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Trinidad's Community Calendar is designed to keep you apprized of all upcoming local fun events & important meetings. You won't want to miss a single thing!

TUESDAY

Continuum of Care

Continuum of Care meets 8-9 a.m. 1st Tues. @ the Soup Kitchen, 308 Church St. For more info call Karrie Apple at 719-846-6665 or Tom Power (Colorado Coalition for the Homeless in Denver) @ 303-285-5221.

Las Animas Co.

Board of County Commissioner's meets 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Tues. @ LA County Courthouse, Room #201, 200 E. First Street.

Area Home Schoolers

Raton & Trinidad - join us for a weekly playgroup at Round-up Park (Trinidad Fairgrounds) 10:30 a.m. every Tues. This group is for local home schooling families to get to know each other. For more info call 719-422-4563 or e-mail: harthomeschool@yahoo.com.

Kiwanis

Weekly luncheon 12 p.m. every Tues @ A Little Catering Company, 916 Arizona.

City Council

Regular session meets 7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Tues in Council Chambers @ City Hall, Third Floor, 135 N. Animas in Trinidad.

PEO - DE Chapter

Meets 7 p.m. 1st Tues @ the Presbyterian Church Hall, 801 San Pedro.

WEDNESDAY

Arthritis Exercise

Free Arthritis Exercise Class every Mon & Wed @ 9 a.m. @ Corazon Square & 1 p.m. @ Early Learning Center. Info call: 845-1133 ext. 224.

PAL

Playgroup meets 9:30 - 11 a.m. every Weds at Alta Vista, 415 S. Indiana. Moms & caregivers with infants, ages birth to 3. Playroom is also available for same time use Tues & Thurs. Information: Martina at 846-4400.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 88. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west northwest.

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 8/2/10
South Side priority #96 11/31/1883
Trinidad Lake accounting
Release 288.64 AF = 145.81 cfs
Inflow 406.51 AF = 204.95 cfs
Evaporation 15.87 AF
Content 20,269 AF
Elevation 6,180.54
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
Highland Canal 4/1/1884
1 cubic (cfs) foot per second equals one cubic foot of water passing a point in one second of time.
1 acre-foot equals a quantity of water required to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.
1 cubic foot per second = 1.9835 acre-feet per day (24 hrs)
(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Photos by Mike Garrett

Phil Rico of Trinidad Builder's Supply and the incoming Trinidad Community Foundation president, right, and Trinidad Police Chief Charles Glorioso, left, meet and greet Ed Gil de Rubio of Santa Fe, N.M., one of three Trinidad city manager finalists, at Monday's gathering of prominent community leaders in the Leone Room on the TSJC campus.

City manager applicants all have favorable first impressions of Trinidad

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

The three finalists to fill the Trinidad city manager position appeared to have walked into a mutual admiration society situation Saturday and Monday during public meet and greets with community leaders, city council members and police officers.

Edward Gil de Rubio of Santa Fe, N.M., Scott Hahn of Petersburg, Alaska, formerly from Salida, and Don Saling from Pueblo West, all indicated they liked what they saw and the feel they got for historic Trinidad during brief conversations with the press.

Several city council members, who will soon have to make a final decision on which of the three applicants they think will be the best fit for Trinidad, also indicated they had favorable impressions of all three manager candidates' qualifications and would have a tough decision to make.

All three applicants seemed quite personable, friendly, outgoing and receptive to what Trinidad elected officials and business people were telling them

in what they could expect here in the way of issues, if they get the job.

Council is expected to take a final vote on the three sometime in mid-August.

Gil de Rubio said he likened Trinidad to some of the many historic small towns he was familiar with in Massachusetts and Vermont. He had previously held city administrative positions in Wrentham, Mass., and Northfield, Vt.

Hahn compared the city's historic downtown to Salida, where he had served as city administrator from 1998-2002. Not only are Trinidad and Salida's historic downtowns very similar with a strong emphasis on historic preservation, but he noted that both communities have similar picturesque mountain, river and lake settings and populations.

Saling, a former nine-year Pueblo West Metropolitan District administrator, is more familiar with Trinidad than the other two applicants due to Pueblo's close proximity to Trinidad. Saling talked about some of the many growing pains that Pueblo West and its 33,000 residents have been



Trinidad city manager applicant and Petersburg, Alaska, City Manager Scott Hahn, second from right, greets community leaders Saturday morning in Cimino Park. Joining him for the occasion are Mayor Jennie Garduno, right, Mayor Pro Tem Liz Aragon in the background, city councilman Franklin Shew and former Trinidad Mayor and Judge Harry Sayre, not pictured.



Longtime Pueblo West Metropolitan District administrator Don Saling, right, chats with Phil Rico of Trinidad Builder's Supply and the Trinidad Community Foundation at Monday's meet and greet with two of the three Trinidad city manager applicants at the Sullivan Center's Leone Room. The third applicant, Scott Hahn, was at Cimino Park Saturday for the same purpose.

experiencing in recent years as one of Colorado's fastest growing cities. He discussed some of the political and economic issues he helped try to resolve when the city was hoping to attract a big Walmart distribution center several years ago. When Pueblo couldn't resolve its political and infrastructure issues in that attempt, Walmart took its planned distribution center to Cheyenne, Wyo.

Saling also worked 17 years for

the city of Pueblo's police, fire, transportation and public works departments.

If the city did indeed make a favorable first impression on all three out-of-town candidates, how well they fit in with the Trinidad lifestyle will be a key element in keeping council's final choice here for many years. Mayor Jennie Garduno noted last week that how long they will stay on the job here is a big unanswered question.



Photo courtesy of Bayou Seco.

Bayou Sec - New Mexico's Ken Keppeler and Jeanie McLerie - return from their month-long European tour just in time to headline Saturday's Folsom Museum festivities celebrating the opening of the Smithsonian Institution's exhibit, "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music."

Saturday's Folsom bash celebrates Smithsonian music exhibit

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

The Folsom Museum continues its summer run of family activities Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a celebration of its opening of the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibition, "New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music," in the old Folsom schoolhouse, located one long block south of the downtown museum.

New Mexico's own venerable roots band, Bayou Seco, lands at Albuquerque Thursday from its month-long European tour, just in time to drive up to Folsom, where they'll perform throughout the day Saturday. Jeanie McLerie and Ken Keppeler, of Silver City, have been performing their own American roots music together for more than 30

years, incorporating fiddles, accordions, banjo, harmonica, guitar, and vocals. Drawing on music learned from older musicians in their homes throughout New Mexico, McLerie and Keppeler present an enlightening and entertaining show of traditional New Mexico music.

Other highlights Saturday include samples of the chili that won last month's Chili Cook-Off at the museum's annual Western Night Under the Stars - cooked up fresh for the occasion by winning cook Abbie Reaves - and the auction of arts and crafts items donated by area artists to raise funds for the museum's many activities. The auction, rained out last month, will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday in the Folsom schoolhouse, led by auctioneer Ryan Brown.

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Programs welcome new coolers at fairgrounds

BY DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN JR.
The Chronicle-News

Las Animas County has new coolers at the fairgrounds to help the Department of Human Services store and distribute more commodity foods to residents of the county.

Catherine Salazar, the director of the Department of Human Services (DHS), went to the Las Animas County Board of Commissioners to discuss buying new coolers for her department out at the fairgrounds. Salazar then secured a grant for \$10,978 from the American Recovery Act

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Judge orders 16 names reinstated on Apache recall petition

C-N STAFF REPORT

RATON - Sixteen names that Raton city officials purged from a recall petition against City Commissioner Joe Apache should be reinstated, 8th Judicial District Court Judge John Paternoster wrote in an order released Monday. All of the 16 names were purged because of discrepancies between addresses on the recall petitions and those on voter registrations.

The ruling means that Commissioner Joe Apache will be included on the ballot in the recall election that is scheduled for Sept. 14. The ruling came just before the Aug. 3 deadline for changing any wording on the ballot. Apache now

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Photos courtesy Trinidad History Museum

The visiting Ogawa family includes, from left, Ken Ogawa, Janice Ogawa, Gaylene Uyemura and Dean Ogawa.



Holy Name Society Troop 269, Trinidad's sole remaining Boy Scout troop, welcomed Eagle Scouts Dean and Ken Ogawa back to Trinidad.

The Ogawa family re-visits Trinidad

By PAULA MANINI
Special to The Chronicle-News

A special reunion took place in Trinidad on July 22 when the Ogawa family visited their hometown. Siblings Dean, Ken, and Janice and their cousin Gaylene Uyemura joined old friends for an evening filled with personal stories and community history. The event was courtesy of History Colorado's Trinidad History Museum and its program series entitled, "Celebrate Japan!"

Dean gave a wonderful presentation about his parents, Bob and May Ogawa, and his uncle Sam and aunt Margaret Uyemura. He

used family photographs taken in Los Angeles, Camp Amache, and Trinidad. The two couples founded the Trinidad Greenhouses after they were released from Camp Amache, the World War II internment center for Japanese Americans near Granada. All four were relocated to the camp from California after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Once released from Camp Amache, the two couples showed remarkable perseverance and hard work to triumph over adversity. They moved to Trinidad and established the Trinidad Greenhouses, constructing the buildings and growing business from the ground up. They jointly owned and operated the greenhouses for more than 30 years.

The four children attended local schools, graduated from Trinidad High School, and were involved in many community activities. As members of the Kiwanis

Boy Scout Troupe 265, Dean and Ken became Eagle Scouts.

For those who may have missed it, Trinidad State Junior College videotaped the presentation, which will be available on cable television in the near future.

"Celebrate Japan!" is supported in part by the William and Alice Hosokawa Fellowship of the Japan America Society of Colorado; Friends of Historical Trinidad; Colorado Garden Show, Inc.; City of Trinidad Tourism Board; City of Trinidad Arts and Cultural Commission; Bar NI Ranch Community Service Fund; and Emory Tilden Trosper Jr. of Trinidad and Tokyo.

Next up in the program is the Lantern Festival with Taiko drummers on Aug. 14. For information, contact Paula Manini, Director of the Trinidad History Museum, at (719) 846-7217.

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will join Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Henry and Mayor Jesse Johnson, who are also facing recall.

In his ruling, Paternoster said that the 16 are legally registered voters who reside within city limits and because of this, they should not be denied their right to vote, or in this case, their right to sign a legal recall petition. In one instance, a Raton resident moved 20 yards next door on the same lot that he owned and his address changed by four numbers. His name was purged because his new address did not match the address listed on his voter registration.

Trinidad woman proves her mettle in gunsmithing

By SANDRA K. VELTRI, Ph.D.
Trinidad State Junior College
Special to The Chronicle-News

Did you wake up one day and say, "I know what I want to be for the rest of my life!"? If you did, congratulations! Most people fell into their career path by accident. If they are lucky, they love their jobs. If they are really lucky, they can support themselves and their family.

Consider this, how many young women have ever considered gunsmithing as a career choice? What the heck is gunsmithing, anyway? Guns and ammo are certainly not the everyday topic for most females. This is certainly true of Yvette Gonzalez, extraordinary female gunsmith.

Yvette started out by earning an associates degree in mechanical engineering from Texas State Technical College in 1993 (this is where she actually met her husband, Speedy Gonzalez). Yvette learned to run the common machines used in the gunsmithing trade, such as lathes, mills, and grinders. Yvette was the only female in the program and certainly had to prove and set herself apart from her male peers.

She was able to secure a job with a company named Doskocil Mfg., the largest manufacturer of high quality injection molded plastic gun cases and pet products in the world, and renewed her friendship with Speedy Gonzalez and eventually married. While both working for Doskocil, Speedy continued to build his personal rifles for benchrest competitions around the world from their shop at home. Through their travels together to matches across the country, Yvette became more than just a spectator of the sport of benchrest and began to compete along side Speedy. As a team, they were often unbeatable at the matches they attended. The resulting success of the pair led to other competitors wanting the same quality of rifles that Yvette and Speedy had on the firing line. When orders began to mount, Speedy turned to the most logical choice for a partner who shared the same dedication to quality and precision - his wife, Yvette. Since she was able to run the machinery, it was a simple task for Yvette to apprentice under Speedy. He taught her the secrets of close tolerance barrel fitting and chamber-

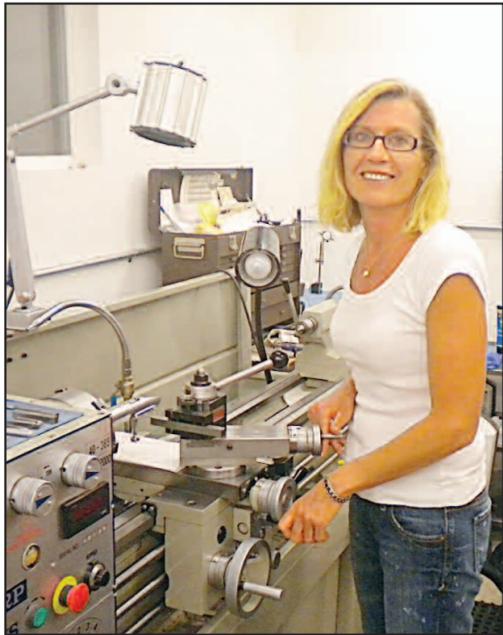


Photo courtesy of Trinidad State Junior College

Yvette Gonzalez has proven that women can excel in gunsmithing. She custom builds shooting rifles and shoots competitively as well.

ing, as well as the art of stocking the modern competition rifle and swaging her own jacketed match bullets. She rapidly became the envy of many of her male shooting counterparts as her knowledge of gunmaking and competition reloading exceeded theirs (she did report that on her own she is able to create a rifle from start to finish, but her specialty was the barrel work that had to be held to tolerances of no more 0.0003 or less - that is 10 times finer than the thickness of the average sheet of paper).

The demand for the custom rifles created by Speedy and Yvette grew so large that their jobs with Doskocil were history and they opened up their own full-time shop called S.G. & Y. Precision Rifles. Yvette became not only one of the "guys" in the shop, she was also the customer service representative, payroll clerk, inventory control officer, and FFL compliance officer; just to name a few positions. She had also become a world class benchrest shooter.

When asked what obstacles a female considering gunsmithing should prepare herself for, Yvette was quick to point out that some customers did not really believe a female could build a rifle. Furthermore, they definitely did not want a female working on "their" rifle. She explained that this is such a male-dominated field that most do not expect a female to be able to "hold her own" in the profession. Females need to be ready to prove themselves over and over again. She recalled a customer who had come to pick up his rifle and became very irritated when he was informed by Speedy that

Yvette had done the work. A few days later he apologized, saying that it was the best shooting rifle he had ever had. From that point on, he requested that Yvette chamber all his barrels (during her career, Yvette has beaten many of the same men who doubted her gunsmithing abilities).

She is quick to note that females make wonderful gunsmiths because they have excellent eye-hand coordination, are patient, and have a great eye for detail. Yvette feels that the gunsmithing profession is a wonderful career choice for females who are creative, like to work with their hands, and take pride in their abilities. She said that while it can be a difficult field to break into, it is very rewarding.

Yvette noted that she and her husband have re-built their shop at their home in Trinidad to once again build rifles and offer the services they were world famous for. Her husband, Speedy, is a faculty member at Trinidad State Junior College and he is passing on his abilities to the next generation, but the desire to build their own rifles is still there. Yvette is ready to again help her husband create these wonderful pieces of art made of space age carbon fiber and the finest stainless steel available. She wants to assist the female who may be interested in gunsmithing as a profession to make that decision. She believes that gunsmithing and competitive shooting can encourage young females to have positive self image, self-worth, and pride in her unique abilities as a woman. Ladies, can you handle the challenge?

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funds. Priscilla "Pete" Fraser, executive director, and Lonny Medina, administrative assistant with South Central Council of Governments (COG), helped contribute about \$13,000.

This has been a need for a long time, according to Commissioners Gary Hill, Jim Vigil, Fraser, and Salazar.

For years, the county did not have the capacity or the capability to bring certain kinds of perishable commodities because the county did not have the storage or refrigeration to hold these items until they could be handed out.

With food stamp cases high right now due to the downturn in the economy, this was an ideal time for the county to obtain the funds for this project, according to Hill.

County Deputy Administrator Leslee Fresquez added, "The cooler and freezer will now allow DHS to receive different types of commodity foods than they are accustomed to receiving - items such as fresh fruits, cheese, eggs, and meats. DHS was not able to distribute some of these

items before."

Fresquez also thanked TJ's Refrigeration, the general contractor that installed the cooler, the Department of Corrections, who helped out with painting and clean up, and Ernie Gutierrez, maintenance for DHS.

"Ernie was invaluable in making sure the improvements here at the fairgrounds were a success," Fresquez added.

Frazier said, "We at COG were happy to team up with the county and DHS for this project. This is truly what COG is all about. I want to thank all three commissioners for helping on this project and working together with all working governments."

"I want to thank DHS, COG, DOC and Leslee and my fellow commissioners for all of their hard work on this project," Commissioner Hill said. "I think in these hard economic times, we are looking at this to really help our community out and help the commodities program. I wish times were better right now and this project will help people out right now."

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The New Harmonies exhibition, co-sponsored by the Folsom Museum and New Mexico Humanities Council as a "We the People" project, will remain on view daily through Sept. 18, after which it will move to Santa Rosa, NM. The Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (MoMS) program is designed to present such exhibits throughout America; nearly 800 exhibitions have been presented since the program was launched 14 years ago.

New Harmonies, the sixth MoMS exhibition, tells the American musical story through photographs, instruments, lyrics, and artist profiles. It demonstrates the role American roots music has played in the development of today's commercial rock, country, blues, gospel, pop, and hip-hop gen-

res. As the exhibition proceeds around the country, focusing on rural areas, each venue is encouraged to add its own contributions.

The Folsom Museum and New Mexico Humanities Council are supplementing the exhibition not only with all-day performances by Bayou Seco Saturday, but also with a two-month long program of lectures, demonstrations, and performances at the Folsom schoolhouse and the Des Moines schools. The Chronicle-News will preview these programs as they approach.

Because the New Harmonies exhibition is too big to house in the Folsom Museum itself, Marge and Jim Atwater offered to house it in their old Folsom schoolhouse. That will be especially helpful Saturday as crowds descend on the venue for a day of festivities, food, and celebration.

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On my Angel's birthday

You have been my angel for 51 years and I still love you the same as I did back in 1959.

Love, John