

THE FINE PRINT

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FRIDAY – Nov. 6

Workshop @ TSJC

RSVP deadline Fri., Nov. 6 for free informational Conservation Easement Workshop, Wed, Nov. 11 @ TSJC – hosted by Colorado Open Lands. RSVP to Sarah McDonald @ 303-988-2373 ext. 220.

Al-Anon Family

Family Group meets at 6 p.m. Fridays, Presbyterian Church, 801 San Pedro, in the basement. Info call: Sharone 719-846-9999. No charge.

Military Support Group

Anyone who wants to support our soldiers, we'll be putting together Thanksgiving Care Packages. Donations are welcome – Meeting Fri. Nov. 6 @ 6:30 p.m. – Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 136 W. Main St. For more information call 846-3439 (Arianna).

SATURDAY – Nov. 7

Victorian Christmas

Come enjoy the Victorian Christmas Festivities - Sat. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Cimino Park (Sebastiani Gym by the Library if the weather doesn't cooperate). Food & Craft Vendors, also fun activities for everyone throughout the day.

TOY DRIVE

The Fireman's Toy Drive will be raffling off a children's Yamaha 4-wheeler at the Hometown Holidays Victorian Christmas on Saturday at Cimino Park. Come and join us. You can make a difference for a child this holiday season!

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: Sunny, with a high near 77. West wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east northeast.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. West southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 63. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of rain showers before 4am, then a slight chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call-as of 11/5/09 Llewelling & McCormick Priority #19 6/1/1865

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release-0.04 acre ft.; Inflow-95.50 acre ft.; Evaporation-3.46 acre ft.; Content-14,814 acre ft.; Elevation-6,171.71; Precipitation-0

Downstream River Call-Nine Mile 7/1/1930

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



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AP Photo/Richard Matthews

Monica Cain tries to call her husband, a soldier at Fort Hood, with her daughter by her side, outside the main gate of the Army base at Fort Hood, Texas on Thursday Nov. 5, 2009. A soldier opened fire at a U.S. Army base in Fort Hood, Texas on Thursday, unleashing a stream of gunfire that left 12 people dead and 31 wounded. Authorities killed the gunman, and apprehended two other soldiers suspected in what appears to be the worst mass shooting at a U.S. military base.

Army: 12 dead, 31 hurt in attack at Fort Hood

APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writers

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) – An Army psychiatrist set to be shipped overseas opened fire at the Fort Hood Army post Thursday, authorities said, a rampage that killed 12 people and left 31 wounded in the worst mass shooting ever at a military base in the United States.

The gunman, first said to have been killed, was wounded but alive and in stable condition under military guard, said Lt. Gen. Bob Cone at Fort Hood. "I would say his death is not imminent," Cone said. Col. Ben Danner said the suspect was shot at least four times.

The man was identified as Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, a 39-

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Photo by Tim Keller

Students and teachers display the mural produced by Heidi Karr's science class. Clockwise from left, Will Hittson, Karr, Shannon Hittson, Makenna Hittson, and Christina Boyce at Studio C.

Des Moines School art tour culminates at Studio C

By TIM KELLER

The Chronicle-News

DES MOINES – Dozens of artworks by 38 Des Moines School student artists finally came home to Des Moines Wednesday night for an artists' reception after a summer and fall spent touring New Mexico. Oil pastels, acrylic and tempura paintings, pencil grid drawings, and a giant mural were all displayed at Studio C, where student artists min-

gled with family, friends, and arts supporters to enjoy the variety of works.

Last spring's new "Art Plays Its Part!" program brought curriculum-based arts projects to several classrooms to supplement their units of study. Each teacher worked with an artist to select a teaching unit and tailor an art project to fit. Program director Christina Boyce credits Nurse Nancy Passikoff and the school-based health center with provid-

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Council approves ordinance to keep medical marijuana outlets from operating in city

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

Trinidad City Council unanimously approved Tuesday night in its regular meeting the first reading of an ordinance amending a city code section for the express purpose of prohibiting the issuance of a business license to any person, firm or corporation seeking to carry on or engage in any business within corporate city limits that violates any federal or state law.

The vote means the city will use that ordinance amendment approval to deny an operating permit to and enforce a ban on the commercial sale of medical marijuana at any distribution dispensary seeking to operate within the city limits.

The topic has been under lots of council discussions during the past couple months with council members deciding to take a strong stand against medical marijuana dispensaries. The primary bone of contention council is addressing is how those dispensaries would be regulated to ensure that only legitimate state cardholders licensed to receive it would be receiving and using medical marijuana sold at those outlets.

The other issue is where these outlets should be allowed to locate within a city to ensure that neighboring businesses and homes aren't adversely impacted by its operation.

As City Manager Jim Soltis noted, the state voter-approved amendment that allowed the dispensing of medical marijuana was too vaguely written. Many cities around the state are now taking restrictive steps to try and close all the possible legal loopholes.

The state is now seeing a rapid growth in the number of licensed cards applied for and issued to people who say they need marijuana for medical purposes and in the number of dispensaries operating in mostly the state's larger cities or seeking city permits to operate.

A second reading and final vote on the issue is scheduled for Nov. 17.

Most of the night's discussions and council's attention focused on a half-hour presentation by John Harmes, an executive of the National Public Gas Agency (NPGA) regarding the city's possible participation in a newly developed Public Gas Partners (PGP) plan. The city has been securing its natural gas supplies over the past three years from the Nebraska

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Call to Veterans

The Chronicle-News is seeking stories and photos on Las Animas County and Trinidad veterans who have fought in all wars from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan. If you are a veteran or know a veteran who has some unique stories to tell about their wartime experiences, The Chronicle-News wants to hear from you.

The C-N has scheduled several stories of what our local veterans are doing these days in connection with Veterans Day next Wednesday. For next week's Veterans Day stories, we need copy, photos or information by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.

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