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THE FINE PRINT

JUNE 3
-Las Animas County
TUESDAY (9 a.m.) Board of County Commissioners meeting - Las Animas County Courthouse, 68 St., Ro. 68, Trinidad, CO 81082. **PLEASE NOTE: This meeting has been changed to THURSDAY at 9 a.m.** For more information, call Audrey Abeyta (719-846-9300).
-Trinidad City Council
TUESDAY (7 p.m.) Regular session, Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

Today's Quote

"To be obliged to beg our daily happiness from others bespeaks a more lamentable poverty than that of him who begs his daily bread."

-Charles Caleb Colton

JUNE 4
-Trinidad Schools
WEDNESDAY (5 p.m.) District Accountability regular board meeting will be at the Eckhart Administration Building, 1021 Pierce St. Information: 719-846-3324.
-Creative District Meeting
WEDNESDAY (5:30-7 p.m.) The public is invited to attend the downtown Creative District's event rollout for summer in the Pioneer Room at Trinidad State Junior College. Information: 719-846-4765.

PUBLIC SERVICE
-2014 ARTOCADE
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: Anyone interested in participating in the September ArtoCade please contact Rodney Wood at 719-334-0087 or artarcadun@yahoo.com.

-Annual Book Sale
FRIDAY (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) Mount San Rafael Hospital Auxiliary's annual Book Sale fundraiser will be in the lobby of the hospital, 410 Benedicta Ave. Information: Sylvia Lackey, 719-846-6497.

-Community Blood Drive
FRIDAY (Noon-4 p.m.) Help save a life! Bonifils Blood Drive will be held in the Pioneer Room at Trinidad State Junior College, 600 Prospect St. Sign-up and information: Bonifils Appointment Center, 800-365-0006 or www.bonifils.org.

-FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!
FRIDAY, JUNE 13 & JUNE 27 (7-10 p.m.) Kids from 13-18 can join in the fun at the Mt. Carmel Community Center for music, dancing, snacks, games and more. Event is free (parents/guardian must sign in and out for 13-17 year old teens). Sponsored by TSJC and local merchants. Facebook info: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Friday-Night-Live/1442564633717198>.

-Calling all Volunteers
SATURDAY - Anyone who wants to be a server at the Honor Flight Banquet for the Las Animas County Veterans to be held at Mt. Carmel Community Center, please call Chris Huffman at The First National Bank, 719-846-9881 ext. 3107.

-Stonewall Fishing Tournament
SATURDAY (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) Join in the fun at the 18th Annual Stonewall Fire Auxiliary's Fishing Tournament at Monument Lake. Registration and information: www.stonewallfireauxiliary.com.

-Town Hall Meeting
JUNE 10 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) The public is encouraged to attend an informal "come and go" discussion meeting "Conversations with the Trinidad City Council" that will be held in the Pioneer Room at Trinidad State Junior College. Council will take questions. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843 ext. 135.

-Vacation Bible School
JUNE 23-27 (9 a.m.-Noon) Fishers Peak Community Church will hold it's annual Vacation Bible School for kids (K-6th Grade) at the church, 10377 Santa Fe Grail Drive. Information: 719-846-6018 (M-Th 10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

-Volunteer Firemen
Anyone over 18 interested in becoming a volunteer fireman for any of our area fire protection districts, please call Buddie Curro at 719-859-1535. Any donations of food, water and funds for our area fire district volunteers call 719-846-4074.

-From the LA County Clerk
License plate renewal online. Go to: www.colorado.gov/renewplates.

-SUICIDE/CRISIS HOTLINES:
*ADULT HOPE: 800-784-2433
*TEEN: 877-968-8454
*GLB-YOUTH: 866-488-7386
*VET-2-VET: 877-838-2638
"When the world says, 'Give up!' Hope says, 'Not today!'" -Unknown

A THOUSAND WORDS

The Trinidad Sign that stands atop Simpson's Rest is accompanied on Friday evening by a vibrant orange sky.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 06/02/14. Llewellen & McCormick ditch: Priority # 104 / Appropriation date: 10/21/1886.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release 441.69 AF
Inflow 554.92 AF -- 279.77 CFS
Evaporation 17.23 AF
Content 14,156 AF
Elevation 6,174.32
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / Nine Mile Canal: 05/10/1887.



TRAINING ISSUES

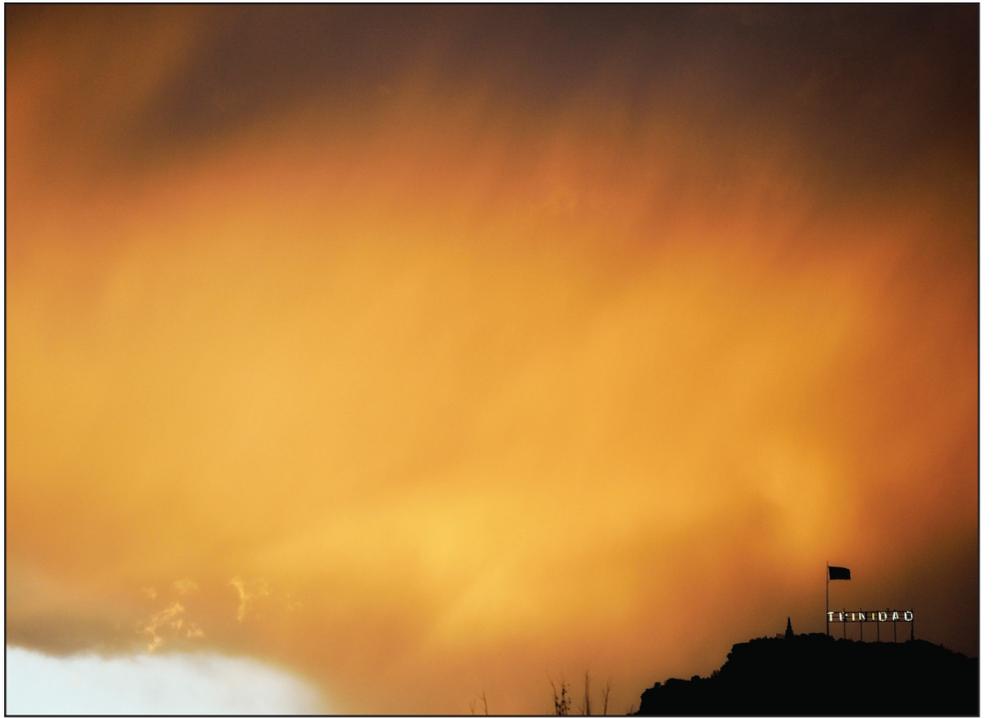
State's court case against DA expands

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

The court case against District Attorney Frank Ruybalid took another turn last week when Judge William Lucero, the State Supreme Court's presiding disciplinary judge, allowed the high court's Office of Attorney Regulation to add support to its claim that Ruybalid failed to supervise his subordinate prosecutors. One of those subordinates, Deputy District Attorney Jared Hall, testified that he hadn't received any training from Ruybalid concerning how to deal with victims in domestic-violence cases.

During a Friday phone interview, Ruybalid said that though he did not personally provide his subordinate prosecutors with such training, he did provide them with other training resources such as videos by experts in the field from the Colorado District Attorney's Council (CDAC), and he required that they attend continuing-education classes on the subject of victims' rights in both Denver and Colorado Springs.

"I know that Andrew Hall studied victims' rights when he worked for the district attorney's office in Pueblo, before he came to work in my office," Ruybalid said. "With the training videos from CDAC, they're kind of on



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an honor system, but they know I want them to study these videos and learn from experts in the field of victims' rights."

Ruybalid said his subordinate prosecutors also receive training on domestic-violence issues through the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

The Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel (OARC) has brought allegations of misconduct against Ruybalid, who is the district attorney of the Third Judicial District, which encompasses both Las Animas and Huerfano Counties. The OARC has alleged that Ruybalid has shown an ongoing pattern

of violating the State Supreme Court's rules of professional conduct for attorneys.

Ruybalid was originally scheduled to go on trial before a three-member panel appointed by the State Supreme Court on April 14, but that trial date was rescheduled to late October to allow for a mediation process to resolve the issues in the case. He said he didn't understand why Judge Lucero allowed the OARC to expand its claims concerning a lack of training for prosecutors handling domestic-violence cases. Among the charges against Ruybalid is one that claims he failed to provide

documents to defense attorneys during the discovery phase of pre-trial preparation.

"I relied on the training they were getting through the videos and the seminars," he said. "I don't know if the OARC thought their training was insufficient, or if they were unaware that they were getting that training. It could be that they're failing to prove their arguments about the discovery documents, so they've latched on to the training issue to make their case. Let's put it this way — I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing, and I'm not doing what I'm not supposed to do," Ruybalid said.

IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION

Raton's I-25 project focuses on economic development, safety

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

The off- and onramps along Interstate 25 at Raton, New Mexico's south interchange, Exit 450, require drivers to accelerate or decelerate rapidly so that they can negotiate the sharp turns. The off- and onramps are both poorly lit and display inadequate signage directing motorists to their destinations and provide little information about Raton's attractions and destinations. The planned redesign of the south interchange was the subject of an informational meeting at Raton's convention center last week, with officials from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and

highway-design and construction-company consultants providing information about the proposed project. They also fielded questions from local citizens concerned about the timeframe of the project and how it might impact the local economy. The interchange was originally built in 1969.

Northbound travelers on I-25 would no longer be faced with those tight turns and rapid deceleration or acceleration under the new design proposal that was displayed at the meeting. Instead, drivers would have a much straighter, 800-foot off-ramp that would allow for gradual deceleration until coming to a stop sign. The southbound off-ramp would also replace the current tight right-hand curve with



Photo courtesy of Anna Hoagland

Don't tread on me . . .

The onset of warm sunny days brings many critters out from cover to catch a few inviting rays, and this rattler is no exception. Perhaps this photo will serve as a reminder to pedestrians and bikers always to be on the lookout for coiled reptiles while enjoying the great outdoors.

a straighter and longer off-ramp. Both exits would include better lighting and improved signage. The northbound off-ramp will connect to a new frontage road parallel to I-25, which would allow for the economic development of the area east of the highway. Currently that area can only be accessed from Hereford Avenue in south Raton.

Heather Sandoval, NMDOT communications director, said bids on the project would go out in September. Construction could either start this fall, halt for winter, then resume next spring, or it could begin next spring and finish next fall, though the construction contractor would make the final decision on when to start the project. Sandoval said construction should be completed within six months. She discussed the safety problems at the current interchange and how the new project would provide solutions to those problems.

"Some of the problems are the tightness of the off-ramps," Sandoval said. "A lot of times trucks

can't take it at speed. We've had trucks turn over there in the past. We're going to be able to provide better access off of Hereford Avenue for emergency vehicles, the state police and the sheriff's department. I think one of the major things is that it's going to provide access to the east side of the interchange, so it will open up all that land on the east side for development, with pretty easy access. I think it will just help develop the south end of Raton, by providing much better access."

Installing traffic lights at the east end of York Canyon Road, also known as State Highway 555, was also brought up at the meeting. A new Tractor Supply Company store will eventually be located at that intersection. Sandoval said that both NMDOT and the consultants would study the idea.

"What we can do is that, once Tractor Supply opens up, we can study the traffic patterns, and see if it warrants a traffic signal," she said. "If it doesn't at this time, we

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Design Manager Ivan Trujillo describes the new I-25 south interchange project to Raton citizens last week.

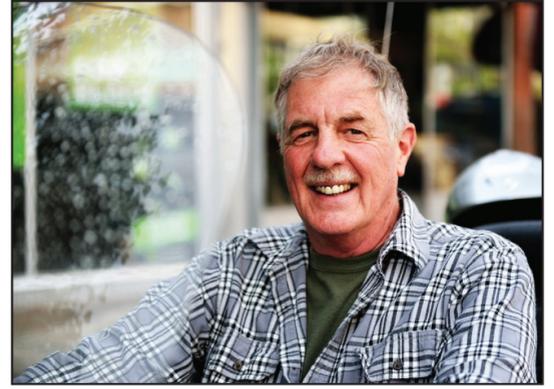
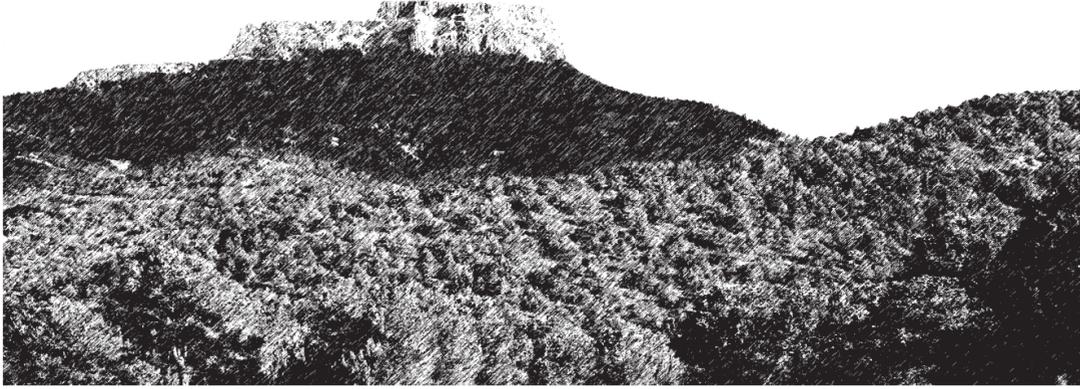
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WEATHER WATCH
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 94. Breezy, with a W-SW wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Breezy, with a W-SW wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 89. W-SW wind around 10 mph becoming E-NE in the morning. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 54. S-SE wind 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday: A 10 percent chance of show-

ers and thunderstorms after noon. Sunny, with a high near 82. South wind around 10 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. SE wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind 10 to 15 mph. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. West wind 10 to 15 mph.

OVER THE PASS



TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

By **Tim Keller**
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

Question of the Week:

“When are you happiest?”

Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News



“When I’m deeply engaged in something that I love doing. I don’t even know I’m that happy at the time—I realize it afterward.”

– Susie Williams, in transition (and transit) from Loveland landscaper to Arizona yoga teacher (Trinidad)

“When I’m not working and I’m out on this trike, my Goldwing. We can cruise and cruise. We rode in the rain all day today. It was pretty good!”

– Dave Williams, Cañon City hot tub serviceman (Trinidad)



“When I’m out hiking. It’s the peace and stillness that’s in nature. Breathing the dirt and the air relaxes me. Sunshine is rejuvenating and energizing.”

– Angela Love-Storkan, owner/massage therapist, Adamina Wellness (Raton)



“When I’m with my son. We do a lot of playing. He amazes me every day by some of the stuff he says and does. Today he was awesome in T-ball!”

– Monique Lopez, cashier, Ross Oil, with son Avery (Raton)



“When I’m singing! I started singing when I had cancer when I was 4. I’m a 10-year cancer survivor. I sing all the time.”

– Tatiana Medina, honor student, Primero High School (Trinidad)



“When I’m coaching the kids. My boys are in T-ball and minor league. I enjoy giving back to the community.”

– David Martinez, carpenter, with (from left) Josh Vargas, David Martinez Jr. and Luciano Martinez (Raton)

FALL CLASSES

New Health, Wellness Certificate to be offered by TSJC

Special to The Chronicle-News

At the forefront of holistic health education, Trinidad State was the first junior college in Colorado to offer an associate’s degree in holistic health in 2007, and now TSJC again leads the way by offering a new Health and Wellness Certificate, beginning this fall.

The idea for the new Health and Wellness Certificate came from Lynette Bates, Dean of Career and Technical Education at Trinidad State, and Kay Evans, Massage Therapy Professor at Trinidad State. Evans said, “We decided it was where to go with what we’re doing here, because we have massage, which is a basis for a lot of different things, but it fits so neatly with what’s happening in health care.”

“So many people are looking for a healthier lifestyle,” Evans said in reference to the new program. “We’re definitely right there at the beginning.”

The new certificate will expose students to a broad overview of wellness over two semesters, totaling 17 credit hours. Through a combination of day and evening classes and a few online courses, the program will provide a flexible learning option for those who may already be working in the field. Courses cover topics such as nutrition, managing stress, first aid and CPR, weight management and fitness, among other subjects designed to teach students a comprehensive approach to wellness and holistic health.

Evans said the career options possible with the knowledge gained from the Health and Wellness Certificate would include wellness consultants, administrative positions in hospitals and health care facilities and an emerging field of wellness positions in companies. Many companies receive discounted health care if they establish a wellness program for their employees, said Evans, and she sees



Photo courtesy of Trinidad State

A new Health and Wellness Certificate program at Trinidad State will focus on nutrition, fitness, weight management and stress reduction.

this as being a growing field of opportunity in the region, including in areas such as Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

The certificate program will be offered to students with a budding interest in holistic health and to people who already have basic health education, such as nurses or massage therapists, so that they can add another valuable layer of knowledge and skills to their practice, according to Evans.

Sharon Qualls recently graduated from the Trinidad State Massage Therapy program and plans to enroll in the new certificate program this fall. “I think that we’re right on the cusp of huge expansion in the area of treating the whole person and focusing on wellness, not preventative maintenance,” she said. Speaking about combining health and wellness with her massage education, Qualls said, “I’ll be learning

more about treating the whole person, not just the psychological and physiological benefits of massage that help a person to be well—but being able to talk to them and educate them on their diet and their exercise and breathing. Having that, along with my massage and my energy work, is going to be huge, because it will be the whole person!”

Trinidad State will enroll 10 students for the first year of the Health and Wellness Certificate. Anyone interested or wanting more information should contact Evans at (719) 846-5468 or kay.evans@trinidadstate.edu.

Graduates from the certificate program will be well versed in holistic health and have the skills necessary to consult clients on basic nutrition, fitness, weight loss, stress management, exercise and other measures to promote healthy lifestyles.

I-25 SOUTHBOUND

Port of Entry: Attempted murderer being sought

Special to The Chronicle-News

On Monday morning at 7:41 a.m., a man entered the southbound Port of Entry in Fort Collins and attempted to shoot a POE officer.

The suspect is described as a light-skinned black or Hispanic male in his early to mid-30s, 5’7” to 5’9” tall, with short black hair, a mustache and a medium build. The suspect was last seen wearing a light-colored short-sleeved shirt, blue jeans and wraparound sunglasses.

The suspect allegedly entered the POE office, pointed a firearm of unknown description at a POE officer and pulled the trigger. The firearm did not discharge. The suspect then climbed into a very dirty white semi-tractor towing a white box trailer and continued southbound on Interstate 25.

The semi-tractor is reported to have the numbers “4177” behind the passenger-side door. The numbers may be part of a larger number.

No further information is available at this time.

The Fort Collins Police Department is leading the investigation. Anyone with information about the incident, the suspect, or the vehicle should contact Officer Wes Haynes at 970-221-6540.

TRINIDAD FOOT CLINIC
Dr. James C. Dill
will hold a clinic on
Thursday, June 5th

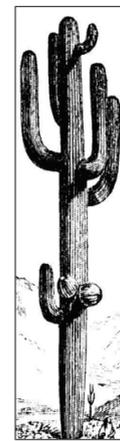
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Knights of Columbus

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Tuesday, June 3rd

DOORS Open @ 5:30p.m.
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50-50 Bingo Progressive Game

*No one under 12 allowed

*No Checks accepted