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## THE FINE PRINT

### ■ JULY 13

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY MONDAY (6 p.m.)** Weekly fellowship for help and support with food and music will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 216 Broom St. Info: Senior Pastor Bobby L. Barnhill, Jr. or email www.celebraterrecovery.com.

## Today's Quote

**"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, or worn. It is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude."**

~ Denis Waitley

### ■ JULY 14

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY TUESDAY (9 a.m.)** Board of County Commissioners work session will be held in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568. **COMMISSIONERS: Gary Hill (719-845-2595), Mack Loud-en (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300).**

**MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT TUESDAY (12:30-1:30 p.m.)** This group meets at the Legacy Assisted Living facility, 33 Legacy Lane. Information: 719-846-8662.

**CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY (Noon)** An Executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice and discussion of personnel policy matters followed by a Special session and Public hearing for consideration of New Retail Marijuana Store license application filed by Colorado / Cannabis Associates, LLC d/b/a The Spot at 453 N. Commercial Street, then followed by regular work session that will be held at City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Info: 719-846-9843. **CITY COUNCIL: Mayor: Joe Reorda and Council Members: Carol Bolton, Joe Bonato, Pat Fletcher, Anthony Mattie, Michelle Miles, and Liz Torres.**

**SQUARE DANCE CLUB TUESDAY (6-8 p.m.)** The Square Dance Club meets at LaCasa on Hwy 12 in Jansen. Free membership. Info: Peter Monzon, 719-845-0375 or pmon49@hotmail.com

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT TUESDAY (6:30 p.m.)** This group meets at the LaQuinta Inn on Toupal Drive. Info: 347-852-0752.

### ■ PUBLIC SERVICE

**ART SUPPLIES NEEDED Can you help?** Terra Firma Recycling is looking for art supplies of all kinds to help the ArtoCade Kids "Barrel Painting" Art Project to support recycling. Materials can be dropped off Mon.-Fri. (9 a.m.-Noon) at 2400 Nevada Ave. Info: Kelli Van Matre, 719-859-3998 or 719-859-2523.

**MT. CARMEL FESTIVAL SATURDAY (11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.) & SUNDAY (11 a.m.-2 p.m.)** Free admission and live entertainment at the annual benefit for the Holy Trinity Restoration. Info: 719-845-4880.

**BRANSON BENEFIT JULY 25 (8 a.m.-4 p.m.)** Branson Football and Senior Class will hold a garage sale at the school. Food and treasures available — item for donations as well as additional community members and vendors are also invited. Info: Kimberly Shor, 719-946-0821.

**FNB SCHOOL DRIVE AUGUST 7 DEADLINE:** Supplies needed include pencils, erasers, 12-inch rulers, crayons, glue, scissors, backpacks, and notebook paper — cash donations are also accepted. Drop off at The First National Bank main bank on Main Street, at the motor bank on First Street or at the Wal-Mart Branch. Info: 719-846-9881.

**FOLSOM MAN SITE TOURS AUGUST 8 (8 a.m. & 1 p.m.)** Sign up now for these free tours of the historic Folsom Man Archaeological Site sponsored by the Folsom Museum, corner of State Road 325 & 456, east of Raton, NM. Lunch will be provided — donations accepted. Info: 575-278-2122 or email: museum@folsomvillage.com.

**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM THRU AUGUST 14 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.)** Monday thru Friday all kids (13 and under) can eat a free lunch at the THS Cafeteria, 816 West St. Today's menu is: Beef Nachos, Salad & Milk.

**MT. CARMEL GOLF TOURNEY AUGUST 21:** Sign up now to play in the "On Course for Healthy Living" golf event at the historic Trinidad Municipal Golf Course. Proceeds benefit the Mt. Carmel Health & Wellness community programs. Info: 719-845-4895.

*The Fine Print feature is a courtesy notice used to inform the public of upcoming free public meetings and events. Placement is not guaranteed. For contributions please call 719-846-3311 or e-mail cathy@trinidadchronicle-news.com.*

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 07/10/15. Model Ditch --- Appropriation date: 01/22/1908.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
Release 256.53 AF  
Inflow 656.42 AF -- 330.94 CFS  
Evaporation 12.89 AF  
Content 33,608 AF  
Elevation 6,199.85  
Precipitation 0.29

**Downstream River Call / JMR Conservation Storage:**  
12/31/1948.

## SOUTH CENTRAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

# COG's Fraser looking forward to retirement

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

The stressful workweeks of 50 hours or more are quickly drawing to a close for Priscilla (Pete) Fraser as she retires this month after 18 years of service with the South Central Council of Governments (COG). She said in a Thursday interview that she's more than ready for a less hectic existence.

After starting out as COG's finance manager, she became its executive director nine years ago, and the Trinidad native talked about the changes and challenges she'd seen during her career in public service. She praised her hardworking and dedicated staff members, both past and present, who had made COG a central part of the area's social services network.

COG helps citizens in the bi-county area of Las Animas and

Huerfano Counties in a wide variety of ways. Programs for senior citizens are sponsored by its Area Agency on Aging, and it also works in Care Services, Regional and Community Development, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Transportation, its Early Learning Center and Energy Resources.

It was an evolving process that brought her into the field of public service, she said.

"This is an odd story, because I started out in Sociology and Spanish, and I was fortunate when I was quite young, about 21 years old, I worked here in Trinidad for a group called Social Advocates for Youth," Fraser said. "At that time, I was dealing with some kids who were really needing help, and they were referred by the courts and some of them were sniffing paint and doing other things. After that, I decided I was going back to school and changing this



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

Priscilla (Pete) Fraser, longtime executive director of the Council of Governments (COG), said she's looking forward to her retirement years.

major and going into accounting, straight numbers. Oddly enough, it evolved to where I did all of the accounting and various things. I worked at Trans-Alaska Pipeline, and then I was finance manager for Anchorage, Alaska, Municipal Light & Power for a number of years. I was in regulatory affairs. I did utilities and then ultimately came back home and I thought, 'Oh, I'm too young to not be doing anything.' The funny thing is, is that COG was at the courthouse at that time and I thought, 'Oh, this will be my Wal-Mart job,' and I've been very busy ever since."

COG moved into its present location near Mt. San Rafael Hospital in 2000. The building was the former home of the Trinidad Ambulance District.

"We didn't even have our transit housed anywhere," she said.

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Photo by Sgt. William Howard / Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

Maj. Gen. Ryan F. Gonsalves, commanding general, 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, shares a moment with Trinidad Mayor Joseph Reorda during the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site media and community day May 29, 2015.

## U.S. ARMY

# Fort Carson to lose 350 soldiers in military cuts

Staff Report  
The Chronicle-News

Fort Carson confirms 350 soldiers will be cut over the next two years as part of the Army's restructuring plans. This number is much smaller than some earlier projections and significantly less than what some installations like Fort Benning, Ga. and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Ala., will see. The troop reductions announced by the Army, Thursday, were only the first round of the branch's effort to eliminate 40,000 soldiers over the next three years. Fort Carson will lose 365 soldiers

by the 2017 fiscal year, according to the plan, but more cuts could be on the way.

Fort Carson officials stated in an email Friday that "Fort Carson will incur a minimal loss of personnel due to the Department of the Army's force restructure plans. Approximately 350 Soldiers are projected to be cut from our force of approximately 24,000 Soldiers. The reductions consist of a 25-percent decrease of the 4th Infantry Division headquarters in line with the Army decision for all two-star and above headquarters. Also, the armored brigade combat team will be reorganized in line with the Army 2020 initiative. Additionally, explosive ordnance disposal company elements will be affected."

On Thursday, the Department of Defense (DOD) said Fort Benning, Ga. and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Ala., would each be losing about 2,950 troops.

The DOD said that in shrinking the Army by 40,000, "these cuts will impact nearly every Army in-

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## SUMMER THEATER PRODUCTION

# Shakespeare's forest fantasy charms at Shuler

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

RATON — Mixing magic and mischief, love and laughter, William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is perhaps the bard's most popular comedy, produced countless times every year. Its forest fantasy and love deceptions can lead to a tangled maze difficult to follow, but the current Shuler Theater production does a great job of bringing the audience right along with it through every turn.

Directed by Daniel Lenzian for Two Pigs Productions and the Santa Fe School for the Performing Arts, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is the second of the company's three ambitious plays in a summer season of comedies at the Shuler, with "Dream" performances continuing Thursday through Sunday, July 16-19 before turning July 23 to a 1960s French airline farce, "Boeing Boeing!"

Shakespeare's comedy, set in Athens and a surrounding forest, is so convoluted and magical that it could only happen in a dream, and thus the title. Overlapping plots allow the Raton troupe to double its actors' roles, which adds to the potential for confusion but works out just fine. Lenzian and his actors succeed in making the action zany

without making it confusing.

The actors vary in their abilities to deliver Shakespeare's lines well, although this group generally shines in comedy so mostly all is well. Saturday night's audience laughed steadily if moderately throughout the play, with some real belly laughs at the end for Shakespeare's play within the play, called "Pyramus and Thisbe."

Actors and audience had to overcome some problems with the set and costumes. Introducing the play in the program notes, Lenzian says, "It has to be green... Green is associated with regeneration, regrowth and rebirth, all themes of the play. (Green) represents the gap between the physical world (the lovers and the rustics) and the spiritual world (the faeries)."

With Nora Leahy, the set and costume designer that was far more successful on the company's recent "Into the Woods," Lenzian achieves all of this green with a plastic Astroturf stage floor, four plastic topiaries in moving planters, and fairy jackets that, rather than being light and ephemeral to suit forest fairies, look like camouflage flack jackets, worn over modern slacks.

Aside from a pair of Roman col-  
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Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Titania, Queen of the Faeries, falls under a love spell for Nick Bottom, a weaver who's been turned into a donkey, in Shakespeare's comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream," playing through Sunday at the Shuler Theater with Jim Stark and Tamara Todres as Titania and Bottom.

## WEATHER WATCH

**Monday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. West northwest wind 5 to 10

**mp. Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. North wind around 5 mph.

**Tuesday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. West wind around 5 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. West southwest wind around 5

**mp. Wednesday:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. West wind around 5 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. West wind around 5 mph becoming north northwest in the morning. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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## STATE &amp; AREA NEWS

## NEW HORIZONS

## Colorado scientists have a lot riding on Pluto mission

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Colorado scientists have a lot riding on the space mission scheduled to rendezvous with Pluto on Tuesday, including the imaging instrument providing the “eyes” of the New Horizons mission, a stardust counter built and operated by CU-Boulder students, and the power generator for the spacecraft.

Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. delivered a device nicknamed “Ralph,” the imaging instrument providing guidance for the New Horizons mission. It will provide navigational images and study Pluto’s surface geology to create color, composition and thermal maps of Pluto and one of its moons, Charon.

It’s among seven science instruments on board, including an imaging spectrometer, a visible and infrared camera, a long-range telescopic camera, and a CU-Boulder student-built detector to measure the mass of space-dust particles.

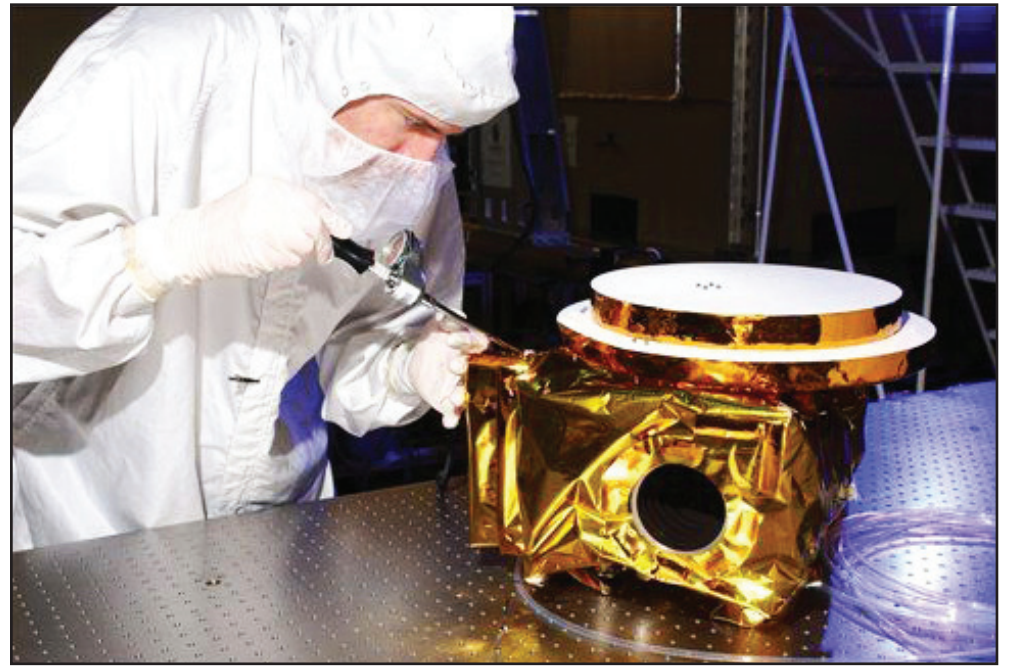
The \$728 million New Horizons launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Jan. 19, 2006, aboard an Atlas V rocket built by about 1,000 Lockheed Martin Corp. workers in Littleton.

It’s operating on very little power — a mere 200 watts, or about one-fifth the watt-

age of a standard household toaster — generated by a device called a Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator, also from Lockheed Martin.

Clency Lee-Yow, president of Longmont-based Custom Microwave Inc., said his company’s nickel phosphorus coating formula will help shield New Horizons’ imaging instrument, called “Alice,” which will study Pluto’s atmosphere.

The Venetia Burney Student Dust Counter is about the size of a cake pan, according



Ball Aerospace &amp; Technologies / NASA

Ball Aerospace’s “Ralph” camera, above, is on the New Horizons mission to capture the best new photos of Pluto, shown in a NASA photograph at left.

engineer Beth Cervelli, the Denver Post reported.

“It still doesn’t seem very real. It’s crazy to think that the software I wrote is running and almost at the farthest planet,” she said. “We’re going to be getting awesome discoveries for the next year. That’s the exciting part.”

After 9 1/2 years of flight, New Horizons is scheduled to pass Pluto shortly before 6

a.m. Tuesday at the speed of 31,000 mph.

It will take about 4 1/2 hours for a message to reach Earth confirming the flyby and months to obtain the reams of data and images collected from the spacecraft’s view about 7,750 miles from Pluto.

The flyby isn’t the end for New Horizons. If NASA extends the mission, the spacecraft will study the icy Kuiper Belt beyond Pluto for years to come.

## Shakespeare charms at Shuler

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Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Magical forest sprite Puck, played by Darren Hill, listens to Oberon, King of the Fairies, played by Blake White in the Shuler Theater production of Shakespeare’s comedy, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” At the end of the presentation several craftsmen enact a play for a royal wedding. The extended scene is a hilarious highlight and coda for the Shuler Theater production that continues through Sunday. Jim Stark, Cassie Thompson and Ian McCabe are shown, below, from left.

umms and the moving plastic plants, the only set element is a fixed rectangular riser at center stage that appears to be a 4’x 8’ sheet of plywood set atop a two-by-four frame and covered in, yes, the same plastic AstroTurf as the rest of the stage. Its straight lines join those of the many doors surrounding the set. Nature, and thus forest, abhors a straight line.

The dialog refers repeatedly to two young couples’ “Athenian garments,” which here are presented by modern casual resort wear—khaki slacks and comfortable tops, another stretch for the audience.

Yet, despite these challenges, the play is fast-moving and fun, a tribute to the staging and the actors, led by especially fine comic performances from Jim Stark, Darren Hill and Cassie Thompson.

Playing a weaver named Bottom, Stark gets a disproportionate share of the play’s laughs. Bottom leads his friends in producing “Pyramus and Thisbe,” where he proves to be a delightful ham with over-the-top play-acting that typifies the entire, and entirely successful, play within the play. Bottom also endures being turned into a donkey through some of the fairies’ shenanigans.

Prodding Stark’s braying comic performance to added comic effect, Darren Hill’s magical night sprite, Puck, is full of impish mischief and delight. Oft present in shadows provided by lighting designer Tony Penna, Hill’s Puck uses his whole body and a forest-green umbrella to add magic to the production—and he does it despite another baffling costume choice, an expensive business suit... in the forest. Hill’s uncredited second character, a butler to the duke of Athens, could

not be more different, or more fun—this time aided by a great costume.

Cassie Thompson burns more calories than any pair of actors in this production, as manically love-struck Helena and as a tinker named Snout, whose calorie burning occurs while

standing still, boosting the hilarity of the tradesmen’s production of “Pyramus and Thisbe,” which alone is worth the price of admission.

Fellow professional actors Ian McCabe, Blake White, Nick Pappas, Tamara Todres, and Bussy Gower round out a cast that’s spending the summer producing comedy together, and it shows. “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” runs almost two-and-a-half hours with intermission but it feels like half that, flying through one plot twist after another. That’s a tribute to the director and all of the actors, who keep the action and the laughter coming full-throttle throughout the enjoyable show.

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream” continues Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m., then closes with a matinee Sunday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m. “Boeing Boeing!” opens its two-week run the following Thursday night, July 23. General admission tickets are available at the door, \$20 for adults, \$15 seniors and \$5 children. The Shuler Theater is at 131 N. 2nd St., (575) 445-4746, [shulertheater.com](http://shulertheater.com).



## STATE BRIEFS

Associated Press

## Silverton asks BLM for helicopter skiing

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) — The owners of the Silverton Mountain ski resort are asking federal officials for permission to expand terrain for helicopter skiing on public land in time for the upcoming ski season, but the plan doesn’t sit well with local residents.

Some community members expressed fears that the proposal would limit their access to prized backcountry ski terrain in exchange for expensive heli-skiing that might attract tourists.

Aaron Brill, who owns Silverton Mountain with his wife, Jen Brill, did not return calls seeking comment.

“This is public land, but it’s just being given to Brill for his own private use,” said Nicole Bellman, a property manager in the Silverton area. “The land that he’s requesting is some of the best, secure, accessible lines in San Juan County.”

The request to the BLM was made on behalf of Silverton Guides, the arm of Silverton Mountain that provides heli-skiing adventures. Connie Clementson, field manager for the BLM’s Tres Rios Field Office, said there is no proposed increase in authorized use. She said the owners have simply proposed a change in terrain.

Silverton Mountain’s base would be directly across from the terrain under consideration. The new areas would include property to the south, west and north of the base area.

The terrain is currently entirely above tree line, though the request would include terrain below tree line. The BLM said no tree-cutting would be required, the Durango Herald reported.

Bellman said attracting skiers to the area does not outweigh locals having access to public lands.

“He’s increasing tourism, but totally defacing our mountains that we are living here for,” Bellman said. “At this point, it’s not about the tourism.”

## Eagle taken to rehab after mother electrocuted

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — A pair of young eagles that lost their mother to electrocution in May ventured away from their nest near Longmont and state wildlife officials took one to a rehabilitation center.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers found the eagle sitting on the ground near the nest. It was having trouble flying and was being picked on by its sibling.

According to the Longmont Times-Call,

the bird was dehydrated and hungry, but in otherwise good shape.

The mother bald eagle was found electrocuted atop a power pole on May 26. Officials later determined that the mother eagle had been holding a fish in its talons, and the fish touched a live wire on a power pole.

Wildlife officials put up perch guards on the power poles to prevent another accident.

## BX Ranch will keep on wrangling

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP) — An effort to preserve the historic BX Ranch east of Pueblo has been completed.

The Palmer Land Trust partnered with Great Outdoors Colorado, the Nature Conservancy, the Gates Family Foundation and private funding to purchase a conservation easement on the 25,000-acre ranch.

The easement means the property will continue as a working ranch.

According to the Pueblo Chieftain, the BX Ranch, located south of Boone, was homesteaded by James Ellison England in 1867. It’s located near State Land Board land and connects with other privately held conservation easements to the south to form a corridor of open space.

The ranch site was under consideration for a nuclear plant about five years ago, but that plant was withdrawn in the face of public protests.

## Colorado residents upset after bear found dead in front yard

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Residents of a Colorado Springs community are upset after a bear was found shot to death in the front yard of a home.

Residents in Cheyenne Mountain Estates say the bear roamed the area and was part of their lives.

The 400-pound bear was found dead Friday.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife says the person who shot the bear could be fined up to \$20,000.

## Colorado firefighters sent to Canada to fight wildfires

DENVER (AP) — Nearly two dozen firefighters from Denver and one crew from the National Park Service based in Estes Park have been sent to battle wildfires in Canada.

Denver Fire Department Lt. Derrick Delgado tells KMGH-TV that 21 Denver firefighters are scattered around in several locations.

Canada is currently experiencing an above-normal fire season. The two provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta are trying to put out nearly 2,000 wildfires.

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