

LOCAL NEWS

ON THIS DAY IN TRINIDAD

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50 years ago - 1959

Trinidad State Jr. College students Rod Kenney and Allan Ray, trap and bongo drummers, were featured on the Trinidad Rotary Club's program given this afternoon at the Country Club.

Guest Dtdents of the Rotarians were Richard Haas, Trinidad High School, Gerald Maio, Holy Trinity High School, and George Fouret, Trinidad St. Jr. College.

Program Chairman was Rotarian Dr. C.O. Banta.

75 years ago - 1934

Thrilling finishes, the kind that folks read about in story books, were offered basketball fans at Miner gym Saturday night as Julia Cunico and Chris Blondi pitched baskets in the final seconds of play to give their respective team, Sopris girls and Primero boys, the championships of the annual Las Animas county tournament.

Miss Cunico's basket gave the Sopris girls a 30 to 29 victory over the Primero lassies while Blondi's goal put Primero out in front of Hoehne, 27 to 26, when the final whistle blared forth a few seconds later. It was the closest finishes ever recorded in the history of the county tournament and sent the crowd into a frenzy of excitement.

The victories were glorious triumphs for the winners and heart breaking defeats for the Primero girls and Hoehne boys when championships slipped thru their fingers in the last half minute of play.

The victory of the Sopris girls climaxed a season of undefeated conference and tournament competition. Miss Cunico played excellent ball and scored 10 points during the game. The defensive play of Mary Glaviano and Teresa Passero stood out for the winners as well.

The entire Primero boys team played well with the work of Selak, Bartlo and Micheli standing out a trifle.

100 years ago - 1909

Work was commenced this morning on the Barela block, the lower floors of which were for years occupied by the Bee Hive store at the corner of Plum and Commercial streets, clearing out the store front and remodeling.

The store belongs to O.Davis and E.S. Bell and will be made modern and much more convenient than it is now. The floors will be lowered to street grade in compliance with the paving orders, with a corner entrance put in and bog plate glass windows.

The iron stairway which leads to the upper floors will be taken off the outside of the building and an entrance and a stairway built on the inside.

New walk will be laid in front of the building when it is completed and the entire place will be remarkable improved.

Harry B. Mulnix, who has been examining the county books here, left today for Denver and will go tomorrow to Ouray to begin the auditing of the county books there.

W.C. Welden, chief clerk to the purchasing agent of the Colorado & Southern, came in this morning from Childress, Texas, where he has been on business for the road.

TSJC Educational Foundation to host 'Blast from the Past' event

Courtesy of Trinidad State Junior College
Special to the Chronicle

The Trinidad State Junior College Educational Foundation is proud to announce the Blast from the Past, the Foundation's annual Fun & Friendraiser and Hall of Fame Event. The gala is set for March 14, 2009 at Scott Gymnasium on the TSJC campus. California Superior Court Judge, Mike Kellogg is the featured speaker for this year's premier event. Kellogg is also a former Denver Bronco and current owner of Huerfano County World Newspaper. Huerfano County World Newspaper is a gold sponsor of the event.

Blast from the Past is an elegant social evening filled with entertainment and excitement. The gala event features a reception and silent auction beginning at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 7:00 p.m. In conjunction with the dinner, this year's Hall of Fame inductees Don Anderson and Jack Bearden will be honored and recognized for their extraordinary efforts toward the betterment of Trinidad State Junior College. Also part of the festivity is the retirement celebration for President Ruth Ann Woods. As a special treat, Elvis, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett will all perform "live"!

"This year's annual dinner will be an unforgettable evening," said Foundation President, Kim Lucero



Mike Kellogg is the featured speaker for this year's event and the current owner of Huerfano County World Newspaper.

(Courtesy of TSJC)

(Director of Marketing at Mt. San Rafeal Hospital). "It's exciting to have former Denver Bronco, Mike Kellogg, as our featured guest speaker for the evening. The Foundation is appreciative of Mike and his wife for offering Huerfano County World's support of the event at the gold sponsor level," said Lucero. "In addition, we will induct two more outstanding individuals from our community into the TSJC Educational Foundation Hall of Fame. The evening will close with a farewell and thank you to TSJC President, Ruth Ann Woods for her dedication and hard work. Her vivacious personality has brought so much to

Trinidad State Junior College, she will be greatly missed." Proceeds from the event benefit the TSJC Educational Foundation in its mission to promote the growth and development of Trinidad State Junior College. The Foundation is committed to providing financial assistance to TSJC to meet its goals for today and the future. "The community is invited to come out and take part in this very momentous occasion."

Judge Mike Kellogg's love affair with Southern Colorado began in 1965 when he was drafted by Coach Lou Saban to play for the Denver Broncos. To his Irish Catholic mother, Mike's football career was something of a miracle since he was diagnosed with infantile paralysis at age 6 and was not expected to ever be able to walk.

Upon graduating from high school, Kellogg proudly informed his parents that he had no intention of going to college. Instead, he took a job with Standard Oil working in the oil fields of Central California as a roughneck. Surprisingly, after spending one summer in 125 degree heat, he changed his tune and enrolled in Santa Clara University, where he landed a spot on the football team as a walk-on player.

His senior year, Kellogg was signed by Coach Al Davis to

play for the Oakland Raiders where he remained for one season. In 1965, he was traded to the Denver Broncos where he played as a running back and line backer for the next three years. Then, in 1968, Kellogg was drafted in the expansion draft by the Cincinnati Bengals. He opted instead to go to Canada to play for his old head coach, Ray Malavasi with the Hamilton Ti-Cats. Kellogg retired in 1970 due to injuries.

After attending law school, he practiced as a private criminal defense attorney, representing some of the more colorful characters in Los Angeles, before being hired by the Torrance, California city prosecutor's office. In 1996, after conducting more than 300 trials, he was appointed by the Governor to the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Kellogg has presided over a number of high profile cases including the trial of the murderer of Ennis Cosby, son of comedian Bill Cosby, the Jeremy Strohmeier murder trial, the "Angel of Death" serial killer case and most recently the trial of a group of teenagers accused of setting a deadly California wildfire which burned more than 4,000 acres and homes.

Kellogg lives in Malibu, California with his wife, four dogs, three goats and seven horses.

The Trinidad State Junior College Educational Foundation is a private, non-profit corporation founded in 1968 to raise and manage private gifts for TSJC. Made up of a diverse group of community members, the Foundation invites the private sector to participate in events designed to benefit the College and its students. Through the years, the Foundation has made notable contributions to student scholarships, instructional programs, building improvements, and campus beautification projects.

The Blast from the Past gala event is open to the public. For tickets, call the TSJC Alumni/Foundation Office at 846-5520 or 846-5649.

Jesse Manzanares speaks at monthly Hispanic Chamber luncheon

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The status of Trinidad State Nursing Home has been a concern for the community for several months as well as for the Health Services District. The nursing home has been operating at a loss and the state can no longer afford to carry it. Manzanares would like to have local members of the community take a look at the deficit and evaluate it. By involving members of the community it would

create jobs and also allow an insiders view of what the community needs and what it is capable of achieving.

Las Animas County Health Services District is holding its regular board of directors meeting from 5-7 p.m. today at the John Building, 136 West Main Street. The meeting is open to the public and all who are interested are welcome to attend.

Spanish Peaks Mental Health clinic among first to receive TCF grant funding

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TCF donated \$1,000 to Spanish Peaks. Alane Wilson, rural county program director for Las Animas and Huerfano Counties, outlined just how that donation has been distributed as part of the first grant in TCF's most recent grant cycle.

She said the TCF donation bolstered Spanish Peaks' new Case Management Skills Training Program's case manager for use when entering clients homes to address their mental illness problems, like struggling with effective parenting.

"TCF's contribution to the Spanish Peaks Life Skills program enabled us to provide in-home skills training and supplies to 15 additional clients," said Wilson. "Additionally, we held a social-

ization group attended by seven of our most isolated clients at the Spanish Peaks office where they had lunch, games and participated in an activity where they created sensory first aid kits to use when they are overwhelmed by an environmental trigger.

"Particularly successful were two separate clients in danger of losing their housing because they lacked the skills to keep their homes clean," she said. "A lot of clients, when they are seriously ill, also neglect their housekeeping. Our case manager provided initial house cleaning supplies like brooms, mops and other cleaning supplies to help resolve that problem by taking house-cleaning kits - brooms, mops and cleaning supplies - into the homes "to teach them

how to get their houses back in order." She said they also work with clients on their household budgets to get them in order, and worked side-by-side with these clients to teach them cleaning skills. She also worked with them on their budgets to include cleaning supplies."

To date, Wilson said each of these clients are still in his or her home and enjoying their own clean living space.

"Another client is very mentally ill and tended to avoid interacting with her young children. Consequently, they acted out in extreme ways to get her attention, creating a very negative and chaotic home environment for all.

"Our case manager took two board games purchased with TCF funding to

the home and worked with the family for several months to develop behavior charts by playing the board games together," said Wilson. "Their reward was getting to play one of the games with their parents to develop quality family time on Friday nights. The children blossomed under the attention and the family reports a much calmer and happier home life."

Spanish Peaks has approximately 40 Las Animas County clients in its case management program under the TCF grant.

"Thanks to the wonderful TCF board for sharing our vision and helping us to make this a reality!" said Wilson.

Obama suggests buying stocks, defends econ plan

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breaks elsewhere in Obama's budget package.

"Now, if people don't change how they use energy, then they will face higher costs for energy," Geithner acknowledged.

Obama, meanwhile, was asked about the stock market's swoon in recent days to levels not seen since 1997.

"What I'm looking for is not the day-to-day gyrations of the stock market, but the long-term ability for the United States and the entire world economy to regain its footing," Obama said after meeting in the Oval Office with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

"You know, it bobs up and down," he said, comparing stock market movements to daily tracking polls during political campaigns. "The banking system has been dealt a heavy blow," he added. "There are a lot of losses that are working their way through the system. And it's not surprising that the market is hurting as a consequence."

Sounding ever more like an analyst, he said that "profit and earning ratios are starting to get to the point where

buying stocks is a potentially good deal if you've got a long-term perspective on it."

The president predicted a recovery "but it's not going to happen overnight."

He got a boost from Bernanke, who was appointed to the top Fed job in 2006 by President George W. Bush. Bernanke said Obama's recently enacted \$787 billion stimulus package of increased federal spending and tax cuts should help revive consumer spending, boost factory production and "mitigate the overall loss of employment and income that would otherwise occur."

Bernanke testified that an economic recovery depends on the government's ability to stabilize weak financial markets.

Geithner and Orszag were grilled by Republicans on the tax portion of the budget.

In particular, GOP lawmakers complained about a section that would require polluters to purchase permits from the government for their greenhouse gas emissions, suggesting it would essentially impose huge new energy costs on all consumers and busi-

nesses. They also criticized a section limiting the charitable deductions that households earning over \$250,000 a year can claim, saying it would burden charities.

"The president's budget increases taxes on every American, and does so during a recession," Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., told Geithner.

Geithner said the budget reflects what Obama views as "a deep moral imperative to make our society more just. But it's very good economic policy, too. It will mean there is again a fairer, more equitably shared tax burden on the vast majority of Americans."

Higher taxes for affluent Americans would not come until 2011 once "we are safely into recovery," Geithner said.

But some lawmakers challenged the administration's predictions for such a speedy recovery.

The budget forecasts that the economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, would shrink by just 1.2 percent this year and then snap back and grow by a solid 3.2 percent in 2010, followed by several years over 4 percent.

That's more optimistic than most pri-

vate forecasts, and comes despite a new government report showing the economy contracted by 6.2 percent in late 2008, far more than the 3.2 percent drop first reported.

"It looks like somebody's cooking the books," Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, told Geithner.

The Obama plan "does predict a somewhat more rapid recovery" than other forecasts, Geithner acknowledged. But, he added, "I believe this is a realistic forecast."

Questioning was pretty much along party lines. Democrats for the most part praised Obama's proposal.

"It is making the tax code more fair," Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., told Geithner.

Obama's budget faces a difficult path through Congress because of its many controversial proposals on health care, taxes and global warming.

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