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## THE FINE PRINT

### SEVERE WEATHER

Missing your newspaper? Listen to KCRT (1240 AM or 92.5 FM) for up-to-the-minute information regarding City, County & School closures & any possible delays in receiving your Chronicle-News due to inclement weather.

### CLOSURES

Mandatory Furlough Day - Friday (Feb 11) for all Las Animas County employees. This does not affect any State Office, the District Attorney's Office or the District Courts in the courthouse.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Exercise Class

Arthritis low-impact exercise (free classes) every Mon & Wed @ 9 a.m. @ Corazon Square & 1 p.m. @ Early Learning Center. For more information call 719-845-1133 ext. 224.

#### Tourism Board

Meets 9 a.m. 2nd & 4th Wed @ City Hall, Conference Room, 135 N. Animas. For more information call Audra Garrett @ 719-846-9843.

#### PAL Playgroup

Meets 9:30 - 11 a.m. every Weds @ Alta Vista, 415 S. Indiana for moms & caregivers with infants, ages birth to 3. Playroom is also available for same time use Tues & Thurs. For more information call Martina @ 719-846-4400.

#### Senior Exercise

COG sponsored Stretch, Flex, Balance & Music Therapy Classes 10-11 a.m. Mon & Wed @ Primero Community Center, Hwy 12. Call Kim @ 719-557-9642 or COG @ 719-845-1135 x225.

#### Computer Classes

Free classes for seniors each Wed @ Sayre Senior Center, 1222 San Pedro. Beginners: 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Intermediate: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. New members 1st Wed each month: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. For details, call Eddie Gieske @ 719-846-1124.

#### LaCasa Lodge

Meeting for all Fiesta members 2 p.m. every Wed @ LaCasa Lodge in Jansen, Hwy 12. Call 719-846-8558 for more information.

#### Carnegie Library

Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting 5:15 p.m. 2nd Wed @ City Hall in City Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas, 3rd Floor. For more information call 719-846-6841.

#### Housing Authority

Board of Commissioners meets 6 p.m. Weds @ the Trinidad Housing Authority Conference Room, 128 W. First St. For more information call Rosemarie Shier @ 719-846-7204.

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## WEATHER WATCH

Today: A 10 percent chance of snow after 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 15. Wind chill values between -15 and -25. West wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.



Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around -1. Wind chill values between -5 and -15. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 29. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 6. West southwest wind around 10 mph.



## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 2/8/11  
Elmoro ditch #8 11/15/1862

Trinidad Reservoir accounting  
Release .06 AF  
Inflow 56.06 AF  
Evaporation 0 AF  
Content 17,965 AF  
Elevation 6,177.06  
Precipitation 0.08  
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)



TSJC Photo by David J. Barrack

## What a day for a sled ride

Due to Tuesday's snowstorm, classes were canceled at Trinidad State Junior College, along with many other schools in the area. But during the morning, while the snow was still light and before temperatures dropped, it was the perfect weather for Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Seth Kravic and his 5-year-old daughter Sydney to take a sledding tour of TSJC's snowbound campus. By midday, the temperature had dipped to 3 degrees, with a low of 7 below expected for the night and Wednesday morning, according to the National Weather Service. A 10 percent chance of snow is forecast for Wednesday and Wednesday night, with a high of 15 degrees. The inclement weather Tuesday also forced the Las Animas County Courthouse and Trinidad City Hall to shut down at noon, while many businesses also closed early. Relief is expected Thursday, with mostly sunny skies and a projected high of 41 degrees.

## Saved by the Belt

Las Animas County Clicks, in conjunction with Driver Smart Colorado, have recognized two Hoehne youths, whose use of seatbelts possibly saved their lives during a rollover accident.

Khayla Garrison, left, and Bailee Jones, right, were awarded the *Saved By the Belt* award, presented by Las Animas County Sheriff James Casias during half time of the Hoehne boys basketball game last Friday night.

On Sept. 23, 2010, Khayla and Bailee were passengers in a vehicle traveling east on County Road 42, when the vehicle started rotating clockwise, slid sideways off the left side of the road and collided with a fence. The vehicle continued sliding sideways and rolled one and a half times, coming to rest on its top. There were



Photo by Richard Sitts

no serious injuries and everyone in the vehicle was wearing seatbelts. Khayla is the daughter of

Greg and Jennie Garrison and Bailee is the daughter of Shelly Jones.

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## Another dose of hilarity hits Shuler this weekend

By TIM KELLER  
The Chronicle-News

Once the tears of laughter cleared after last winter's Raton Youth Theater production of Don Zolidis's "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon," it was a no-brainer for someone to bring another of Zolidis's madcap comedies to the Shuler Theater. Saturday and Sunday, "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza" arrives for two performances by The Mask & Wig Club of Raton High School.

Directed by club sponsor Cian Hazen, the company of 20 young actors and technicians will present a Saturday night performance Feb. 12 at 7:30, then another Sunday afternoon performance at 2:30. The one-act play lasts just 30 minutes. General admission tickets will be available at the door at \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for students, with proceeds helping to offset the group's travel costs the following week.

The troupe will take its show to the annual Drama Fest at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales Feb. 16-19, where it will perform the comedy as its competition entry.

After early-January auditions, the group began nightly two-hour rehearsals at the Shuler Jan. 17. The play is zany enough without adding so many creative young people to the collaborative process: stage manager Etta Briscoe says rehearsals regularly



Photo by Tim Keller

Members of Raton High School's Mask & Wig Club will be released from this box to perform at the Shuler Theater this weekend in the comedy, "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza." Another dose of hilarity to hit the Shuler this weekend

run long: "Last night, I felt like I was taming a zoo!" Actor Ila Medina explains, "I guess you'd call us a critical thinking group."

Other members of the troupe include Toby Henson, Chris Fissel, Emily Berry, Marcus Hodge, Haley James, James Neary, Tess Neary, Lucas Jansen, Mariah Fleming, Jeremy Gentry,

Lizzie Valdez, Tegan Thompson, Aleena Richardson, Rocky Ramirez, Tessa Fleming, Jesus Carbajal, and Gabriel Majorenos.

The play takes a compendium of pretty much all the Greek myths you've ever heard of and throws them together into a high-speed blender. You get Hercules, Apollo, Hades, Pandora, Medea,

## San Isabel says no rate increase for year 2011

Special to The Chronicle-News

For the second consecutive year San Isabel Electric Association, Inc. has announced there will be no rate increase for its members. The board of directors and employees of the local electric cooperative have worked diligently over the past few years to streamline operations and gain greater efficiencies in work processes to maintain current rates for 2011.

Another key in sustaining stable rates was the decision by San Isabel's power provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, to hold wholesale power cost steady. Wholesale power costs account for nearly 60 percent of San Isabel's operating expenses. Due to San Isabel's not-for-profit business platform, absorbing a complete rate increase in wholesale power costs is challenging for the electric cooperative. Other challenges to rate stability come from environmental issues and energy decisions made by state and national legislatures.

One of the key goals for San Isabel Electric General Manager Reg Rudolph has been to look at controllable costs and to maximize efficiencies within the organization to achieve rate stability. "We do not have a lot of control over the state and national energy policies so San Isabel is focused on the things we can control," said Rudolph. "We constantly work to identify opportunities for cost savings while continuing to provide excellent service to our members. This ongoing exercise enables San Isabel to offer rate consistency to our members and that is especially important in today's economic environment," said Rudolph. Slower system growth and investments have also contributed to keeping rate levels secure for the coming year.

Steady rates are just one of the benefits members of San Isabel Electric Association receive from their cooperative. While other utilities have announced rate increases locally and on a national level, San Isabel members have received capital credit payments as part of their membership. Annually the electric cooperative distributes revenues above operating costs to individuals and businesses that buy energy from the cooperative. Checks range from \$10 to several hundred dollars for residents, and some businesses garner even larger sums, which are allocated in proportion to usage. About \$250,000 was distributed to San Isabel Electric-served schools, businesses and residents in September 2010, paying members back for their capital investment in San Isabel from

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