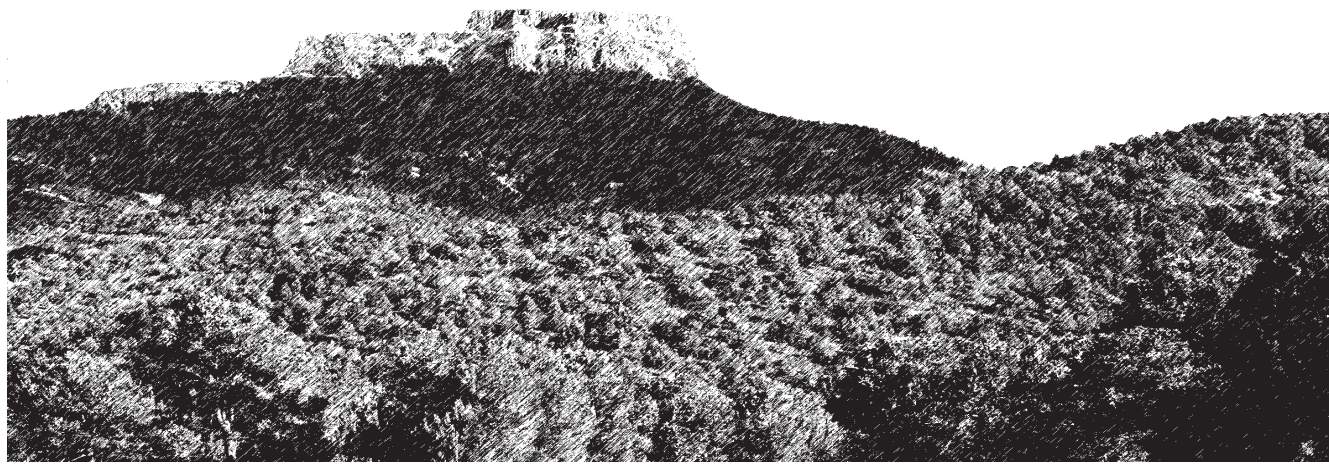


OVER THE PASS



"The chicken taco salad at Tequila's. I order it almost every time I go."
— Peggy Weurding, arts & science adviser, TSJC (Trinidad)



"The sweet-and-sour chicken at Wonderful House. We go sometimes on Sunday after church, and I always order the same thing."
— Marcy Edmondson, chiropractic assistant, Washburn Chiropractic (Raton)

TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

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Question of the Week:

"What's your favorite restaurant meal?"

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"I like the number 7, the Paulie, at Bella Luna. I wish we had a good steakhouse here in cow country."
— Aaron Miller, soccer coach, TSJC (Trinidad)



"The chicken teriyaki at K-Bob's, always with the salad wagon. I usually have to take some of the chicken home."
— Eric Chavez, owner, Buffalo Chip (Raton)



"I've been excited that Ristras is open and I've enjoyed the posole. I'm looking forward to trying the huevos rancheros for breakfast."
— Tom Perry, Bar NI Ranch Community Fund and Culebra Range Community Coalition (Trinidad)



"I love the garlic steak at the Crystal Café. I have it with the baked potato and the aioli pasta. I've been ordering that as long as I can remember."
— Brenda Ferri, director, Raton Arts & Humanities Council and Old Pass Gallery (Raton)

Colo. first state to grant dying patients 'right-to-try' experimental medicines

Associated Press

Nick Auden didn't live to see the legislation, but the case of the Denver melanoma patient who died while seeking access to an experimental drug helped inspire a first-of-its-kind law in Colorado.

The "Right To Try" law allows terminally ill patients to obtain experimental drugs without getting federal approval. It's a proposal being advanced in several states by patient advocates who are frustrated by the yearslong federal approval process for experimental drugs in the pipeline.

"There are experimental drugs out there that can and do save lives, and access needs to be expanded," said Auden's widow, Amy Auden of Lone Tree, Colorado.

Nick Auden died in November at age 41 after unsuccessfully lobbying two drug companies to use an experimental treatment outside of clinical trials. Auden had acknowledged there was no guarantee the drug would work.

Gov. John Hickenlooper on Saturday signed Colorado's "Right To Try" bill, which was passed unanimously in the state Legislature. Similar bills await governors' signatures in Louisiana and Missouri, and Arizona voters will decide in November whether to set up a similar program in that state.

Supporters call it a ray of hope for dying patients trying to navigate the red tape of existing "compassionate use" guidelines for obtaining drugs outside clinical trials. The process requires federal approval.

"When you're terminal and there's a drug out there that might help you, it can seem that the obstacles to get that drug are insurmountable," said state Sen. Irene Aguilar, a physician who co-sponsored Colorado's bill.

Aguilar dubbed the measure the "Dallas Buyers Club" bill, after the movie about a determined AIDS patient who smuggled treatments from Mexico because they weren't cleared for use in the U.S. But skeptics call "Right To Try" a feel-good campaign that won't help dying patients.

The law doesn't require drug companies to provide any drug outside federal parameters, and there's no indication pharmaceutical companies will do so. A 2003 lawsuit to force the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to expand the

availability of investigational drugs failed.

A federal judge disagreed that terminally ill people have a right to access investigational medicine, and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to consider an appeal. State-level approaches are an effort to circumvent the federal system, but critics say they won't work.

"The FDA regulates drug development, and this doesn't do anything to change that," said Dr. David Gorski, a surgical oncologist and editor of the blog Science Based Medicine.

Gorski said a drug company "wouldn't do anything to endanger a drug they're potentially spending hundreds of millions of dollars to bring to market" through elaborate FDA trials.



Associated Press / David Zalubowski

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper addresses the Colorado Democratic Party's State Assembly in Denver on Saturday, April 12, 2014.

Colorado's bill got a careful no-comment from state doctors' groups, hospitals and health insurers. The bill was amended to clarify that health care providers and insurers aren't liable if a patient who uses a drug outside clinical trials gets sick or dies.

Kraft recalls 1.2M cottage cheese cases

Associated Press

NORTHFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Kraft Foods Group is recalling some of its cottage cheese products, company officials announced Saturday.

Some ingredients used in Knudsen Cottage Cheese, Breakstone's Cottage Cheese, Simply Kraft Cottage Cheese and Daily Chef Cottage Cheese were not stored in accordance with proper temperature standards at a Tulare, California, manufacturing facility, they said.

While unlikely, the failure to properly store ingredients might have created conditions that could lead to premature spoilage and

food-borne illness, Kraft said. The Northfield, Illinois, company voluntarily recalled 1.2 million cases of the cottage cheese as a precaution.

The products, with a coded date between May 9 and July 23 stamped on them, were only shipped to stores in the United States. The codes can be found on the cup bottoms or on top of the packages.

Anyone who purchased these products should not eat them. They can be returned to the stores where they were bought for exchanges or full refunds.

For more information about the recall, call Kraft at 1-800-396-6307 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. EDT.

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