

## INSIDE TODAY



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### TUESDAY

#### Continuum of Care

The Las Animas/Huerfano Continuum of Care meeting has been cancelled for this month. Information: Karrie Apple at 719-846-6665 or Tom Power at 303-285-5221.

#### Las Animas County

The Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners - 9 a.m. Tuesday - Las Animas County Courthouse Rm. 201.

#### Pastor's Study

Meeting - 9 a.m. Tues. - Zion's Lutheran Fellowship Hall - all Pastors welcome.

#### Kiwanis

Kiwanis Luncheon - 12 p.m. Every Tuesday - A Little Catering Company - 916 Arizona. Guest Speaker will be Kelly Smith from the Trinidad Community Thrift Store to speak on Social Entrepreneurship.

#### City Council

Trinidad City Council - Regular Meeting - 7 p.m. Tuesday / Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall.

#### PEO

Chapter DE meeting - Tues., 7 p.m. @ the Presbyterian Church Hall.

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## WEATHER WATCH

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.



**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tomorrow:** A slight chance of snow before 11am, then a chance of rain between 11am and noon, then a chance of snow after noon. Areas of blowing snow after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.



**Tomorrow Night:** A 40 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 2. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 1/4/10 Chilili Priority #7 4/30/1862

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release-.10 acre ft.; Inflow- 49.10 acre ft.; Evaporation- 0 acre ft.; Content- 17645 acre ft.; Elevation- 6176.55; Precipitation- 0

Downstream River Call- JMR 12/31/1948

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



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Photos by Tim Keller

Ride To Pride's staff works with 12 horses and 240 kids.

## Ride To Pride repairs horses and kids

By TIM KELLER  
The Chronicle-News

In the mid-1990s, after horse program director Greg Esquibel hired Lorraine Moore to assist at Rancho Valmorea, a residential treatment center for teens east of Watrous, N.M., Lorraine noticed that the kids would talk to Greg about things they wouldn't discuss with their therapists. Being around the horses loosened up the kids, and learning horsemanship provided life lessons. After a detour for a wedding, Greg and Lorraine Esquibel leased an unused indoor arena on the northeast outskirts of nearby Las Vegas and founded Ride To Pride (RTP).

With its equine-assisted psychotherapy and youth programs, Ride To Pride pairs troubled kids of all ages with horses whose lives have often been damaged by abuse. Working together, the kids and horses learn to rehabilitate each other.

The kids arrive for many reasons, including the loss of a loved one, divorce, drug or alcohol abuse, adoption or foster care, domestic abuse, and crime. Juvenile Probation Officer April Montano places many of her youths in the program and likes what she sees. She mentions a longtime gang member whose time at RTP transformed him: he learned responsibility, trust and respect, she says. He even learned to equate the relationship between himself and "his" horse to that between his mother and himself. It helped.

Another of April's charges is 14-year-old Richard Pacheco, Jr., who's been in Ride To Pride since last spring when his response to a bully sent the bully off in an ambulance and Richard off in



Richard Pacheco, Jr. found a best friend in Power Stroke, a black gelding.

handcuffs. Working with Greg Esquibel and therapist Carole Jackson, Richard has developed a close relationship with a big black gelding named Power Stroke, who

was donated to the program when his career in junior rodeo ended.

Greg says, "We match the horse to the child. Richard needed a horse he could trust. Power Stroke is honest, kind, dependable, and willing. Everything we do is through trust and respect. The kids learn patience and problem-solving."

Carole teaches Richard the differences between passiveness - Richard tolerated that bully for months before he finally snapped - assertiveness, and aggressiveness. Being passive gets Richard nowhere with Power Stroke. Being aggressive is worse. Richard learns to ask Power Stroke, with assertiveness and respect, for what he wants.

"Sometimes, you help them link that to school, family, or life," Carole says, "but a lot of times they don't need you to do it for them. They get it."

Richard began the program shy and withdrawn, uncomfortable around the staff and the horses. Now Ride To Pride is the highlight of his week. He's taken to wearing Wranglers, western shirts, and a cowboy hat. His parents are thrilled.

Richard's principal at West Las Vegas Middle School, Steve Sandoval, says Richard has become a better student, no longer withdrawn and quiet. "He's open and talkative in class, in an involved way. The teachers say he's become a model student."

Greg and Lorraine's daughter, Callie Jo Moore, has grown with the program from mascot to equine professional. At Highlands University, she's earning a double major in social work and business, then her master's degree, before joining the program full-time. An avid member of her col-



Callie Jo Moore grew up at Ride to Pride and plans her future there.

## Stocks climb on manufacturing reports, rising oil prices

By STEPHEN BERNARD  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK** - The stock market jumped on the first trading day of 2010 following reports of stronger manufacturing activity around the world and a rise in oil prices.

Major stock indexes rose more than 1.5 percent, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which picked up 160 points.

A U.S. trade group said manufacturing activity expanded faster than expected in December. The Institute for Supply Management's index of manufacturing activity rose to 55.9 from 53.6 in November; more than analysts had expected.

Overseas markets were already higher on news that China's manufacturing industry expanded last month at the fastest rate in 20 months.

There were also positive signs on manufacturing activity in Europe. A monthly purchasing managers' index for the 16 countries that use the euro rose to a 21-month high, and a similar survey for Britain rose to a 25-month high.

Meanwhile a weakening dollar boosted commodities prices, lifting energy and materials stocks. An analyst's upgrade of semiconductor maker Intel Corp. sent technology shares higher.

Joe Battipaglia, market strategist for the private client group at Stifel Nicolaus & Co. in Yardley, Pa., said the improved manufacturing activity boosted expectations that an economic recovery is taking hold. In particular, investors are hoping that strength in China will spill over into other countries.

"It looks like China is now the locomotive for the global economic train," Battipaglia said.

Battipaglia warned, however, that strength in China will only last if hard-hit developed economies like the U.S. and Europe can heal fast enough to absorb some of the goods China is creating.

In early afternoon trading, the Dow industrials rose 161.50, or 1.6 percent, to 10,589.55. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 17.75, or 1.6 percent, to 1,132.85, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 38.85, or 1.7 percent, to 2,308.00.

In economic news, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Sunday he wouldn't rule out higher interest rates to stop new speculative investment bubbles from forming. However, he did say stronger regulation is the best way to avoid such bubbles that helped push the economy into recession.

Bond prices were mixed. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, was flat at 3.84 percent from late Thursday. Markets were closed Friday.

Crude oil rose \$2.01 to \$81.37 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The technology industry got a boost after Robert W. Baird & Co. upgraded chipmaker Intel Corp. to "Outperform" and increased its price target on the stock to \$26. The stock has traded in a range of \$12.05 to \$21.27 in the past 12 months.

The dollar fell against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Five stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 469.3 million shares.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 13.38, or 2.1 percent, to 638.77.

Britain's FTSE 100 rose 1.6 percent, Germany's DAX index advanced 1.5 percent, and France's CAC-40 gained 2 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average rose 1 percent.

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