

THE FINE PRINT

Arthritis Exercise

Arthritis exercise classes will be held Monday and Wednesday. The 9 a.m. class will be held at the Corazon Square and the 1:30 pm class will be held at the Early Learning Center. To register or for more information please call 845-1133 ext 224.

Chapter J.P.E.O

Chapter J.P.E.O will be meeting at 12:45 p.m. on Monday at the First Presbyterian Church for a regular business meeting.

Community Chorale

The Trinidad Community Chorale rehearsals begin at 6:15 p.m. every Monday at the First United Methodist Church. New members are welcome. No auditions.

Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Pastor's Text Study

Pastor's Text Study will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday at Zion's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. All pastors welcome to come and study the texts for Sunday and for support of each other.

LA County BOC

The Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday at the Commissioners' Chambers, Las Animas County Courthouse Rm. 201.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: Sunny, with a high near 69. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southeast.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 33. West wind around 10 mph.

Tomorrow: Sunny, with a high near 73. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tomorrow Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 3/13/09. Elmore priority #8 11/15/1862.

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, .38 acre ft.; Inflow, 50.81 acre ft.; Evaporation, 6.43 acre ft.; Content, 2,3403 acre ft.; Elevation, 6,184.96; Precipitation, 0.

Downstream River Call, Winter Storage 3/10/1910.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



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Photo by David Santistevan Jr.

It was a roller coaster week for ranchers and landowners opposing the PCMS expansion. The issue came to a boiling point when a leasing agreement was alleged to be done between the Army and a Denver businessman.

Three year old Piñon Canyon expansion issues comes to a head

By DAVID SANTISTEVAN JR.
The Chronicle-News

For the Army it is a quote un quote "convenience," but for all of the land owners and ranchers in southeastern Colorado especially those right here in Las Animas County "This is there life and lively hood." The three year "dark cloud" known as the Piñon Canyon Expansion came to an emotional head last week with the possible sale or lease of about 70,000 acres of land just south of the Piñon canyon

Maneuver Site (PCMS).

The roller coaster ride for ranchers and residents began early last week when sources leaked to the press that an announcement would be made in Trinidad about a sale or lease by Denver businessman Craig Walker to obtain some or all of his 70,000 acres of land south of the PCMS.

The Assistant Secretary for Army Installations Keith Eastin, who was appointed by President Bush, said early in the week that he would be coming to

southeast Colorado to hold discussions on a lease or expansion. Early on Army officials did not confirm or deny an agreement with Walker.

By midweek Eastin's agenda for his visit to Colorado had been shortened.

Recently elected Rep. Betsy Markey D-Colo., sent a strong letter of opposition to the expansion of PCMS to Robert Gates the Defense Secretary. Markey could not understand why Eastin and the Army still are

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Photo by Tim Keller

Erin Gansz tells of being hit by a drunk driver whose only consequence was community service. Listening, from left, are Gansz's uncle Diggity Dave, sister Haley Gansz, and other DWI Student Task Force members Rachel Cimino, Jessica Vertovec, and Ben Trujillo.

MTV's Diggity Dave brings his message to fans at Raton High School

By Tim Keller
The Chronicle-News

Dave Aragon padlocked a length of chain around his neck twenty years ago; it's still there. He told his audience of 300 students and teachers at Raton High School Friday that the chain has served him as a symbol and reminder of his early commitment to never do drugs.

He offered his own life as a compelling alternative, an example of how much one may accomplish if he or she doesn't throw away time "getting high". Now known professionally as Diggity Dave, he reaches tens of millions each week as a host of MTV's popular car makeover show "Pimp My Ride". He's been in rock bands signed by two major labels. Last year he starred with rapper Ludacris and Motley Crue's Tommy Lee in "Battleground Earth", shown

on both The Learning Channel and The Discovery Channel's new "Planet Green" network. He's currently directing the reality show "Dare Devolution."

He traced his rapid rise for the gathered students. A high school dropout in Denver, he made his no drugs commitment and passed his GED, then headed for Los Angeles. He said his two successful bands and three TV projects were all accomplished within

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