

# Simonson speaks at Hispanic Chamber luncheon

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The Hoehne students also mentioned that it was the mayor who brought Masterson in as Sheriff. In those days the mayor was able to pick and choose the person he wanted for his own personal staff. This poster is currently on display in the office building of the Chronicle-News.

Simonson then told the crowd that ED is being awarded a \$50,000 grant to start a new revolving loan program here in the county.

"We are very excited about this grant and program," Simonson said, "The loan can be a stand alone, or in partnership with a bank loan. We are

trying to attract some new and existing businesses to take advantage of this program in these tough economic times."

Phase One begins the revolving loan program with \$50,000. The check will be awarded to ED on Aug. 7, when the new State Director for USDA Rural Development Jim Isgar, from Lakewood, Colorado will come to Trinidad and officially present the check to Simonson and his office.

Phase Two of the money will be awarded at the start of next year. The grant is estimated to be \$750,000 to continue the revolving loan program and help boost our local economy.



John Davis 1st Place Prepared Speech winner and 2nd Place Poetry winner.



Photos courtesy of Sean Moore

Pictured from left to right Thomas Casper, Leiandra Lucero, and Alaina Africano.

## ON THIS DAY IN TRINIDAD

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### 50 years ago - 1959

The September term of district court for Las Animas County will open on Tuesday, September 1, it has been announced by Frank Zehna, clerk of the court.

The opening day will be given over to the annual memorial exercises for members of the bar who have died during the past year. At this service, a eulogy will be offered for the late David M. Ralston, a former and district and county court judge and prominent southern Colorado attorney for many years who died several months ago.

Judge John N. Mabry will call the docket for both the civil and criminal divisions of the court on Wednesday, September 2, and the jury will report for duty on Tuesday, September 8.

Several civil cases have already been docketed for trial during the September term and additional settings will be made when the docket is called.

### 75 years ago - 1934

With everything set and ready for Trinidad to welcome the resumption of daily airmail tomorrow, the scheduled service for this city has been halted pending an official inspection or approval of the landing field at Chicoso. Efforts of the chamber of commerce during the past few days to have a complaint withdrawn relative to the airport had brought no response today from Avery Black, manager of the Varney Air Lines at Pueblo.

Temporary withholding of service from Trinidad at a point on the Pueblo to El Paso division for airmail was made

known here three days ago. It was thought the difficulty might be adjusted by Sunday, the scheduled date for resumption of service, therefore no public mention was made of the difficulty. However, as the difficulty did not get ironed out, announcement was authorized today that the first mail planes over the Trinidad division, north and south, will not land at the Trinidad airport as scheduled.

A complaint was lodged with the superintendent of airmail at Washington by officials of the Varney Lines, even though no complaints have been registered with any officials here by the airline about the condition of the airfield.

### 100 years ago - 1909

The following brief story, taken from a Muskegee, Oklahoma newspaper is of interest to the local baseball fans in that it concerns one Frank Metz, a former idol of the Trinidad fans. Metz pitched the majority of the games won by the Trinidad team in 1907 and his terrific hitting then was always a feature of every contest in which he was engaged. During the season, while pitching ball, he batted nearly .350 most of the time.

He has quit pitching ball and has for the past two years played the outfield and first base. A big rangy fellow, he makes an ideal first sacker:

"The Shreveport club of the Texas league has asked for a price on Frank Metz, the star first sacker of the local club. The Muskogee management, however, is waiting for offers from clubs in faster company as it is understood that Metz has attracted the attention of several major league scouts. He is a terrific batsman.

# 3 Fort Carson soldiers killed in Afghanistan

**FORT CARSON, Colo. (AP)** - The Defense Department says three Fort Carson soldiers from Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Tennessee have died of injuries from an attack in Afghanistan.

Military officials said Monday that insurgents in Mushan Village attacked the soldiers' patrol with bombs and rocket-propelled grenades Saturday.

Killed were 27-year-old Cpl. Jonathan M. Walls of West

Lawn, Pa.; 21-year-old Pfc. Richard K. Jones of Person, N.C.; and 19-year-old Pvt. Patrick S. Fitzgibbon of Knoxville, Tenn.

All were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

Fort Carson has lost 262 soldiers to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Information from: The Gazette, <http://www.gazette.com>

# Police probe response to animal cruelty complaint

**GREELEY, Colo. (AP)** - A realty agent says she told authorities about more than 100 animals living in unhealthy conditions in a Greeley house in early July, but nothing was done until last week.

Dallas Staley of Mountain States Property Services in Fort Collins says she called Weld County animal control July 7 discovery of the animals during a check of the home. Staley says a Greeley officer told her police couldn't do anything and

suggested she evict the tenant, which would allow officers to seize the animals left behind.

Police officers seized about 100 animals, including cats and dogs, from the home Friday after a property appraiser called. Nearly 30 cats were dead.

Police Sgt. Joe Tymkowych says the department is investigating Staley's complaint.

Information from: Greeley Daily Tribune, <http://greeleytribune.com>

# NE/NW District 4-H Contest results

Courtesy of SEAN MOORE

Colfax County Cooperative Extension Service  
Special to The Chronicle-News

Novice and Junior 4-H members, participated in the NE/NW District Contest on July 7-8, 2009 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This was the first time the two districts have been combined. There were 19 counties in the two combined districts, and Colfax County was well represented by our four participants. All four 4-H members placed in the top five in at least one of their contest areas. The four 4-H members competing from Colfax County were Alaina Africano, Thomas Casper, John Davis, and Leiandra Lucero. Alaina competed in

Favorite Foods and Wildlife. Thomas competed in Favorite Foods. John competed in Prepared Public Speaking and Poetry. And Leiandra competed in Entomology, Horticulture, and Wildlife. Great job, and Congratulations! County Results are as follows:

- Novice**  
**Entomology:**  
2nd - Leiandra Lucero, Vermejo 4-H  
**Horticulture:**  
3rd - Leiandra Lucero, Vermejo 4-H  
**Public Speaking: Poetry:**  
2nd - John Davis, Rocky Mountain 4-H

**Public Speaking: Prepared Speech**

- 1st - John Davis, Rocky Mountain 4-H  
**Wildlife:**  
3rd - Alaina Africano, Rocky Mountain 4-H  
**Junior**  
**Favorite Food Show:**  
2nd - Thomas Casper, Vermejo 4-H  
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# Tim Keller performs original ballads at Studio C

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musician, as he was playing his guitar and singing at a small café in Santa Fe. Later, as Tim picked a few tunes, he shared some of the ups and downs of their lives together. Christina explained she schedules an evening at Studio C, featuring Tim, because sometimes it is the only way she gets to hear his music. Typically, he's so busy as a teacher at Raton High School, and as an author and photographer for various magazines and newspapers, he doesn't touch the guitar, unless he knows he is scheduled to perform. He will practice diligently before the scheduled performance. Afterwards, he puts away his two guitars, one, a nylon string, and the other, a metal string, until the next performance, a year later.

The audience was delighted with his performance. It included three sets of three differently styled songs. Tim's rich, strong, voiced swelled into the small studio space during his performance, as he sang tunes like, "You Believe in Me," from his Little Miracles Album. Tim explained, as he struggled early in his career, Christina always encouraged him. Now that she has taken a scary step, and opened her own studio, Studio C, he remembers her support, and offers the same to her.

As Tim reminisced about his move from California, as a "surfer dude", to the working ranches of New Mexico, the



Photo by Laura L. Brewer

Christina Boyce uses a hollowed gourd that produces a rainfall sound to accompany her husband for one of his songs during his performance at Studio C.

audience chuckled. He explained that the only thing he did correctly when riding a horse was, "I did face the right direction." He finds it amus-

ing when visitors from Texas drop in at the gallery and ask him about ranching and horse back riding. Tim's other talents can be

explored by visiting his website, [www.timkellerphotography.com](http://www.timkellerphotography.com), or dropping in for a visit to Studio C in Des Moines, New Mexico.

# Strong quake hits Mexico's Gulf of California

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Phoenix Fire Department spokesman Alex Rangel said a high-rise near downtown shook violently enough that workers evacuated, but there were no reports of injuries or damage. The quake was centered about 460 miles (740 kilometers) from Phoenix.

Wilfredo Rivera, a manager at the Posada Santa Gemma hotel in Bahia Kino near the coast, said doors slammed as the ground rocked.

"The earth was turning around really ugly," he said. "People got really scared."

The quake was also felt in San Diego, where city employees left an 18-story downtown tower that houses the city attorney and other departments.

"Employees heard and felt some shaking and rattling," said Darren Pudgil, a spokesman for Mayor Jerry Sanders. "I'm told 40 to 50 people left the building but have since returned."

Gina Coburn, a spokeswoman for the city attorney's office, sought safety in a

doorway of her 16th-floor office and thought briefly about leaving the building.

"I felt it a lot," she said. "The building was swaying back and forth. I didn't know if I should go down the stairs."

Civil protection officials in the two Mexican states on either side of the quake - Baja California and Sonora - said there were no reports of damage or injury.

The quakes were all centered in the middle of the narrow slice of sea between the Baja peninsula and Mexico's mainland, which reduced its chances of causing major damage, said Don Blakeman, an analyst at the earthquake center.

Earthquakes around 7.0 magnitude are common in the region, according to the center, including a 7.6-magnitude quake that hit the coast of Colima state in 2003.

Seismologist Debi Kilb at Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego said the series of quakes started with a 5.8 preshock followed quickly by a 6.9 temblor. She said two aftershocks came about half an hour later.

Kilb said it wasn't surprising that the quakes didn't cause damage. They were in the water, far from major cities, she said.

U.S. authorities said there was no tsunami threat to Hawaii or the Pacific coast of the United States. The Gulf of California coast was put on alert for large waves, said Alfredo Escobedo, the director of the Baja California civil protection service.

Scientists say some areas where strong shaking occurred may experience local underwater landslides.

The Gulf of California, also known as the Sea of Cortez, is believed to have come into being millions of years ago when tectonic forces shifted the Baja California peninsula off the North American Plate.

Called the "world's aquarium" by undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau, the sea has a unique ecosystem and is home to hammerhead sharks, whale sharks, orca whales, dolphins and giant Pacific manta rays.