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**DIEGO DAVID
LOPEZ-SANDOVAL**

Infant Diego David Lopez-Sandoval, went to be with Jesus on January 2, 2010.

He was born on December 27, 2009 in Pueblo, Colorado to Kimberly L. Lopez and Joshua J. Sandoval.

Survivors are mother, Kimberly L. Lopez; father, Joshua J. Sandoval; grandparents, Jeanette Lopez, Alex Lopez, Sr., Anthony Sandoval; great grandparents, Joe Lopez, Norma Maestas and Veronica Sandoval; aunt, Samiah Lopez; uncles, Matthew Lopez, Eric Lopez, Alex Lopez, Jr.; godparents, Anita Sandoval, David Martinez; special friends, Gabe Silvas, Chris Sanchez; numerous other relatives.

At request of family, cremation with private services.

Arrangements under direction of Comi Funeral Home.

MESSAGES

THANKSGIVING NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

O Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg you, to whom God has given such great power, to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition.

In return I promise to make your name known, and cause you to be invoked. Say three "Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias." Publication must be promised. St. Jude, pray for us who invoke your aid (Amen).

Thank you, St. Jude, and thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, my prayers have been answered.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE LAS ANIMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Please be advised that the Las Animas County Board of Commissioners shall conduct Public Hearings on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, beginning at 1:30 P.M., in Commissioners' Chambers, Room 201 of the Las Animas County Courthouse, 200 East First Street, Trinidad, CO, to consider the following applications:

Exemption from Subdivision Regulations application #09-028, by Mr. James P. Wallace, representing Wallace Oil Company, seeking an Exemption from Subdivision Regulations to allow for the segregation of a 2.69 acre tract of land, proposed to be used as a propane refueling bulk plant facility. The property is located within a tract of land lying in Lot 2 and Lot 3 of Section 30, T31S, R61W, of the 6th P.M., in Las Animas County, Colorado on land owned by Wallace Oil Company. This public hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:30 P.M.

Special Use Permit application #09-026, by Mr. James P. Wallace, representing Wallace Oil Company, seeking to establish and operate a propane refueling bulk facility consisting of an 18,000 gallon propane tank and pump system located on a 2.69 acre tract of land located in Lot 2 and Lot 3 of Section 30, T31S, R61W, of the 6th P.M., in Las Animas County, Colorado on land owned by the Wallace Oil Company. This public hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:45 P.M.

Any person wishing to make public comment in either of the above-listed applications may be present at the Public Hearing(s) or may submit his/her comment(s) in written form to the Board of County Commissioners in advance of the Public Hearing(s) date and time.

By Order of the Board of County Commissioners of Las Animas County, Colorado

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Ride To Pride repairs horses and kids

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lege rodeo team, competing in barrels and breakaway, she sees the potential to franchise RTP in order to serve more kids. She's also passionate in her desire to see the program add terminally ill children to its client roster.

Ride To Pride is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization that seeks donations, sponsorships, and endorsements through its Web site at www.ridetopride.org. Board President Amy McFall first learned of the program years ago when her own daughter Maxine became a client. Now McFall speaks of the program's persistent funding challenges. Growing Ride To Pride's services has always come easier than making ends meet, and fundraising is an ever-present need.

Greg and Lorraine Esquibel sometimes marvel at the success of the



Photo by Tim Keller

Greg & Lorraine Esquibel founded Ride To Pride in Las Vegas 13 years ago.

program they founded. It currently serves 240 kids, ages 3-19, with 10 psychotherapists, three full-

time equine professionals, three office staff and 12 horses. Ride To Pride has proven to hundreds of

youths and their families that learning to ride and care for horses can change lives for the better.

My Two Cents

Is that stupid, or what?

the schools had to get summer work painting houses, waiting tables or working in a retail store to support their families. Art programs, music programs and field trips have been put on the chopping block in most public schools because the district can no longer afford them. To reduce the costs of liability insurance, many elementary schools have canceled recesses and removed their playground equipment.

Meanwhile, grown men and women are being paid millions of dollars to play a game, drive around in circles, beat the crap out of each other in a ring or ride bicycles, skateboards or snowboards. And don't forget the entertainers. I guess they need big salaries considering the number of them who end up in rehab...several times. Have you noticed the number of English and Australian actors/actresses in the movies lately? Many producers would rather pay for a dialect coach than deal with snotty, whiny, strung-out American performers. And don't even get me started about how professional athletes and performers are held to a different standard of behavior than the rest of us!

And while I'm on the education angle, please find me the idiots who decided that chicken nuggets, pizza, burgers and hotdogs were good entrée selections for school lunches? Yes, kids like those things, but they are the least healthy food choices on the planet. And please do not wrap a burger in a tortilla and call it good. Yes, a tortilla is a healthier choice than a bun, but here's a newsflash, the really bad part...is the hamburger! And despite warnings about the dangers of processed foods, that is exactly what is served at schools every day. It used to be that the lunch ladies cooked everything from fresh foods. The only processed foods were canned vegetables and applesauce. Now, the cooks open boxes of processed foods and heat them up. When your kid tells you that their chicken nugget tasted like cardboard, you'll know why. Speaking of school lunches, when

did ketchup, mustard and a lettuce leaf become a side dish? Have you ever listened to the school lunch menus on the radio? It goes something like this: "For school lunch today, hamburger on a bun, ketchup, mustard, lettuce, tomato, fresh fruit and milk." It sounds like a buffet, doesn't it? Let's call it what it really is - a sandwich, a piece of fruit and a carton of milk. So school menu writers, get it together or prepare to pay the price.

How about the people who complain about their cell phone bills because of all the texting their kids do on their phones? Cell phones in schools are taboo, but many of the kids are carrying them and using them anyway. As far as I know, schools aren't handing out phones, so who is buying them for the kids? Texting has become such a problem that lawmakers have written a slew of laws controlling it.

In the doctor's office I saw a mother with a 9-year-old and a 12-year-old who came strolling through the door, each on a different cell phone. They were still talking when I came out after my visit. Parents, if you don't want a huge cell phone bill - don't give your kids a cell phone! Bottom line...you can't complain if you're the source. If you do, someone may call the stupid hotline.

The same goes for people who buy their daughters mini skirts, revealing tops, etc., and then wonder why their daughter dresses so risqué. I had one mother tell me once that she bought those kinds of clothes because that is all that is available. I guarantee that if the consumers refused to buy the trashy clothes, the styles will change. It's a matter of supply and demand. Smack!

Think about it. I guarantee you can think of lots of guidelines for the stupid hotline, too. Before you know it, life could get a little better for all of us. Granted, there are going to be lots of us out there with red marks on our foreheads or shoe prints on our behinds, but hey, it's a small price to pay for peaceful progress!

Your feedback is always welcome at nikkiarko@yahoo.com.

ON THIS DAY IN TRINIDAD

By COSETTE HENRITZE
The Chronicle-News

50 Years Ago

Icy sidewalks were responsible for a local Catholic nun falling and breaking a leg here yesterday afternoon. Sister Jean Teresa, walking on the sidewalk, approached the corner of Church and Beech streets when she slipped on the ice-coated walkway and fell. Authoritives at Mt. San Rafael Hospital said today that she suffered a broken leg bone just above the angle and added that it was not a compound fracture. X-rays were taken and the leg was placed in a cast by hospital physicians. Sister Jean Teresa was released from the hospital today.

75 Years Ago

A number of new appointments have been announced by the new county commissioner to be installed shortly, Democrat I.B. Rogers, who joins fellow Democrat Mauro Cordova and Republican W.W.Taylor. The appointment list is only partial and will be completed next week. The names given today included: County Attorney, John J. Hendrick; County Physician, Dr. D.D. Costigan; Inspector of Weights and Measures, Domenic Melinazzo; Courthouse custodian, Juan Noreiga; Janitors, Gabe Lucero and Victoriano Rivera; Motor Patrol, Rocco di Paolo.

100 Years Ago

The postal receipts of the calendar year for 1909 show that there has been a marked increase in business of

Uncle Sam during the year over the previous year. Including box rent and postage the total was \$29,899.96 as compared with \$28,781.81 in 1908, \$28,427.58 in 1907 and \$26,099.69 in 1906. The total number of registered articles transmitted through the local

post office in 1909 was 9,117, which was also an increase over previous years. All of this shows clearly that the business of the post office has grown and necessitates larger quarters, which the new federal building now under construction will furnish.

Trinidad man arrested, charged with DUI

Special to the Chronicle-News

The Colorado State Patrol is currently investigating two crashes involving the same vehicle that occurred on Colorado 12 near milepost 69 on Sunday. The first incident took place at approximately 10:30 a.m., with the second occurring at 10:55 a.m.

A blue 1989 GMC 3500, driven by David A. Jones of Trinidad, attempted to enter Colorado 12 from a private drive, turning east. A second vehicle, a blue 2001 Ford F150, driven by Frank A. Falsetto, also of Trinidad, was westbound on Colorado 12. Jones entered the roadway and Falsetto veered to the right, colliding left front with the left rear of Jones' vehicle. Jones fled the scene, traveling eastbound after the impact with Falsetto, which ran him off the right side of the road.

Approximately 25 minutes later, Jones returned to the scene, traveling westbound on Colorado 12. At

this time, Edward S. Estes, a witness to the earlier incident, observed the hit-and-run vehicle approaching and stepped into the roadway to flag the vehicle over. The vehicle accelerated and continued westbound, its left mirror and rear wheel well colliding with the pedestrian.

Shortly thereafter, Parks Officer Russ Palone contacted the hit-and-run vehicle at Trinidad Lake and advised CSP Dispatch. Cpl. Stan Chacon then arrived on scene with the hit-and-run driver and subsequently placed Jones under arrest. Trooper Randy DeCristino responded to the crash scene and contacted all parties on scene.

Alcohol was determined to be a factor in both crashes.

All parties were transported to Mt. San Rafael Hospital and released with minor injuries.