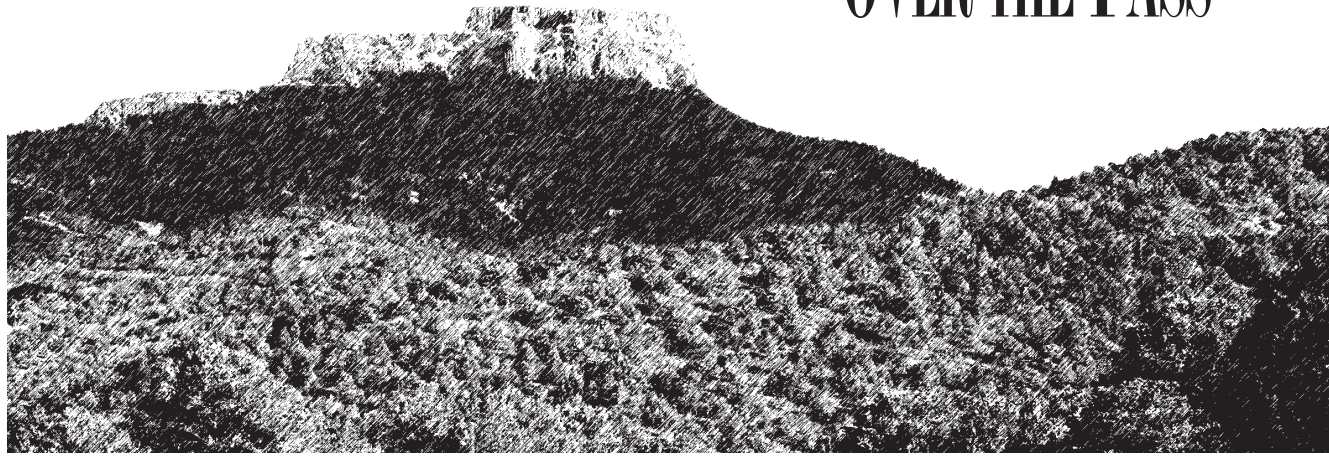


OVER THE PASS



"Get rid of CSAP testing and go back to teaching. Stop worrying about the tests, which are an interruption to learning."
— Lynette Bourdo, owner/framer, Golden Eagle Gallery (Trinidad)



Over the Pass
By **Tim Keller**
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Question of the Week:

"If you could change one thing about our schools, what would it be?"

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"Redevelop the textbooks so they reflect truths discovered since their archaic knowledge was presented. Some of the sciences are little more than alchemy, the way they're taught. Our kids deserve better than what we're giving them."
— Jim (Raton) (Jim chose not to provide his last name or to pose for a traditional portrait photograph.)



"The classes we have to take! Like English — you have to take it all through high school! They think English is more important than math and science. You don't need it. It's pointless!"
— Brandon Madrid, student, G.O.A.L. Academy (Trinidad)



"They should focus more on reading, writing, spelling, language and math. A lot of what's taught is irrelevant for living out here."
— Bimbi Redlich, owner/stylist, Main Attractions (Raton)



"My kids hated the cafeteria because it was prepackaged food."
— Jeania Martin, Purgatoire River Trading Company (Trinidad)
"Some schools in Denver have students growing gardens, then the food's used in the school-lunch program."
— Carol Potter, president, Trinidad Community Farmers Market (in photo, Carol is on left, Jeania on right)



"Change the schools into year-round, public-access facilities with beneficial programs for children and the community. Day care, summer camps, adult-ed, 4-H, scouting: Everybody would line up!"
— Kris Ulrich, program coordinator, Citizens for the Developmentally Disabled (Raton)

Eco-Cycle presentation promotes recycling in region

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Boulder, Colorado's Eco-Cycle is one of the largest non-profit recyclers in the USA. With an international reputation as a pioneer and innovator in resource conservation, the company sent Eco-Cycle community ambassador Kate Bailey and her husband, Mark Bailey, also with Eco-Cycle, to Trinidad State's Massari Theater, as part of Colorado University's "CU in the Community" speaker series. Kate was on campus to speak about recycling, and she said, "Recycling is a community effort, but not only environmentally. Economically, recycling is big business."



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Created in 1976 by everyday residents passionate about conserving natural resources, Eco-Cycle made Boulder one of the first 20 communities in the U.S. to offer curbside recycling. As a witness to Eco-Cycle's commitment to profitable green-business models, Kate said, "37 years on, Eco-Cycle is still driven by innovative actions."

Eco-Cycle's Kate Bailey, left, and Terra Firma's Kelli Van Matre meet at Trinidad State Junior College's Massari Theater to discuss community recycling.

Originally from Watertown, Conn., Kate moved to Durango, Colo. for awhile but soon tired of working for \$6 an hour. So she went back to school for environmental studies, interned at Eco-Cycle while she was a student, then got hired when she graduated 10 years ago.

Recycling cleans air and water, saves limited natural resources and creates real jobs. "There are 10 times as many jobs in recycling as there are in landfills. When we recycle, nothing leaks into water supplies — there is no waste," said Kate.

Speaking of Eco-Cycle's international ventures, Kate said, "I work with people around the world, developing recycling systems with zero-waste goals, challenging people to question, 'What is this thing we call trash?' Recycling is the best thing an individual can do to have a daily global im-

proceeds from her presentation went to local recyclers Kelli and Jeremy Van Matre, of Terra Firma Recycling, which is located behind the Masonic Cemetery on Nevada Street.

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Kelli opened the program, saying, "Thanks for including Terra Firma in this presentation. In our first three months, Terra Firma has processed 45,000 pounds of material. Our intake is increasing nearly every day, so we're off to a great start. We are working to increase production to 10 to 15

tons a month this year." Since the company is still several bales short of filling its first load of cardboard, Kelly rallied the crowd by saying, "A big cardboard push would get us to our first load. We appreciate the community support we've received, from the City and the County, Trinidad Community Foundation, the Bar NI Foundation and businesses too numerous to name." And, as Kate did, Kelli emphasized, "Community involvement is essential to long-term recycling success."

Kate began her presentation by saying, "Eco-Cycle makes a business of recycling. We understand recycling's economic value and benefits. That's the message I've come to share. We take in all of Boulder County's recyclables. A community is what makes recycling happen. We're working to make recycling mandatory."

She then pointed out inefficiencies in current processes, saying, "Aluminum is mined in Australia, shipped to Iceland for processing, and then to the world. It takes a lot of wasted energy to do that." She continued by saying, "The simple answer is to motivate people by making recycling economically viable. Every year we throw away 4 billion pounds of paper and 11 billion pounds of metal. I could sell all of it." Recycling begins when a product is being made, so Eco-Cycle asks companies to look at how they design their products.

Kate pointed out some global dichotomies by saying, "We are 7 billion people on one planet, and we have a limited supply of trees and oil to make plastics. There is more gold in cell phones in landfills than the amount that will ever be mined." And a lot of blood is shed in the fight for precious resources. "Rebel militia groups control

things like diamonds, copper and timber," she said. "Forty percent of the world's conflicts are for resources, yet governments continue to try to manage problems instead of finding workable solutions."

Thanks to organizations such as Eco-Cycle and Terra Firma, recycling has become progressively more mainstream, no longer simply part of a fringe movement. But even though Colorado is one of the most-educated states, it only recycles at a rate of 26 percent.

Kate emphasized, "80 percent of 'trash' is sellable material."

She encouraged Terra Firma to partner with Trinidad State, saying, "Students can volunteer and get course credit."

North American's also waste an awful lot of food, and Kate said, "40 percent of it gets thrown away. That's \$25,000 a year for each family of four."

With mail, the waste is even more pronounced, and Kate said, "Three-fourths of everything the post office delivers is junk mail." With education and priority adjustments, however, all of these issues can be corrected.

"Hollywood is beginning to get onboard," Kate pointed out. "TV shows like The Modern World have recycling bins. Every day we recycle, the world truly does become a better place."

Eco-Cycle can be reached at 303-444-6634 and at recycle@ecocycle.org. Terra Firma Recycling and Waste Management is located at 2400 Nevada Avenue. The organization accepts recyclables Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Their phone number is 719-859-3998, and their email address is terrafirmarecycling@yahoo.com.

Legals

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Las Animas County: 2000 N. Linden Ave. Trinidad Colorado, 719-846-2931, has filed an application for a Construction Materials Limited Impact (110) Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. The Proposed mine is known as the Mesa De Maya Pit, and is located at or near Section 19, Township 29.0, Range 55.0, 6th Prime Meridian.

The Proposed date of commencement is Spring of 2014, and the proposed date of completion is Spring of 2034. The proposed future use of the land is Rangeland. Additional information and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303)866-3567, or at the Las Animas County clerk and Recorder's office, 200 E. 1st Rm 205 Trinidad CO 81082 or the above-named applicant. A complete copy of the application is available at the above-named County Clerk and Recorder's office and at the Division's offices.

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