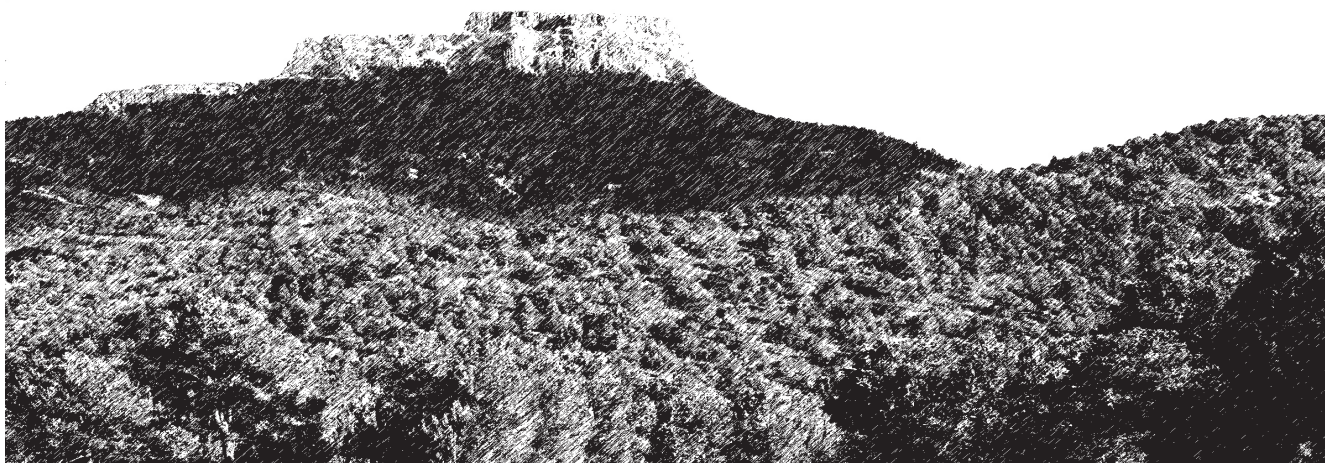


OVER THE PASS



"A pleasant surprise would be to learn that I've won an online writing contest that I entered. I sent a personal essay called 'Portrait of a Hoarder'."

- Sherry Goodyear, English instructor, Luna Community College, Springer (Raton)



TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

"What pleasant surprise could Santa add to your stocking this year?"

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

"Some candy. Doesn't matter what kind, gummy worms and stuff."

- Brody DeCristino, auto mechanic (Trinidad)



"A new pair of work boots. I'm wearing out the old ones. I wear them out pretty quickly."

- Joe Phillis, artist (Trinidad)



"I would get the contract to repair the historic Opera House. That's what I'm in town for."

- Terry Alexander, Stonecraft Masonry Restoration & Preservation, Salida, CO (Trinidad)



"A million dollars. I'd buy a white 2015 Chevy Colorado truck and keep the change."

- BryLee Medina, exercise science major, TSJC (Raton)



"A dozen cedar arrows that I could hunt with. I break them all the time hunting deer, elk, bear...anything I can find. I usually order them from Montana or make them myself. I hunt with a longbow."

- Jacob Van Sweden, RHS sophomore (Raton)

ON THE MAT

Miner grapplers rolled by Lamar

Photos by Eric John Monson/
The Chronicle-News

The Trinidad Miners faced No. 3, in state, Lamar Friday night and suffered through a rough 78-6 loss where all the matches were decided by falls. Trinidad's Richard Pena (far right) picked up the Miner's only points in emphatic fashion with a pin in 2:43 in the 138 pound match. Further down the weight class, fellow senior Damian Montoya (near right) fights being turned by Lamar's Mario Morales. See the full results in tomorrow's **Chronicle-News**.



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