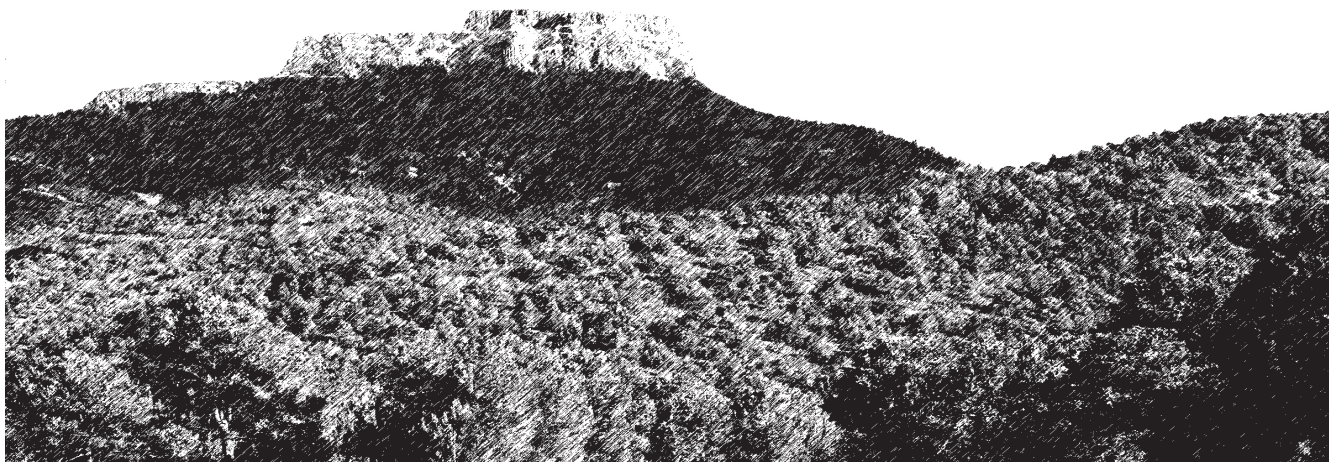


OVER THE PASS



"Play with my daughter, play video games, or listen to music. My daughter is a year and a half. She likes to read books with me and play with her kitchen set and ride her little bikes."

– Payton Gilstrap, mother & GED student (Trinidad)



TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

"What do you do for peace or relaxation?"

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
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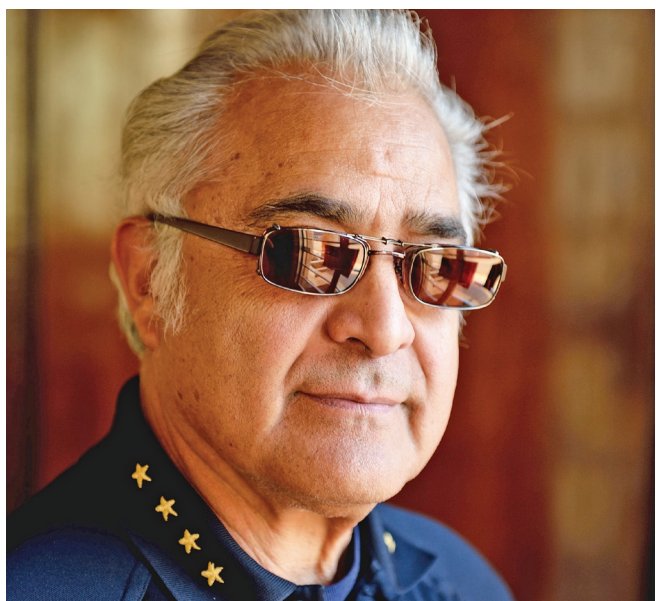
"For peace I like to be at the lake and I like to do meditation. For relaxation I like to watch 'The Bachelor' and have popcorn."

– Lillian Barela, home care provider, Maxwell (Raton)



"Mostly we just like to hang out together as a family and do local events or go up to hike the trails or fish at Lake Maloya. In summer we go down to Bluewater Lake, throw a line out. That's always peaceful."

– Brandon Hightree, teacher, Kearny School (Raton)



"Because my wife is gone, I find solitude when I go to the cemetery to visit her. I like to walk around the cemetery; it clears my mind. Before she died, my wife told me that there's peace in death. I guess there is: no one's ever come back to tell us different."

– Sheriff James Casias (Trinidad)



"I love to spend my time reading. I'm engrossed in the biography 'Rembrandt's Eyes' by historian Simon Schama and it's fantastic! There's something about a cold winter night with my wife and doggie surrounding me and thoughts of the Northern Renaissance spinning through my cranium that's very meaningful to me."

– Steve Block, reporter, The Chronicle-News (Trinidad)



"I ride my skateboard a lot. I find peace in the freedom of the wind blowing through my hair and riding the concrete wave. That and I play music."

– Isidro Lopez, behavior management specialist, Agave Health (Raton)

Trinidad author's book signing at library

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is intended as the first part of a trilogy, in a recent interview with the Chronicle-News.

"There's one main character and her name is Maven," Lynn said. "Varn is the male lead character. He's the one who's trying to help her save her world. They live a long time. They're human but they

can live hundreds of years. She's almost an adult, but not quite, when her guardian dies and she has to go to an orphanage. Varn can't get her out of the orphanage, but he tries to put people around her to protect her, so she can get out on her own. It's kind of a complex story. I've been told, from some of the people

who have reviewed it, that it's kind of like Harry Potter meets Lord of the Rings meets Agent 007. There's mystery and adventure and things like that."

The book is available on Amazon and on Kindle Select. The second book in The Prophecy Tales trilogy is scheduled to be published in October 2015. The authoress talked about the process that led her to become a writer.

"When I was growing up here we had a home in Sarcio Canyon," she said. "We had no TV, so I read a lot of books. I still read all the time. My favorite pastime was writing because there was no TV. When it was yucky outside I read stories and wrote stories and did stuff like that. I entered several writing contests when I was a kid. I've had some poetry published, but this is my first novel."

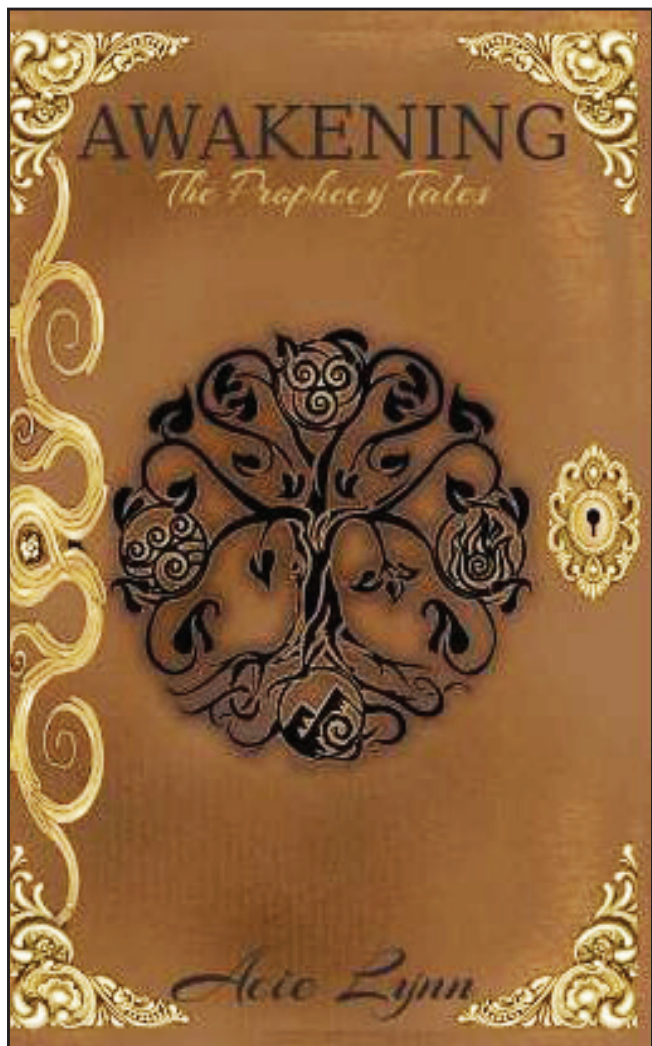
She's a Hoehne High School and Trinidad State Junior College graduate who now lives in Pueblo, and is a member of the Colorado Independent Publishers Association under her given name of Joy Sanchez. She currently works as a medical assistant, and spends her free time with her husband and four boys while working on her next novel, which will be titled: "The Prophecy Tales: RECKONING." Her website is www.acielynn.com, and reviews of her current novel are on her author page at <http://www.amazon.com/-/e/BOON1WG38W>.



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

Grand Opening: Fumio Sawa Fine Art

The Grand Opening of the Fumio Sawa Fine Art gallery at 514 W. Main St. was held Friday. Artworks from multiple artists are featured at the gallery, whose opening represented the end of a seven year odyssey for Sawa and Walter Boulden. The pair worked for years to refurbish the building, making many trips back and forth to Kansas City, Mo., where they lived before finally being able to make Trinidad their new home. Left to right are Cynthia Barresse-Ploski, Sheri Files, Lora Nava (partially obscured), Mayor Joe Reorda, John Schechter, Fumio Sawa, Walter Boulden and Dolly Padilla.



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