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THE FINE PRINT

WEDNESDAY

Free Computer Classes

New series starts 9:30 a.m. on the 1st Wednesday of every month at the Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro. Regular classes are 10:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Information: Eddie Gieske, 719-846-1124.

THURSDAY

Primero Schools

Free developmental screening (children ages 3-6 years old) 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the school, 20200 Highway 12. To schedule an appointment call Cathy Ritz, 719-868-2715, ext. 144.

Rotary Club

Meets for lunch and program at noon in the Holiday Inn, 3130 Santa Fe Trail Drive. Information: Dennis Scott, 719-845-8660.

TAAC Happy Hour

Trinidad Area Arts Council hosts "Cruise into Happy Hour" 4:30-5:30 p.m. downstairs at Black Jack's Saloon, 225 W. Main St. Information: 719-846-1441.

SPPRCD Meeting

Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservation District meets at 7 p.m. in the District Office. Information: 719-846-3681 Ext. 117.

Water District

Purgatoire River Conservancy meeting is 7:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas. Information: Thelma Lujan, 719-846-7285.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Can you help?

The Fisher's Peak Soup Kitchen is looking for a sofa in good condition. If you have one to donate, please call Sandy Espinosa at 719-680-1117.

Children's Literacy

Carnegie Library hosts a fun day with stories, crafts, games and prizes 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. May 7, 202 N. Animas St. Pack a picnic and bring the family. Drinks and biscochitos will be provided. RSVP by Wednesday: Nora Gilstrap at 719-946-5652.

Attention Veterans

Area vets who want their name inscribed on the Veterans Memorial at the Welcome Center before Memorial Day commemorative services need to contact Bob Ling at 719-859-0743.

"Bowling for Bowser"

Local 5th grade students are now seeking sponsors for this annual event to be held May 15. Proceeds to benefit Noah's Ark. Information: 719-680-2385.

Quilt Drawing

Event to benefit the Gianna Hatfield Medical Fund is June 23. For information or to make a donation contact Kathy Bonato at The First National Bank, 719-846-9881 ext. 3114. Quilt donated by the Bound Together Quilt Club.

Relay for Life

Information for upcoming races July 15-16 in Trinidad's City Park contact Lily Gross @ 719-630-4971 and in Raton's Tiger Stadium go to www.relayforlife.org/colfaxcountynm or call 575-445-5258.

ART and CULTURE

Mitchell Museum

Exotic and colorful Aztlán Aztec Dancers here for Cinco de Mayo 5 p.m. Thursday, 150 E. Main St. Admission \$5 Adults /Kids under 12 are free. Proceeds benefit the museum. Information: 719-846-4224.

RIVER CALL

River call as of 5/3/11
Elmoro ditch priority #8 11/15/1862

Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release 49.39 AF
Inflow 56.25 AF
Evaporation 4.84 AF
Content 20,770 AF
Elevation 6,181.27
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
Highland Canal 5/31/1866

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 1 and to a depth of one foot.
1 cubic foot per second = 1.9835 acre-feet per day (24 hrs)



Jack is back

Kerouac and friends get on the full moon road again

"We passed Walsenburg; suddenly we passed Trinidad where Hal Chase was somewhere off the road in front of a campfire with Ginger and perhaps a handful of anthropologists and as of yore he too was telling his life story and never dreamed we were passing at that exact moment in the hiway headed for Mexico telling our own stories. Oh sad American night! Then we were in New Mexico and passed the rounded rocks of Raton and stopped at a diner ravingly hungry for hamburgers, one of which we wrapped in a napkin not to eat till over the border below."

— taken from the original scroll of *On the Road*, by Jack Kerouac

By Richard Sitts
The Chronicle-News

If Jack Kerouac was alive and writing today, he would be a blogger, according to local film master Joe Tarabino, who is helping organize and participating in upcoming celebrations of the classic Beat Generation writer and his landmark novel, *On the Road*. The evening of the May full moon, on May 17, the Mitchell Museum will host "On (and off) the Road again," with Jack Kerouac and friends, a free celebration beginning at 6:30. The same day there will be similar events in Pueblo and Colorado Springs, and on May 21 at the grand opening of the Eklund

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Richard Sitts/Chronicle-News

Organizers of the upcoming "On (and off) the Road again" celebration with Jack Kerouac and friends look over materials related to the May 17 event at the Mitchell Museum in downtown Trinidad. From left are local film scout Joe Tarabino, Mitchell Museum Director Paula Little, and production team member Kim Krisko.

THE ARTS

Poetry reading rocks the Shuler

TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

RATON — Under the infectious sway of guest poets-in-residence Jessica Helen Lopez and Manuel Gonzalez, Raton High School's 5th Annual Poetry Marathon moved downtown to the Shuler Theater Friday night and promptly raised the roof a couple inches.

Part spoken word concert, part revival camp meeting, the Albuquerque performance poets led the large crowd in a poetry Pentecost of call-and-response commotion incorporating cheers, boos, hisses, and finger snaps; but each time a young poet approached the microphone, the audience fell silent and listened intently.

Sharing new original poems created with visiting poets Lopez, Gonzalez, and Danny Solis, 38 RHS students signed up and walked into the Shuler spotlight before a packed house of appreciative families, friends, and classmates. For most, it was the first time to share their own work in front of an audience.

In fact, many of the school's stage veterans were out of town with the school's band, choir, or tennis team; constituting fully 10 percent of the student body, those who performed their new poetry Friday night were, in some cases, joining a school activity for the first time.

The themes explored in their poetry ranged from family and love to anger and hate, from joy and wonder to loss and gently moving expressions of pain. A common refrain heard afterward from parents and teachers was, "I



Photos by Tim Keller

Albuquerque performance poets Jessica Helen Lopez and Manuel Gonzalez worked with Raton High School students during National Poetry Month, then hosted the school's Fifth Annual Poetry Marathon Friday night at the Shuler Theater.

never imagined. I really learned some things about them tonight."

Dressed for their night in the spotlight, the students wore expressions of pride and accomplishment as the houselights came up after the 80-minute show and they milled with friends in the lobby.

Poetry Marathon culminated a two-week immersion in poetic expression, both written and spoken, sponsored by the RHS English Department. New Mexico CultureNet provided the poets-in-residence through a grant from Raton's Whited Foundation.

The students who presented their poetry from the Shuler stage included, in order of appearance,

Tegan Thompson, Hillary Roberts, Colton Milson, Joshua Trujillo, Gabriel Majorenos, Marshal Milson, Jacque Alcorn, James Angeli, Samantha Iacobelli, Kaitlyn Castellini, Katie Flores, Kallie Welborn, Christie Avila, Craig Johnson, Stevie Valdez, Hunter Garcia, Megan Holland, Amy Grubelnik, Justin Apodaca, Austin Johnson, Haley Gansz, Caitlin Romero, Arianna Krulyac, Brittni Garcia, Keanu Trujillo, Daniel Sanchez, Jay Starr, Breanna Schutte, Eli Romero, Michael Gonzales, Cassie Garcia, Ezequiel Trujillo, Zach Salazar, Rachel Sanchez, Etta Briscoe, Kay Love, and Michael Tomlinson.

Bin Laden was unarmed when SEALs attacked

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden was unarmed when Navy SEALs burst into his room and shot him to death, the White House said Tuesday, a change in the official account that raised questions about whether the U.S. ever planned to capture the terrorist leader alive.

The Obama administration was still debating whether to release gruesome images of bin Laden's corpse, balancing efforts to demonstrate to the world that he was dead against the risk that the images could provoke further anti-U.S. sentiment. But CIA Director Leon Panetta said a photograph would be released.

"I don't think there was any question that ultimately a photograph would be presented to the

public," Panetta said in an interview with "NBC Nightly News." Asked again later by The Associated Press, he said, "I think it will."

Asked about the final confrontation with bin Laden, Panetta said: "I don't think he had a lot of time to say anything." The CIA chief told PBS NewsHour, "It was a firefight going up that compound. ... I think it - this was all split-second action on the part of the SEALs."

Panetta said that bin Laden made "some threatening moves that were made that clearly represented a clear threat to our guys. And that's the reason they fired."

The SEALs were back in the U.S. at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for debriefing on the raid, lawmakers said after

meeting with Panetta.

The question of how to present bin Laden's death to the world is a difficult balancing act for the White House. President Barack Obama told Americans that justice had been done, but the White House also declared that bin Laden's body was treated respectfully and sent to rest in a somber ceremony at sea.

Panetta underscored on Tuesday that Obama had given permission to kill the terror leader.

Animal causes citywide power outage

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

A citywide power outage that lasted for up to 2 1/2 hours Monday was caused by a wild animal, apparently a raccoon, that climbed over a substation fence at the city's East Main Street power-plant and landed in a security place where it shouldn't have been, according to City Manager Ed Gil de Rubio Tuesday. The animal did not fare too well when it came into contact with the live power lines.

"The animal knocked out our entire electrical system," Gil de Rubio said. "The outage was citywide." Not all areas of the city were impacted for the same duration of time with some residences only experiencing about a 20-minute outage while many downtown businesses were shut down for more than two hours.

The power went out around 10:30 a.m. and wasn't completely restored throughout the city until around 1 p.m., according to Gil de Rubio. Although many people have electrical surge protectors in their homes, he advised residents and business owners to unplug their primary electrical devices and appliances like TVs and computers during a power outage so they don't experience a big surge when the city restores power.

Gil de Rubio said the city tries to make it a point to restore power in phases to customers to try and prevent surge overloads.

WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 72. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 71. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Breezy, with a southeast wind 10 to 20 mph becoming southwest. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.



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