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CLOSURES

City Offices

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.

THURSDAY

Rotary Club

Weekly Luncheon & Meeting 12 p.m. every Thurs. @ the Holiday Inn, 3130 Santa Fe Trail Dr. For more information contact Dennis Scott @ 719-845-8660.

SPPRCD Meeting

Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservation Dist meets 1 p.m. Thurs @ the District Office. Please call Jonna @ 846-3681 x117 for more information.

Water District

Purgatoire River Conservancy monthly meeting 7 p.m. 1st Thurs @ City Hall Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas. Please call Thelma Lujan @ 846-7285 for more information.

Elks Lodge

Trinidad Order of Elks, Lodge #181 meets 8 p.m. 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 120 South Maple St. Call 719-846-2980 for more information.

FRIDAY

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.

SUNDAY

Community Chorale

Rehearsals 2 p.m. Sun @ the First United Methodist Church, Broom & State St. No auditions required & new members are welcome. Call Jerry Chetelat @ 719-846-1427 for more information.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Trinidad Merchants

Downtown Merchant's Meeting to plan & organize upcoming tourist season's events 9 a.m. Mon @ the Purgatoire River Trading Co., 113 E. Main St. All merchants are encouraged to participate. Come for coffee & bring your dynamic & innovative ideas. For more information call Vibeke Adkisson @ 719-845-0202.

Relay for Life

"Relay Rumble" organization meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thurs (Feb 10) @ the Trinidad Community Center, 1309 Beshoar Dr. for the upcoming "Relay for Life" (July 15-16) in City Park. Refreshments will be served. Contact Lily Gross @ 719-630-4971 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 30. Wind chill values between -10 and -20. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 14. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 10 percent chance of snow after 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.



Less than zero



Photo by Richard Sitts

When this photo was taken, at 4:51 p.m. Tuesday, the First National Bank temperature gauge in downtown Trinidad read three below zero. About 3 p.m. on Wednesday, the temperature read two below, and by 6 p.m., had dipped to five below. The predicted low for the Trinidad area overnight Wednesday was 7-13 degrees below zero. The high temperature Thursday was expected to be a balmy 29 degrees, and a sweltering 43 degrees was predicted for Friday. Locally, the snow has subsided, while much of the midwest, from Dallas to Chicago, is getting slammed. One sign of the bad weather back there and its affect on travelers was Amtrak's westbound Southwest Chief pulling through Trinidad at 3:15 Wednesday afternoon. The train's on-time schedule has it coming through at about 9:50 a.m.

Riley Wilson takes winning essay to state award

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

RATON - Post Commander Joe Esparza of Raton's VFW Post 1793 says neither he nor any of the members he's asked can remember a Raton student placing at the state level with an essay entry in the VFW's annual national essay writing contests. They're excited this year to be sending two students to represent Raton at the state convention in Albuquerque on Feb. 12.

Not only did sixth grader Dante Sparaco take the middle-school Patriot's Pen competition, but Raton High School senior Riley Wilson, 17, won third place in the state's highly competitive Voice of Democracy essay competition.

This year's national theme was, "Does my generation have a role in America's future?" Wilson's response was, essentially, "Yes of course; every generation has a role in America's future, and ours is no different."

He wrote, "My generation could well cure cancer, end world hunger, and spread prosperity," adding, "My generation is the most technologically advanced to date; almost all of America's youth can operate a computer better than their parents. This technological advancement has many practical applications...particularly in scientific and medical fields."

He also noted his generation's social advances. "I believe there are still prejudices, but my generation is the most color-blind generation ever."

Born in Trinidad and raised at Bartlett Mesa on the edge of Raton, Wilson is the son of Vicky

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C-N File photo

Colorado State Patrolman Jorge Leal

Local patrolman placed on paid leave after bar fight

By RICHARD SITTS
The Chronicle-News

A Colorado State Patrolman who worked the Trinidad area has been placed on paid administrative leave after he allegedly was involved in a bar fight in Greeley on New Year's Eve. Jorge Leal, 32, of Trinidad, was charged with and issued a citation for third degree assault in the incident.

Leal was immediately placed on paid administrative leave, pending the results of an internal investigation that is still ongoing, according to Sgt. John Hahn, a spokesperson for the Colorado State Patrol. Hahn told *The Chronicle-News* Wednesday that there is no timetable for the internal investigation and that he did not know when it might be completed.

Also on Wednesday, *The Chronicle-News* contacted the Greeley Police Department to obtain details concerning the incident. Sgt. Joe Tymkowych, the public information officer for the Greeley Police Department, conveyed the following information.

Leal was part of a group of

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ARPA has reached its crossroads, city manager reports

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

Arkansas River Power Authority management has definitely reached a sink or swim crossroads and "the clock is ticking" on ARPA's board of directors to get its act together or possibly face bankruptcy.

That's the assessment of Trinidad City Manager Ed Gil de Rubio after meeting with ARPA officials and their five member cities this past week to try and determine a course of action under a very dire set of circumstances. A late December tube leak has indefinitely idled ARPA's coal-fired Lamar Power Plant, prompting its operator to take the plant offline for repairs and other maintenance and force ARPA into buying more expensive backup power from its Nebraska provider.

The bad news just keeps pouring into and out of Pueblo-based ARPA with no apparent relief in sight. "ARPA is up against the ropes, there is no doubt about it," said Gil de Rubio.

Although city council postponed its regularly scheduled Tuesday night meeting, Gil de Rubio was willing to say Wednesday what was going to be in his ARPA update report to council.

He said he has requested a "white paper" from General Manager Bill Leung and ARPA's attorney "outlining all of ARPA's options, including a (possible) bankruptcy filing and putting some hard numbers to those options so membership can make a decision.

"We've also received notice from the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (under the auspices of the Nebraska Municipal Public Power Authority, the agency that ARPA buys its secondary power from), that as of Jan. 1, 2012, their

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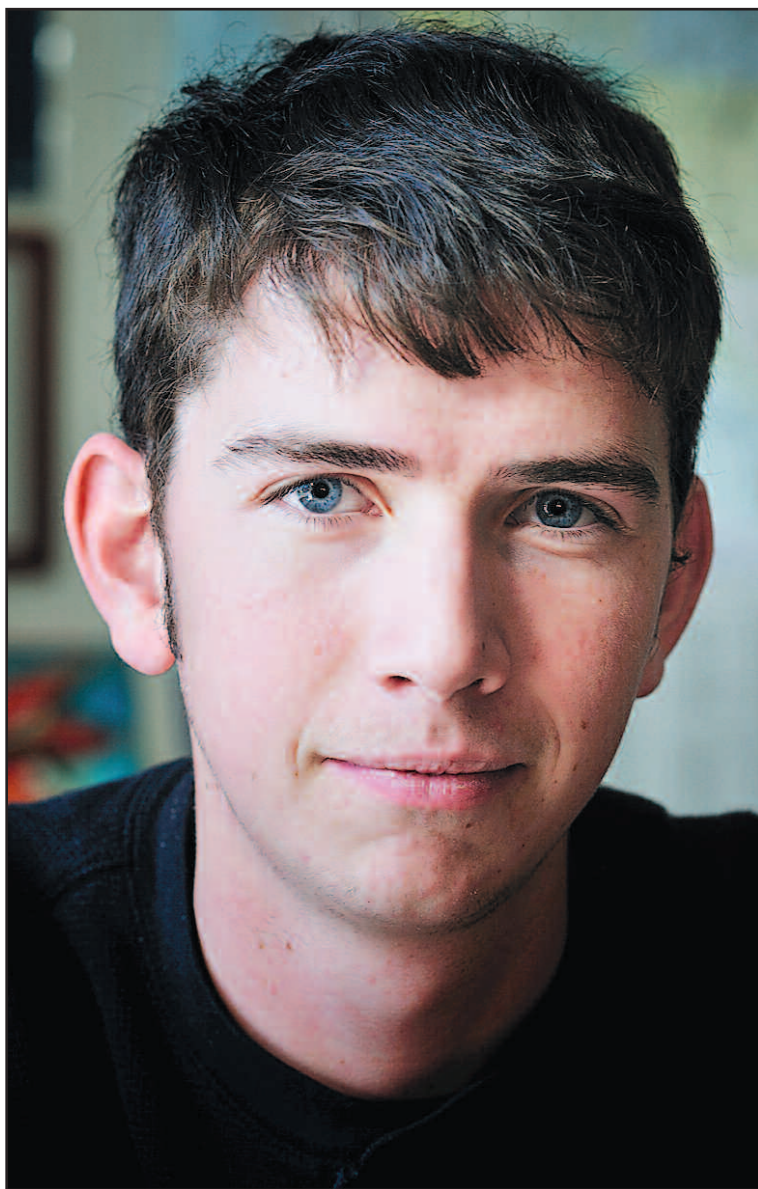


Photo by Tim Keller

Raton High School senior Riley Wilson's Voice of Democracy essay won 3rd place in the state of New Mexico. He and his family travel to Albuquerque February 12 for the VFW awards ceremony.

CLASSIFIED marketplace

PHONE: 719-846-3311 • FAX: 719-846-3612

DEADLINE: NOON, MONDAY-FRIDAY

02 Houses For Sale

1+ BR on large fenced lot with shed and carport, mud porch and laundry, appliances incl. \$37,500 Call 846-3500

FIXER-UPPER, NEEDS lots of TLC. 3BR/2BA Carport, shed. \$14,500 Call (719)846-3500

REDUCED TO \$229,000 Newly Remodeled; 2400+ sq ft home; 4bd/2ba; 2 car garage; city water; one acre in Hoehne 575-445-7645

FOR RENT: 2 BR duplex for rent full bath & kitchen. 846-7919.

03 Houses For Rent

1 BD UNFURNISHED House \$450/mo \$450/dep References required call 859-7703

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath home, 706 E 5th. \$800. Available. Application req. 845-8508, 845-0955, 303-915-0656.

3 TO 4 BD/ 2 BA natural gas city water wood stove. w/d hookup on 1.75 acres in Hoehne school district. 700/mo plus deposit. Non smoker, no indoor pets. 846-9597

3BD HOUSE 401 Spruce, serious inquires please; \$750 Mo/ \$750 Dep + Util. No Pets;

2 BDRM APT full bath washer/dryer hookup, \$400/mo \$400 dep + Util. please call 719-588-3805



3/2 CUTE; Clean; no smk, 900/Mo. 817-944-5302

IS THERE A nicer 2BR, 1Bath house in Trinidad? Look at this one **FIRST!** \$700/mo., \$750 deposit. 719-250-7855

03 Houses For Rent

WANTED Homeowners seeking to rent their home. For Professional Property Management Call: Georgi Ann Clark 719-859-6526 Higbee Realty

NICE OLDER BRICK home; 3 bd/2 ba; Large fenced back yard. No pets 719/846-7675 or 719-680-1724

FOR SALE OR rent to own: 401 Spruce, 5 bdrm house, references a must. \$800/mo. 1st/last month rent + dep. + util. Will work with you on deposit. No pets. Call 719-588-3805, 719-672-3697

SM. 2BD, 1 3/4 Ba, \$550/mo, \$500/dep, big yard, pets OK 680-0321, 846-9165 leave msg.

FAMILY HOME FOR Rent 606 E 5th St (5th and Oak) 3 or 4 bdrm, 2 Ba. NON-SMOKING, Fenced back yard, pets welcome. Rent \$950/Dep \$900 Call Shandell at 719-680-2335

04 Apartments

1 BD plus Bonus Rm, Very Large, Very Nice. \$555/mo \$350 dep. **Furnished Rm, Share Kitchen & Bath** \$300/mo \$200 dep 680-2761

2 BD, unfurnished, all util. paid, except elect., \$650/mo., \$600 dep; **1 BD-furnished,** all utilities included, \$550 rent /\$550dep. 719-680-0804

708 JEFFERSON 2 bed, very nice, great view \$550 a month call 719-339-4826 or 846-6756

CLEAN 1 BR/ 1 person, no pets, w/d. \$650/mo furnished, includes all util & cable. 680-3659

NEW YEARS SPECIAL 2 BRS starting at \$395 + dep. Call 719-846-3500

04 Apartments

DUPLEX FOR RENT 3 bedroom 2 bath freshly painted \$850/mo utilities included. Call 846-8616

05 Mobile Homes

LAKESIDE MOBILE Home Park #9 Mobile home for rent. 3BR/2BA \$475 rent, \$475 sec dep, application needed, no pets, call 846-4380

07 Commercial Property

RETAIL/ OFFICE/ COMMERCIAL SPACE available in downtown Trinidad. Sign a one year lease by and pay UTILITIES ONLY until May 2011! Several available. Call for details. (719)846-3500.

17 Help Wanted

DRIVERS WANTED to transport crews in the Trinidad CO area. Paid training, benefits, & company vehicle provided. Starting pay \$15 per mile or \$7.50 per hour while waiting. Call 800-898-7785 or visit www.rezenberger.com

MOUNTAIN CREEK Home Health, a fast-paced, progressive agency located in Trinidad and Walsenburg, is seeking a part-time billing person. Must have medical billing and computer experience. Home health billing and billing software knowledge a plus, but not required. Call Kathy at 719-738-5707 or 719-846-2030 for questions and to get an application. May email resume to kbressan@qwestoffice.net. Application deadline is Feb. 14, 2011. EOE/M/F/V/H

19 Professional Help Wanted

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT /Lead Accountant Trinidad State Junior College in Trinidad, Colorado, is seeking a Senior Accountant/Lead Accountant. Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance or Business Administration with 24 semester hours in accounting and auditing experience or equivalent experience is preferred. For more information or a complete job description, visit our website at www.trinidadstate.edu or call Juanita Pena at (719) 846-5537. **Closing Date: 2/09/2011.** TSJC is an equal opportunity institution

26 Business Opportunities

SUCCESSFUL SMALL BUSINESS For Sale in Trinidad! 846-1511 or 680-7827

29 Cars



BUYING WRECKED, Scrapped Cars, Trucks; running or not. Appliances, Scrap Iron **719-859-7361**

BUYING JUNK CARS! 719-680-4285

35 Recreational Vehicles

1968 CAMP TRAILER; Restored 17 ft "Fan"; Excellent condition; \$3400 846-1510

40 Professional Services

TREE & Stump Removal Service. Call Will Duniho at 846-6317 or 680-9240

40 Professional Services

CLEANING, HOUSE-KEEPING, PAINT, and REPAIR Specializing in make-ready to rent or sell, licensed and insured. Nitty-gritty maintenance, 719-859-1502

FREE! WILL haul away junk cars, appliances and scrap metal. No charge! 719-680-4285

GUTTERS - 42's Seamless Gutters and Roofing Professionally installed, all colors, free estimates! Call Bob Zuniga at 719-947-2717.

HAMILTON ROOFING Over 20 yrs. experience in the roofing biz! Metal, composition, wood, also light carpentry jobs. Licensed and insured. Visit us at davidhamiltonroofing.com 719-859-8641 or 719-859-0415

42 Happy Ads

VALENTINE CRAFT SALE! Semi Precious Jewelry Pastel Paintings & Prints; Many Many other Items! Fri 4th - Sat 5th 10a-6p Fri 11th - Sat 12th 10a-6p 130 E Main. Please Come and Browse!



44 Garage Sales

MOVING SALE! LAST CHANCE EVERYTHING GOES! Piano, Furn. Antiques, House items, growlights Kid's Stuff! SAT & SUN 8 AM 711 COLORADO AVE 720-431-7409

45 Furniture

MATTRESS SALE twin set \$199, full set \$269, queen set \$299. Gary's Log Furniture 846-0233

TRY THIS! www.sangres.com/hadads/ on the internet for Hadad's Home Furnishings Trinidad...24/7-365.

46 Appliances

FOR SALE: Whirlpool Refrigerator; Side by Side w/ice & water dispenser. \$200. Call 859-2593

52 Miscellaneous

EXERCISE TREADMILL machine \$100. 846-8353

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

719-846-4831

52 Miscellaneous

SMALL PINE table w/ 2 chairs \$50, New 7' Sofa will sacrifice for \$350, coffee table w/matching end tables \$150, curio and matching bookcase both for \$100, storage bench \$75. Lots more Call 719-846-3500

LEGAL NOTICES

'AMENDED' COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 93-10

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust: On October 8, 2010, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Las Animas records. Original Grantor(s): Anthony L. Bueno Original Beneficiary(ies): Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc., as assignee Original Mortgagor: Lenox Financial Corporation

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt: BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Date of Deed of Trust: 7/11/2007 County of Recording: Las Animas Recording Date of Deed of Trust: 7/20/2007 Recording Reception Number: 200700692917 Book No. and Page No.: Book: 1069 Page: 1190

Original Principal Amount: \$100,800.00 Outstanding Principal Balance: \$97,599.45 Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

EXHIBIT A All that part of lot 2, in block 72 original townsite now as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of lot 2, Block 72, and thence running in a northerly direction at a distance of 45 feet, thence running in a westerly direction of 130 feet; thence running in a southerly direction a distance of 45 feet and parallel to the west line of Animas street, thence running in an easterly direction and on the south line of lot 2, Block 72, a distance of 130 feet to the point of beginning.

For informational purposes only; the apn is shown by the county assessor as 10485600; source of title is 630417 recorded 03/31/1998

Also known by street and number as: 315 South Animas Street, Trinidad, CO 81082

NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust. THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at **10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, 2/19/2011** at 200 E. First Street, Room 204, Trinidad, Colorado 81082, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s) heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Donna J. Leonetti, Public Trustee in and for the County of Las Animas, State of Colorado (Public Trustee)

By: Stephanie P. Martinez, Deputy Public Trustee
The name, address, telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is: Caren Jacobs Castle #11790 Barbara Bader #10394 P.C. Wolf #34797 Jeremy D. Peck #36588 Deanne R. Stodden #33214 Jennifer C. Rogers #34682 Katharine E. Fisher #39230 Elizabeth S. Marcus #16092 Britney Beall-Eder #64935 Lauren R. Smith #39316 Castle Stawiariski LLC 999 18TH ST., #2201, DENVER, CO 80202 (303) 865-1400 Attorney file #: 10-20387
The attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.
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***AMENDED TO CORRECT ERRONEOUS LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED COMBINED NOTICE PURSUANT TO 38-38-109 (1)(b) ***
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Trinidad, 135 North Animas, Trinidad, Colorado 81082, will be receiving proposals for the provision of gasoline and diesel fuel for its municipal fleet of vehicles and a bulk diesel proposal at four City owned locations. The firm selected to provide fleet fuel will be required to provide a fueling facility which is accessible twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The firm selected to provide bulk fuel will be required to provide delivery to locations as listed in the RFP. Proposals will be received by the Public Works Department, P.O. Box 880, or at 135 North Animas, Trinidad, Colorado 81082, until February 25, 2011.

The proposals documents may be obtained at the following location:

City Hall - Public Works Department
PO Box 880
125 N. Animas
Trinidad, Colorado 81082

For additional information contact Michael Valentine at (719) 846-9843, extension 126.

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Riley Wilson takes winning essay to state award

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and Troy Wilson. His older brother, Gavin, placed 2nd in Raton in the 2009 Voice of Democracy competition, exactly the rank Riley himself earned last year. "I think it's nice that the community offers contests like this," he says. "I think more people should enter them, though I know it's hard with so many demands on their time. It's nice to get opportunities to practice my writing. And there are prizes, too, which helps." Riley doesn't write outside of school and competitions. "I'm not sure if writing is my favorite thing but I know that writing eloquently will help me in my future. I like, too, that success in competitions reflects well on our community: it makes Raton, and Raton High School, look good." Asked how he learned to write so well, he smiles a little sheepishly. "People say Raton's not such a good place to go to school, but I've learned a lot here. If you keep working, you improve." He credits his middle school English teacher, Kathy Honeyfield, with getting him started. "She used to make us enter writing contests; that's where I started, in the 7th grade." Wilson will graduate from Raton High School in May. He has been accepted at both the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University. He'll make his choice, then study chemical or nuclear engineering. "The work sounds interesting," he says. "You're doing something concrete, which is fun." But it probably won't allow him to settle permanently back home in Raton. "I do like the rural life, but I think I can settle anywhere. I'm not too picky." Wherever he ends up, he'll "make Raton, and Raton High School, look good."

ARPA has reached its crossroads, city manager reports

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contract is up and they do not wish to renew a long-term contract with ARPA because of the bad credit (history) ARPA has," said Gil de Rubio. He hasn't heard anything definitive yet on when the Lamar plant could be up and running again. "They're having to do boiler repairs, they have holes in some of the tubes," he said. "There is speculation that ammonia injections need to be done in order to keep the noxious emissions down." A state environmental group, Wild Earth, has also filed a lawsuit against ARPA over its alleged emissions issues, Gil de Rubio noted. He said some of ARPA's member cities have expressed an option for ARPA to possibly mothball the Lamar plant. "That's where the white paper is going to come in. We're basically going to have to see what our options are as an organization, look at some hard numbers and quickly make some decisions," said Gil de Rubio. "Trinidad is considering all of its options." When Leung appeared before Trinidad City Council in the past, council members asked him whether ARPA would ever consider filing for bankruptcy. While Leung said then that is the last option, Gil de Rubio said it's an option that ARPA must now strongly consider. "By all means, I think ARPA should look into bankruptcy." A Jan. 26 Pueblo Chieftain article quoted Lamar plant superintendent Bill Rigel as saying that the plant went offline Dec. 30 due to a tube leak that eventually caused the tube to rupture, resulting in some plant structural damage. That rupture also led to an excessive amount of steam emissions, leading to a large heat plume that formed over the plant for most of the day, according to Rigel. He was also quoted as saying there was no plant schedule for coming back online due to previously scheduled spring work for equipment modifications needed to improve plant efficiencies and correct design issues. Gil de Rubio has also acknowledged that the repeated plant shutdowns with ARPA having to buy more costly backup power from its Nebraska provider could conceivably be used in a legal breach of contract proceeding against the agency. On the good news front, Gil de Rubio said the sub zero temperatures and snowstorm that the Trinidad area experienced Monday night and Tuesday haven't yet caused any major problems for the city. "I had a meeting with the water department Tuesday on some other matters and we're waiting for the temperatures to warm up. That's when you get everything thawing out and when you'll see the frozen pipes breaking and the water squirting to the surface. "And I think our guys are doing an excellent job keeping the roads clear and putting product down," he said. One slip-slide accident was reported Wednesday morning on Santa Fe Drive.

TRINIDAD POLICE BLOTTER

ARRESTS
■ 1/28/11 - Steven Forbes, 48, Trinidad - DUI, disregarded stop sign
■ 1/28/11 - Iesha Galindo, 18, Trinidad - Aggravated motor vehicle theft
■ 1/28/11 - Agnes Mejia, 52, Trinidad - Las Animas County warrant
■ 1/28/11 - Amanda Colunga-Sanchez, 26, Trinidad - Trinidad Municipal Court warrant
■ 1/30/11 - Vernon Williams, 22, Trinidad - DUI, DUI per se, careless driving, left scene of an accident
■ 1/31/11 - Jason Miera, 34, Trinidad - Third degree assault
■ 2/1/11 - Jolene Garcia, 30, Raton - Colfax County warrants
INCIDENT
■ 1/29/11 - Domino's Pizza - Victim of theft
■ 1/31/11 - Family Dollar - Victim of theft
SUMMONS
■ 1/31/11 - Stephanie Tapia, Raton - Theft

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PENDING NON-SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF STATE LAND

NOTICE is hereby provided that the State Board of Land Commissioners ("Board") has authorized the initiation of a non-simultaneous exchange of land pursuant to Article IX, § 9 of the Colorado Constitution and § 36-1-124.5, CRS for the following parcel of state trust land located in Las Animas County, Colorado:

TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH - RANGE 55 WEST, 6th P.M. SECTION 36, All containing in all 640.00 acres, more or less

The surface rights only of the above-described parcel are proposed to be conveyed by Patent for cash that will be deposited with the State Treasurer for the Board to acquire replacement property it identifies at a future date. The mineral rights are reserved.

The minimum acceptable bid for this parcel is \$ 150,000.00. In addition to the bid amount, the successful bidder will be required to pay the agricultural lessee \$ 5,500.00 to reimburse the lessee for the value of lessee-owned improvements.

The publication of this Notice on February 3, 2011 begins a notice and public bid period during which written comments and sealed bids may be submitted to the Board. To be considered, comments and/or sealed bids must be received by 5 p.m. on March 4, 2011, by Kit Page, Southwest District Manager, P.O. Box 88, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Comments on the proposed exchange must be clearly marked "Comments on the Fox Canyon Exchange". Comments may be mailed or faxed to 719-589-2967.

Sealed bids must be submitted on the Board's Application for Acquisition of State Trust Land. An application may be obtained by contacting Kit Page at 719-589-2360. The application must be submitted with a \$100 non-refundable fee. The applicant's address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if applicable), and the words "Sealed Bid for the Fox Canyon Exchange" must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope. Sealed bids received via facsimile or electronic mail will not be considered.

Board staff will open the sealed bids at 1 p.m. on March 7, 2011, at the offices of the Board, 305 Murphy Drive, Suite A, Alamosa, CO, to verify that the bids received meet the minimum requirements. The bid amount will not be disclosed at the bid opening. This information will remain confidential until it is presented to the Board in open session at a Board meeting, tentatively scheduled to be held on April 8, 2011. If the Board decides to proceed with the exchange, the Board will select and approve a bid at the Board meeting. If the agricultural lessee's bid is not selected, and the lessee preserves the right to match the selected bid by attending the bid opening, a step auction between the lessee and the selected bidder will be held at a future Board meeting. Participation in the bidding process does not create any rights for the winning bidder or anyone else participating in the bidding process. The successful applicant will be required to cooperate with the Board in complying with the mandates of § 36-1-118(4)(a) and (b) and § 36-1-119.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The New John Flood Ditch Company will hold its annual Stockholders meeting on Sat February 5, 2011 at the Hoehne Community Center beginning at 10:00 A.M.

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Raton Relay for Life

Anyone wishing information about the upcoming Colfax County "Relay for Life" (July 15-16 @ Tiger Stadium) can call 575-445-5258 or go to the web site www.relayforlife.org/colfaxcounty.htm.

Valentine's Special

Singles, widowed, couples - come celebrate Valentine's Day with dinner & special entertainment 6 p.m. Sat (Feb 12) @ New Hope Ministries of Trinidad, 2002 Freedom Rd (next to Big F). Seating is limited so RSVP to Barbara @ 719-846-3853.

Bar NI Ranch

Community Service Fund is accepting grant proposals for 501c3, non-profit organizations in area of education, youth development, environment & conservation, health & human services, & civic or public benefit. For information & a proposal packet contact Tom Perry @ tomanlindaperry@gmail.com.

CASA

CAAT Appointed Special Advocates needs volunteers to advocate for abused & neglected children. To attend upcoming training or for more information contact Tamara Ross @ 719-468-3688 or southeast-casa3@coloradocasa.org.

Volunteers Needed

The Trinidad History Museum, 136 W. Main St., is looking for a few good volunteers to help with several upcoming inside & outside spring projects. Please contact Paula Marini @ 719-846-7217 if you are able & eager to assist.