

Aguilar High School

Blanca Rosa Morales

Blanca is the daughter of Juan and Michelle Porras. Her activities and honors include: Basketball, Volleyball, Rookie of the Year as a freshman, and All-Area Volleyball her junior year. Blanca was also accepted into and attended Medical Camp in Denver as a junior. Her future plans are to attend the TSJC Nursing Program upon graduation.



Hoehne High School

Alyssa Ann Hernandez

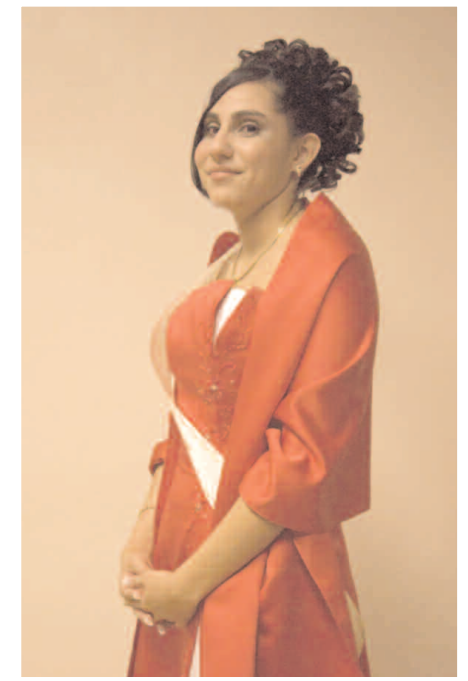
Alyssa is the daughter of Roger and Angela Hernandez. Her activities and honors include: Student Council President, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Journalism Editor, Varsity Volleyball, Basketball and Track. Alyssa was All Conference and All State Volleyball 2009 and Wendy's Heisman High School Winner. She plans to go to college and major in Elementary Education.



**74th Annual
TSJC
Basketball
Tournament**



Queen Christa



Trinidad High School

Christa Frances Flesman

Christa is the daughter of Janet Flesman. Her activities and honors include: Volleyball, Cheerleading, Soccer, National Honor Society, she attended the National Hispanic Institute in Fort Collins and received the Edward Jones Academic Award. She is an All-American Cheerleader nominee her senior year and is the Captain of her Soccer team. Christa has also been a minister of music at Holy Trinity Catholic Church where she now serves as a cantor. She volunteers as a tutor at Trinidad Middle School and with local senior citizens. She plans to pursue a degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology.



Holy Trinity Academy

Shelby Gonzales-Choate

Shelby is the daughter of Josh and Antoinette Choate. Her activities and honors include: Volleyball - 3 years Varsity lettered and Basketball - 3 years varsity lettered. She is also a Journalism student and has spent 2 years on the yearbook staff. After graduation, Shelby's plans are to continue her education, which includes participation in the TSJC Nursing Program.



Sierra Grande High School

Krissy Morine

Krissy is the daughter of Darlene Jimenez and Bill Morine. Her activities and honors include: Volleyball, Cheerleading, Spanish Club, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Sociology, Academic Decathlon, Epics, Design and Edit. Krissy's future plans include pursuit of a degree in business. She would like to become a massage therapist.



Parade of Princesses

Photos Courtesy of Trinidad St. Jr. College by David J. Barrack

John Mall High School

Kiana Ortivez

Kiana is the daughter of Michael and Sheri Ortivez. Her activities and honors include: Volleyball (2006 & 2007), Band (2006 & 2007), Basketball (2006), Football Manager (2009) and Tutor for the John Mall Tutor Program (2008 & 2009). She is a volunteer for the Headstart Program and a member of the La Plaza Youth Auxiliary. Kiana has plans to go to college and pursue her dream of becoming an Orthodontist.



Primero High School

Terra Spencer

Terra is the daughter of Helen Susco and Randy Spencer. Her activities and honors include: Honor Society (2007-2009), Student Council (2009), Cheerleading (2008), International Baccalaureate (2006) and Honors Math (2008-2009). She has been on the Honor Roll the past four years. Terra plans to attend TSJC and the University of Colorado where she would like to pursue a degree either in nursing or teaching.



**Miss
Congeniality**



Le Veta High School

Jennifer Ann Miller

Jennifer is the daughter of Romond and Judy Miller. Her activities and honors include: Cheerleading, Volleyball, and Basketball - with Varsity letters in each, she has an Academic Letter, and is an All Star Cheerleader. Jennifer says her goal after graduation is to attend Nursing School and get her degree.

SPORTS

Fast action in TSJC Tournament 2009

By David J. Santistevan Jr.
The Chronicle-News

The two teams that won 74th Annual TSJC Boys Invitational Basketball Tournament in their respective divisions should qualify for the Colorado State Basketball Tournament in March and both could very well be in the State Championship game contending for a State Championship.

The Primero Bulldogs (3-0) behind the Lower Division MVP William Bryant who averaged 15 PPG and three steals per contest. Primero beat Class 1A District Six rival Sierra Grande in the Championship Saturday Night 70-56 behind 25 points from Justin Robinson who scored 16 of those points in the first quarter. Robinson had six blocks in a first round win over Wagon Mound. Robinson was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Willy McDonald averaged close to four blocks a game for PHS giving them a good inside presents down low.

The Bulldogs are ranked fourth in the state in Class 1A, and will host Sierra Grande (2-1) in a rematch of the Lower Division Championship on Friday begging at 4 pm.

Colorado Springs Schools for the second time in as many



The Primero Bulldogs proudly pose with the Lower Division Championship trophy and with newly crowned TSJC Queen Christa Fleshman. Winning the TSJC Tournament was one of the Bulldogs' goals heading into this season.

Photo courtesy of Trinidad St. Jr. College by David J. Barrack



Trinidad State Jr. College Interim President Felix Lopez throws up the opening tip before the Upper Division Championship Game Saturday night between DPHH and defending tournament champion Colorado Springs School at the 77th Annual TSJC Basketball Tournament in Scott Gym.

Photo by David J. Santistevan, Jr.

years took home the Upper Division Championship with a win over a talented DHPH team. The Kodiaks are the defending Class AA State Champions.

DeLovell Earls was the Upper Division MVP dazzling the crowd with spectacular offensive moves throughout the three day tournament including a dunk that set the tone in the win over DHPH.

HTA's R.J. Carter was also named to the All-Tournament Team he scored 22 in a 59-46 win over Aguilar Saturday. Aaron Dalrick averaged 20 point plus during the tournament for the Wildcats.

Cody Galasso scored 15 point in a losing effort in the Third Place game in the Upper Division as Trinidad lost to Manitou Springs 77-58. Galasso was also named to the All-Tournament team.

In other action the Lower Division, Trinidad "B" fell to John Mall varsity 56-46 in the Third Place game. The Miners "B" team was led by Jeff Martinez and his 10 points.

Rye fell to Canon City, and La Veta outlasted Hoehne.

In the Lower Division Wagon Mound rolled over Maxwell.

Colorado Springs School Head Coach Dave Cortez who played at TSJC and has family here in Trinidad received "The Coach Rich Arguello" Coaching Award. Primero received the Sportsmanship Award.



Three Miner players battle for the rebound during Saturday nights Third Place game in the Upper Division of the 74th Annual TSJC Tourney. Pictured are (left) #12 Senior 6'1 senior Brandon Espinoza, (center) #10 5'7 senior Shawn Barrett, and (right) #42 6'3 senior Nick Moreno. Also pictured in the back #14 5'7 senior Josh Valdez.

TSJC Photo by David J. Barrack



The Primero cheerleaders won the trophy in the cheerleading competition at the tournament. The team is pictured here with Tournament Queen Crista Fleshman and with Sandy Veltri and TSJC President Felix Lopex standing behind them, having just made the presentation of the trophy to the team.

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Jingle Bell Run raises money for children's charity

By LAURA L. BREWER
The Chronicle-News

For the past twenty-three years, runners from all over the world have participated in the Jingle Bell Run produced by George Dominguez. Dominguez, a runner himself, has promoted the sport through several runs and marathons in Raton and on the Santa Fe Trail. He started the Jingle Bell run in 1986 in order to raise funds for a variety of charities and non-profit groups in the area. Throughout the years, the number of participants has been as small as ten, and as large as forty-eight. Dominguez fondly remembers one year when long-time supporter, Charles Garcia, arrived with large cowbells hung from his neck. When asked what the heck he was wearing, Garcia smiled and said, "This is a Jingle Bell Run, isn't it?" Garcia, who passed away this year, will be missed. According to Dominguez, Garcia always helped in one way or another every year, sometimes running, sometimes helping mark the route, but always helping.

The run has always been held at night until the past



Several runners start the Jingle Bell Run on Raton's historic First Street during a previous run in 2007.

three years, when it was moved to daytime. Dominguez moved the run back to the evening this year after he received several requests from spectators and runners over the past three years to do so.

In 2008, about forty young children were given a gift certificate to the local K-Mart so that they could buy a toy for Christmas. The Raton Police Department helped the children select toys, gloves, and other items during pre-opening

hours. Some of the children, with charity in their own hearts, used the gift certificate to buy something for others in their families. The proceeds from this year's event will again help children have a brighter Christmas with 7 a.m. shopping spree at K-mart on December 21.

The participants in this year's run will be given food baskets instead of t-shirts. As Dominguez laughingly said, "Do you really need another t-

shirt?" He believes that the runners would rather have baskets which will be filled with nuts, crackers, popcorn, candy canes, and other edible goodies. Another feature of the run is a 50/50 raffle, which will help raise funds for the children's gifts. Fifty percent of the money raised will be awarded to the raffle winner and the remaining will be given to the children.

The Jingle Bell Run will be held on December 19 at 4 p.m. at the MCMC Long-Term Care facility on South Sixth Street in Raton. Applications are available in Trinidad from Brandon Baca at Trinidad Physical Therapy and in Raton at the Raton Visitor's Center, Sports Arena, the LTC Fitness Center, and at both the MCMC hospital and Long-Term Care fitness center. The entry fee is \$25.00 and the runners are encouraged to dress with the holiday in mind with bells, lights, and other festive attire, to add to the fun. For more information call George Dominguez at (575)707-0233, or Sheila Tafoya at (575)447-6319.



Primero's #21 Justin Robinson goes up for a lay up while a Sierra Grande player attempts to take a charge in the first quarter of the Championship Game in the Lower Division. Robinson scored a game high 25 in the win.

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