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By Jeanne Wolf

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By Susan Fine

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## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 5/28/09. Southside priority #98 4/30/1884.

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, 521.12 acre ft.; Inflow, 481.42 acre ft.; Evaporation, 6.30 acre ft.; Content, 25847 acre ft.; Elevation, 6188.21. Precipitation, 0.

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Photo by David Santistevan Jr.

Pictured from left to right are Denisa Derrick, Foster Care Recruiter, Missy and Carl Chavez, and Arlene Lopez, Child Welfare Supervisor. Missy and Carl are Trinidads only foster parents. The Chavez' welcomed two new additions to their family in April. May is National Foster Parent Month.

## Chavez Family proud to be foster parents

By DAVID SANTISTEVAN JR.  
The Chronicle-News

May is National Foster Parent month, and with almost one million children in foster care, it's truly nice to see a local couple step up to the plate and become foster parents. What is even more refreshing is that the Chavez family stepped up to take care of two children. This is a testament to their family values and wanting to make a difference in our community.

Foster parents have made a big difference in the lives of over 12 million children and youth. These children in

foster care have overcome family issues, neglect, and in some cases abuse to become productive members of society.

Carl and Missy Chavez are looking to be that positive influence in the lives of the two young children they now proudly take care of.

"We wanted to become foster parents because we felt at this point in our lives that we could contribute and do more for our community," Missy and Carl told *The Chronicle-News*.

Missy and Carl both have good steady jobs "We always have had a love for children and we are pretty stable in

life and we wanted to do some good and help these children and families out."

Missy and Carl started the process of becoming certified foster parents just over six months ago. They now take care of two children one boy and one girl. This has been an ongoing program here in our community.

In Las Animas County we have one certified foster home and three volunteer foster homes.

The certified foster home takes in children who are not related to them  
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Photo by Tim Keller

Guest Bruce Kirby visited "This That & The Other" Wednesday

## KRTN's 'This, That & The Other' brings Raton together

By TIM KELLER  
The Chronicle-News

The glue that knits Raton together may well be KRTN-FM's long-running "This, That & The Other" radio show. Broadcast weekday mornings for a half-century, hosts Billy D and Buddy Springer welcome anyone who gets up early and walks through the station's front door, providing an open microphone to promote an endless variety of programs, events, and activities from throughout KRTN's widespread listen-

ing area.

Wednesday morning's show begins promptly at 8 a.m. when Buddy takes the mic to deliver a series of local public service announcements, stopping often to banter with Billy. The two then welcome Bruce Kirby, visiting to tell listeners about First Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School. Billy asks questions until he and Kirby are satisfied that they've gotten the information across. As Kirby exits, Maria ReQua enters to promote the local foster

grandparent program.

The studio, like the rest of the station, is decorated in an eclectic mix of memorabilia and kitsch that obviously grew into place over long years: no one could have designed it to look like this. There are stuffed animals, trinkets, music posters, a rack of costume hats, maps, informational bulletins, and a bullwhip. Around a corner are movie posters (Blue Hawaii, Some Like It

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## Celebrating the historic Santa Fe Trail at the 24th Annual Chamber of Commerce festival

Courtesy of the Trinidad Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce

Special to The Chronicle-News

During the 1800s, the Santa Fe Trail took people and goods back and forth between Independence, Missouri and Santa Fe, New Mexico. It took about eight weeks to travel on the trail, facing many dangers such as storms and attacks from Indians and bandits.

Today, nearly 200 years later, the Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce continues to celebrate this important piece of our history by hosting the annual Santa Fe Trail Festival for the 24th year. The event will take place June 12, 13 and 14 and this year's Festival will have a full line-up of fun activities for young and

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## Health care now or never, Obama says

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama warned Thursday that if Congress doesn't deliver health care legislation by the end of the year, the opportunity will be lost, a plea to political supporters to pressure lawmakers to act.

"If we don't get it done this year, we're not going to get it done," Obama told supporters by phone as he flew home on Air Force One from a West Coast fundraising trip.

Obama's political organization, Organizing for America, invited campaign volunteers to a midday conference call to describe a nationwide June 6 kickoff for its health care campaign. The president's message to his re-election campaign-in-waiting was simple: If volunteers don't pressure lawmakers to support the White House's goal on health care, Washington would drag its feet and nothing would change.

"The election in November — that did not bring about change, it just gave us an opportunity for change," Obama said. "So now, we are really going to have to remobilize, we have all had a chance to catch our breath after election and we have gotten a lot of things done during our first four months."

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## WEATHER WATCH

**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Tonight:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9pm, then a slight chance of showers between 9pm and midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Tomorrow:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Increasing clouds, with a high near 83. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Tomorrow Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Sunday:** A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after noon. Increasing clouds, with a high near 84. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

**Sunday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

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# RATON ~ NEW MEXICO NEWS

## KRTN's 'This, That & The Other' brings Raton together

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Hot, The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance) near signed and framed stars' photographs (Michael Martin Murphey, Arlo Guthrie, Steve Martin.)

At the DJ desk, Billy D works two computer screens, one displaying news, the other last night's lottery numbers. Asked during a commercial how long he's been at KRTN, he replies, "All morning." He's been associated with the station almost long enough to remember when the "This, That & The Other" morning show was born, under a different name initially, back when KRTN was located in the downtown space now occupied by the Raton Museum. "That was in the 1950s. The Ropers owned the station and Sonny Bernard bought the time and started the program," Billy recalls.

Billy D - actually Bill Donati - first came to work at KRTN as a Raton High School freshman in 1969. He continued though his graduation in 1972 and deeper into the 70s, then left to work for various race tracks and for Bill Fegan Productions. In 1989, he returned to KRTN permanently. Eventually, he bought the

station from Jim Roper, closing the deal four years ago Monday, June 1.

"We have the same philosophy about local radio that Jim had," Billy says, underscoring the station's commitment to serving its community. "We cover a wide area and we rely on our listeners to keep us informed. That's why 'This, That & The Other' is so popular - it's a monster," he says of the show.

Another guest is waiting

outside, but he's such a regular that he let's the next guest go ahead of him. Raton City Commissioner Chuck Henry chats with Adrean Slocum - "Receptionist and Traffic Control" - until Ed Buerkle finishes talking on the air with Billy and Buddy about another vacation bible school, this one at the Calvary Baptist Church.

"You can find out more about what's going on around our area by coming to KRTN than anything else you can

do," Henry insists. He visits "This, That & The Other" before and after every city commission meeting. "Elected officials should be accessible to the people. That's part of the reason we got elected - to make decisions and explain why." After ten minutes on the air explaining why, he gives his home and cell phone numbers for constituents to call, then says goodbye.

He has to walk through three doors to get outside. The

walls throughout the labyrinthine building are filled with endless shelves of recordings of all kinds and all media. There are early record "albums" - thick collections of 78 rpm recordings - including "Songs of the Smoky Mountains" by Roy Acuff, "All-Time Hits by Frankie Yankovic and His Yanks", "To Mother - Songs by Eddy Arnold", and "El Bingo - Latin American Favorites by Bing Crosby."

There are countless thousands of 45s, each holding two songs; at least 2000 LPs ("Long

Playing" 33 rpm vinyl records, each of which carry little more than 30 minutes of music); reel-to-reel, 8-track, and cassette tapes; and hundreds of CDs. Beside the bathroom where a portable radio broadcasts KRTN-FM 93.9, a file cabinet has grown beyond capacity, topped with three 12" stacks of papers labeled "Daily Log Summary", rubber-banded into inch-thick packets by month. The top packet covers September, 2007.

From the bathroom radio, Billy's voice is again bantering with Buddy's. Bill Cavell started in radio 20 years ago; when told he needed an "air name", he quickly named himself after his dog, Buddy Springer. Now even his wife calls him Buddy; his five grandchildren know him as Grandpa Buddy.

He's asking Billy, "Are we ready?"

"Ready for what?" Billy inquires. "For today's trivia," Buddy replies. "No," Billy says, "we still have some more announcements."

A rodeo king and queen competition is approaching. Raton Main Street is sponsoring a downtown street fair and dance June 6. ("How others see us is determined greatly by the appearance of our downtown," Billy reads aloud.) The Raton Car Show arrives June 12-13 with a Friday "Cruise Night" and dance, along with a special showing of "Grease" at the El Raton theater.

Somehow Buddy swings the conversation to visiting batting cages to hit a few balls. An emergency radio scanner can be heard coming from the front office. Now Billy's ready to play trivia. Buddy answers the first question before it's fully stated; it turns out, they have shelves full of trivia books and games, and Buddy used the same question on a show last night.

"What U.S. state was the first to offer a \$1 million dollar lottery prize, in 1970?"

Buddy knows, "New York," and even adds, "John Blackwell won that."

"What was Barbie's kid sister's name?" Billy asks Buddy. "Kara?" guesses Buddy. "No: Skipper!"

Buddy responds, "I knew that!" Then he adds, "Gilligan."

"What brand of drums did Ringo Starr play on the Ed Sullivan Show?"

"Ludwig."

The two have honed their camaraderie for years. It's well past 9 a.m. They're nearing the end of the show. They move on to "This Date in History." In 1936, the Queen Mary departed England for America. In 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge opened to pedestrian traffic. The next day, it opened to vehicles. Buddy quips, "They wanted to test it: 'Here, you go first.'"

We learn that today is National Grape Popsicle Day, among other things. The Word of the Day is "Jocund", an adjective. We learn of over a dozen celebrities that have birthdays today. An even longer list follows, birthdays of people who live in KRTN's listener area, then a list of anniversaries being celebrated by couples throughout the region.

At 9:25 a.m., Billy proclaims an end to today's installment of "This, That & The Other." The last guest leaves, passing the sign "This, That & The Other SIGN IN - All Guests Please Sign In with Full Name and Subject Matter." Leafing through weeks, months, and years of sign-in sheets, Raton's history passes one page at a time. The book and sign remain in place on the front desk, ready for tomorrow morning.



Photos by Tim Keller

Left: Raton City Commissioner Chuck Henry waits his turn as Adrean Slocum, "Receptionist and Traffic Control", takes a call. Center: Buddy Springer tells Billy D how he likes it, or isn't. Right: KRTN's Billy D enjoys co-host Buddy Springer's banter.

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