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Masters of the Mountain gain hard-won accolades

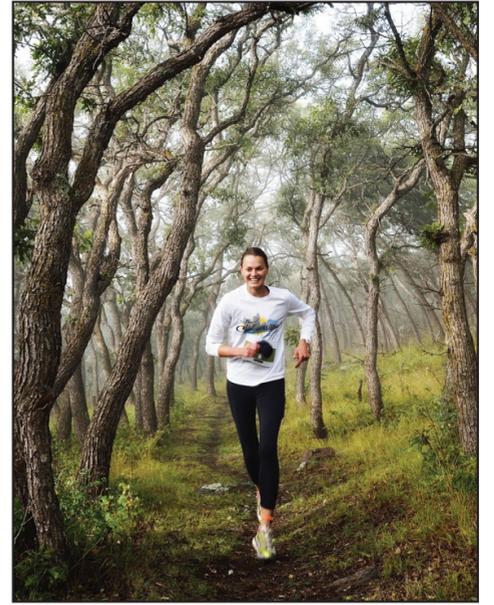
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RATON – The second Master of the Mountains (M.O.M.) Adventure Race was run Saturday morning, beginning at Lake Maloya at 8 a.m. with a six-mile foot race across a high mountain pass. 20 individual entrants, men and women alike, then jumped in kayaks to race three miles around Lake Maloya before mounting bikes. Thirty four other contestants participated on relay teams.

After the kayak race, bikes raced down Sugarite Canyon, through downtown Raton, and out York Canyon to an NRA shooting range and timed shotgun competition.

John Hayter of Conifer, Colorado, won the coveted Master of the Mountains title with a total time of 2:37:23. Close on his heels were three runners within 76 seconds behind him. Robert McIvor (2:38:03) and Ted Kamp (2:38:21) of Raton placed second and third, followed by last year's champion John Winkley of Aztec, NM, whose time of 2:38:39 was more than six minutes faster than his winning time last year.

Trina Davis (3:05:09) won the individual women's championship, followed by Jion Dietz and Shelley O'Neill. Albuquerque's Carpe Diem (2:46:18) beat Kel-



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The 2014 Master of the Mountains is John Hayter, left in orange, of Conifer, Colorado, after he won the Individual Men's Division of the M.O.M. adventure race in a total time of 2:37:23. Zoya LoPata, above, ran over a mountain pass in the first of four relay segments, helping her Albuquerque team, Carpe Diem, win the Four-Person Relay division of this year's M.O.M. adventure race Saturday.

ling Ranch Crew by only 10 seconds in the Four-Person Relay division. A relay team from Raton's Kearny Elementary School placed fifth.

The first three finishers in each division won cash and gift certificate prizes up to \$600. This year's field of 54 entrants was up almost a third from last year's inaugural race. Sponsored by Raton Department of Parks & Recreation, the event's motto is "Think your mom is tough on you? Meet our M.O.M." Next year's race will be held September 12, 2015.

THS FOOTBALL Miners drop a close one to Rye Thunderbolts

By **Doc Leonetti**
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On a cold, blustery evening at Thunderbolt Field, a night when both teams were limited to ground warfare because of inclement weather, the Miners were unable to contain Rye running back Trey Zupanic who romped for 272 yards and three touchdowns. Zupanic, the leading rusher in Class 1-A, garnered 173 yards in the first half, forcing the Miners to scramble in an effort to pull this one out. Trinidad, resurgent in the second half, just couldn't get the engine revved up enough to overcome the strategy of the running Thunderbolts. Rye ultimately prevailed, 20-13.

"They controlled the line of scrimmage," said Coach Randy Begano. "We certainly didn't control their offensive line. We didn't make the plays we should have. We missed some tackles and that always hurts. We couldn't get it going in the first half. We just have to come back, work harder, and get better."

The Miners rushed for 188 yards on 34 carries and were 1-1 passing, a 25 yard toss by quarterback Vance Ferraro to Izzy Manzanares. Ethan Duran ran the ball 13 times for 76 yards and both Trinidad touchdowns. Fullback Antonio Rivera added 55 hard earned yards on ten carries.

"We never had ball in the first half," added Begano whose Miners suffered seven fumbles in the game. "We punted once, and lost one of five fumbles in the first half. Offensively, we beat ourselves again. We came out in the second half and stopped

them on their first drive, and then we break one for 30 yards and get it called back on an inadvertent whistle. That was a momentum breaker. Then we fumble, and turn the ball over on downs on our next drive. We moved the ball in the second half, but it was not enough. We have to give it to them, though. They were aggressive and we just didn't take care of the ball. We shot ourselves in the foot."

Ferraro tallied ten tackles, five assisted, to lead the Miners on defense from the linebacker slot. Logan Dominguez countered with seven tackles, three assisted.

"We had some poor tackling, poor blocking, and you can't win ballgames like that," said Assistant Coach Frank "Fletch" Falsetto. "We had some chances but we made too many mistakes. We had some poor tackling, a bad snap, and things like that. It's the little things that kill you, and that's what happened to us. It's good for us that it was a non-league game. Now we can begin to prepare for some league games. This week we go to Alamosa, another non-league game. They're big and good. It should be a good test. This one, too, should help us get ready for conference competition."

Ultimately, it was a Zipancic that presented the most problems for the Miners.

"Their tailback was pretty good," mused Gary Vezanni who serves as the line coach. "And we had a lot of missed tackles, a fumbled snap, and too many turnovers. We're young, but we're coming together as a team. We'll get better. It's just a matter of some hard work and some time."

The Miners, 2-1, will travel to Alamosa to test the Maroons on Friday in their final non-conference encounter. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

Trinidad	0	7	0	6-13
Rye	7	6	7	0-20



READERS TAKE ABBY TO TASK FOR ANSWER TO OBESE WOMAN

By **Abigail Van Buren**

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Offended Daughter" (Aug. 10), whose mother didn't like her lounging in a bikini top at her house because of her weight, was inconsiderate, irresponsible and, frankly, offensive. You started off well, advising her to consider her mother's preference because it's her house, but your second paragraph took a wrong turn.



You used your column to imply she should not feel comfortable in her own skin. You assumed her doctor thinks she's unhealthy, knowing nothing about her other than the fact she's 60 to 70 pounds more than "average." You assumed she was "complacent" and her weight is a problem, even though you do not have access to her medical history and are not a physician. That

response serves no purpose other than to fat-shame "Offended Daughter."

Even if she is unhealthy, if she weighed two or three times what she does now, even if she lies around all day in that bikini eating potato chips and ice cream sundaes, she still deserves respect as a human being. She deserves advice without judgment. - LINDA IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

DEAR LINDA: Thousands of readers in newspapers and online wrote to tell me how angry they were about my response to that letter, accusing me of "fat-shaming." If anyone was hurt by my reply, I sincerely apologize, because my remarks were not meant to be rude or disrespectful. When I called the young woman after that column ran to apologize if I had hurt her feelings and read her my response to her letter, she told me she was not

offended.

When I answer questions, it is my responsibility to be honest and direct. As anyone who has read my column knows, I am not always politically correct. When I saw her statement that she was 60 to 70 pounds overweight - which is obese - and "comfortable in her own skin," my reaction was alarm. If she doesn't become proactive NOW, by the time she's 35 she could be far heavier.

Everyone knows the many health complications associated with obesity, so I won't list them. And while not everyone develops complications, in general, the greater a person's weight, the greater the LIKELIHOOD of developing them. While losing weight may be challenging, as I know from personal experience, it's important to make beneficial

lifestyle changes to promote healthy weight, just as it is important to have healthy self-esteem.

That young woman needs to have a frank talk with her doctor about what's causing her to be so heavy. I told her that when I talked to her. I also suggested it might be helpful to consult a nutritionist.

As to my comment about her mother, I strongly suspect what I said is true, and I'll stand by it until I hear from the woman telling me different.

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BOWLING SCORES

LEAGUE	Coffe Cup	Week 2	National League	Week 2	Friday Night Mixed Doubles	Week 2	Tuesday Night Mixed	Week 2
Team Standings		WON		WON		WON		WON
1	Fisher Peak Vet Clinic	4	KCRT	3	2 T's	3	Ironwood Builders	4
2	Mike's Museum	4	Trinidad Janitor Supply	3	Weston Supply	3	Raton 1	4
3	Dochter Lumber & Sawmill	3	Pioneer Natural Resources	2	Leone Sand & Gravel	3	Carols Team	3
4	Bob & Earl's Café	3	Maniscalco Bros & Sons	2	Trinidad Lanes	2	Red Mountain Appraisals	3
5	Enchanted Ladies	2	Bearden Insurance	2	Poole's Upholstery	2	Fire And Ice	1
6	Trinchera Trio	2	The Cut Above	2	OCG	2	Mismatches	0
7	Cress Cleaners	1	Kamm & Mcconnell	2	N Quarter Circle Ranch	2	Raton 2	0
8	Car Quest	0	Tony's Automotive	2	Just A & E	1	Edward Jones	0
9	MC Ranches	0	Trinidad Lanes	1	Tangle V Ranch	1	T & M Trucking	0
10	BYE-Can You Beat Me	0	Salon Three OH Nine	1	Redwing Electric	1	BYE	0
High Average Girls/Women	Pauline Barela	163			Lois Cirone	169	Jane Esquibel	164
High Average Boys/Men			Leonard Barros	209.6	Jason Cirone	221	Dennis Manifold	195.3
LEAGUE	Channel Dusters	Week 2	Tenpin Topplers	Week 2	Sunday Night Mixed	Week 2	American League	Week 2
Team Standings		WON		WON		WON		WON
1	Huntheim Kennels	4	Dr. Elsberry	3	Lee's BBQ	4	Super Thunder Ducks	4
2	Moms And Brats	3	Trinidad Lanes	3	Ottic	3	Cummings Ranch	3
3	SRG Consulting	3	Team Six	3	Gutter Masters	3	Lee's Bar-B-Que	2
4	Purgatoire Valley Construction	2.5	F & C Sawaya Wholesale	1	Trinidad Lanes	1	Huey's Cycles	2
5	J&J Motors	2	Al's Gas	1	Drop City Liquor	1	Ortiz Tax Service	1
6	Montera Cattle Co.	2	Hops & Vines	1	M&M Repair	0	Fisher's Peak Chiropractic	0
7	Chasin Strikes	1.5					Bob & Earl's Café	0
8	Trinidad Lanes	1					Kelly's Towing	0
9	The Mane Event	1						
10	Alices Team	0						
High Average Girls/Women	Pat Festi	161	Michelle Burley	166.3	Becky Wilson	187.3		
High Average Boys/Men					Matt Salbato	22.3	Al Ortiz	189.3