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GLENN V. DAVIS

Glenn V. "Papa" Davis, 60, of Trinidad, died Monday, April 18, 2011 at his home.

A service in celebration of his life will be held Monday, April 25, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church with Pastor Cary Nelson officiating.

Reception and gathering of friends to follow at the Elks Club in Trinidad. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

Cards of Thanks

The family of Richard D. (Rick) Rivera Sr. would like you to know that whatever you did to help console our hearts during this most difficult time was sincerely appreciated.

A special thank you to everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to the family, the card, flowers, monetary donations, gifts of food and all the prayers, were greatly appreciated.

Thank you Comi Funeral Home, once again you displayed great expertise. From our hearts to yours, thank-you.

The Family of Richard D. (Rick) Rivera Sr.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Tipton to visit Las Animas Tuesday

Republican Congressman Scott Tipton will spend the day in Las Animas County on Tuesday. First Tipton will tour the 235,896-acre Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site located in Eastern Las Animas County.

Tipton, after the tour will come into Trinidad for a Town Hall meeting starting at 7 p.m. at the Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Student Center, on the campus of Trinidad State Jr. College. Tipton will take questions regarding the PCMS, low-altitude military flyover training in Southeast Colorado higher education, health care and other topics. The meeting is scheduled to last about an hour and half. Back in February, Tipton stated that "The Army will not expand the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site in the immediate future, but that could change someday."

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Tim Keller/Chronicle News

Poet Danny Solis makes a point as he leads a group of Raton High School students in creating new poetry.

Students honor poetry

Shuler Theater to host RHS Annual Poetry Marathon

By Tim Keller
 The Chronicle-News

RATON - When Raton High School students produce their 5th Annual Poetry Marathon to close National Poetry Month Friday, it won't be the end of their day. For the first time, the Poetry Marathon will move to the Shuler Theater for a 7 p.m. Friday performance that is open and free to the public.

Emcees for the event will be national slam poetry veterans Manuel Gonzalez of Albuquerque and Jessica Helen Lopez of Belen, both of whom are spending the entire week working with students in creating and honing their new poems. Gonzalez spent last week doing the same, joined by Albuquerque's Danny Solis.

The three professionals came to RHS for two weeks through the auspices of New Mexico CultureNet, with expenses paid through a grant from Raton's Whited Foundation. Gonzalez and Solis opened the poets' residency with a 45-minute show for 400 students and staff in the school's gym

Monday morning last week.

The energetic program will close with performances on the Shuler stage Friday night by students showcasing their new poems, joined by Gonzalez and Lopez, who will play tag-team emcees while adding samples of their own professional-level performance and competition poetry.

The stars, though, will be the students. Writing through the practiced methods of the visiting poets, who work regularly throughout New Mexico in high schools, detention centers, and even prisons, the RHS students will each choose a favorite poem from those they've written during the poets' residency.

Then it's downtown to the Shuler Theater, where students hope for an enthusiastic audience of friends, families, and community as the young poets give their new poems their big stage debuts.

For those who sign up to share their work from the Shuler stage, Gonzalez and Lopez will offer a pair of performance workshops Thursday and Friday afternoons. Students will also gain experience in the school's library during the annual all-day Poetry Marathon, which is open to the public from 8:10 - 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:20 p.m.

Murder trial begins

C-N Staff Report

A Trinidad man and woman, both charged with murder in the first degree and sexual assault, were in Las Animas County District Court Friday morning for an advisement before Judge Claude Appel, who set a preliminary hearing for the pair at 10 a.m. on May 27.

Jerry Van Gundy, 39, and Loretta Santistevan, 52, have been charged in connection to the July 2010 death of Lucille Garcia. She was found unresponsive outside a Trinidad apartment complex on July 27 and taken to Mount San Rafael Hospital. Garcia was later flown via Flight For

Life to St. Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo, where she died the following day after being removed from life support.

Van Gundy is represented by Patrick McCarville, and Appel indicated that Santistevan would be represented by Cobeia Becker.

Besides first-degree murder, Van Gundy and Santistevan are both charged with sexual assault with a weapon causing serious bodily injury, aided by another person on an incapacitated victim. Both were remanded back into custody and are being held without bond in the Las Animas County Jail.

Comcast to host clean-up day Sat.

Special to the Chronicle News

More than 250 local volunteers from Comcast, the Trinidad Community Foundation, and dozens of Trinidad businesses and nonprofit organizations will congregate to clean-up the Purgatoire River area as part of Comcast's 10th annual "Comcast Cares Day Saturday."

company has also committed more than \$10 million in grants to organizations nationwide. Comcast Cares Day is one way that Comcast helps to power dreams and demonstrate a year-round commitment to making a difference in the communities it serves.

"For the third year in a row, Comcast and the Trinidad Community Foundation will bring together hundreds of Trinidad residents to clean up the river that is so important to the city," said Paul Kugler, Trinidad Comcast general manager.

"Trinidad has greatly benefited from the collaboration between Comcast and the Trinidad Community Foundation," said Howard Lackey, a Trinidad Community Foundation founder. "This day gives us the chance to come together as a community to better to make improvements to where we live, work and play."

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Cimino Park, Convent Street and Modica Drive. Volunteers will be provided a continental breakfast before the cleanup begins at 8:30, and lunch will be offered at approximately 1 p.m.

For information on Comcast's volunteer and community investment initiatives, visit <http://www.comcast.com/inthecommunity>.

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Community Foundation founder

Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at Cimino Park and work through most of the day. At the same time, across the country, more than 62,000 Comcast volunteers will participate in this annual day of community service, one of the largest single days of corporate volunteer efforts in the country.

Since its inception in 2001, Comcast employees, families and friends have dedicated more than 2 million hours of service. The

Trinidad bids farewell to friend Glenn Davis

By Doc Leonetti
 Special to The Chronicle-News

Services will be held this morning for former District Attorney Glenn V. Davis, who died April 18 at his home in Trinidad.

Davis was born on Oct. 31, 1950, in Bakersfield, Calif. He attended Vista High School in Bakersfield and attended the University of California San Diego. In 1978. He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. With the assistance of an introduction from his mom during his time here, he met Jane. They were married in 1976 and had two children, Trudi, 30, and Dayna, 29.

Davis loved people, sports, and the outdoors. He worked as a wrestling coach and special educa-



Photo courtesy of Davis Family

tion teacher from 1979 to 1983 at Montrose High School in central Colorado. He and Jane then moved to Lincoln, Neb., where he attended

the University of Nebraska School of Law, earning his doctorate in 1986. His first employment in the legal world was as a deputy district attorney for the 16th Judicial District in La Junta. He remained there for four years before moving to Trinidad with his family to work as the assistant district attorney for the Third Judicial District. While in Trinidad he developed a passionate relationship with the community and its people. He was appointed district attorney by Gov. Roy Romer in 1992, and was re-elected twice, serving in that role for 10 years. For the past 10 years, he immersed himself in a private practice.

"He did more in 60 years than most do in 100," said daughter Dayna in a recent interview with

The Chronicle-News. "It was great to be a part of those years. I was so lucky to have him for that time, that part of my life. It was great, but it was too short. We just have to go on and try to do the best we can. Trinidad was his place. He loved the outdoors, this town and the people here."

A service in celebration of Davis' life will be held today at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 402 E. First St., with Pastor Cary Nelson officiating. A reception will follow at the Elks Club in Trinidad.

"He was the love of my life for 35 years," said wife Jane. "I know I'm eventually going to be OK, but right now I am not sure how that is going to come about."

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Csintyan said he hadn't been aware that the Trinidad chamber was 130 years old this year, considering the Springs chamber was "only" 119 years old. He noted that the Trinidad chamber's successes with its recently formed business partnerships and new business incubators is being extended to other chambers covering a much larger southern Colorado region from Castle Rock to Trinidad.

"That's the collaboration that's going on between chambers of commerce, economic development corporations and visitors bureaus," he said. After he toured the country as a Ford Fellow and soon to be national American Chamber of Commerce Association board member, he said he began to learn about best business practices and regional economic sustainability and development.

"I can assure you that the winners, after we get out of our economic doldrums that we're all in, will be those states that have natural regions like ours who behave well together and look for opportunities to achieve a far greater good for our state.

"It doesn't matter where the victories occur, but if it happens in our region, we're all winners," he said. He pointed to a Colorado regional partnership of chambers that began collaborating several years ago that has evolved into 13 organizations in five counties representing 4,000

businesses and 140,000 employees. "They believe it's very, very important to get to know one another and share our common hopes and dreams for this part of Colorado."

With Gov. John Hickenlooper speaking in Pueblo Friday, Csintyan said the state is now "on fire at the state level about regionalism. To that point, the partnerships that your chamber is a member of was just awarded a \$270,000 state grant that includes Trinidad to engage your workforce. We're going to take young men and women in high school who otherwise may not have had an opportunity to intern in business and let you give them those skills they will need so when they graduate, they know how to behave and understand what it means to come to work."

"That's the No. 1 problem plaguing America today, the socializing of young men and women into the workforce," he said. "When we were kids, our parents were kicking us out the door to get a part-time job. Those part-time jobs are rare today."

Csintyan outlined how the new Front Range chamber partnerships and the Springs chamber are making positive differences in their business communities, such as the new regional chamber health care partnership with Humana Health Care being extended to all partnership members. "Trinidad will have an opportunity to join in those small business health care opportunities.

These are plans not available on the street, only available through chambers of commerce partnerships. And it's tailored just for you."

He said the Front Range chamber partnerships have also been involved in planning and constructing the proposed \$1.2 billion water conduit pipeline from Pueblo Reservoir to the Springs, with around \$56 million in construction contracts now being awarded. The chambers are also working with the state to return and recapture lost manufacturing jobs back into local economies. "We would like southern Colorado to be the test for the state on this."

It's all about stepping outside your own little "sandbox" worlds and reaching out to someone else to partner with, Csintyan concluded. "We're now on fire and you will soon see the results of that. Trinidad will be among the ultimate beneficiaries of that. We're delighted to have you as part of our extended family."

Patrick covered all aspects of what the nine-year-old, five-member volunteer Trinidad Tourism Board is trying to accomplish with its 2011 marketing campaign using the \$174,000 in 2010 revenues from the city's annual 3 percent lodging tax.

Also in the planning stages are a Trinidad tourism promotion trailer and a traveling exhibition booth to park at various Rocky Mountain region tourism sites, Patrick said.