

OVER THE PASS



"The pool at the rec center here. I usually go twice a week. I swim laps and hang out with friends."

– Bo Williams, bartender, BRIX (Trinidad)



TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

"What do you look forward to most about summer?"

By Tim Keller
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"Warmer weather! I'm in pest control. The bugs are out and we get lots more business. Insects hatch in the spring and our phones begin to ring."

– Cheryl Brunelli, co-owner, The Bug Man Pest Control, La Veta (Trinidad)

"Barbeque! I barbeque in the backyard with my kids every Sunday. Pork chops, chicken, some steaks, some jalapeño poppers. I'm not too good at ribs but I try."

– Martin Bone (Raton)



"Getting outdoors and playing. Hiking, canoeing, all those things that it's too cold to do in winter. We go up to Sugarite Canyon every week or two. When we're not there, we hike Climax Canyon here in Raton."

– Marcia Patty (Raton)



"Sitting on my deck in the back and enjoying the beauty of where I live, up against Bartlett Mesa on the north side. We sit out there so long that we have to come in at night when it gets too cold."

– Rhonda Sawaya, receptionist, Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy (Raton)



"Summer in Trinidad is garage sale season. I shop them almost every weekend, and I have my own. It's kinda like the social season for Trinidad: big crowds run into each other all summer long."

– Terry Sears, retired Leisure World manager (Trinidad)

TSJC BASEBALL

Trojans take series over Miles

By Mike Salbato
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Trinidad State hosted Empire Conference newcomer Miles City Community College this past weekend at Central Park. These were the first Region IX games played by the Trojans this season because of the weather in late February and early March. Coach Matthew Torrez and the

Trojan team worked hard getting the field ready for this crucial series and the hard work paid dividends as they took four of the six games from the Pioneers.

The Trojans got off to a great start on Saturday behind a strong pitching performance from Alex Rogers. Rogers struck out five in six innings of work and Humberto Montiel closed the door in the seventh for the 3-2 win. In game two the Trojans plated eight runs on eight hits, including a pair of doubles from Bronson Butcher to post the 8-3 win. Neiko Martinez came on in relief to pick up the win and Kenny Hanson pitched the seventh for the save.

The first game on Sunday had plenty of drama coming down to the final at-bat. The Trojans trailed early but fought back to a 4-4 tie heading into the bottom of the seventh. Dalton Drury beat out a close play at the plate to end it with the Trojans on top 5-4. The second game needed extra innings, but the Trojans could not get it done in that one falling 5-2.

On Monday, the Trojans survived five errors to top the Pioneers 4-3. Hanson got the win in relief and Butcher went 1-2 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. The final game of the series saw the Trojans take an early lead but this time the errors caught up with



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Dalton Drury slides past a tag attempt to score the winning run on Sunday in game three of the six-game series with the Pioneers.

them and they fell 8-5. Colby Schrade and Cruz Nevarez accounted for three runs and three RBI's as they each had a pair of hits in the game.

Trinidad is now 10-8 on the season and 4-2 in Region IX play. This coming weekend

the Trojans will travel to McCook, Nebraska for a four-game series. They will play road games against McCook, Northeastern, Lamar, Western Nebraska and Adams State JV before returning for their next home series the first weekend of April.

COLORADO LAW

Colorado Senate approves repeal of ammunition magazine law

By IVAN MORENO
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Republicans in the Colorado Senate used their new majority to pass legislation Monday that would repeal a limit on the size of ammunition magazines — a law widely despised by their party and the impetus for the recall of two Democratic state senators.

But the GOP's victory in the chamber was expected to be short-lived.

Their unrecorded voice vote set up a final vote as soon as this week to move the bill from the Senate to the House, where ruling Democrats previously rejected an identical repeal attempt.

The 2013 law that bans the sale of ammunition magazines that hold more than 15 rounds passed when Democrats controlled both chambers. The law came as a response to mass shootings at a suburban Denver movie theater and Connecticut's Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Sen. Morgan Carroll, the leader of Senate Democrats, began Monday's debate standing next to an easel bearing pictures of victims of the 2012 attack at the Aurora theater.

Twelve people were killed and dozens of others were injured. Carroll, who represents the district where the shooting happened, read each of their names.

"I cast my 'no' vote today in honor and in memory of those who were murdered and injured and traumatized," Carroll said.

Republicans gained a Senate major-

ity in November for the first time in 10 years and made repealing the law a priority. They argued it is unenforceable and gives people a false sense of security.

Sen. John Cooke, a Republican and former Weld County sheriff, held an ammunition magazine as he argued for repeal of the law.

"It's an inanimate object," Cooke said of the magazine. "This is not evil. What is evil is in the hearts and the minds of men, and that's what we need to work on."

Democrats countered that the law makes it harder for mass shooters to get large-capacity magazines.

"Perhaps we can make it more difficult for those who are evil to do damage," Democratic Sen. Michael Merrifield said.

The law was part of a package of gun-control bills Democrats passed in 2013, and they paid a heavy price. Public outcry over the legislation prompted the ouster of two senators and the resignation of a third while a recall effort was underway.

NATIONAL EFFORT

Colorado joining 'zero deaths' traffic safety plan

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Colorado is signing on to a national effort to reduce traffic deaths dramatically — all the way to zero.

And Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper wants to see lawmakers help by sending him a bill to make some DUI convictions a felony.

Colorado is joining a campaign called "Toward Zero Deaths." The effort includes public safety efforts, such as reminders to drivers not to send text messages while driving.

Hickenlooper used the announcement to again call on lawmakers to pass a felony DUI bill. He also asked lawmakers for such a bill in his annual address to lawmakers in January.

The governor also strongly hinted that he'd veto a ban on red-light cameras, a bill that awaits a vote in the House.