



ALTHOUGH BOLIVIA is far away, climate issues bring everyone together. Above is a typical street scene from Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Photo courtesy of Mallory Knodel

Delegate travels to Bolivia for conference on climate

Mallory Knodel, New York City, is in Cochabamba, Bolivia, for the World People's Conference on Climate Change and Rights of Mother Earth.

At the conference, people will analyze the structural and systemic causes of climate change and propose substantive measures that facilitate the well-being of all mankind in harmony with nature. Among other issues discussed, they will define strategies for action and mobilization in defense of life against climate change and for mother earth right.

This alternative conference, she said, was conceived between Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Bolivian President Evo Morales after the failure of the Co-

penhagen climate talks in November 2009.

Ms. Knodel is with the organization, May First/People Link, and a New York delegation from the UN mission to Bolivia. She is a part of a web team with Jamie McClelland and Maritza Arrastia, both also of New York City and with May First/People Link. They are helping to organize the conference itself.

"We successfully implemented a free software solution for streaming the conference live on the website," she said.

They are also attending sessions that include speeches from Bolivian President Evo Morales, indigenous leaders from Latin American fighting against the human

impact of climate change such as deforestation and displacement, and many other activists and organizations. These people, she said, are dedicated to improving the social and environmental conditions impacted by the destruction of land, over-extraction and over-consumption, displacement of communities, and other unchecked practices by massive, global-capital industrialization.

Ms. Knodel is the daughter of John and Natalie Knodel, St. Francis. For more information on the conference and her work in Bolivia, go to the web at <http://malloryknodel.net/blog> or <http://pwccc.wordpress.com/guia-informativa/>.

Agriculture department recognizes area volunteers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is celebrating National Volunteer Week April 18 to 24, by recognizing and honoring its volunteers for their service to conservation. In Fiscal Year 2009, nationally, more than 36,000 people donated more than 693,000 hours to conservation as members of Natural Resources Conservation Service' volunteer group-Earth Team.

During 2010, Earth Team is celebrating 25 years of service to conservation. In that time, over a half-million Earth Team volunteers have donated 15.5 million hours valued at \$314 million.

Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist Eric B. Banks reports that last year the state's 4,342 Earth Team volunteers donated 62,707 volunteer hours in Kansas. (More information about the Kansas Earth Team efforts is available at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/about, click on Earth Team Volunteers.)

"That's worth \$1,269,816.70 of benefit to our customers and the taxpayers," said Mr. Banks. "These are impressive numbers, and we are grateful for the help, but we also recognize much more conservation work needs to be done."

Earth Team is a program which partners volunteers with conservation service's employees. It was created in 1985 and offers many opportunities to individuals over the age of 14 who are interested in volunteering and making a positive difference for the nation's natural resources. Earth Team volunteers help Natural Resources Conservation Service conservationists provide everything from conservation technical assistance to teaching and generating awareness about conservation through the use of community projects.

"We at Natural Resources Conservation Service are proud of the dedicated volunteers and employees who have committed their time and talents to conserving and protecting soil, water and wildlife for their community and everyone

in it," said Mr. Banks. "We hope National Volunteer Week will motivate others to volunteer to help us with our mission of Helping People Help the Land."

Information on the Earth Team Volunteer Program is available online at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/volunteers> or by calling (toll-free) 888-LANDCARE.

Natural Resources Conservation Service has provided leadership in a partnership effort to help America's private landowners

and managers conserve their soil, water and other natural resources since 1935. The agency is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. For more information visit www.nrcs.usda.gov.

*Note: The Value of Volunteer Time to the Agency is \$20.25/hour as established by the Independent Sector and utilized by the Federal Interagency Team for Volunteerism. The \$314 million figure uses 2010 dollars.

Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library

Cross

By James Patterson

Alex Cross was a rising star in the Washington, DC, police department when an unknown shooter gunned down his wife, Maria, in front of him. Alex's need for vengeance was placed on hold as he faced another huge challenge... raising his children without their mother.

Years later Alex is making a bold move in his life. He has left the FBI and set up practice as a psychologist once again. His life with Nana Mama, Damon, Jannie and little Alex finally feels like it's in order. He even has a chance at a new love.

Then Cross's former partner

John Sampson calls in a favor. He is tracking a serial rapist in Georgetown, one whose brutal modus operandi includes threatening his victims with terrifying photos. Cross and Sampson need the testimonies of these women to stop the predator, but the victims refuse to reveal anything about their attacker.

When the case triggers a connection to Maria's death, Alex may have a chance to catch his wife's murderer after all these years. Will justice be served at long last? Or is this the culminating scene in his own deadly obsession?



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