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MONDAY

Arthritis Exercise

Free Arthritis Exercise Class every Mon & Wed @ 9 a.m. @ Corazon Square & 1 p.m. @ Early Learning Center. Info call: 845-1133 ext. 224.

Raton Playgroup

Free indoor fun & snacks (Mommies & kids ages 0-5 years) meets 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. every Monday @ Colfax County Health Council, 123 N. 2nd Street, Suite #5. Call Ida Cruz @ 575-445-3077 for more information.

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.

TUESDAY

Continuum of Care

Meets 8-9 a.m. 1st Tues. @ the Fisher's Peak Soup Kitchen, 308 Church St. For more info call Karrie Apple at 719-846-6665 or Tom Power (Colorado Coalition for the Homeless in Denver) @ 303-285-5221.

Las Animas Co.

Board of County Commissioner's meets 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Tues. @ LA County Courthouse, Room #201, 200 E. First Street. For more information call 719-845-2568.

Home Schooling

All area Home Schoolers are welcome to join our weekly winter playgroup 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Tues @ the Community Center, 1309 Beshoar Dr. For more information e-mail <harthomeschool@yahoo.com> or call 719-846-50119.

Kiwanis

Weekly luncheon 12 p.m. every Tues @ A Little Catering Company, 916 Arizona. Special Guest Speaker will be George Mayfield from Pueblo with information on a new online high school program in Colorado. For more information call Tom Martinez, Jr. @ 719-846-9291.

Primero School

Board of Education will conduct a work session regarding the Wastewater Treatment Facility 5 p.m. Tues @ in the school cafeteria, 20200 Hwy12. For more information call Tina @ 719-868-2715.

City Council

Regular session meets 7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Tues in Council Chambers @ City Hall, Third Floor, 135 N. Animas in Trinidad. For more information contact Audra Fatur, City Clerk @ 719-846-9843.

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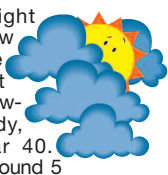
WEATHER WATCH

Today: A slight chance of snow showers before 11am, then a slight chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 40. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming east northeast. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 8. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast.

Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of snow showers. Cloudy, with a high near 19. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 1. North northwest wind around 5 mph.



RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 1/28/11
Chilili ditch priority #7 4/30/1862
Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release .06 acre ft.
Inflow 49.06 acre ft.
Evaporation 0 acre ft.
Content 17,466 acre ft.
Elevation 6,176.26
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)

Tom Martinez, Jr. accepts job in Denver

By CATHERINE J. MOSER
The Chronicle-News

Thomas H. Martinez, Jr., Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Admissions at the Trinidad State Nursing Home (TSNH), has announced his acceptance of a job as Procurement and Purchasing Agent for the Department of Human Services in Denver, beginning Feb. 1. His departure is a part of the fallout due to the recent sale of TSNH.

A native of Trinidad, Tom was born at Mt. San Rafael Hospital. The son of Eralia I. (Garcia) Martinez and the late Lt. Col Thomas H. Martinez, Sr. (Ret), his mother lives in Colorado Springs. He has two brothers, John Francis and William George, and two sisters, Linda Marie and Mary Bernadette. Because he grew up an "Army Brat" and moving from place to place was a way of life, Tom attended several schools as a young man. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in Colorado Springs, attended Trinidad State Junior College and then graduated from Colorado State University in Fort Collins with a degree in business and liberal arts.

Early in his career, Martinez worked at the Las Animas Rehabilitation Center. "Working with developmentally disabled clients was an inspiring challenge," he said. "It's where I learned I wanted a future that included helping others." He has based his business life on that desire. He said it is the foundation of his work.

Quest Protective Clothing out of Walsenburg, was a stepping-stone in his service-oriented career. He covered 10 states, providing fire protective gear to many facilities in the industry. More recently, he's been in mar-



Courtesy Photo

Tom Martinez, Jr., well known member of the Trinidad professional community, is taking a position with the Department of Human Services in Denver February 1.

State Nursing Home, Martinez said he enjoyed his time working with the residents and staff.

"The staff out here is great. They're the best." Helping seniors transition in a difficult time of life, his personal goal has been to honor and help preserve his clients' dignity and self-respect. "It's been very fulfilling, being here. The residents and their families encourage me. They're such nice people. Meeting their needs and getting to know them has been a pleasure and I'm going to miss them."

Martinez was married for 35 years to the late Maria Elena, "Dolly" to her friends. Their son, Thomas H. Martinez, III, has followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a sales marketing manager for N-BEV, a division of Anheuser-Busch, in Columbia, S.C.

A civic-minded volunteer, Martinez has served the community through his many activities in the Kiwanis Club and both the Trinidad and Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. Also affiliated with Trinidad State Junior College, Mt. San Rafael Hospital and The Legacy, Trinidad's assisted living facility, he's enjoyed helping these agencies further their goals of service to others.

Tom Martinez, Jr. has devoted a great deal of time and energy to the promotion of this community. He has developed many professional relationships, as well as many good friendships throughout the area. His efforts have made life better for many people, and he will leave behind a well-earned reputation of kindness and compassion for his gift of service to our city.

His many friends in the Trinidad area wish him all the best in his new endeavor.

keting and public relations a long time, having founded his own company, D&T Enterprises. He also served in Trinidad's Economic Development organiza-

tion. He came to the nursing home in Aug. 2007 as Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Admissions.

In his capacity at Trinidad

No money, no expansion plans right now

By DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN Jr.
The Chronicle-News

This week, Army Gen. James Doty, who serves as the acting senior commander at Fort Carson in

funding to expand military operations in Piñon Canyon. This is partly due to the country's budget crisis and a change in the Army's training doctrine. With no money

the Army \$23 billion in its budget this fiscal year coming at the halfway point of the current fiscal year. According to one report, war funding will not be affected, with the Defense Department getting \$159 billion for the wars in Afghanistan and finishing up in Iraq. The cuts to the defense budget include a cut to training expenses, as well.

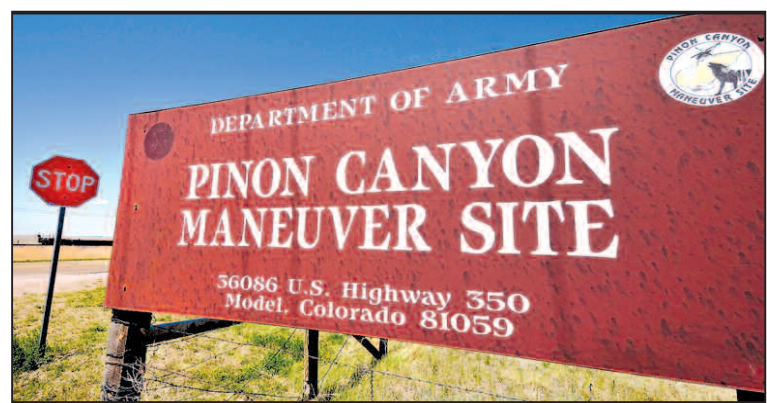
Local opposition leaders are also looking to see where newly elected Reps. Scott Tipton and Cory Gardner stand on the issue. In an interview back in June 2010, following the Ludlow Memorial ceremonies, Tipton told The Chronicle-News, "I am against any expansion. I am opposed to them using eminent domain. There is a funding ban in place, the Army had not in my mind given a straight answer to the landowners and ranchers out there on why they need more land. So why do they need more land?"

Josh Green, a representative for Tipton, last Tuesday after the Las Animas County

Commissioners meeting, did say that, "He (Tipton) wants to listen to both sides." No live fire would give the Army one less reason to expand at PCMS. With no more money available to add on to the 239,000-acre PCMS, and now no more in the overall defense budget, opposition leaders want to know why the Army will not take the expansion waiver off the table. One person opposed to any expansion said, "Things have not gone well when it comes to the City of Trinidad and the county signing their waiver. So, let's just say we have no money right now. It's smoke and mirrors. They need to take the waiver off the table and then maybe we can talk."

The Army in the future could still do some live fire exercises at the PCMS. The Army is saying that it wants to ignite the economy in southern Colorado and in Las Animas County. The Army claims that it has spent \$700,000 in Las Animas County over the last year.

Members of the opposition
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Colorado Springs, made public comments about unforeseen circumstances that might throw a curve at the Army in its plans to expand out at the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site.

Doty reportedly has said that there are no plans and there is no

in the federal budget and a federal funding ban in place until 2012, the Army may have to look at other options.

A failure to pass the 2011 fiscal defense appropriations bill, which creates funding, may be another reason. The bill would have given

Oratorical contest packs Shuler Theater

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

Thursday night's annual Knights of Columbus Oratorical Contest for area youth amply packed both the stage and the audience seats for two hours of speeches written and delivered by 22 students from Raton, Maxwell, Springer, and Des Moines.

Ben Davis took first place in Division II (ages 15-18) with an original and intelligently constructed argument for the place of truth in the study of history. Weaving philosophy and historical examples, he argued that history books written to appease current sensibilities become irrelevant as they become untruths. Dressed in suit and tie, speaking in a deeply resonant baritone, Davis sprinkled his speech with figures from Cicero to Gorbachev, suggesting that we've fallen into the trap of teaching history that feels good but lacks truth.

The younger students of Division I (ages 12-14) went first, but their winner felt to many like



Photo by Tim Keller

Division I (ages 12-14) winners stood for press photographers. From left are 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners Hunter Schoonover, Ashley Hildebrand, and Leandra Lucero, flanked on the left by Knights of Columbus leaders and on the right by First National Bank of New Mexico representatives.



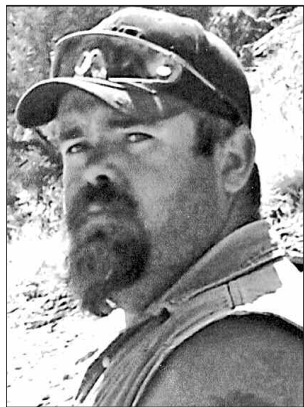
Memorials



In Loving Memory of
THERON VALDEZ
on his birthday
January 29th

A Birthday in Heaven
Oh, if only my family and friends can see the beauty of Heaven, I have helped the Lord prepare a room for you when you arrive.
You will not find worldly goods,
But you will find peace, love and tranquility.
I am no longer troubled by the problems of this restless world. My mind is rid of all fears,
My soul is safe and free,
So spend not your time with tears for me.
My life on earth was good and when I left you I brought your love with me.
Remember, I was only loaned to you.
Go on with your lives now,
Smile when you mention my name.
Do the things I liked and play my songs for me.
But do it with happiness and Remembrance of the love we shared.
Although I live up in heaven, I never am alone.
Jesus shares these rooms with me.
He makes my house a home.
I have held many things in my hand
And have not lost them all.
But what ever I have placed in God's hands, I still possess.

Sadly missed by and loved by big sister Ronda, Chris, and Audrey, nephews, David, August, Gideon, Jaiah and Zeke and your nieces, Alissa, Phoenix and Serenity



In Loving Memory of
CARL R. EVENSON
on his Birthday January 31
You never said "I'm Leaving"
You never said good-bye
You were gone before I knew it, and only God knew why
A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried
If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still
In my heart you hold a place that no-one could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone for part of me went with you, the day God took you home.

Sadly missed,
Linda, Matt, Kyler, Robert

Oratorical contest packs Shuler Theater

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he'd earned a grand prize for the night. In the evening's only humorous speech, 12-year-old Hunter Schoonover of Raton Middle School took this year's contest theme, "Welcome to My World", and wove a droll tale of his efforts to become in superhero in order to get a girl. Even his co-competitors seated behind him couldn't restrain their laughter.

Wearing glasses and a straight face, Schoonover's deadpan delivery added points to his text and appearance. The contest gives 50% weight to each contestant's material - the essay they've written; appearance and presentation get 25% each. Judges were Raton High School principal Mike Sparaco, New Mexico Highlands University's Vincent C. Garcia, and retired teacher Anna Weybrew. Prizes were medallions and savings bonds of \$100, \$75, and \$50, respectively, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division. First National Bank of New Mexico sponsored the contest and provided the awards.
Maxwell Schools easily

won the night's team trophy with a strong contingent of consistently impressive



Photos by Tim Keller

Ben Davis won first place in the high school division oratorical contest with his impassioned argument for the place of truth in the study of history.

speeches and speakers coached by sponsor Rick Jones. The big trophy, provided by sponsor Sports Arena, stood all night between the speakers and the audience until the evening closed with the awarding of the team trophy.

Other winners included 2nd place Trent Deines and 3rd place Patrick Pacheco in Division II, and 2nd place Ashley Hildebrand and 3rd place Leandra Lucero in Division I. All the young speakers, though, were uniformly well prepared and impressive: many left lasting impressions without winning an award.

They included Melanie Alderette, Alyssa Aragon, Thomas Casper, Kyle Daniel, Samantha Floyd, Rebecca Galli, Rochelle Jackson, Rachael Patty, Eyleah Romero, Jacob Sanchez, Cheyenne Starr, Mikayla Snaufner, and Cassidy Carr in Division I. Additional Division II speakers included Jonathan Cruz, Ray Lopez, and Janna Mills.

Any elder with concerns for today's youth and the future of our communities and our country could relax and rest assured after lis-

tening to Thursday night's 22 speeches: the future is in good hands.



Hunter Schoonover succeeded in maintaining a straight face while giving a humorous presentation during the competition.

Mitchell will continue children's programs

Special to The Chronicle-News

The Mitchell Museum will continue to support the Children's Art and Cultural Programs throughout the coming season. TAAC (Trinidad Area Arts Council) is moving from the third floor of the Museum due to economic reasons. For the past five years, the Mitchell has been subsidizing the gigantic heating bills. Due to the current economic recession and general lack of funding, the Mitchell can no longer afford this subsidy, and was thus unable to renew the TAAC lease.

However, the kids are of paramount importance to the Mitchell. During the summer, the Kiwanis Art Program at the First Street Gallery will still take place. The Mitchell is donating six weeks of free rent toward the program. The Mitchell museum is also renting the pottery studio back to TAAC at a reduced rate until it can find another location. This will insure that the kids' pottery classes in the winter will not be interrupted.

These are some of the highlights of last season's children's programs at the



Photo courtesy of Linda Nusser

On a field trip to the "Mitch," children check out historical photos of Trinidad.

Mitchell.

- Field trips to the Museum are always offered to the schools, and were used in 2010 by the World of Discovery and the TSJC "Upward Bound Program" for high school students.
- A "Spirit of the West" photography contest for high school students took

place in Dec. and \$500 in awards was given to the fantastic young winning photographers of Trinidad High School.

- The Poet Laureate of Colorado, Dave Mason, participated with the kids of Trinidad in a poetry contest that culminated at the Museum. Prizes were dis-

tributed and the kids read their creative poems to an appreciative audience.

- The Museum started a "Hooked on Art" program, offering a painting class based on AR Mitchell's work.

- The season ended with "A Victorian Christmas at the Mitch," complete with

Santa and booths donated by the museum for other non-profits to make a little profit, some going back to the kids.

The 2011 Season is jam packed with children's activities.

- The Mitchell museum director applied for and was awarded a grant from the Bar NI Ranch that includes funds for TAAC for a "Poetry and Pizza Contest" for the kids.

- Grants are in the works for "Art Carts" to be purchased so that kids will have an educational, fun experience making art while learning about the Mitchell paintings in the museum. This is based on the art carts used at the Sangre de Cristo Art Center in Pueblo.

- The "Hooked on Art" program begins in May with an Hispanic doll-making class to coincide with the Cinco de Mayo opening.

- In October, there will be a "Ghost Story Pajama Party."

- The Mitch's concerts and three openings are also great opportunities to expose the kids to the arts.

These are just a few of the enticing events planned for the kids, watch for details. The kids are very important to the Museum, and the Mitchell will continue to support exciting, stimulating activities for them.

Call the museum for early registration for the doll-making class, ages 9 and up, at (719) 846-4224.

No money, no expansion for Pinon Canyon right now

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year. Members of the opposition recently made it clear that the farmers, ranchers, and landowners spend a sig-

nificant amount of money in the county and can prove that they spend up to that amount. They say they do not believe that the Army has spent that much in the county and cannot prove

that it has.

Las Animas County Chairman/Commissioner Gary Hill said, "I think that this is damage control. They need to take the waiver off the table. The best thing they can do is to put a permanent ban in place."

The Chronicle-News attempted to reach Rep. Gardner, Lon Robertson, and Commissioner Mack Loudon but none of them

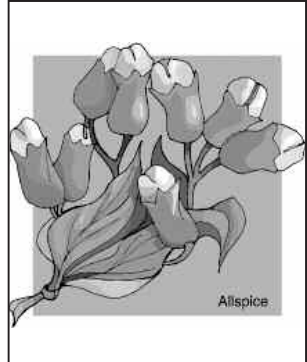
responded before press time.

(Peter Roper, reporter for the Pueblo Chieftain, contributed to this story.)

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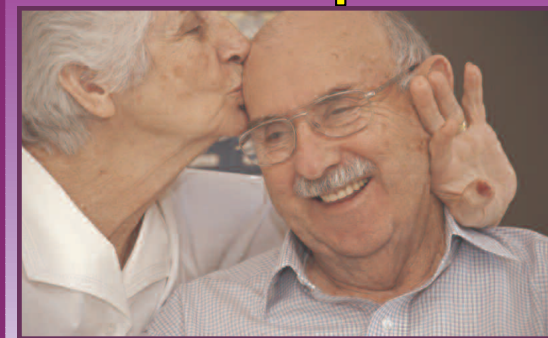


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