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**SAMUEL O. TAPIA**  
Sam Tapia, 89, passed away February 15, 2012, in Walsenburg, Colorado. Visitation will be Monday, February 20, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home, with a Rosary at the Funeral Home at 7 p.m.. Funeral services will be Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery with Military Honors. The family has entrusted Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home with the arrangements. 8

## Trade center remnant on display in Pueblo

**Associated Press**  
PUEBLO — A piece of the World Trade Center destroyed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks is on display in Pueblo.

The thin 6-foot-long, 500-pound section of steel beam is a gift from the Center for American Values in Pueblo and will be officially unveiled during a ceremony in May.

The Pueblo Chieftain reports a flatbed fire truck brought the beam into town Friday under the escort of local firefighters, police and sheriff's deputies. It will be on display at the center until Thursday.

Center leaders say they want to have the beam affixed to two granite pillars that will face toward New York.

Fire Chief Chris Riley says "it's a time of reflection as a member of the fire service."

## LOTTERIES

**Associated Press**  
DENVER — These Colorado lotteries were drawn Saturday:

**Cash 5**  
11-15-20-22-27

**Lotto**  
14-15-31-35-36-40  
Estimated jackpot: \$1.7 million

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$72 million

**Powerball**  
23-28-50-56-59, Powerball: 5  
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Miners Colfax Medical Center**  
Raton, New Mexico

**February 10, 2012**  
Baby Boy Owens  
Cody Owens and Kecia Casper  
Trinidad, Colo.



Tim Keller/Special to The Chronicle-News

Always-effervescent child actor Zoe Gomez enjoys the spotlight in her role as Queen in this weekend's Shuler Theater production of "Once Upon a Pandora's Box."

## 'Pandora's Box' to showcase Raton kids this weekend

**By Tim Keller**  
Special to The Chronicle-News

RATON — One of the secrets of Raton's rich theater scene (the Shuler Theater itself is no secret) is that the community is constantly developing new talent at all age levels. This weekend's children's theater production of "Once Upon a Pandora's Box" will showcase actors from the ages of 8 to 12; almost without exception, they are already seasoned stage veterans.

Director Gail Dixon-Willden will mount the play for the Santa Fe School for the Performing Arts with performances at the Shuler Theater Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m., followed by a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

The 2007 play by Monica Flory spotlights the role of villains in stories and plays. Zeus has trapped five villains in Pandora's Box, but two children unwittingly release the villains into New York and right into

the apartment of one of the kids.

The production features 13 local actors. "They may be small," Willden says, "but they are definitely mighty. They've had a ball sinking their acting chops into these fun characters."

Zeus is played by the youngest member of the troupe, Junior Torrez, but voiced by high school senior James Neary. Nathaly Torrez and Christopher Mandanado play the two unwitting children. Zoe

Gomez brings her customary zest to the role of Queen. Spenser Willden plays Wolf. Stone Phillips plays the Translator and Johnny Gentry the Reporter. Filling out the cast are Ryan Hull as Rumpel, Laura Robertson as Fairy #13, Meigan Deater as a witch, Asia Gentry as Angela, Breana Brown as Beautella, and Rachyl Hull as Esperella.

Misty Gomez and Ursula Garcia costumed the show. Desiree Martinez is assis-

tant director and stage manager, assisted by Ashley Atwater and Clair Willden. Cian Hazen designed the lighting; Tessa Fleming will run the lights and sound. Billy Donati and KRTN helped create special sound effects for the show.

General admission tickets for this weekend's shows will be available at the Shuler Theater door, priced at \$10 for adults, \$8 seniors, and \$5 children. Shuler Theater information is available at (575) 445-4746.

## Coal production, employment rises in Colorado after years of decline

**Associated Press**  
DENVER — After seven years of decline, coal production in Colorado increased 10.4 percent in 2011 to nearly 28 million tons as companies tapped into new markets abroad.

The state Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety says employment at Colorado's 10 mines also rose 12 percent to 2,363 in the first nine months of 2011. And, there are plans for four new mines — led by Peabody Energy's \$200 million proposal for a new operation in Routt County — and eight expansions of existing mines.

The Denver Post reported Sunday the jump in production is the result of an improving economy, some mines going back into pro-

duction after resolving technical problems and improving prospects for international exports.

"After some tough years, this is good news," said Stuart Sanderson, president of the Colorado Mining Association.

The increase in coal production has led to several challenges from environmental groups.

"Does it make sense to use our public lands so China and Europe can burn coal?" asked Ted Zukoski, an attorney with the environmental law group Earthjustice.

The Post reports that the approval of a 1,700-acre expansion of West Elk Mine in Gunnison County, operated by St. Louis-based Arch Coal, was delayed last week after Earthjustice filed an appeal. A U.S. Forest Service said the plan didn't adequately protect endangered species or address geological hazards.

Meanwhile, Florida-based Oxbow Carbon's Oak Mesa Mine project in Delta County has sparked criticism because it would touch the Currant Creek Roadless Area, and the Red Cliff Mine expansion would move into the proposed Hunter Canyon Wilderness Area.

"Our best habitat, headwaters streams and most valued public lands are inappropriate for coal mining," said Mike Chiropolos, chief public lands counsel at Western Resource Advocates, an environmental policy group.

State and federal environmental officials also are concerned because mines vent large amounts of the greenhouse gas methane.

But industry executives argue that mining operations are highly regulated and are major employers and taxpayers in parts of western Colorado.

## MENUS

### Mount San Rafael Cafeteria

The public is welcome to dine in our cafeteria. Wi-Fi is available.

■ Monday: Lasagna, Italian veggies, bread sticks and Minestrone soup

■ Tuesday: Fat Tuesday "It's all about Cajun food"

■ Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, fish sandwiches, green beans and vegetarian soup

■ Thursday: Cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies and corn chowder

■ Friday: Fried shrimp, crab cakes, hush puppies, coleslaw, fries and clam chowder

■ Saturday: Stuffed bell peppers, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies and dinner rolls

■ Sunday: Hamburgers and hotdogs

### SCCOG Senior Services

Please make reservations or cancellations one day in advance: Trinidad 719-846-4515/Walsenburg 719-738-2205

■ Monday: Closed for PRESIDENT'S DAY

■ Tuesday: Egg Salad Sandwich on whole wheat with fresh spinach, split pea soup, crackers and mixed fruit

■ Wednesday: Hot dogs, baked beans, pasta veggie salad and tropical fruit

■ Thursday: Lasagna, California veggies and fruit gelatin

■ Friday: Deli wrap, cream of potato soup, sugar snap peas and bananas

Trinidad Inn Nursing Home Family and friends are always encouraged to join our residents (\$3.50/plate). No reservations required.

■ Monday: (Lunch) Cinnamon pork roast, orange rice pilaf, lyonnaise green beans, bread and fruit cobbler (Dinner) Tomato Florentine soup, ham salad sandwich, potato chips, cucumbers and gelatin parfait

■ Tuesday: (Lunch) Rotisserie chicken, cornbread stuffing, peas with mushrooms, bread and rice krispie bar (Dinner) Calico bean casserole, garden salad, herb bread and lemon ricotta cookie

■ Wednesday: (Lunch) Roast sirloin, mashed potatoes, crumb-topped Brussels sprouts, bread and white Texas sheet cake (Dinner) Tuna noodle casserole, beets, bead and chocolate layer

### dessert

■ Thursday: (Lunch) Spiced ham steak, new potatoes with roasted garlic, asparagus, bread and ginger fruit crisp (Dinner) Resident's choice meal

■ Friday: (Lunch) Cornmeal fish fillet, baked beans, coleslaw, bread and escalloped peaches (Dinner) Spaghetti with meatballs, basil green beans, Parmesan cheese muffins and mint brownie

■ Saturday: (Lunch) Lemon basil roast turkey, carrot soufflé, broccoli-cauliflower mix, bread and pecan pie (Dinner) Turkey breast sandwich, potato chips, coleslaw and watermelon

■ Sunday: (Lunch) Braised brisket with honey-lime glaze, scalloped potatoes, carrot coins with thyme, bread and Boston mousse cake (Dinner) Stuffed green peppers, mixed veggies, bread and fruit tapioca

### Trinidad Schools

■ Monday: (Breakfast) Milk, fruit juice, yogurt and graham crackers (Lunch) Beef tacos with salsa and garnish, pinto beans, pineapple bits and milk

■ Tuesday: (Breakfast) Milk, mixed fruit and burrito (Lunch) Sub sandwich, carrots and celery sticks with ranch dressing, fresh fruit and milk

■ Wednesday: (Breakfast) Milk, orange juice, cheese sticks and cereal bars (Lunch) Pizza, salad, fruit jell-o and milk

■ Thursday: (Breakfast) Milk, pears, cereal cup and graham crackers (Lunch) Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, rolls and milk

Primer School  
■ Monday: (Breakfast) Muffins, sausage pattie, cereal, juice and milk (Lunch) Enchiladas, Spanish rice, Mexi-corn, fruit and milk

■ Tuesday: (Breakfast) Oatmeal, bacon, yogurt and milk (Lunch) Cold cut sandwiches, soup, chips, Rice Krispie treats and milk

■ Wednesday: (Breakfast) French toast, ham, fruit, cereal and milk (Lunch) Baked chicken, dressing, salad bar, rolls, Jell-o and milk

■ Thursday: (Breakfast) Sausage, fruit, cereal and milk (Lunch) Chili con carne, corn bread, cinnamon rolls and milk

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I wish to thank the residents of Las Animas County for supporting me during my tenure as your County Treasurer. Once again I must solicit your support as I have decided to seek the office of Las Animas County Commissioner in District #1. I can assure you that I will commit to the same loyalty and dedication I accorded you as your County Treasurer. Remember to attend the Democratic Caucus scheduled for March 6, 2012 • Location will be forth coming.

~ Anthony Abeyta

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