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By Jeanne Wolf

Cameron Diaz reflects on the sudden death of her father and talks about how she is able to see sunny skies ahead

Where To Live As We Age

By Susan Fine

Nearly 1.4 million seniors live in nursing homes in the United States. Find out more about Green House homes and learn how this revolutionary approach may change the way our nation cares about the elderly

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RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 5/28/09. Southside priority #98 4/30/1884.

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, 521.12 acre ft.; Inflow, 481.42 acre ft.; Evaporation, 6.30 acre ft.; Content, 25847 acre ft.; Elevation, 6188.21. Precipitation, 0.

Downstream River Call, Ninemile 5/10/1877.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)







Pictured from left to right are Denisa Derrick, Foster Care Recruiter, Missy and Carl Chavez, and Arlene Lopez, Child Welfare Supervisor. Missy and Carl are Trinidads only foster parents. The Chavez' welcomed two new additions to their family in April. May is National Foster Parent Month.

Chavez Family proud to be foster parents

By DAVID SANTISTEVAN JR. The Chronicle-News

May is National Foster Parent month, and with almost one million children in foster care, it's truly nice to see a local couple step up to the plate and become foster parents. What is even more refreshing is that the Chavez family stepped up to take care of two children. This is a testament to their family values and wanting to make a difference in our community.

Foster parents have made a big difference in the lives of over 12 million children and youth. These children in foster care have overcome family issues, neglect, and in some cases abuse to become productive members of society.

Carl and Missy Chavez are looking to be that positive influence in the lives of the two young children they now proudly take care of.

"We wanted to become foster parents because we felt at this point in our lives that we could contribute and do more for our community." Missy and Carl told *The Chronicle-News*.

Missy and Carl both have good steady jobs "We always have had a love for children and we are pretty stable in

life and we wanted to do some good and help these children and families

Missy and Carl started the process of becoming certified foster parents just over six months ago. They now take care of two children one boy and one girl. This has been an ongoing program here in our community.

In Las Animas County we have one certified foster home and three volunteer foster homes.

The certified foster home takes in children who are not related to them Continued on page 3

Celebrating the historic Santa Fe Trail at the 24th Annual Chamber of Commerce festival

Courtesy of the Trinidad Las Animas County Chamber of **Commerce**

Special to The Chronicle-News

During the 1800s, the Santa Fe Trail took people and goods back and forth between Independence, Missouri and Santa Fe, New Mexico. It took about eight weeks to travel on the trail, facing many dangers such as storms and attacks from Indians and bandits.

Today, nearly, 200 years later, the Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce continues to celebrate this important piece of our history by hosting the annual Santa Fe Trail Festival for the 24th year. The event will take place June 12, 13 and 14 and this year's Festival will have a full line-up of fun activities for young and

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Health care now or never, Obama says

PHILIP ELLIOTT Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama warned Thursday that if Congress doesn't deliver health care legislation by the end of the year, the opportunity will be lost, a plea to political supporters to pressure lawmakers to act.

"If we don't get it done this year, we're not going to get it done," Obama told supporters by phone as he flew home on Air Force One from a West Coast fundraising trip.

Obama's political organization, Organizing for America, invited campaign volunteers to a midday conference call to describe a nationwide June 6 kickoff for its health care campaign. The president's message to his re-election campaign-in-waiting was simple: If volunteers don't pressure lawmakers to support the White House's goal on health care, Washington would drag its feet and nothing would change.

"The election in November — that did not bring about change, it just gave us an opportunity for change," Obama said. "So now, we are really going to have to remobilize, we have all had a chance to catch our breath after election and we have gotten a lot of things done during our first four months.

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Photo by Tim Keller

Guest Bruce Kirby visited "This That & The Other" Wednesday

KRTN's 'This, That & The Other' brings Raton together

By TIM KELLER

The Chronicle-News

The glue that knits Raton together may well be KRTN-FM's long-running "This, That & The Other" radio show. Broadcast weekday mornings for a half-century, hosts Billy D and Buddy Springer welcome anyone who gets up early and walks through the station's front door, providing an open microphone to promote an endless variety of programs, events, and activities from throughout KRTN's widespread listen-

Wednesday morning's show begins promptly at 8 a.m. when Buddy takes the mic to deliver a series of local public service announcements, stopping often to banter with Billy. The two then welcome Bruce Kirby, visiting to tell listeners about First Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School. Billy asks questions until he and Kirby are satisfied that they've gotten the information across. As Kirby exits, Maria ReQua enters to promote the local foster

grandparent program.

The studio, like the rest of the station, is decorated in an eclectic mix of memorabilia and kitsch that obviously grew into place over long years: no one could have designed it to look like this. There are stuffed animals, trinkets, music posters, a rack of costume hats, maps, informational bulletins, and a bullwhip. Around a corner are movie posters (Blue Hawaii, Some Like It

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showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. Southwest wind between 5 and

Tonight: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9pm, then a slight chance of show ers between 9pm and midnight. Partly cloudy with a low around 51. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is

Tomorrow: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Increasing clouds, with a high near 83. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tomorrow Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of pre-

cipitation is 30% Sunday: A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after noon. Increasing clouds, with a high near 84. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

