

LOCAL NEWS

TRINIDAD POLICE BLOTTER

May 4, 2009

ARRESTS

■ 4/29/09 – Robert Nunez, 29, Denver, Colo. – Menacing, disorderly conduct
 ■ 4/30/09 – George Gonzalez, 37, Trinidad – Drove vehicle while license under restraint, speeding
 ■ 4/30/09 – Bobbie Jo Vigil, 26, Trinidad – Criminal mischief, menacing, conspiracy, illegal discharge of a firearm, reckless driving

■ 4/30/09 – Yvonne Bravo, 29, Trinidad – Criminal mischief, menacing, conspiracy
 ■ 5/3/09 – Dagoberto Garcia-Alarcon, 35, Trinidad – DUI, drove vehicle while license revoked, failed to drive in a single lane
 ■ 5/3/09 – Richard Trujillo, 24, Raton, NM – Third degree assault
INCIDENTS
 ■ 4/30/09 – State of Colorado – Victim of criminal

mischief
 ■ 5/1/09 – City of Trinidad – Victim of criminal mischief
SUMMONS
 ■ 4/29/09 – Virginia Nunez, Trinidad – Dog running at large, license required, vaccination required
 ■ 4/30/09 – Kathleen Kelly, Trinidad – Dogs running at large, license required, vaccination required

GET OUT THE MAP

Mexico ... again??



Mike and Darlene Jordan
 Special to the Chronicle

Wow...two weeks in a row with a column about problems in Mexico.

You'd have to be living under a rock not to have heard about the Swine Flu "epidemic" that cropped up about a week

ago. Mexico reports that over 100 people have died from this outbreak, which is tragic, and certainly is cause for sensible precautions.

Cases in the United States have been fairly mild, so far, with the most seriously affected being the elderly and the young. In the U.S., these are the age groups that are always the most affected by the flu of any kind. Since current flu vaccines that are recommended for these people don't contain swine flu antibodies, they should be careful.

As of this writing, only one person in the U.S., a small child, is suspected of having died from the swine flu. This also is a real tragedy for the family and our hearts go out to them. What this is not, apparently, is unusual. According to the Center for Disease Control,

36,000 people die each year from the flu or flu related complications in the United States. Not the swine flu, but, the same seasonal flu strains that go around every year. How come we haven't stopped interstate travel so we can get this under control?

Vice President Joe Biden said on the Today Show Thursday that the prudent thing would be to stop traveling by air, bus, or train adding that he would advise his family "not to go anywhere in confined places right now." What? Has the time come to grind all commerce to a standstill so the administration can look like it's doing something? Presidential press secretary Robert Gibbs had to go on TV and explain what Biden "meant to say," that "people who are sick should stay home and not go anywhere," which one reporter pointed out didn't bear any resemblance to what he actually said.

Millions of people in the United States opt out of flu shots every year. They are exposed repeatedly to goodness knows how many strains of flu and if they contract the disease, most recover within a few days. Shut down the airlines! Keep the cruise ships away from Mexico; never mind that several of those ships disgorged over 10 thousand passengers returning from Mexican Riviera trips last week. Undoubtedly some were exposed, and some may have gotten sick—just as they might catch a cold or some other strain of flu. Meanwhile, caving to the government's alert asking us all to cancel any non-essential travel to Mexico, cruise ships have been re-routed away from Mexican ports.

We actually have a passenger traveling this weekend on a

cruise from Los Angeles. His cruise cancelled all Mexican ports, and now one of his ports will be Santa Barbara, California—his home town. Maybe he'll have time to step off the ship, go home, have some lunch and check the mail. The good news (for him) is that Princess Cruise lines is compensating this week's passengers with a future cruise credit of 50% of their cruise fare—in this case a credit of \$437 per person. The average cruise fare for this trip is about \$700, so, with 2,670 passengers, this will cost Princess about \$934,500 this week alone. That's just this one ship. Other cruise lines are in the same situation, along with the already struggling airlines with cancelled bookings to and from Mexico. Add to that the effect of all the folks that are taking Joe Biden's advice and not traveling anywhere.

The fact is that the media love a crisis, and this is a juicy one. The longer they can keep this story on the front page or as the lead on the nightly news, the more papers they can sell. Never mind the effect it has on the economy or people's jobs, not to mention the vendors, shops, and tour operators that contribute to Mexico's fragile economy which depends heavily on U.S. travel and tourism—it's a crisis! In fact, all those things make the crisis even worse! Stop the presses! Man the lifeboats!

As for us, we'll just get out the map!

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Dr. Robert Leonetti to speak at TSJC Commencement in Trinidad

Special to the Chronicle-News

Trinidad State Junior College commencement exercises for the Trinidad campus will be held Friday, May 8, outdoors in "The Pit," located between the Berg administration building and the gymnasium. The 10 a.m. ceremony will feature Dr. Robert Leonetti as commencement speaker. Dr. Robert Leonetti joined the Trinidad State Junior College staff in 1973 and served in various leadership and instructional positions, including director of directed studies, guidance counselor, and as long-time instructor in the areas of psychology and education. He was selected as TSJC's Faculty Member of the Year in 1995. He retired from TSJC in 2003.

Dr. Leonetti has been widely published in professional journals, primarily addressing the issues of self-concept of young learners, minority issues affecting a child's education and learning style, and other psychological aspects of teaching and learning. He has done extensive research and has published writings on topics related to instructional programs for Hispanic students and the academic achievement of Spanish-surnamed students.

Dr. Leonetti earned his Associate of Arts degree from TSJC in 1963. He received his Bachelor's degree in secondary education in 1965 and his Master's degree in history and psychology from Adams State College. He was awarded his Doctorate of Education from New Mexico State University in 1973.

In October 2008 the Dr. Robert Leonetti Psychology Lab was unveiled in honor of his long and illustrious career at Trinidad State Junior College. His ongoing commitment and dedication to Trinidad State Junior College is recognized by students, staff, administration, Board of Directors, members of the TSJC Educational Foundation, and throughout the community.



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throughout the community. Dr. Leonetti has three children, Dawn, Amy, and Brian. Following graduation, a reception will be held on the campus grounds for graduates, their families, and guests. Information regarding this year's graduation activities is available by calling TSJC at 719-846-5011.

ON THIS DAY IN TRINIDAD

By COSETTE HENRITZE

The Chronicle-News

50 years ago - 1959

Centennial eighth grade mixed chorus, under direction of Mrs. O.H. Palmquist, attended the music festival in La Junta Wednesday of this week. Twenty five choral groups from southern Colorado were in attendance.

Centennial received a Superior rating, which is the top rating a choir can receive. Clayton Kreibel from the University of Kansas was the critic.

Adults accompanying the group were: Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Pfalmer, Mr. McFann, and Mr. Martin.

Fifty-seven students participated.

75 years ago - 1934

A telegram from Indianapolis today, signed by James E. Fishar, was conveyed to Mrs. Alice E. Moore, city treasurer, and long a resident of Trinidad. It said that her brother, whom she has not seen for 30 years, is still alive, though 20 years ago, during the World War in Europe, he had been reported dead. Today's message said he is coming to Trinidad next Thursday for a visit.

James E. Fischer is also a brother of Guy Fisher of this community.

James Fischer lived at Hoehne for a time many years ago, then left and went to Pueblo. There correspondence with his family ceased. Some 26 years ago a friend, Elmore Floyd of this city, received a letter from Fischer saying he

was about to sail, though the destination was not given. Then, during the world war Mrs. Moore heard indirectly, but apparently from a reliable source, that her brother had been killed in Europe.

A few days ago Judge A.F. Hollenbeck of the district court here received a letter from Fischer dated at Indianapolis that said he was managing editor of a K. of P. publication there. Then this morning came the telegram to Mrs. Moor saying Fischer was going to visit Trinidad for a short time next week.

100 years ago - 1909

Although the season of baseball for Trinidad will not be opened until two weeks later, it is expected that the locals will appear in their new uniforms, the pretty white ones with blue trimmings recently ordered, when they play next Saturday and Sunday against the Denver Western league team.

E.D. Webster arrived here this afternoon from Denver and was accompanied by no less a person than Johnny Green, the little chap who has the biggest spot in the heart of Trinidad fans than any other ball player who ever wore a Trinidad uniform.

Johnny has spent the winter on his ranch in Wyoming and is of course fine and fit as a fiddle to lead Trinidad's battling list and incidentally Trinidad's batting for the coming season. He will probably play the outfield again this season. There has never been a more dependable hitter on the local diamond than Johnny, who can always be depended upon to get on first somehow being a good waiter besides a fast sprinter when he hits the ball. That Johnny will again wear Trinidad's colors is a good help towards winning another pennant.

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