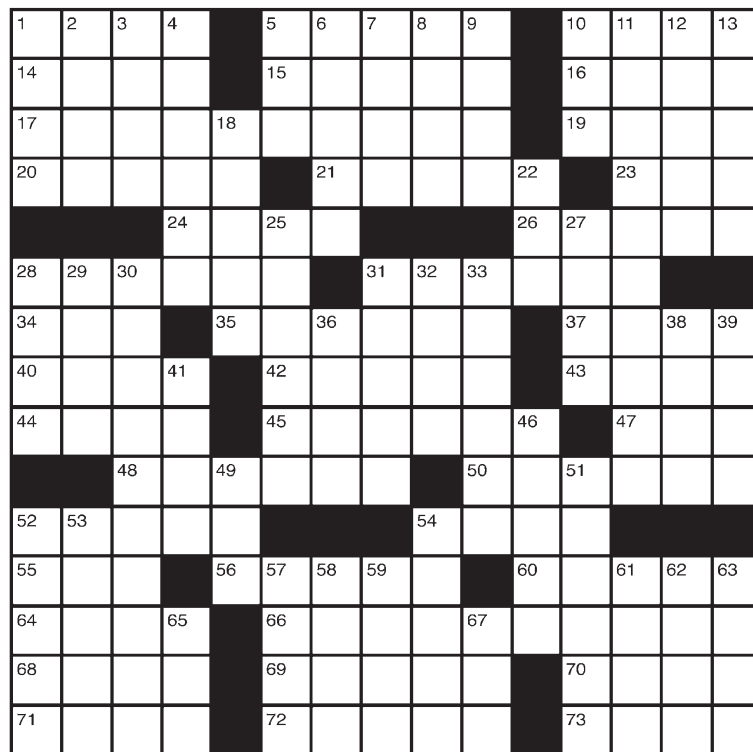
The fact of the matter is I'd take one Armando, whatever his legal status in this country — a man of obvious substance and character and humility, of good cheer despite his circumstances — over ten of the kind of smug, lazy, weak-minded, foul-mouthed, and utterly insistent and entitled Americans who are sucking the life out of our republic. It's no accident that, no matter how badly they might need a fistful of dollars, those folks never come knocking on my door in the sincere and refreshingly honest attempt to earn it.

It has simply never happened. Not even once.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 New Delhi robe
 - 5 Played a role
 - 10 Alpha's follower
 - 14 As comfortable ___ old shoe
 - 15 Thorny plant
 - 16 Plow pullers
 - 17 Parliament's charter
 - 19 "Beat it!"
 - 20 Piece of asparagus
 - 21 Comfy homes
 - 23 Suffix for poet or govern
 - 24 Boatbuilder's wood
 - 26 Actress Kirstie
 - 28 Not in class on a school day
 - 31 Entryway
 - 34 Dessert choice
 - 35 Greek goddess of wisdom
 - 37 Jailbird's room
 - 40 Shade trees
 - 42 Went public with
 - 43 ACL tear site
 - 44 Pass over
 - 45 Urgent situation
 - 47 News network
 - 48 U.S. coin
 - 50 Tears to bits
 - 52 Reads quickly
 - 54 Loafer, for one
 - 55 Monopoly game token
 - 56 Know-___; smart aleck
 - 60 Flat floating log structures
 - 64 Fail to include
 - 66 Horse rider
 - 68 7-day period
 - 69 Hole-boring tool
 - 70 Family member
 - 71 Unexceptional
 - 72 Disguises
 - 73 Staircase piece



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- DOWN**
- 1 Houston and Donaldson
 - 2 "Without delay!" for short
 - 3 Great anger
 - 4 Natural; inborn
 - 5 CBS competitor
 - 6 Old ice cream maker handle
 - 7 Grow fatigued
 - 8 Dines
 - 9 "Phooey!"
 - 10 Derek & others
 - 11 Superbness
 - 12 Razz
 - 13 Nervous
 - 18 Game site
 - 22 Fri.'s follower
 - 25 Raid
 - 27 Have none of
 - 28 Jungle beasts
 - 29 Cheat; defraud
 - 30 Schools for training priests
 - 31 Danger
 - 32 Small bills
 - 33 Tidbit on a relish tray
 - 36 Take on employees
 - 38 Give for a time
 - 39 Camera's eye
 - 41 Revolve
 - 46 Under five feet

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