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GO BULLDOGS!

Anyone interested in taking the Primero Spirit Bus to the Regional Basketball Games in LaJunta on Sat. March 5 please call the school @ 719-868-2715 by 10 a.m. Thursday.

WEDNESDAY

Exercise Class

Arthritis low-impact exercise (free classes) every Mon & Wed @ 9 a.m. @ Corazon Square, 201 Raton St. & 1 p.m. @ Early Learning Center, 1225 Rosita Ave. Call 719-845-1133 ext. 224 for more information.

PAL Playgroup

Meets 9:30 - 11 a.m. every Weds @ Alta Vista, 415 S. Indiana for moms & caregivers with infants, ages birth to 3. Playroom is also available for some time use Tues & Thurs. For more information call Marchtina @ 719-846-4400.

Senior Exercise

COG sponsored Stretch, Flex, Balance & Music Therapy Classes 10-11 a.m. Mon & Wed @ Primero Community Center, Hwy 12. Call Kim @ 719-557-9642 or COG @ 719-845-1135 x225.

Computer Classes

Free classes for seniors each Wed @ Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro. Beginners: 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Intermediate: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. New members 1st Wed each month: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. For details, call Eddie Gieske @ 719-846-1124.

LaCasa Lodge

Meeting for all Fiesta members 2 p.m. every Wed @ LaCasa Lodge in Jansen, Hwy 12. Call 719-846-8558 for more information.

Trinidad Schools

Special Meeting / Board of Education for announcement of finalists for superintendent 5:30 p.m. Wed. (March 2) @ the Administration Office, 215 South Maple St. Call 719-846-3324 for more information.

Neighs & Brays

The Long-Ear Society (burros, donkeys & mules) Potluck Dinner & planning meeting 6 p.m. Wed (March 2) in the Carnegie Library, 202 N. Animas. For more information call Jane Besel @ 719-680-1669.

THURSDAY

Rotary Club

Weekly Luncheon & Meeting 12 p.m. every Thurs. @ the Holiday Inn, 3130 Santa Fe Trail Dr. For more information contact Dennis Scott @ 719-845-8660.

SPPRCD Meeting

Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservation Dist meets 1 p.m. Thurs @ the District Office. Please call Jonna @ 846-3681 x117 for more information.

Business after Hours

TSJC hosts Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce event 5 - 7 p.m. Thurs (March 3) @ the TSJC Sullivan Center Pioneer & Leone Rooms. For more information call Kim @ 719-846-9285.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Calm wind becoming southwest between 5 and 10 mph.



Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. West wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. West wind around 10 mph.



Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow after 5am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 3/1/11
Chillili ditch priority #7 4/30/1862
Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release 0.06 acre ft.
Inflow 44.27 acre ft.
Evaporation 4.21 acre ft.
Content 18,746 acre ft.
Elevation 6,178.27
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
JMR 12/31/1948

Notes
1 cubic (cfs) foot per second equals one cubic foot of water passing a point in one second of time.
1 acre-foot equals a quantity of water required to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.
1 cubic foot per second = 1.9835 acre-feet per day (24 hrs)
(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Trinidad Community Foundation awards Mitchell Museum



Photo by Richard Sitts

During its grant reception on Feb. 24, the Trinidad Community Foundation handed out nine different grants, including \$2,500 for the A.R. Mitchell Museum. Director Paula Little, middle, accepts the grant from TCF Board President Phil Rico, pictured with other board members, from left, Mary Ellen Hadad, Howard Lackey and Angela Ann Cesario. The Mitchell Museum is housed in the 1909 Jamieson's Dept. Store on Main Street in the heart of downtown Trinidad. The building has fallen into disrepair, with crumbling ceilings and leaking pipes. For safety reasons, the Museum wants to have these repairs made and the TCF grant will go toward the preservation of the building.

New Pueblo online school targets high school dropouts

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

At-risk students and young adults who never obtained their high school diploma or those who want to earn a career certificate can now take advantage of a new Pueblo-based 18-month, 18-credit, private E-cademy career online high school program that launched statewide last May.

E-cademy senior educational consultant George Mayfield, who is also a Pueblo Kiwanis Club member, discussed program details and advantages at Tuesday's weekly Kiwanis Club of Trinidad luncheon at A Little Catering Co.

The for-profit E-cademy is ideally suited for people seeking a diploma in such career fields as office management, child care, certified protection officer, certified transportation services (preparing students to earn a commercial driver's license), Homeland Security and later this year a home health care aide, said Mayfield, who worked 23 years in the energy industry for Shell Oil Co., and General Electric. For another 14 years, he was a business process and audit consultant for his own business, Pathfinders and later worked for Robert Bell & Co. Mayfield began his career in education teaching in his native

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Photos by Tim Keller

The cast of Captain Bree practices after school in this partial-dress rehearsal.

Raton Youth Theater brings adventure to Shuler

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

RATON - Raton Youth Theater (RYT) returns to the Shuler Theater this weekend with the swashbuckling pirate comedy "Captain Bree, Scourge of the Sea," featuring 28 local kids from grades 3 through 11. Thanks to RYT, many of the production's young actors are already accomplished veterans of the stage.

Taking place on the high seas, most of Captain Jennings' crew abandons ship, leaving him with only a handful of prisoners and Fergus, a sailor who can't swim, to protect his wealthy passengers from a pirate attack. Spenser Willden has his hands full as Jennings, assisted by Joaquin Ramirez as Fergus.

Their pretentious passengers include the Prescotts, led by Zoe Gomez's Madam Prescott and including her nephew Samuel, who masquerades as a girl to avoid becoming shark bait; Zachariah Salazar dons a dress and wig for the role. Kristina Jansen plays Madam Prescott's young niece, Julia Prescott, who becomes attracted to the pirate life, to her aunt's dismay.

Nathaly Torres is pirate Captain Bree, leading her crew of Clair Willden, Holli Wood, and other lady pirates in capturing Captain Jennings' ship, passengers and all. Hijinks

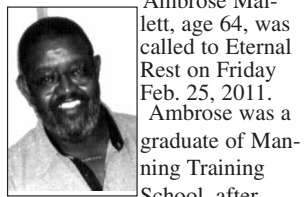
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Nathaly Torres, right, plays Captain Bree to Spenser Willden's Captain Jennings, seen here in a partial-dress rehearsal.

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AMBROSE MALLET



Ambrose Mallett, age 64, was called to Eternal Rest on Friday Feb. 25, 2011. Ambrose was a graduate of Manning Training School, after which he attended South Carolina State College and Morris College. He joined the US Army, served in Vietnam and remained in the service for 12 years. After being honorably discharged in 1978, he moved to Colorado. He attended Denver Metro State College and was employed by the City & County of Denver, Denver Health Medical Center and Board Walk as a Certified Addiction Specialist for fourteen years until his retirement in 2002. He and Rama then moved to Trinidad, Colo., where he began wood carving. Using a variety of woods, he used the natural beauty and form of each piece of wood, adding his own special touch, to make it a true work of art. He won numerous awards for his art.

Memorial services will be held at the First Methodist Church of Trinidad, Trinidad, Colo., on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 1 p.m. with Pastor Leslie Barnett officiating. Private inurnment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of Flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to:

- First Methodist Church of Trinidad
216 Bloom Street
Trinidad, CO 81082
 - Sangre de Cristo Hospice & Palliative Care
1207 Pueblo Boulevard Way
Pueblo, CO 81005
 - Providence African Methodist Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 296
Manning, SC 29102
- Arrangements are under the direction of Comi Funeral Home, Trinidad, Colo.

What are some strategies to cope with grief after the loss of a loved one?

Take care of yourself through self-expression

Death is part of life; hanging on will not prolong your loved one's life or bring them back. Letting go and surrendering to the grieving experience, with the help of others, will bring comfort and solace. Here are some other areas in which you can 'grieve well':
 Self-expression
 Physical self-care
 Emotional self-care

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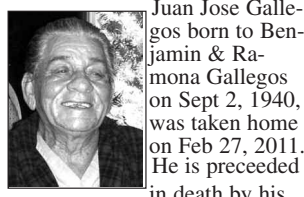
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JUAN JOSE GALLEGOS



Juan Jose Gallegos born to Benjamin & Ramona Gallegos on Sept 2, 1940, was taken home on Feb 27, 2011. He is preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin & Ramona Gallegos, his wife Frances Gallegos, three brothers Gene, Patrick, & Anthony Gallegos, one sister Barbara Ruiz, & one great grandson Josias Dzurik. He leaves behind three daughters Henrietta Dzurik (Brendt), Juanita Clugston (Dean), & Yvonne Morrell (Robert), five grandsons David, Dwayne, Donny, Jimmy & Christopher. Two great granddaughters Eliana & Emilee, also leave behind brothers & sisters, Mary Avalos, Paul Gallegos, Sally Flores, Anita Martinez, Rose Jimenez, Bobby Gallegos, David Gallegos, Thomas Gallegos, Dolores Gallegos, Carmen Colangelo, Darlene Martinez, & several nieces & nephews. Juan was a long time resident of Trinidad. He worked in construction & other jobs. May he now rest in peace.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, March 4, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church with Fr. Richard Becker officiating. Inurnment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery. Immediately following the services, friends are invited to gather with the family at the La Casa.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

VERNON FLOYD GUTIERREZ

Vernon Floyd Gutierrez, 81, of Kim, passed away Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011 at the University Hospital in Denver. Memorial service will be Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the Kim High School Gymnasium with Father Mark Korbiz of the St. Matthews Anglican Church officiating. Online condolences may be made at www.peacockfh.com. Peacock-Larsen Funeral Home & Arkansas Valley Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of **RACHEL HERRERA** who Passed away eleven Years ago on March 2



We cannot forget her, We love her too dearly, For her memory to fade from our lives like a dream; Our lips need not speak, When our hearts mourn sincerely. For our grief often dwells where it seldom is seen.

Sadly Missed By, Husband, Sons and Daughters, and Daughters-in-Law, Grandsons and Granddaughters, and Great-Granddaughters

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of **ALFRED FREYTA** On His Birthday March 2 "Happy 85th Birthday"



A father and a friend Sent to us from above. He listened to our sorrows And soothed them With his love. He was a teacher Whose place no one could take, For he's the source from which We learned to think And navigate. He was a gift from God From which we learned to be Patient, strong and loving, Filled with integrity. A day does not go by When you are not In our thoughts. Your sacrifices and your love Have left us with Tender memories. We love and miss you. Who always saw his family Have the things he did without? And gave so much, unselfishly, For that's what love's about. Who thought and planned and Struggled, too, As nobly as he could. To set a good example, and Be a respected man? Who sought no honors, No rewards For all that he had done? Except to raise a family, The very finest one. Though we cannot evaluate Our father, his love, his worth, To us he'll always be "Just Papa" The greatest guy on earth, And now in heaven

Sadly Missed by His wife, Cathy Freyta, His kids, Ashley, Nathan, Joe and Veronica, Grandkids, Santiato, Serenity, Aavery, Aston, Antonio, Daniel

In Loving Memory of **ALBEO VIGIL** On His Birthday March 2



Do not ask us if we miss him, For there is such a vacant place, Often we think we hear his footsteps, Or see his smiling face. Sad and mournful was his parting. Lonely are our hearts today. For the one we loved so dearly, Is celebrating his birthday in Heaven today.

We miss You Grandpa, Rocky, Melissa, Brett, Jacob, and Jace

In Loving Memory of **ALBEO VIGIL** On His Birthday March 2



Memories are treasures no one can steal Death is a heartbreak no one can heal. Deep in our hearts his memory is kept.

Sadly Missed by, Donald, Angela, and Marie DeCrow And Skylar Inslee



Photos by Tim Keller

Clair Willden, left, and Zachariah Salazar play a pirate and a captive, though only seeing the play will reveal which is which, or what is going on here!

Raton Youth Theater brings adventure to Shuler

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ensue until, finally, the British Navy intervenes, led by Stone Phillips as Admiral Moore.

Gail Dixon-Willden takes her child-wrangling skills to new heights, teaching sword fighting and stage combat skills to her 28 young actors. "This is the first time here that I've taught the kids the basics of stage combat," she says. "It's been fun and the kids have been ultra-responsible. They've learned that Rule 1 is safety and Rule 2 is control. Choreographing is critical with any combat, and these kids have been religious about following the rules and still having fun."

Dixon-Willden is assisted by Ashley Atwater, Stephanie Jansen, and Jeff Redlick as stage managers. (Yes, it takes that many managers to coordinate a stageful of 28 children.) Mariah Fleming coordinates stage management from the light booth, where she's joined by Toby Henson running lights and Tate Wood running sound.

Dixon-Willden designed and built the set, assisted by Cory Gomez. Janice Little has tackled special products. Cian Hazen is the production's technical director; Bill Fegan the producer.

Ursula Garcia and Misty Gomez were in the midst of completing the costumes during last week's partial dress rehearsals, held for 90 minutes after school every day.

Additional pirates with speaking parts are Jacque Alcorn, Asia Gentry, Kate Little, Laura Robertson, and Breanna Brown. Joining the fun are pirate extras Rachel



Kristina Jansen (in dress) and Clair Willden are overwhelmed as Joaquin Ramirez and other midnight escapees run havoc on the ship's deck.

Lynn Hull, July Hunnicutt, Lijah Medina, Natausha Ortega, and Priyanka Sinha.

Additional captives, all with speaking parts, include Curtis Espinoza, Rahul Sinha, Jacob Hattaway, Ryan Hull, Johnny Gentry, and Alex Tedford. Several of the actors playing captives reappear in second roles as officers of the British Navy.

The comedy by Martin A. Follose combines action, adventure, and suspense

with a touch of romance.

Raton Youth Theater presents three performances of "Captain Bree, Scourge of the Sea" this weekend. Friday and Saturday show times are 7 p.m. A Sunday matinee is scheduled at 2 p.m. Admission at the door is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$4 for children. Additional information is available from the Shuler Theater office at 445-4746.

Stigma and mental illness

By **HELGA MEYER**
*Spanish Peaks Mental Health Center
 Special to The Chronicle-News*

When individuals with an apparent mental illness are involved in violent crimes—such as the shooting incident in Arizona last month - our first reaction is that of shock, but there are two quite different ways we can respond to that shock: (1) wanting to understand the "why" of the violent behavior by looking for common symptoms and causes of such behaviors; or (2) casting an immediate label of "crazy" or "lunatic" on the individual who became violent. Regardless of how you may respond, it's safe to say that most of us avoid things that we fear or don't under-

stand. So, when you don't understand, tolerate, or get to know an individual who may have a mental illness, it's easier to use negative labels to quickly categorize them as someone to fear or avoid. This is also known as stigmatizing mental illness - or attaching a badge of shame or disgrace to it.

While violent or criminal behavior can never be condoned, it must be repeatedly emphasized that there are many people with a mental illness who are not violent, angry, or exhibit criminal behaviors. Anger and antisocial behaviors can accompany a mental illness, but they can also appear in people who don't have a mental illness. Problems occur

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COLORADO STATE PATROL REPORT

DUI: A bigger (and scarier) deal than you think

By **TROOPER JOSH LEWIS**
Special to The Chronicle-News

In Colorado, there are two main categories of drunk driving: Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI). These can be by alcohol, drugs, or both. Essentially, it comes down to the amount of impairment demonstrated and alcohol or drugs within the driver's system.

On any average Friday or Saturday night (meaning, not a holiday or "special occasion" weekend, etc.) one out of 14 drivers on the road is under the influence of alcohol. Recently, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

(NHTSA) found the nationwide average in 2009 was approximately one out of 12. And those are only the people that have admitted to drinking and driving in the previous year.

What may be just as concerning is the amount of recidivism happening with regard to drunk driving. For more than a decade, 70 percent of drivers involved in an alcohol-related fatality crash had a blood alcohol content of .150 or higher; meaning, double the "legal" limit or more. Three percent of those drivers had a previous DUI conviction in the prior three years.

In 2009, NHTSA reports approximately 33,808 people died in traffic

crashes across the United States. Of that number, approximately 10,839 were a result of alcohol, either their own drinking or a drunk driver causing the crash. Translated, that shows 32 percent of people killed in car crashes are a result of alcohol. Breaking it down, that means one person will die in a drunk driving crash every 50 minutes. On average, three of those people are under the age of 21. Driving with a blood-alcohol content of .150 or higher will increase the chances (versus a sober driver) of a fatal crash by 380 times. To get that amount of alcohol into one's system, he or she would need to drink a six-pack of beer or six shots

of liquor.

With St. Patrick's Day approaching, the Colorado State Patrol sincerely hopes that drivers will not become a statistic this year. It is very easy to call a cab or a friend, take a bus, give up your keys, or designate a driver before going out to have some fun. Ultimately, our goal is twofold in the State Patrol: get the amount of drunk drivers caught on the roadways down to zero, while getting the amount of alcohol related crashes down to zero. We hope you will help us reach that goal.

(All numbers and statistics courtesy of NHTSA and can be found on the website: NHTSA.gov)