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AREA SPORTS Area Schools are on Christmas break until January 8.

SPECIAL NOTICE The Chronicle-News 2014 Col-lector Mugs you've all been waiting for are here and waiting for you to come pick them up.

Today's Quote

"Feeling a little blue in January is normal."

~Marilu Henner

JANUARY 6 Las Animas County TUESDAY (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners meeting is in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568. COUNTY COMMISSION-ERS: Gary Hill (719-845-2595), Mack Louden (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300). Trinidad Schools

Abeyta (719-846-9300). Trinidad Schools TUESDAY (10:15 a.m.) The Board of Education will hold a board retreat at the Mt. Carmel Health and Wellness Center, 911 Robinson St. Information: Diane Montoya, 719-845-2048. Writers' Group TUESDAY (2 p.m.) The Trinidad Writers' Group will meet at 109 E. Fifth St. Info: Dana Miller, 719-422-8352 or danamiller65@gmail.com. Trinidad City Council

Trinidad City Council TUESDAY (7 p.m.) Regular ses-sion will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Informa-

tion: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

JANUARY 7 URBAN RENEWAL

Representatives of the City will be holding four (4) public information meetings for citizens to attend and meetings for citizens to attend and learn more about the survey process, Authority, and urban renewal as a re-source for community redevelopment and economic development. All meet-ings will be held at City Hall in City Council Chambers. **WEDNESDAY, Jan. 7 at 4 p.m.** We urge anyone with questions or a general interest to attend one of the meetings, the dates of which are

the meetings, the dates of which are provided below. If you are unable to attend, but still have questions, please contact Tara Marshall with the City of Trinidad at 719-846-9843, ext. 131

PUBLIC SERVICE Raton Choral Society THURSDAY (6:30-8 p.m.) & SAT-URDAY (2:30-4 p.m.) Auditions for "Hello Dolly" will be held in the Shuler Theater and the Isabel Castillo Per-

Proudly Serving Southeastern Colorado and Northeastern New Mexico • *www.thechronicle-news.com* **CREATIVE ART DISTRICT**

SCRT Spring Theatre academy — Helping area kids expand their horizons

By Cynthia Berresse Ploski Art Correspondent The Chronicle-News

Some lucky duck will get to play Puck! That's the midwinter desire of many students signed up for SCRT's Spring Theatre Academy program, leading to a full scale production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night's Dream" in mid-spring.

For these students, it will be a

theatrical dream coming true.

After a series of Saturday morning classes in acting, design and construction, rehearsal techniques and performance, this multi-generational group will go from study into rehearsal mode, converting SCRT's Famous Performing Arts Center stage into Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" woods on April 17-20 and 24-26.

Students photographed here,



Cynthia Berresse Ploski / The Chronicle-News

First day participants in the SCRT Spring Theatre Academy pay attention to their Director Harriet Vaugeoise, right. Theater adventures have a great way of helping kids expand their horizons and broaden their goals in life. Commedy and tragedy played out on the stage offer kids the opportunity to experience life in a variety of ways before entering the real world.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL Happy Endiné:



attending Director Harriet Vaugeois' first Saturday class on January 3, will be transformed into lovers and fairies, an amorous donkey, and the mischievous Puck by the time Opening Night arrives.

What a wonderful opportunity for the kids to learn life skills in a fun way. They will learn to work together with a "family" of other kids and grownups to achieve a wonderful result—a famous play to present to the Trinidad public. It's the real deal.

Participants will have to memorize lines, a skill that will develop brainpower, helpful for acing tests in school and staving off dementia in old age. They will have to follow

instructions, (very helpful for impressing future bosses or current teachers.) Here are a few more life skills, among a long list of positive results from participating in theatre classes:

Respect for other people, responsibility, resourcefulness, attention focus, punctuality, helpfulness, versatility, language skills, motor skills, trust, cooperation, creativity, reliability and expanding worldview, among others.

Presumably, the adult students have already learned these skillsbut will be adding a few new ones, including working with children on a collaborative level.

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forming Arts Center. Come prepared to forming Arts Center. Come prepared to read for Director, Howard Woodworth and sing for Music Director, Bill Crary. Information: Bill Crary, 575-445-5682 or plainsongstudio@msn.com

Art Show Gala SATURDAY (5-7 p.m.) No admission to the opening reception for the annual Members' Show to be held at the SPACe Gallery, 132 W. Ryus, La-Veta, which will run through March 1.

Veta, Which will fur through March 1. Info: 719-742-3074. SW Youth Art Show SATURDAY (2 p.m. DEADLINE for entries) The 3rd annual Shades of the Southwest Youth Art Show opens at Raton's Old Pass Gallery, 145 S. First St. in Raton, on Tuesday, Jan. 12 and runs through Feb 1. Info: 575-13 and runs through Feb. 1. Info: 575-

Youth Art Show Gala

JANUARY 17 (1 p.m.) Opening reception for the 3rd annual Shades of the Southwest Youth Art Show will be held at Raton's Old Pass Gallery, 145 S. First St. in Raton. Show runs through Feb. 1. Info: 575-445-20

SUPPORT YOUR HOMETOWN

SHOP LOCAL: Dine out and shop area and downtown merchants for special January sales and promotions. Help Trinidad thrive!

SUICIDE/CRISIS HOTLINES: ADULT HOPE: 800-784-2433 TEEN: 877-968-8454 ■ GLB-YOUTH: 866-488-7386 ■ VET-2-VET: 877-838-2838 "It is often in the darkest skies that we see the brightest stars."

ABUSE HOTLINES: Domestic Abuse Hotline: In Trinidad call 719-846-6665 (24-hours a day). In Walsenburg call: 719-738-0770. National Hotline: 1-800-790-SAFE (7233).

Animal Abuse: Report animal abuse and dog/cock fighting at Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line: 720-913-7867.



Purgatoire River Call as of: 01/05/15. Johns Flood ditch: Priority # 5 --- Appropriation date: 03/20/1862.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting: Release .02 AF Inflow 34.02 AF -- 17.15 CFS Evaporation 0 AF Content 15,010 AF Elevation 6,175.87 Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / John Martin Reservoir: 12/31/1948.



Lost dog, owner reunited

Bv Steve Block The Chronicle-News

The small Pekingese dog found wandering around on Interstate 25 right after Christmas has been reunited with his owner. Irma Albinana of Fort Collins, who found Society, but was told they couldn't take in the foundling pup. She found a temporary home for him in Ft. Collins.

Baca said in a Monday phone call that Max, his 1.5 year old Pekingese was living with his mom in Trinidad and staying for the with

weekend his grandmother, who also lives in Trinidad, when Max somehow got lost. Baca, who lives in Ft. Collins, got word from his grandmother that Max had been found and was at the Larimer County Humane Society in Ft. Collins. He said he was very pleased that his dog was safe.

"He's a very good and loyal dog, and I'm very pleased to have him back," Baca said. Albinana

Photo courtesy of Irma Albinana

Max, the little lost Pekingese, that was found wandering around on I-25 right after Christmas has been reunited with his owner, Richard Baca, a native of Trinidad. Such a happy ending for this cute guy.

the little dog and took it to the Larimer County Humane Society in Ft. Collins, said in a Monday phone call that the owner, Richard Baca, a native of Trinidad, who lives in Ft. Collins, has now picked up his pooch.

The small dog was found on I-25 at approximately 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 28, by Albinana, who took it to Noah's Ark Animal Shelter, which was closed. She next called the Pueblo Humane

ending. "Anything could have hap pened to him out there on that highway," Albinana said. "I'm just glad he's back home with the people who love him. It feels very good to have helped get him back

home.' Anyone who finds an apparently lost animal at a time when Noah's Ark is closed can call the Trinidad Police Department at 719-846-4441, to make sure the animal is properly cared for.



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

A graphite self-portrait won a "Best of Show" prize for young Autumn Hunnicutt, Raton High School class of 2013, back when she was a sophomore.

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY

Show invites artwork from area students of all ages

By Tim Keller Correspondent The Chronicle-News

RATON - Young artists of all ages, from Kindergartners through high school seniors, have

a unique opportunity this week to share their best work, offer it for sale, and even win cash prizes.

The 3rd annual Shades of the Southwest Youth Art Show opens at Raton's Old Pass Gallery next Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, and runs through February 1, with a reception there for the young artists Saturday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. Student artists must submit their work at the gallery this week by Saturday at 2 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Co-Sponsored by Raton Arts & Humanities Council and City of Raton Department of Parks and

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Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. West southwest wind around 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of light snow after 2am. Increasing clouds, with a low around 24. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of North wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the afternoon. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 54.

West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon. Night: A 10 percent chance of rain and snow before 7pm, then a slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Northeast wind around 5 mph.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 40. South wind around 5 mph. Night:

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. West southwest wind around 5 mph.



said Baca retrieved his dog Thursday. on She said she was glad that the sto-

ry had a happy

Page 2 Tuesday, January 6, 2015





Angie Naccarato, transitioned peacefully into her next journey on January 3, 2015. She was 90 years old.

Angie was born on June 17 in Delagua, Colo. to James and Teresa (Tortorelli) Biundo. She was one of seven surviving children. She attended Trinidad schools. She assisted her family on the family farm and helped run the Biundo Sandwich Shop in Pueblo, Colo. On April 11, 1948, she was united in marriage to Benny F. Naccarato. They had one girl, Marie.

Benny and Angie ran the Isis Theatre in Downtown Trinidad, along with the Naccarato family. After the theatre closed, Angie became a well-known fixture in Trinidad's downtown retail community, working as a clerk at several local stores. She was employed at Jolten's Department Store, Hausman's Drug Store and Riverside Drug for several years. She retired from Riverside Drug when the store closed. She and Ben enjoyed their retirement together until Ben's death in 1993

At that time, Angie began a new career, at age 70, that greatly enriched the lives of children in Las Animas County. Angie became a teacher's aide at Trinidad HeadStart through the Foster Grandparent program. "Grandma Angie" was loved by many children, many of whom continued to visit her long after their years at HeadStart. She was loved by staff and parents at the program, as well. She had a special way with troubled and special needs children who blossomed and flourished under her love and kindness. She loved each of the children in her classes and they truly made Grandma Angie's life as special as she made theirs. Angie was known in the community for her incredible baking ability. She was often asked by family and friends to bake her traditional Italian cookies for weddings, showers and graduations. Her biscottis, wine cookies, kiflins and scaledes were legendary. She, along with family and friends, undertook the task of baking cookies for the weddings of her granddaughters. With beaming pride, she made over 100 different types of traditional Italian cookies and pastries for both weddings, an amazing gesture that was treasured by her family and friends Angie had a special love for her grandchildren. She spent much time caring for and showering love upon her grandchildren. Her loving



gestures were constant whether it meant spending time together, caring for them or having Sunday dinner on the table each week. There was a special love between Angie and her grandchildren and she will be greatly missed by them.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Benny, parents, James and Teresa Biundo, brother Nick Biundo and wife Sarah, cherished brother, Joe Biundo and wife, Olga, sister Mary Provenza and husband, Frank. brother in law Wayne Hutchinson, mother and father in law, Marie and Frank Naccarato, brothers and sisters in law, Bill and Ruth Naccarato, Mary and Silvio Caputo and Ray and AnnaMae Eccher, niece Florence Bumgardner and nephew, Jimmy Biundo. She is survived by her daughter, Marie Espinoza and husband, Daniel. Granddaughter's Pamela Baca and husband, Robert and Dannette Giles and husband, Erik, three great grandchildren, Jaden Espinoza, Hallie Baca and Jaxon Giles, sisters Rose Biundo and Katherine Hutchinson, brother James Biundo and wife Antoinette. She is also survived by several cherished nieces and nephews and many friends including special friends Grandpa Tony Espinoza and the Espinoza family, Grandma Mary Armijo and the Armijo family, Marie and Richard George, the Tortorelli and Naccarato families and her friends at Trinidad Inn Nursing Home. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at Comi Funeral Home from

3 p.m.-7 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 9 a.m. at Comi Funeral Home, followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery. Active pallbearers are Donald Naccarato, Bill Naccarato, Frank Naccarato, Dennis Espinoza, Jerry Armijo, Paul Montera and

Mike Guadagnoli. Family may be contacted at the Espinoza residence, 619 West Baca Street.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

Gaetano (Guy) Tony Molinaró



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and Railway Company and Frontier Power Company as a line man. In 1955 Guy began working for San Isabel Electric Company and later became foreman. He was a dedicated employee and eventually retired with the company in 1990 after 45 years of service in the

electric department. He was a longtime member

of the Lega Abruzzese. Guy married Mary Naccarato on January 19, 1952 at Mt. Carmel Church in Trinidad, Colorado. Guy was selfless, generous and kind, always willing to help anyone in need. Guy loved to play ball, bowl, play poker, and watch sports on T.V. He took great pride in his garden and loved being around his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family, and friends.

He was proceeded in death by his father Frank Molinaro, mother Annie Tortorelli, and brother Carmen Molinaro.

He was survived by his wife Mary Molinaro, son, Frank (Lisa) Molinaro, daughter Debbie (Chuck) Sawaya, grandchildren Charlie grandchildren Charlie (Aileen) Sawaya, Branden Sawaya (Shannon Barclay), Tiffany (Craig) Montoya, and great grandchildren Kylie Montoya, Lily Sawaya ,Owen S a w a y a , K o a I t e n Jusypowycz, brother Frank (JoAnn) Molinaro, sister Rose Peretto and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Tuesday from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Comi Chapel. Rosary will be recited

Rosary will be recited Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity 7 p.m. Church.

Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Holy

2015 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church. Entombment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery with graveside services conducted by the Ft. Carson Honor Guard.

Ft. Carson Honor Guard. Honorary pallbearers are Bob Skalko, Joe Monarco, Paul Montera, Mike Mangino, Nick Furia, Larry Vezzani, Joe Dekleva, many friends and colleagues. Active pallbearers are, Ben Naccarato, Anthony Naccarato, Billy Naccarato, Tony Pachelli, Guido Pachelli, and Frankie Molinaro.

Molinaro

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In Loving Memory of Liz Santistevan

Memorials

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Missing you more everyday. You are always in my thoughts. I know you are in a better place, but it still hurts so much. The heartache never goes away.

I will always love you. Your Loving Sister Bea

TIME FOR A VACATION Strong dollar makes world travel cheaper for Americans

By DAVID KOENIG AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Trips in Europe or Asia should be cheaper for Americans this year. Thank a stronger dollar.

Since the middle of last year, it has been gaining against the euro, the British pound, the Swiss franc, the Russian ruble, the Indian rupee, the Japanese yen and other currencies.

That means dollars go further in those countries, reducing the price of everything from a hotel room to a glass of beer.

"This is one of the best times for Americans to travel in years," says Matt Kepnes, author of "Travel the World on \$50 a Day" and other travel books.

WHY THE DOLLAR IS STRONG

Other economies are shaky, making their currencies less valuable. Europe is barely growing. Japan is already officially in recession. China's growth has slowed. Meanwhile, the U.S. economy has been chugging along. Many economists expect that steady U.S. growth will compel the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates later this year, making dollar investments more attractive and leading traders to sell other currencies and buy dollars.

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Travel writer Kepnes says Greece is attractive right now because hotels and tour operators have been slashing prices to fill rooms. The same thing is happening in Portugal and parts of Spain.

"Be the contrarian traveler," Kepnes says. "If you want to go to Europe, consider eastern or central Europe, where prices are generally cheaper," he says. He recommends going during the "shoulder season" — late spring or early fall — rather than in summer, which is peak season.

WHEN TO BOOK A FLIGHT

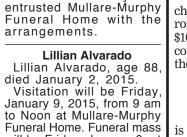
Demand for travel is so strong that most airlines don't have to cut prices to sell seats.

'The summer fares are still very expensive," says George Hobica, founder of travel website airfarewatchdog.com. But airlines might cut prices this spring if the strong dollar discourages Europeans and Asians from flying to and from the U.S.



On the afternoon of January 3, 2015, Guy went to be with our Lord. He passed away at the Colorado State Veterans Home in Walsenburg, Colorado, he was 89 years old. Guy was born in Jansen, Colorado on February 22, 1925. He was the eldest son of Annie Tortorelli and Frank Molinaro. He attended Jansen, El Moro and Hoehne schools graduating from Hoehne High School in 1944.

Guy also served honorably in the United States Army. In 1945, Guy worked for Soil Conservation Service. In the following ten years he also worked for Trinidad Electric



will be Friday, January 9, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial to follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery Complete obituary to follow. The family has entrusted Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Yvonne Marie Neve

Yvonne Marie Gonzales Neve, 60, died December 28, 2014, in Trinidad, Colo. A Rosary will be held Monday, January 5, 2015, at 6 p.m. at Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, January 6, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Aguilar, Colo. Inurnment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery.

The family has entrusted Mullare-Murphy Funeral with Home the arrangements

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The family of Luis A. Lopez would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their suport, kindness, Masses, food, flowers, sympathy cards, letters and prayers during this difficult time. Also we extend our appreciation for the support given to us by Dr. Leonardo Lopez, Dr.

Christine Lopez, Dr. McClintock, the Sangre de Cristo Hospice organization including Cristy Worley and Chaplain Bill Givens and staff, Caring Angels organization, including Bobby Hernandez, Father Stevan Murray, and everyone for your kind words of sympathy. Thank you so much.

WHAT IT MEANS

Let's say that in June you had a charming dinner for two in Paris for 75 euros. First, congratulations. Second, it cost \$103 then; today it would be \$89. Expensive countries may not be cheap, but at least they're more affordable now.

BEST BARGAINS

Thanks to the pound's decline, England is cheaper than it was six months ago. But the euro has slumped more, making most of continental Europe an even better bargain.

In this July 22, 2008 file photo, tourists take pictures in front of the Eiffel tower, in Paris. A strong U.S. dollar is making world travel cheaper for Americans in 2015.

CONSIDER ALL THE OPTIONS

Hobica recommends checking foreign airlines. He says Etihad, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines and others sometimes offer better prices to Europe than U.S. carriers do, although they could include a distant stopover.

AP Markets Writer Matthew Craft in New York contributed to this report.

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Littering the stage behind Director Vaugeois were gigantic flash cards of words much like the ones in the previous paragraph; a visual tool for probing deep discussion of their meaning in theatre and use in life. This was beginning lesson no. 1.

According to SCRT's prospectus, the classes are appropriate for people age 10 to adult. Descriptions on the flyer hint at an awesome journey ahead. Requirements cited are good

reading skills, strong work ethic and some performance experience. The course will be fast paced and intense. Sounds like an exciting train to get aboard as it chugs along to the top of the mountain where await the greasepaint and the roar of the crowd.

For more information, call the SCRT office, 10-4, Monday through Friday, 946-4765 or drop by the office at 131 West Main Street in Trinidad.

Show invites artwork from area students

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Recreation, the show and judged competition are open to students throughout the Raton Basin, including northeastern New Mexico and all of southeastern Colorado.

All art is welcome. Hanging art must be matted and framed, ready to hang. Frames can be store-bought or artist-made. The artist's name, art media, grade in school, school's name, art teacher's name, and student contact information must accompany each submission. There is no entry fee.

Media categories include 1) graphite, colored pencil, pen & ink and charcoal; 2) oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel; 3) ceramic, sculpture and mixed media; and 4) photography. Age divisions include grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

Each age division within each media category will be judged with first, second and third place prizes awarded. The three independent judges will also award a \$50 Best of Show prize. The show's biggest prize will be reserved for the public to judge: \$100 will go to the winner of the People's Choice award.

Today's young talent is invited to submit artwork at Raton's Old Pass Gallerv by Saturday for the 3rd annual Shades of the Southwest Youth Art Show that opens Tuesday, Jan. 13, and runs through Feb. 1, with an artists' reception Saturday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. The show is open to students throughout southeast Colorado and northeast New Mexico. Student artists may offer their work for sale at a designated price, or mark it NFS, not for sale.

Old Pass Gallery will host a reception for the young artists, with refreshments and voting for the People's Choice award, Saturday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. The gallery is located at 145 S. First St. in Raton. Information is available at (575) 445-2052.

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