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## THE FINE PRINT

### MONDAY—MAR 14

**LITERARY PRESENTATION**  
MON. (5-7 p.m.) TSJC and the Trinidad Area Arts Council will host "VOICES" a discussion and reading on themes of labor and immigration in literature with featured noted speakers, Wang Ping, Juan Morales and Violet Snow at the Massari, 600 Prospect. Info: 719-422-8352.  
**TRINIDAD MUSIC ASSN.**  
MON. (6:15- 8 p.m.) Community Choral rehearsals for the upcoming Spring Season will be held at the Massari Theater Music Room, corner of Pine and State Streets. Newcomers welcome — No auditions. Info: Russ Gorrell, 719-989-7317.

### Today's Quote

**"I tried to be normal once. Worst two minutes of my life."**

~ Bumper Snicker

### TUESDAY—MAR 15

**LAS ANIMAS COUNTY**  
TUES. (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners regular meeting is in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568.  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Gary Hill (719-845-2595), Mack Loudon (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300).  
**SAMARITAN CLINIC**  
1st & 3rd TUES. (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) Here to serve the under-insured and non-insured community with free health care and low-cost lab work, 413 E. Frost and corner of Linden Ave. Info: 719-846-3536.  
**PRIMERO SCHOOLS**  
TUESDAY (5 p.m.) District Board of Education will meet in executive session with regular session to follow at 6 p.m. in the Primero School Cafeteria, 20200 Highway 12. Information: Tina East, 719-668-2715.

**HOLY TRINITY ACADEMY**  
TUESDAY (5:30 p.m.) School board meeting at the school, 613 Prospect St. Info: Jasper Butero, 719-846-4522.  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
TUES. (7 p.m.) Regular session will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Info: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843. **CITY COUNCIL:** Mayor: Phil Rico and Council Members: Joe Bonato, Pat Fletcher, Carlos Lopez, Anthony Mattie, Michelle Miles, and Liz Torres.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

**CARNEGIE LIBRARY**  
All free events. Info: 719-846-6841.  
\*THURS. (5:30 p.m.) Kelley Eden "Nutrition & Lifestyles" (Adult)  
\*EVERY SAT. (10 a.m.) Chess Club meets in the Community Room  
\*MAR. 17 (10 a.m.) Join Tim Crisler for a hike up Simpson's Rest (Adult/Teen)  
\*MAR. 23 (1 p.m.) Join Tom Potter for beginner & intermediate golf workshop at the Trinidad Municipal Golf Course (Adult)  
\*MAR. 30 (1 p.m.) Bocce at Cimino Park (Adult/Teen)  
**THIS TALENT SHOW**  
THURS. SIGNUP DEADLINE: Students grades 3-12 interested in performing on Mar. 31 at 6 p.m. must have a parent/guardian signed registration form in order to participate. Info: Kevin Crosby, 719-846-2971, x4007 or kevin.crosby@trinidad.k12.co.us

**SPRING BAZAAR**  
SAT. (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) The Heritage Christian School will host a school benefit event at the Faith Christian Fellowship Church, 2608 Santa Fe Trail Dr. Info: Priscilla Santistevan, 719-680-7691.

**BAR NI COMMUNITY GRANT**  
MAR. 31 DEADLINE: The Bar Ni Ranch Community Fund is accepting grant proposals for area non-profits. Info: Tom Perry at tomandlindaperry@gmail.com.

**BOWLING FOR ARTOCADE**  
APRIL 1: Get your bowling balls and costumes ready for another ArtoCade Bowling Extravaganza coming up April Fool's Day. Details & Sign-up: Rodney Wood, artocadefun@hotmail.com or 719-334-0087.

**SHEALTH FAIR**  
APRIL 16 (7:30-Noon) The Mt. San Rafael Hospital will host the annual Fair in the Hospital Lobby. If you would like to secure a booth call Lynda Pachelli at 719-846-8051.

**SANTA FE TRAIL DAYS**  
JUNE 10 (5-11 p.m.) & JUNE 11 (10 a.m.-11 p.m.) Calling all vendors for Community's fun summer event. Info: Chamber of Commerce, 719-846-9285.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 03/11/16. Elmore Ditch: Priority # 8 --- Appropriation date: 11/15/1862.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
Release 25.25 AF  
Inflow 57.67 AF -- 29.07 CFS  
Evaporation 7.42 AF  
Content 28,149 AF  
Elevation 6,194.07  
Precipitation 0

Down stream call: John Martin Reservoir: 12/31/1948.



## GOVERNMENT

# New fire truck could be in City's future

Steve Block  
*The Chronicle-News*

The Trinidad Fire Department would like to replace a 23-year-old fire truck with a new model and the ways and means of doing that were a prime subject of discussion at Tuesday's City Council Work Session.

Fire Chief Tim Howard said a fire truck typically has a working lifespan of 10 years with five years of frontline service and five years in reserve, but he said Trinidad's

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Photo by Cynthia Berresse Ploski / The Chronicle-News

## Fine-feathered friends make a grand Spring entry

Pablo Neruda once said, "You could cut all the flowers, but you can't keep spring from coming." Once the season begins, creatures everywhere begin their annual courting ritual. This group of fine-feathered Toms was photographed out by Trinidad Lake Estates in the yearly dance and show-off contest hoping to win a mate.



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site will host a day-long Frontier Skills Day Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adult participants will get a taste of the fur-trade frontier life of the 1830s and 1840s when Bent's Fort marked the U.S. boundary with Mexico. Pre-registration is required.

## FRONTIER LIFE

# Bent's Fort Frontier Skills Day offers unique opportunity Sat.

Tim Keller  
*Correspondent*  
*The Chronicle-News*

LA JUNTA – Bent's Fort National Historic Site presents its daylong Frontier Skills Day, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants age 18 and older will gain a hands-on living history experience. Late registration is available this week for limited openings.

When registering for the \$20 program, each participant will give first and second choices for roles that include trader, laborer, domestic, carpenter, blacksmith and hunter-trapper. Registration includes a mid-day period lunch for all.

Participants will experience the fur-trade frontier life of the 1830s and 1840s as Bent's Fort residents and visitors experienced it when the fort's location along the Arkansas River marked the United States border with Mexico. Bent's Fort was an important stop

along the Santa Fe Trail. Saturday's program will emphasize the historic values of Bent's Fort as well as the cultural relationships and the types of work performed in frontier Western America.

National Park Service employees and volunteers will lead small groups that each spend the day specializing in one aspect of fort skills. One group will learn the work of traders including Indian sign language, peace treaties, fort supervision and operations management.

A laborer group will learn adobe work, livestock use and care, Hispanic frontier cooking and fort life. A domestic group will learn frontier cooking, garment making, candle making, food preservation and other domestic chores of the frontier fort.

A hunter-trapper group will learn camp setup, horse packing, animal tracking and trapping and

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## BE ON THE LOOKOUT

# Police seek Rocky Ford shooting suspect

Colorado Bureau of Investigation  
*Special to The Chronicle-News*

The Rocky Ford Police Department has obtained an arrest warrant for a suspect in an alleged shooting incident occurring in Rocky Ford just after 6 p.m., on Thursday.

It's believed Ricky Maes, 31, was involved in an altercation at the home of a

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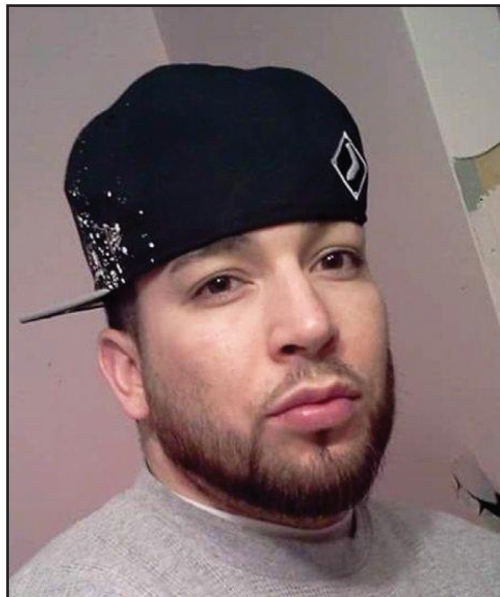


Photo courtesy Colorado Bureau of Investigations

Ricky Maes is wanted in connection with a shooting that occurred in Rocky Ford Thursday. Anyone with information about the location of Maes is asked to call Rocky Ford Police Department Detective Moore at 719-254-3344 or Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Agent Cahill at 303-239-4211.

## CSP INCIDENT

# One dead after robbery, shooting in Colo. City

Staff Report  
*The Chronicle-News*

A man attempting to steal a car and flee was shot and killed by Colorado State Patrol Thursday at a gas station in Colorado City.

According to information released by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, two Colorado State Patrol officers pulled over a car with a man and a woman inside it at around 8:30 p.m., near a gas station off exit 74 on Interstate 25. During the stop, CBI said, the man got out of his vehicle and attempted to flee. He then allegedly stole a car and sped toward the troopers who shot and killed him.

The man's identity has not been released. The two troopers involved, now on routine paid administrative leave, were uninjured in the incident, according to several media outlets. CBI as of late Friday had not released circumstances surrounding the traffic stop.

The 10th Judicial District critical incident team, including the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, is investigating the shooting.

## WEATHER WATCH

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Breezy, with a west northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 to

25 mph in the afternoon. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Breezy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Breezy, with a west wind 10 to 15 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 51. Northwest wind around 10 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around

22. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest after midnight.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of rain or snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Friday:** A chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 45. North wind around 10 mph.

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**Thomas D. Monarco**  
 Thomas D. Monarco, of Aguilar, passed away March 9, 2016 at the Trinidad Inn Nursing Home.

He was born in Trinidad, Colo. January 13, 1929 the son of Tomasina (Romano) and Joseph Monarco Sr.

On June 13, 1950, Tom was united in marriage to Mary Grace "Dollie" Messina at Holy Trinity Catholic church in Trinidad, Colo.

The couple live in Trinidad until 1956 when they made Aguilar their home.

He loved Aguilar and it's people and was instrumental in early growth of the city.

He began working at the age of 19 for Frontier Power. He would then work as a lineman for San Isabel Electric until his retirement after 29 years of service.

Tom would often be called upon to help people with their electrical needs.

He served as Mayor of Aguilar, 1972-1973. was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Parish and, a member of Aguilar Volunteer Fire Department.

He will be remembered for his many years of driving the fire truck to distribute candy to the children of Aguilar, for the yearly Christmas Candy Drive that he organized for many years.

He liked the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing, arrowhead hunting.

Tom was a Pittsburg Stealers and Atlanta Braves fan.

His family was his first priority. He always took his family for summer vacation in Glenwood Springs, a yearly event they all looked forward to.

He also loved to entertain his family on the Fourth of July.

He was a man of faith and conviction and will be missed by all who were fortunate to have had them in their lives.

Preceding him in death are parents, Tomasina and Joe Monarco Sr., beloved wife Dollie Monarco, infant brother Pascale, brothers Carmen, Adolph Sr., Charlie and Joe Monarco Jr., sisters Mary Jones, Angie Laner, and several sisters and brothers in law.

Survivors are sons Tom (Jennifer) Monarco, Colo. Springs, Michael (Cora) Monarco, Cortez, Colo., grandchildren Jessica (William) Zimmerman, Dominic (Melanie) Monarco, Tyler (Ashlee) Monarco, great grandchildren, Lucas, William, Logan, Evan, and Ethan, sister Lucy Antista, sister in law Mary Rose

65 Comi Funeral Home

Monarco, numerous nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, March 18, 2016 with Rosary at 9:30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Aguilar, followed by the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m.

Inurnment will follow a Trinidad Catholic Cemetery. Honorary escorts are Marty Dosen, Mark Piano, Joe Arnone, Adolph Monarco Jr., Dan Martinez, Gary Salapich, Jim Federico, Gerald Baudino, Ken Alfonso, Frank Coppa and Larry Vezzani.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

**Willie Grady**  
 Willie Grady, known to most of his friend as simply Junior passed away on March 1, 2016 after a long battle with cancer.

Funeral Services will be Monday, March 14, 2016 with Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Sebastiani Gym.

Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery with military honors conducted by the United States Naval Honor Guard.

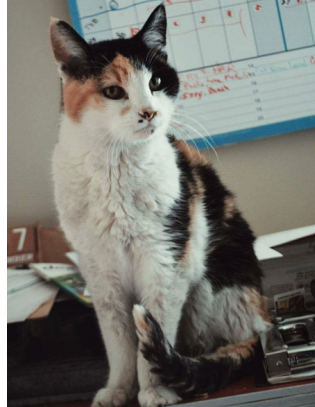
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*"All things bright and beautiful,  
 All creatures great and small,  
 All things wise and wonderful:  
 The Lord God made them all."  
 ~Cecil F. Alexander*

60 Pets

**Cali**



Cali was born around 1995 and passed away peacefully March 8, 2016.

Cali was adopted from Noah's Ark in 2012. She was the "boss" of The Grateful Dog for four years. She had many names that were given to her by our many clients, "Shop Kitty, The Owner, The Boss, Calico." She was the cat in the window at the Eagles Hall Building. She was approximately 20 years old.

Cali loved her job as the door greeter and she enjoyed helping people write their checks. Cali was preceded in death by her fellow mouser, "Moon." Cali will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

STATE

**FORGERY SCAM**

**Man arrested for selling fraudulent driver licenses**

Division of Motor Vehicles  
 Special to The Chronicle-News



Colorado Bureau of Investigation  
 Michael David Hopkins

On February 29, 2016, Michael David Hopkins, age 50, of Westminster was arrested on charges of forgery, impersonating a public servant, gathering identity information by deception and criminal possession of a forged instrument.

Hopkins has allegedly been soliciting individuals who were unable to lawfully obtain a driver license due to being under restraint, lack of qualifications or in-

ability to demonstrate lawful presence in the U.S. for the past two years. Hopkins would allegedly impersonate a DMV employee while meeting with individuals and provide them with counterfeit temporary driver licenses in exchange for money.

The Colorado DMV investigations unit is urging any individuals who may have been contacted by or used the services of this individual to contact the DMV hotline at 1-855-778-2368.

This case is being investigated by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Motor Vehicle Investigations Unit and Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

Colorado Department of Revenue records show that Hopkins has never been employed with the Colorado DMV.

This investigation is not related to other current DMV investigations.

**HISTORY COLORADO**

**Bent's Fort Chapter receives award for preserving historic, cultural resources**

Santa Fe Trail Association  
 Special to The Chronicle-News

The Bent's Fort Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association and the La Junta Chapter of the DAR have been notified that they are the 2016 recipients of Colorado Preservation Inc.'s prestigious 2016 Statewide Honor Award for their work in preserving the site of Bent's Old Fort and the Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe Trail.

In its official announcement, Colorado Preservation



Photos courtesy Santa Fe Trail Association

Bent's Fort is being honored with the 2016 Statewide Honor Award. The Santa Fe Train Association and the La Junta Chapter of the DAR are dedicated to the preservation of the Historic Santa Fe Trail.

For the past 29 years, Colorado Preservation, Inc. has annually recognized those who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to the preservation of Colorado's remarkable cultural resources. It is our great pleasure to announce that we are honoring the Bent's Fort Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association and the La Junta Chapter of the DAR this year and that you will be the recipient of Colorado Preservation Inc.'s 2016 Statewide Honor Award.

Without the efforts of the Bent's Fort Chapter of the SFT Association and the La Junta DAR, it is probable that the site of Bent's Old Fort and the Mountain Branch of the Santa Fe Trail could have been lost forever. Instead, the Bent's Fort Chapter of the SFT Association and the La Junta DAR has exemplified the ideals of Stewardship, Preservation Leadership and Education.

The Awards will be presented at a special celebration in Denver on May 12, 2016. Congratulations to the Chapter and the DAR for this honor. And, thank you for your tireless efforts to preserve and protect the historical legacies of the Trail.



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survival techniques.

Carpenter and blacksmith groups will each learn the use and care of specialized 19th-century tools, then use those tools to construct period pieces used in the maintenance and repair of wagons that took a beating along the Santa Fe Trail.

Pre-registration and \$20 payment must be received in advance. Information and application are available at the park's website [www.nps.gov/beol](http://www.nps.gov/beol) (see Calendar) or by calling the park at (719) 383-5026.

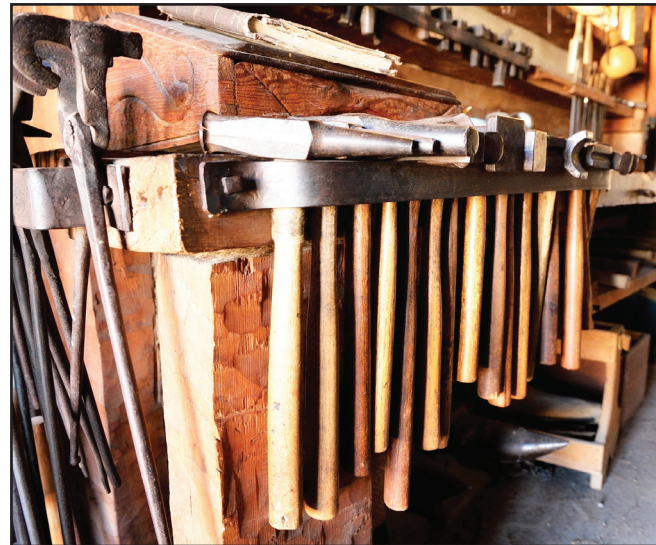


Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Saturday's participants at Bent's Fort's Frontier Skills Day will learn how to make a wealth of frontier-era items. Here Bent's Fort guide John Carson makes a pouch. Carson's great grandfather Kit Carson worked at the fort during the 1840s.



Those who pre-register for Saturday's "domestic" group will work in the Bent's Fort kitchen (above) while learning frontier cooking, garment making, candle making, and food preservation methods. Blacksmithing is one of six options available to adults who pre-register for Saturday's event at Bent's Fort. Participants will learn to use 19th-century hand tools (below) while making period pieces.



**Police seek Rocky Ford shooting suspect**

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31-year-old Rocky Ford man when Maes reportedly fired multiple rounds from a handgun, striking the victim. The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries and is expected to make a full recovery.

A second suspect, Brittany Barron, 26, was also taken into custody and faces charges of attempted first-degree murder and domestic violence. She is being held at the Otero County Jail without bond. Her first appearance is slated for the morning of March 11, 2016.

Maes's warrant is for attempted first-degree murder and first-degree assault. Maes has known ties to the Rocky Ford and La Junta communities. Maes should be considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information about the location of Maes is asked to call Rocky Ford Police Department Detective Moore at 719-254-3344 or Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Agent Cahill at 303-239-4211.

The CBI is assisting the Rocky Ford Police Department on this investigation.

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