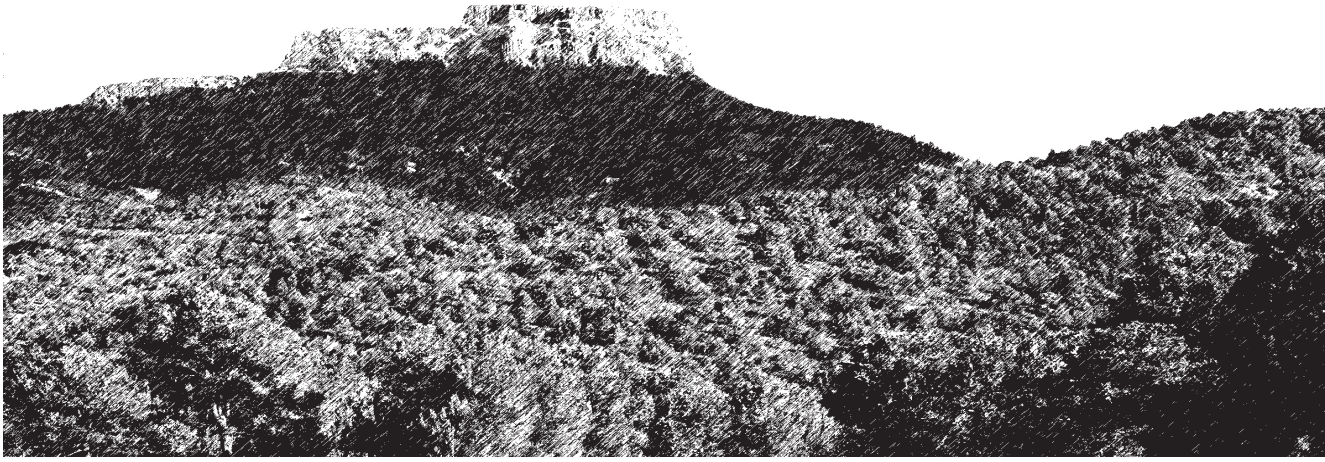


# OVER THE PASS



“Satchel-pus Georgina Ramona Gumthumper-drop Davidson! She was a scruffy little black-and-tan mutt that came to our front door. We had a convertible and I always put a scarf around Satch. Like all dogs, she thought she was human, and like all kids, I thought she was human, too.”

– Harriet Vaugeois, executive director, SCRT (Trinidad)



## TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

### “What was your pet’s name when you were a child?”

By **Tim Keller**  
Correspondent  
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“Buffy, my dog, a dachshund, a weenie dog. He was my favorite dog I ever had. He always waited at the door for me to come home. I was a little boy here in Raton when we got him. We had him about ten years.”

– Franky Mahannah, photographer (Raton)

“Her name was Molly. She was a Pomeranian. We got her from the state fair in Pueblo. I was like three or four. I named her Molly after a puppet in my favorite kids’ show.”

– Cody Camp, junior, GOAL Academy (Trinidad)



“A cat named Bubba. I remember him being fat, brown and white, and he hung out in a flower pot outside our window sill. I was about 14 or 15.”

– Kimberly Sanchez, legal secretary (Raton)



“Sam was my white miniature poodle from when I was 7 to 19. We got him from a family that couldn’t keep a dog. He was a city dog, in Chicago.”

– Kim Zubrick, nurse, MCMC, Raton (Trinidad)



“Blackie, a black lab here in Raton. I was about six when we got him. He died when I was in high school. He was afraid of lightning and fireworks. He tore down the screen door one Fourth of July.”

– Bob Padilla (Raton)

## STATE BRIEFS

Associated Press

### IRS won’t drop fine for medical pot dispensary without bank

DENVER (AP) — The IRS isn’t backing off its demand that a Denver medical marijuana dispensary pay fines for not paying some taxes electronically, even though it can’t find a bank to handle its business.

The Denver Post reported Monday an IRS appeals officer told Allgreens LLC it faces a penalty for paying employee withholding taxes in cash instead of electronically.

It wasn’t immediately clear how big the fines were.

The IRS requires employers to pay the withholding tax by electronic transfer from a bank. Other dispensaries are in the same bind, but Allgreens was the first to challenge the policy in U.S. Tax Court.

Allgreens’ lawyer has filed new court documents saying the decision violates the IRS’ own rules and is unfair to medical marijuana businesses.

### Colorado bill would ban microbeads in products

DENVER (AP)— Colorado may be the latest state to ban tiny plastic particles that are often included in soaps and cosmetic products.

The “microbeads” turn up in face

scrubs, acne treatments and toothpaste. The particles are too fine to be caught in wastewater treatment plants, and the plastic bits can pollute lakes and rivers.

A Colorado bill to ban the microbeads by 2020 has won preliminary approval in the House and faces a final vote before heading to the Senate.

“These tiny plastic beads are washed directly down the drain and into our water systems, where they harm our waterways and the animals that live there,” said Rep. Dianne Primavera, D-Broomfield and sponsor of the bill.

The microbeads are about the size of fish eggs and can be swallowed by aquatic life, leaving them with plastic bits they can’t digest.

The microbeads ban has the backing of large personal-care product manufacturers including Johnson & Johnson. The companies supporting the ban say they are already replacing plastic microbeads with biodegradable exfoliators.

“Once they heard there was a problem with the water-treatment facilities, they thought, ‘Whoa, what can we do differently?’” said Cathy Wanstrath, a lobbyist for the Personal Care Products Council, which represents the manufacturers.

Two other states have already banned microbeads. Dozens more states are considering joining Illinois and New Jersey.

“We’re trying as an association to get this introduced and passed in as many states as possible,” Wanstrath told Colorado lawmakers.

The measure faced some skepticism from Republicans, though some voted for

it. Those that didn’t said that if makers of the soaps and lotions are already taking out plastic bits, there doesn’t need to be a law banning them.

“Market forces should control this, more than the industry cutting a deal with the environmental people,” said Rep. Justin Everett, R-Littleton.

### Denver mayor backs police chief on non-confrontation

DENVER (AP) — Denver Mayor Michael Hancock has reasserted his support of Police Chief Robert White’s decision to order officers not to interfere with protesters who vandalized a monument to slain officers.

KUSA-TV reports Hancock said Monday the vandalism was disrespectful and despicable, but avoiding confrontation helps avoid violence. He says police shouldn’t put themselves or the public in danger.

Some protesters threw red paint on the memorial outside department headquarters Saturday during a march against police brutality. Twenty-three-year-old Matthew Goldberg and 25-year-old Robert Guerrero were arrested later on suspicion of criminal mischief-vandalism.

Some officers told White they should have been allowed to act sooner, but the chief said that avoiding direct confrontation prevents injuries to officers.

Police were able to clean most of the paint from the memorial Saturday.

## SO SORRY YOU MISSED IT!



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

### Chamber of Commerce benefit Scores two — romance, tasty goodies

These beautifully decorated cupcakes were among the many tasty items on sale at the Chamber of Commerce Valentine’s Day bake sale that was held last Friday at the Las Animas County Courthouse. Sales were fast and furious as visitors vied to bring home the delicious goodies or share them with co-workers.

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LOCAL PREP SCORES					
<b>Trinidad boys basketball from Fri., Sat.</b>					
Salida (2-16, 1-5 Away) 44					
Trinidad (10-9, 3-3 Home) 61					
Feb. 14	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Salida	13	13	14	4	44
Trinidad	10	11	28	12	61
Trinidad (10-9, 3-4 Away) 76					
Vanguard Charter (6-12, 1-7 Home) 64					
Feb. 13	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Trinidad	10	17	28	21	76
Van. Charter	7	18	21	18	64
<b>Aguilar boys basketball from Fri., Sat.</b>					
Aguilar (0-10, 0-5 Away) 20					
Cotopaxi (4-13, 2-9 Home) 55					
Feb. 13	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Aguilar	2	9	6	3	20
Cotopaxi	12	20	7	16	55
Antonito (8-9, 4-5 Away) 49					
Aguilar (0-10, 0-5 Home) 32					
Feb. 12	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Antonito	6	14	22	7	49
Aguilar	4	11	9	8	32

**MAUNDY (SHROVE) TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER**

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History:  
Pancakes are part of an ancient custom with deeply religious roots. Lent is a time of abstinence or giving things up. Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself and to use up the foods that aren’t allowed in Lent. During Lent there are many foods that some Christians -historically and today - would not eat: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shiving Tuesday and eat up all the foods that wouldn’t last the forty days of Lent without spoiling. The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name Mardi Gras (“fat Tuesday”). Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.

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