

Tancredo talks tough on critical state issues during Trinidad stop

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In describing himself as an issues-oriented candidate, Tancredo continues to take a very strong anti-illegal immigration position for the state, noting that illegal immigrants are costing Colorado \$1.4 billion a year in medical, educational and law enforcement costs.

He reiterated his position against big government and big spending and a guarantee of no tax increases. If elected governor, he said he would ask every state agency to come up with a plan to reduce its budget by 10 percent, "or I will do it for them."

Tancredo, 64, said he also strongly opposes Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site expansion and the Army's possible use of land condemnation or eminent domain but didn't offer an opinion on the Trinidad State Nursing Home controversy, saying he didn't have enough background information on the issue to take a stand. But he is taking a staunch pro-business position and will do everything he can to bring the oil and

gas business back into the state.

"Before I got into this race, I was completely opposed to Piñon Canyon expansion," he said. "I don't care if you have a willing seller and a willing buyer, that's fine with me. But you are not going to use as far as I'm concerned the process of taking land away from people through condemnation proceedings. It's not going to happen. The use of that power by the federal government is very dangerous."

Of the three gubernatorial candidates, former U.S. Congressman and state legislator Tancredo has become the most outspoken on state and national illegal immigration issue. He said he went down to Arizona several times to help Gov. Jan Brewer and that state legislature to support its anti-illegal immigration law.

Tancredo told the Trinidad gathering that the \$1.4 billion a year that the state has been spending on illegal immigrants medical costs, education and law enforcement is at least as

much if not significantly more than the annual state budget deficit has been. If elected governor, he said he would try to get an Arizona type illegal immigration law passed as another deterrent to keep illegals out of the state.

The best way to keep illegal immigrants out of the state is to make it almost impossible for them to get a job here, Tancredo said, particularly if state employers use an online Social Security check system as part of the national "E-Verify" system to confirm an employee's actual residency.

"If you don't give them a job, they will leave," Tancredo said, pointing to the thousands who fled Arizona back to Mexico when they couldn't find employment and became concerned about the adverse effects of that state's polarizing immigration law. As governor, he said he would seek strict residency legislation for Colorado employers.

Tancredo said the latest state polls say he is making some headway in his three-



Photo by Mike Garrett

American Constitution Party candidate Tom Tancredo discusses state issues like his anti-illegal immigrant position and why he decided to become a third party gubernatorial candidate during his Trinidad stop Thursday at the Kit Carson Park gazebo.

way race against Hickenlooper and Maes. He said he will need the support of 65 percent of Republican voters, at least 4 percent of the Democrats and a majority of the independents. "Right now, I'm getting somewhere around 30 to 40 percent support of Republican Party voters. But if I'm getting 30 to 40 percent and he (Maes) is in the teens, who is the spoiler in this race?"

He said he is also starting to get strong Tea Party

support around the state and has talked to many Tea Party members who told him they are switching their allegiances to him. Tancredo said he has raised \$375,000 in campaign funds since he announced his candidacy, noting that Maes has really been struggling to finance his campaign during the past month.

Tancredo acknowledged this election is by far the strangest, most bizarre of any he has ever been involved in because of the

current mood of the voters who he said are looking for people of integrity and honesty.

"I am who I am," he said. "There will be no funny business with me."

"I don't agree with him on the positions he has taken on all the issues," said attendee Pastor Rick Davis of Trinidad Church of the Nazarene. "But I do believe he is an honest man with integrity."

Whited Foundation to receive governor's art award tonight

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lessons. Having no children, they arranged to leave their estate to support the arts of Raton indefinitely. A board of directors was created, led by Morris, with the legal responsibility to give away at least 5 percent of its assets to deserving arts programs in Raton each year.

With a \$1.4 million endowment, the foundation grants approximately \$70,000 in awards each year. It doesn't seek publicity, and it doesn't raise funds, although its endowment is invested and managed by Universal Advisory Services of Albuquerque with the intention of growing the endowment.

The Raton Museum, Shuler Theater Restoration, RHS Music and Art Departments, Raton Arts & Humanities Council, Columbian Elementary School Student Publishing, and the art and music programs of All Saints Catholic School are

some of the local recipients who have helped build a vibrant arts community with the help of the Whited Foundation.

The board of directors meets quarterly to review requests and make grants. Morris fields inquiries from his office at Park Avenue Insurance. With the Governor's Award pending, he's been getting lots of attention lately, including a story by a Santa Fe newspaper and a visit by a video team from Santa Fe.

Many mispronounce the foundation's name, saying "Witted" or even "Whitehead," according to Morris. It's pronounced "White-ed."

Tonight, before a large audience of New Mexico arts luminaries, Gov. Richardson will correctly pronounce both Raton and Whited Foundation as Raton continues to grow its reputation as a vital home of the arts. Much of that reputation has been built through the generous assistance of the Whited Foundation.

Weekend stabbings being investigated

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TV, and asked her to come pick them up at the southwest corner of Animas and Main Streets and take them to the hospital, according to Garcia. Duran had to get to the hospital and said, "I can't breathe," according to the police report.

Trinidad Police Chief Charles Glorioso said the statements the victims made did not match up with the evidence, or lack thereof, that officers found at the reported scene of the crime. Glorioso also said that alcohol was involved and that investigators were unsure if the victims would testify against their alleged attackers. Police officers went to the alleged crime scene on Main Street, but found no blood or other evidence.

Later in the morning, police received a tip from a caller who reportedly heard the fracas take place outside some apartments in the 100 block of High Street. Officers went there and found drops and pools of blood on the ground in a courtyard, along with bloody footprints and a cell phone.

Garcia later told police that they made up the location to keep the trouble away from Raquel Garcia's apartment. He said the alleged attack took place outside the apartment and when he went to the door, he found three or four males beating up on Duran, and that they took off when he jumped in. Garcia said he recognized one of the alleged attackers (Jesse) from high school.

The other stabbing incident took place at about 12:45 a.m. at 108 S. Spruce, where police responded and found Elton Chavez, 26, lying on the bathroom floor with his leg resting up on the toilet and stab puncture wounds on the back of his leg and thigh. Chavez said he had been sitting on his front porch when a blue Ford car with dark tinted windows pulled up and three or four males jumped out and assaulted him. He told police that he did not know the alleged attackers, but that they were all dressed in black. According to a medical report, Chavez was treated for a substantial risk of serious, permanent disfigurement at Mt. San Rafael Hospital.

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Hunter Education Class

CSU Extension Office hosts this class 8-5 Sat & 2-Finish Sun (\$10 registration fee / must attend both days) @ the LAC Fairgrounds. For more information call Jim Hamilton, Instructor @ 719-846-7403.

Weight Watchers

Meets 9:30 a.m. every Sat @ the Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro Ave. Call 719-846-3336 for more information.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk

Colfax County-Raton event 10 a.m. Sat @ the Colfax Senior Care Assisted Living, First St, Raton. Call Debbie Gabriele @ 575-643-5030 for more information.

Angel Food

This month's order distribution is 11-12 @ Fishers Peak Community Church on Santa Fe Trail Dr. For more information call Barbara Krause @ 719-846-3853.

SUNDAY

Aguilar Fest

Pancake Breakfast fundraiser (\$5/Adults, \$4/Seniors, \$3/Kids 12 & Under) 8-12 Sun @ the Aguilar Community Center on Main Street. For more information call 917-941-4003.

LaCasa Lodge

LaCasa monthly meeting w/ Potluck 1:30 p.m. 4th Sun @ LaCasa Lodge in Jansen. Call 719-846-8558 for more information.

UJC

Hosts Potluck Picnic 1:30 p.m. Sun @ 200 E. White St. Call Dolly Padilla @ 719-846-8614 for more information.

Community Chorale

Rehearsals for upcoming Christmas Program (Dec 7 & 8) 2 p.m. every Sun @ the United Methodist Church, 216 Broom St, Trinidad. New members welcome - no auditions necessary. Call Deb Padilla @ 719-846-3835 for more information.

MONDAY

Arthritis Exercise

Free Arthritis Exercise Class every Mon & Wed @ 9 a.m. @ Corazon Square & 1 p.m. @ Early Learning Center. Info call: 845-1133 ext. 224.

Tourism Board

Regular Session meets 9 a.m. 4th Monday @ City Hall, Conference Room, 135 N. Animas. For more information call Audra Fatur @ 719-846-9843.

Raton Playgroup

Free indoor fun & snacks (Mommies & kids ages 0-5 years) meets 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. every Monday @ Colfax County Health Council, 123 N. 2nd Street, Suite #5. Call Ida Cruz @ 575-445-3077 for more information.

Hospital Board

Trinidad Area Health Association dba: Mt. San Rafael Hospital Board of Directors meets 6 p.m. the last Monday of every Month, 410 Benedicta Ave. Please, call Lynda @ 846-9213 x1051 for more information.

Holy Trinity Academy

School Board meeting 6:30 p.m. Mon @ Zion Lutheran Parsonage, 613 Prospect. Call Diana Nunez @ 719-846-5900 for more information.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Extension Office

The CSU Extension office in LA County will be closed Wed-Fri (Sept 29-Oct1).

Long Ear Riders

Neighs & Brays free tack swap & sale Sat (Oct 2) @ LAC Fairgrounds in the 4H Pavilion. No charge for a space. Call 719-680-1669 for time & details.

Soup Kitchen

Seeking any & all donations (except clothing) for Indoor Flea Market to be held Sat, Oct 2 @ the Soup Kitchen, 308 W. Church St. For more information call Sandy Espinoza @ 719-680-1117.

Volleyball Tournament

Advocates Against Domestic Assault hosts fundraising event Oct 9-10 @ the Hoehne School. Registration is \$150 & must be in by Oct 6. Call Karrie or Stephanie @ 719-846-6665 for more information.

Al-Anon Family

Group meets @ 6 p.m. every Friday in the Presbyterian Church basement, 801 San Pedro. For info call: Sharone 719-846-9999. No fee charged to participate & all are welcome.

Trinidad AA

Meetings Sun-Thurs. Call 719-671-6066 or 719-546-1173 for details.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Celtic Art Show

Spanish Peaks Art Council hosting art show now to Sat, Oct 9 @ the SPACe Gallery, 132 Ryus St, LaVeta. For more information call 719-742-3074 or to see art samples email SpanishPeaksArts.org. Gallery hours are Tues-Sat 10-3 & Sun 12-3.

Mitchell Museum

Plain Air Painters of America exhibition of fine art through the end of the month @The A.R. Mitchell Museum, 150 E. Main St, Trinidad. Call (719) 846-4224 for more information. Museum Hours: Tue-Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4, \$3/Regular Admission, Members / FREE, Sundays / FREE.

Art & Culture

Artists Doug & Lori Holdread's duo showing "Reciprocity" currently @ the First Street Gallery, 150 E. First St. No admission - show runs until Sept 24. Gallery is open Tues-Fri 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Literacy Walkathon

Hoehne School sponsoring 1st Annual event 10:30-Noon Wed (Oct 6) @ Butero Field, Hoehne School Campus. \$5/Entry Fee/No Pets. For more information call 719-846-4457.

Call for Artists

"Crittter" Art Show / Nov 1-30 @ the Corazon Gallery. All artists with "critter art" (real or imaginary) who want to show can pick up a prospectus at the gallery, 149 E. Main St. or call 719-859-7702 for more information.

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