

INSIDE TODAY



All-America 2011

They're tough, they're fast, and they're the best. Meet this year's PARADE All-America High School Football Team.

Intelligence Report: Kids Helping Kids

Find out how Valentine's Day and actress Julianne Moore help kids across America through Save the Children.

THE FINE PRINT

FRIDAY CLOSURES

The City of Trinidad Offices (NOT the Landfill) will be closed Fri (Feb 4) for a mandatory furlough day. Normal business hours will resume Mon.

PEO - DE Chapter

Meets 11 a.m. Fri @ the Presbyterian Church Hall, 801 San Pedro. For more information call Shirley Donachy @ 719-845-0050.

Al-Anon / Adult Child

Group meets 6 p.m. every Friday @ the Fisher's Peak Community Church, 10377 Santa Fe Trail Dr. (south door). Call Sharone @ 719-846-9999 for more information. No fee charged to participate & all are welcome.

SATURDAY

LaCasa Breakfast

LaCasa monthly breakfast 7 a.m. to Noon 1st Sat @ La Casa Lodge in Jansen. Call 719-846-8558 for more information.

Prayer Group

Fisher's Peak Gideons meet for prayer @ 7 a.m. every Sat. For more information & location call 719-680-0290.

FREE Tax Help

2010 Tax Returns prepared & e-filed @ no charge (must be Colorado resident with household income less than \$49K) by IRS certified college students 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat (Feb 5) @ TSJC Mullen Building, Room #305. For more information call Kim @ 719-846-5728.

Weight Watchers

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

Curves

FREE Weight Management meetings 1 p.m. 1st Sat every month. Call 719-846-0700 to register.

Continued on page 6

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 2/3/11
Baca Joint #3 11/30/1861
Trinidad Reservoir accounting
Release .06 acre ft.
Inflow 25.06 acre ft.
Evaporation 0 acre ft.
Content 17,702 acre ft.
Elevation 6,176.64
Precipitation 0
Downstream river call
JMR 12/31/1948
Notes

1 cubic (cfs) foot per second equals one cubic foot of water passing a point in one second of time.

1 acre-foot equals a quantity of water required to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.

1 cubic foot per second = 1.9835 acre-feet per day (24 hrs)

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



New York Jets '69 Super Bowl defensive star played for Coach Latuda at TSJC

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

With so much interest in the New York Jets' attempts to reach this year's Super Bowl, most football fans probably aren't aware that Randy Beverly, the defensive star cornerback who snared two interceptions off an MVP quarterback in the Jets' only Super Bowl appearance in 1969, starred for Trinidad State Junior College's 1962 National Junior College Athletic Association national champions after his recruitment from his East Coast home.

Trinidad native Charlie Latuda, former TSJC football coach and athletic director who coached that 1962 TSJC title team, said he recently got a call from Beverly, now 66, to renew old acquaintances and discuss how the other was doing. Latuda said the two have conversed occasionally through the years since Beverly retired from playing football. "He still calls me 'coach.'"

Latuda said he thought Beverly was still active coaching football for a high school team in New York state. After graduating from TSJC, Beverly went on to play for and graduate from Colorado State University. From 1967 through '69, Beverly played cornerback for the Jets. He ended his pro career in 1971 with the New England Patriots and totaled 10 regular season interceptions for his five-year pro career.

While Broadway Joe Namath got most of the national publicity in the 11-3 Jets' shocking 16-7 Super Bowl upset over the 18-point favored 13-1 Baltimore Colts

Continued on page 2



Photo by Richard Sitts

Former TSJC football coach and athletic director Charlie Latuda sat down for a recent interview at the college.



CN File photo

Trinity Jay Romero

Motions made in fatal stabbing case

C-N STAFF REPORT

On Thursday, a Las Animas County District Court Judge allowed a representative of Mt. San Rafael Hospital to bring in documents to defense attorneys during a motions hearing for Trinity Jay Romero, who is charged in the stabbing death of Kyle William Phillips. A number of other motions and requests

Continued on page 2



Deputy District Attorney J. Clay McKisson

Deputy DA to attend training in South Carolina

Special to The Chronicle-News

Las Animas County District Attorney Frank Ruybalid is pleased to announce that a prosecutor on his staff has been selected for an all-expenses-paid training program at the National District Attorneys Association's prestigious National Advocacy Center in Columbia, S.C.

Deputy District Attorney J. Clay McKisson

Continued on page 6

Dante Sparaco's essay takes him to nationals

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

RATON - Although no one at Raton VFW Post 1793 can remember ever placing a local student's essay at the state level, this year they're thrilled to be sending two, led by young Dante Sparaco's 1st place in New Mexico for his entry in the annual middle-school division Patriot's Pen essay competition; Sparaco and his essay will be among the 50 competing for national awards at the VFW's annual convention in San Antonio, Texas, in June.

Son of Jennifer and Dino Sparaco, 12-year-old Dante credits two of his teachers with helping him to develop his writing skills. His English teachers - Joelyn Pafford last year, and sixth grade teacher Amy Elliott this year - have been most helpful, he says. "I like to read, and I listen in class and work hard." Indeed, his father adds, "We're all voracious readers at home, and it's helped Dante to be a great student. He's never earned a grade lower than A."

Dante says that Elliot required everyone in his class to write a Patriot's Pen essay, then offered extra credit to those who actually submitted the essay for competition. "I thought that entering the contest would be a good way to express how I've been feeling about the wars," he says.

Titled "Does Patriotism Still Matter?," Dante's essay points out that, "During this country's birth, patriotism wasn't something you expressed; it was something you lived." He says, "Patriotism is the glue that holds our country together...Patriotism is a reminder to our enemies that this country still stands for something, that there are still people willing to live and die for the belief and love of their country."

"Government is reminded that they work for the people and the American people will hold them to a certain standard. Finally, patriotism matters to me because I care for my country and all of



Photo by Tim Keller

Raton Middle School sixth grader Dante Sparaco's Patriot's Pen essay won 1st place in the state of New Mexico, advancing him to the national VFW competition in San Antonio, Texas, in June.

the people who put their lives on the line for it every day."

Dante is an avid sports fan and gifted athlete who participates in football, baseball, basketball, hunting, and fishing. A fan of the Oregon Ducks and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, his goal is to become a successful quarterback on a professional football team.

"Dante's been gifted as both a student and an athlete," says his father, Dino, "but he's gotten a lot more recognition for his athletics

than his academic abilities. We're real excited to see him get this recognition from the VFW."

The family will travel to Albuquerque Feb. 12, when the VFW will present its essay awards at its annual state convention. As New Mexico's 1st place winner, Dante's earned a place at the June national convention, as well. It turns out that being a gifted writer can lead to a lot of driving, though no one in the Sparaco family seems to mind.

WEATHER WATCH

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 40. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 5 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 45. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. West wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 33. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 10. Calm wind becoming northeast between 5 and 10 mph.

PHIL LONG
SINCE 1945
BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN RATON, NEW MEXICO

LINCOLN | MERCURY

Visit our Showroom!

301 S. 2nd Street

575-445-2929