

# LOCAL NEWS

## ON THIS DAY IN TRINIDAD

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### 50 years ago - 1959

Rice Junior High girls began their softball season by losing their first game to St. Thomas of Sopris by a score of 8 to 9 Friday, and then the girls revenged their loss by defeating St. Thomas 9 to 4 in a second game played on the Rice field.

The Rice girls plan to enter the annual softball tournament to be held at Central Park on May 8, 9 and 10. The Rice girls are the defending champions.

The girls pep club sponsored a spring dance last week for members in good standing. They were permitted to invite guests. Miss Olga Genis and Miss Mary Antista were in charge. About 150 members and guests were present from 6, 7 and 8th grades. Refreshments were served.

At its last meeting the Rice P.T.A. authorized the expenditure of substantial sums for new cheerleaders' uniforms and basketball suits for the next year. It was determined this is a worthy project and one which should create a great deal of interest for all concerned.

### 75 years ago - 1934

Ted Mack, popular master of ceremonies and orchestra leader, who has been appearing in the larger theaters of the principal cities of the country, is bringing his newest stage show to Trinidad for a limited engagement, and in a recent telephone conversation expressed the opinion that a new era is dawning for jazz music and popular bands and orchestras. By the latter he meant orchestras offering the more recent composers. He emphasized, however, that the old favorites would never pass.

"Jazz has been considerably softened since those early days which the hysteria of the war produced. All that remains is the lilt, which is important because jazz, in my opinion, is nothing more or less than a

rhythm. Now, that this rhythm is played by real musicians, with instruments employed by symphonic orchestras, it has developed into a music as typically American as some of the music of the leading older countries of the world.

However, we are back to the war-time ways again, after passing through a certain period, but this time our hysteria has taken a more advanced trend where it concerns our music. By this I mean we have just as many "wild" tunes but regardless of how barbaric this music may sound it is fundamentally rhythmic.

Ted Mack and his orchestra will appear as part of the Manhattan Merrymakers Revue, which is composed of the pick of Broadway vaudeville and musical show talent, and will render some of the latest examples of the composers of today. The booking of this attraction sets the date here for Wednesday matinee and night May 2.

### 100 years ago - 1909

The regular social meeting of the Sunshine Society held yesterday afternoon was largely attended, some forty members with their guests, a number of them from Pueblo and Colorado Springs being present.

Mrs. A.A. Hammer entertained the society at her home, assisted by Mrs. J.W. Staley.

The ladies tacked two comforters which will be completed for charity. A sociable afternoon was spent and the hostesses served dainty refreshments.

Mrs. John Dopp was hostess to the Pierian Club on "Authors' Day" when the writings of Ralph Connor, Alice Hegan Rice, Margaret Deland, and Henry Van Dyke were discussed, with selections from each of the authors read.

At the end of the program a delightful musical selection was played as the ladies sipped tea.



Photo by David Santistevan Jr.

More than 80 farmers, ranchers, landowner, families, and FFA students from Southeastern Colorado showed up to listen and testify before the Senate Committee in favor of HB 1317. No one testified in opposition of the bill.

## House Bill 1317 unanimously passes a Senate Committee

### Assistant Army Secretary Keith Eastin retires

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counties, and hundreds of farmers, ranchers and landowner took two giant steps to being lifted last week.

Right before the Senate committee passed the bill on to the Senate, the Army's Assistant Secretary Keith Eastin announced his retirement.

This is just another in a growing line of top level army brass to step down after failing over the past three-and-half-years to expand in southeast Colorado.

"The Army's expansion makes no sense," Senate bill sponsor Sen. Ken Kester, R-Las Animas told the committee. "Sure the Army is once again promising 100 new jobs and a one time fix of money, but is a one time fix worth over 17,000 peo-

ple being displaced and millions of dollars lost to the people of this region. It just makes no sense."

Four years ago the Army said they had lots of support and numerous people willing to sell. In 2006 the Army wanted over 240,000 acres to expand the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site then they wanted another 460,000 acres on top of that.

At one of the very first meetings with the Army hundreds of residents showed up to talk with Interior Sec. Ken Salazar telling him they were not interested in the Army's expansion plan.

Lon Robertson added, "There is a lot for us to look forward to. The passing of this bill would put another block and a big barrier in the fight to stop this expansion. We are encouraging every resident of

Southeastern Colorado to write or call their local senator to vote in favor of HB 1317."

Also last week Rep. John Salazar and Rep. Betsy Markey proclaimed that they both would head to the Army services committee in the near future with strong support banning the Army from any further attempt to try to lease, or buy or in the future expand the PCMS in southeastern Colorado.

"We are just happy today the bill passed committee," Mack Loudon told *The Chronicle-News* right after the hearings. "This is just one more step to stave off the expansion. We are very thankful to Sen. Kester, Rep. Sal Pace and Rep. Wes McKinley."

## Do your children know the financial facts of life?

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Despite the financial pessimism in today's economy, there is optimism on the horizon. One way that parents can ensure their children are prepared to navigate through the ups and downs of the economy and the future, is to make sure they understand the financial facts of life.

April is Financial Literacy Month. One of the best gifts you can give your child is to sit down with him or her and explain the financial facts of life.

Begin by teaching them the most important fact - savings. If children learn at an early age to save, they will be better equipped to manage their finances and debts conservatively. Teaching them to keep an emergency fund will help them weather any financial storm.

During the month of April, local school children have been enjoying a special visit from a larger-than-life cowboy this spring. Employees of The First National Bank in Trinidad, Wal-Mart Branch have been visiting grade school classrooms dressed as a grown-up Billy The Kid to share the story of The Modern Day BILLY 'The Kid', The 10-10-10 Lesson, written by local author William Bilderback. This book teaches kids how to save money using the 10-10-10 lesson, which is based on the principle of setting aside 10% for the future, 10% for giving, and 10% for a special item that requires saving, leaving 70% for spending now.

In the book, this concept is explained to Billy 'The Kid' by his grandfather through a story that encourages children to value money. Billy learns that money doesn't grow on trees, and that working for money is rewarding. This family-based story is beautifully illustrated by local artist, Esther Cass, and is a high quality hard cover bound 30-page book.

If your child does not already have a savings account,

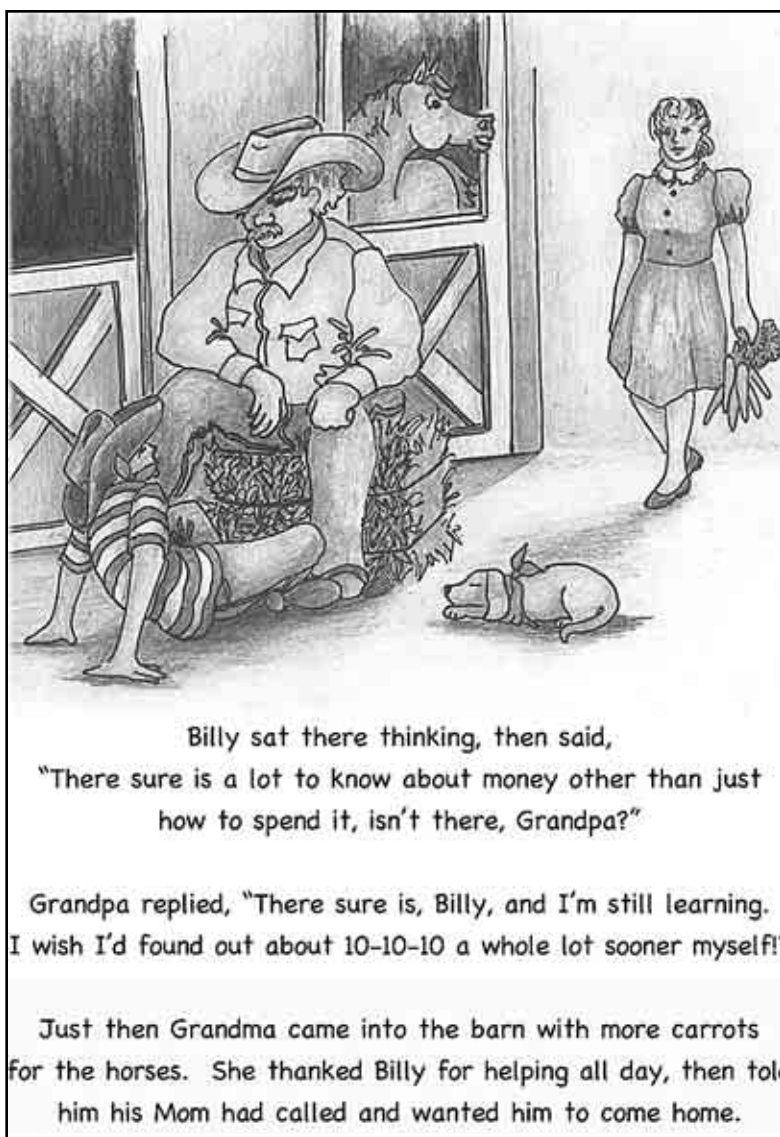


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A page from The Modern Day BILLY 'The Kid', The 10-10-10 Lesson, written by local author, William Bilderback, and illustrated by local artist, Esther Cass.

celebrate Financial Literacy Month by taking him or her to the bank to open an account. Whenever they receive a birthday check from Grandma, or earn an allowance, encourage your child to save a portion of it based upon the 10-10-10 plan.

The book's author, William Bilderback, believes so strongly in this concept, that he is willing to donate \$10 to open a savings account for each child who purchases the book through The First National Bank in Trinidad. "I got the idea for this book when the opportunity to teach my grandchildren about money presented itself

one day, but this concept is not just for kids. Saving for the future, whether it be for a college education or retirement, is an important part of providing security for yourself. With the recent changes in the economy, it has become more important than ever to be responsible with your money. This book teaches a few very simple steps to follow to ensure success."

Customers may purchase a copy of The Modern Day BILLY 'The Kid', The 10-10-10 Lesson for \$15.95 at any of The First National Bank in Trinidad locations in Trinidad, Walsenburg or Raton. Included with your

purchase, your child can open a savings account with \$10.00 deposited by the book's author, Mr. Bilderback. Your child will also receive a FREE piggy bank (a \$15.00 value) with divided sections to help them separate their savings in the future. To take advantage of this offer, the child must be accompanied by an adult, and a social security card for the child must be presented. Books purchased elsewhere do not qualify for this special offer. However, children who already have a savings account with The First National Bank in Trinidad, or any of its branch locations, can take advantage of this offer with their existing account.

"We started this program at the Wal-Mart Branch in March 2009, and have had such a positive response that we decided to continue it through April, Financial Literacy Month, and into May at all First National Bank locations, while supplies last," says bank Vice President, Chris Huffman.

Back by popular demand, author William Bilderback and illustrator Esther Cass will be at the Wal-Mart Branch of The First National Bank in Trinidad for a second book signing open house on Sunday, May 31st from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and a life-sized BILLY "The Kid" will be on hand to greet kids.

"We at The First National Bank in Trinidad believe strongly in the lesson this book can teach our children, so we are offering this special program to help parents put their child on the right track with a copy of this wonderful book, and their very own 10-10-10 savings program," says Huffman. "We hope parents will take advantage of this excellent opportunity to teach their children to save. Financial Literacy Month provides the perfect time for us all to do some spring cleaning on our finances so that we are prepared for any financial bumps along the road."



Photo by Michael Garrett

This group of community volunteers also had their own Trinidad beautification project going Saturday by planting these attractive flower arrangements on the lawn north of the Trinidad State Junior College Berg Building.



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Several hundred city and county residents jam into Mt. San Rafael Hospital's lobby and other parts of the building to have low-cost health checkups performed at prices way under what they would normally cost with a regular doctor's office visit.



Tom Martinez Jr., far right, joins these Sange de Cristo chapter of Hospital giving out information at Saturday's annual Mt. San Rafael Hospital Health Fair in the lobby of the hospital.