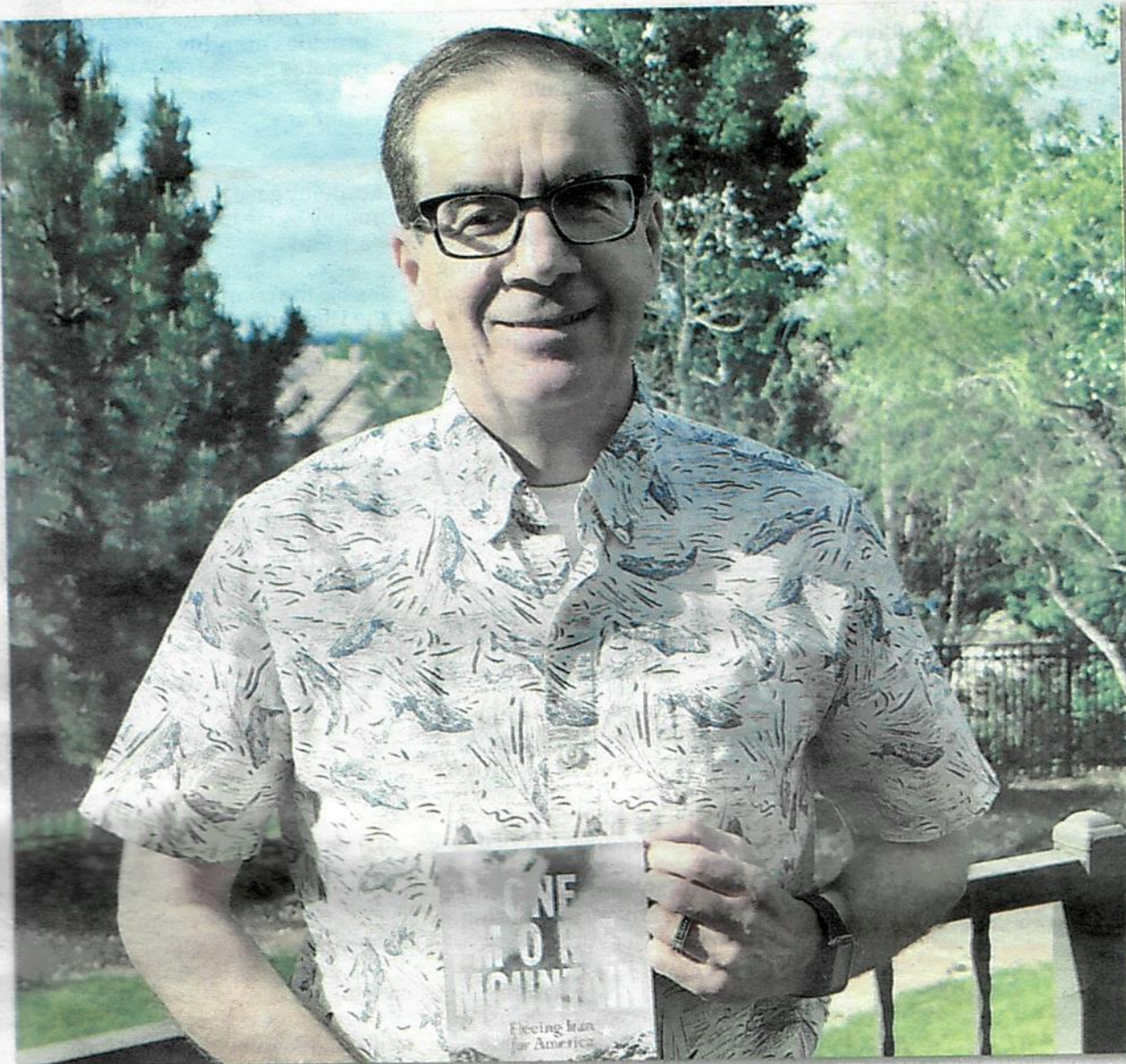


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Dr. Mansur Nurdel with his book, "One More Mountain."

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Highlands Ranch author writes about Baha'i Faith, religious persecution in Iran

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Never leaving each other even when death felt near, three friends faced mother nature's harsh elements, relied on the help of strangers and walked on foot through mountainous landscape to reach their dream of freedom.

the public on the Baha'i Faith and the injustices that continue in Iran at the Highlands Ranch Library.

The Baha'i Faith, a religion practiced globally, was founded in Iran nearly 200 years ago. In Iran, Baha'i followers continue to be marginalized, abused, imprisoned and killed as it is considered a blasphemous religion

threat of death in his homeland.

Nurdel takes the readers through pivotal moments in his life leading up to his escape when he was 25-years-old.

"It was not possible to just jump to the escape and all those mountains that I crossed, so I decided to really give a background so it's possible to understand why I escaped," said Nurdel.

Douglas state se reflect o legislativ

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Under the gold dome Colorado lawmakers tal from health care to the families' ability to recov

All that and more was year's legislative session of the year when lawma

Colorado's session be ary and ended in early l what the state senators of Douglas County — a publican — worked on say about their bills. Re edited for clarity.

For a look at what Do House representatives see Colorado Commur story at tinyurl.com/Do

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State Sen. Mark Bais Douglas, Jefferson anc ties outside the Denve

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Here's what he had

State Senate Bill 23 taxes: "In November commissioners alerte shock of property tax duced Senate Bill 108 encourage local gover temporarily keep pro the same as they wer

"SB23-108 received both the House and t ing authorities — cou water districts, metro are hoping that Gov. I into law so that they c advantage of this flex concerns of property

State House Bill 23 owner's insurance: " law mid-May, addres that owners of homes