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THE FINE PRINT

AUGUST 28
-Tourism Board
WEDNESDAY (9 a.m.) Committee meets in the City Hall Conference Room, 135 N. Animas St. Information: City Clerk, Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

-Pal Play Group
WEDNESDAY (9:30-11 a.m.) No-cost playgroup meets for children (0-2 years) at Alta Vista Alternatives, 415 S. Indiana. Information: 719-846-4400.

-Trinidad Ambulance District
WEDNESDAY (4:30 p.m.) Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors regular meeting at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, 939 Robinson Ave. Information: 719-846-6886.

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 2
-LABOR DAY CLOSURES

"The Chronicle-News office will be closed Monday for Labor Day. The newspaper will be published and delivered that day with no interruption of service.

"South Central Council of Governments and affiliates will be closed for the holiday. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday.

"The City and County offices will be closed for observance of Labor Day.

-Downtown Summer Art Trek
FRIDAY (5-8 p.m.) 2nd annual summer fun art event will be held in downtown Trinidad (last Friday of every month May-August). Come enjoy a relaxing evening dinner out with cool summer refreshments, street musicians and terrific shopping.

-Trinidad Lake State Park
North park entry is off Highway 12, west of Trinidad. Park information: Pat Patrick, 719-846-6951.

-FRIDAY (8 p.m.) Ranger Campfire Talk every Friday thru Labor Day in the amphitheatre.

-SATURDAY (7 p.m.) "Rocky Mountain Celtic" with Willson & McKee in the amphitheatre.

-SUNDAY (9 a.m.) "Pickin' 'n Grinnin'" round the Campfire" a special Labor Day eve tribute to working people with Jim Richmond, Louis Fineberg, Kevin Cox, Dave Reeves, Kevin Crosby and others in the amphitheatre.

-LABOR DAY - MONDAY
"If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend." -Doug Larson
-Labor Day in Trinidad

AUGUST 31 to SEPTEMBER 2: Fun for the whole family will be happening at the annual Trinidad Round-Up Association rodeo, barbecue, dance, downtown parade and festival at the Las Animas County Fair Grounds on N. Linden. Go to www.trinidadroundup.homestead.com. Information: 719-680-0424.

-Calling all Actors
AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1 (2 p.m. both days) Auditions for Neil Simon's Brighton Beach Memoirs at the Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre, 131 W. Main St. Information: 719-846-4765.

-Ave Maria Shrine
AUGUST 31 (11 a.m.) Mass will be celebrated in the historic Ave Marie Shrine located behind the Mount San Rafael Hospital on Benedicta Ave. Follow the signage. Visitors are always welcome.

-Fire Department Benefit
UNTIL AUGUST 31: The Spanish Peaks FPD Auxiliary will be selling raffle tickets for a custom made Palmer Bow Co. "Traditional Slam" recurve bow autographed by Fred Eichler. Information: 719-941-4107 or go to www.spbcfpd.org and click on Custom Bow Raffle.

PUBLIC SERVICE
-Sponsor's Needed
If you'd like to help sponsor the annual Trinidad and Las Animas County annual Labor Day festivities contact Karen Buhr at 719-680-0424 or email trinidadroundup@live.com.

-Call for Artists
SEPTEMBER 2 DEADLINE: "Figure This" open show celebrating the human form will run September 5-October 4. All media accepted. Entry date: Information: Corazon Gallery, 149 East Main St., Trinidad, 719-846-0207.

-Colorado Plein Air Fest
SEPTEMBER 7: Calling all artists who want to participate in Trinidad's part of this statewide event to be held at the Baca-Bloom Heritage Gardens, 312 E. Main St. Information: Go to: www.gtmd.org and click on Colorado Plein Air.

-If you LOVE Art & Cars...
SEPTEMBER 13-15: This is for you! "Artocade" is coming to Trinidad at the Mitchell Museum, 150 E. Main St. Artists and anyone interested in making an artful vehicle for the upcoming 2013 event. Information: Rodney Wood, 719-334-0087. The Tourism Board sponsors this event.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 08/27/13. Llewelling & McCormick ditch priority # 19 - Appropriation date: 06/01/1865.

-Trinidad Reservoir Accounting
Release 207.01 AF
Inflow 100.05 AF - 50.44 cfs
Evaporation 14.04 AF
Content 12,140 AF
Elevation 6,170.35
Precipitation 0

-Downstream River Call
Highland Canal - Appropriation date: 05/31/1866

Noted artist joins TSJC faculty

By Pankaj Khadka
The Chronicle-News

The new faculty addition in the art department at the junior college brings with him not only a new vision for the art program, but also a vast wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field, all of which make for exciting times for the college's art students.

Vilas Tonape, a gold medalist from Sir J.J. School of Arts, one of the most prestigious art colleges in all of Asia, will be teaching drawing, painting, two dimensional design, print making and art history at Trinidad State Junior College starting this fall.

Tonape will also be building the art program over the course of his stay in Trinidad by setting up a student art club, increasing the number of art majors, organizing museum field trips and making unorthodox recruitment efforts by demonstrating and conducting short classes on paintings to enthrall the teenagers during recruitment trips to high schools, he said.

"Down the road, I'm also going to start an internship program in collaboration with local museums. So students not only get the experience in classrooms but also get to be interns in a museum," said Tonape, a native of India who has been creating art professionally, in one fashion or another, for more than two decades.

Originally from Mumbai, Tonape came to the United States 19 years ago on a full graduate scholarship, and he comes to Trinidad from Idaho, where he was the associate director at the Center for Arts & History at Lewis-Clark State College. He has previously taught at Polk State College, Fla.; Savannah College of Art and Design, Ga.; and Ringling School of Art and Design, Fla., among other colleges.

"Well, I knew this job [in Trinidad] was going to provide me the opportunity to teach, but was also going to provide me an opportunity to do things outside of the classroom, beyond traditional teaching," said Tonape, acknowledging that he was aware that Trinidad is



Photo courtesy of Vilas Tonape

Vilas Tonape is the new faculty member in the art program at Trinidad State Junior College. Tonape's paintings and drawings will be on display at the Elm Street Gallery this Friday during the last Art Trek of the season.

officially a creative district.

An active artist that spends close to 30 hours a week in his studio, Tonape used to drool when he'd see colors as a child, he claimed, adding that mathematics and other subjects never really interested him.

Tonape's graduate schoolwork at Texas Christian University, from which he received a Master of Fine Arts in Painting, was completely non-representational.

"I had almost discontinued representational work... when I came here and did my MFA, terminal degree in abstract art is what I focused on," he said.

However, upon getting his first teaching job, he realized that a freshman class had to be taught

the basics of art, and not abstract art, and his interest in representational art was soon rekindled.

Locals will have opportunities to see Tonape's work firsthand during this week's Art Trek on Friday at the Elm Street Gallery, and Tonape believes this will be one of the more challenging shows he has put on because of its nature.

The approximately 10 pieces he intends to present will show his range as both an artist and as a teacher but will not reveal him to be a scattershot artist.

"For example, if I show only drawings, then people might think, 'What if I want to take a painting class with him?' So I have to use painting. And at the same time, in that variety and breadth,

there has to be a unifying factor, too," said Tonape.

His experience in the city so far has been positive, and Tonape said he is very thankful to people he has met in Trinidad. He is honored that the college and the community have accepted him as one of their own. He believes "Trinidad is going through a renaissance," and said it is a privilege that he is going to be a part of that process of change.

Tonape's work is currently represented by Infusion Gallery in Los Angeles, California, and by Sutlej Art Gallery in New York City, and more information about him and his work is available on his website, www.vilastonape.com.



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Annual Carl Evenson Bike Run to honor military

By Steve Block
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The Chronicle-News

Next Saturday, September 7, motorcycles will rally and thunder down the road in a celebration and tribute to all U.S. military veterans, active-duty personnel and as a show of remembrance to lost friends and loved ones. The Third Annual Carl Evenson Memorial Bike Run begins at 11 a.m. on that Saturday at Raton's White House Saloon, makes a round trip to Cimarron, New Mexico, then returns to Raton, making several stops along the way.

Carl's Crossing is one of those stops that has special significance, as it's the place along U.S. Highway 64 between Raton and Cimarron where Carl Evenson lost his life in a motorcycle accident on August 28, 2010. A solemn ceremony will feature the dedication of a wreath and motorcycle handlebars in Carl's memory. Other stops include D's Pub in Maxwell, Cold Beer (Colfax), N.M. and the Express St. James Hotel in Cimarron.

Registration costs \$13.50 per person and is to be paid on the day of the event at Trinidad's Monte

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WEATHER WATCH
-Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 88. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph

becoming light and variable. **Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 59. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest after midnight.
-Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east northeast in the afternoon. **Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with

a low around 60. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the evening.
-Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the afternoon. **Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. East wind around 5 mph becoming west after midnight.