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## THE FINE PRINT

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### TUESDAY

#### Continuum of Care

Continuum of Care meets 8-9 a.m. 1st Tues. @ the Soup Kitchen, 308 Church St. For more info call Karrie Apple at 719-846-6665 or Tom Power (Colorado Coalition for the Homeless in Denver) @ 303-285-5221.

#### Las Animas Co.

Board of County Commissioner's meets 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Tues. @ LA County Courthouse, Room #201, 200 E. First Street.

#### Pastor's Study

Meets 9 a.m. every Tues @ Zion's Lutheran Fellowship Hall. All Pastors welcome, call Pastor Beth Ann @ 846-7785 for more information.

#### Kiwanis

Regular Kiwanis Luncheon has been cancelled for today. Please see Thursday for the rescheduled event.

#### City Council

Regular session meets 7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Tues in Council Chambers @ City Hall, Third Floor, 135 N. Animas in Trinidad.

#### PEO - DE Chapter

Meets 7 p.m. 1st Tues @ the Presbyterian Church Hall, 801 San Pedro.

### WEDNESDAY

#### TSNH

"Cinco de Mayo" Garage & Bake Sale for the Resident Benefit Fund 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weds at the nursing home chapel. Call Nancy Vigil @ 845-2822 or e-mail <nancy.vigil@state.co.us>.

#### Arthritis Exercise

Free Arthritis Exercise Class every Mon & Wed @ 9 a.m. @ Corazon Square & 1 p.m. @ Early Learning Center. Info call: 845-1133 ext. 224.

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#### Traffic delays

On Wednesday, May 5 there will work being done on County Road 57.7, 1.2 miles north of County Road 26.5. The work will take about eight hours. Traffic may face brief delays.

## WEATHER WATCH

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 79. Breezy, with a west wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.



**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 41. Breezy, with a west-southwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 77. Breezy, with a south-east wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.



**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. Breezy, with a west-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 5/3/10 Burns & Duncan Priority #21 - 1/1/1866

Trinidad Lake accounting:  
Release 149.75 acre feet  
Inflow 148.30 acre feet  
Evaporation 7.55 acre feet  
Content 31827 acre feet  
Elevation 6195.51 feet  
Precipitation 0 inches  
Downstream river call:  
JRM - 12/31/1948  
(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



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Photo by Mike Garrett

These Trinidad and Aguilar High School students were recognized as TLAC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce scholarship recipients at its 23rd annual Scholarship Banquet Saturday night. From left in front are Gabrielle Garcia, Celeste Rivera-Abeyta, Felicia Ortvez and Blanca Morales. In back are emcee and retired 3rd Judicial District Court Judge Jesse Manzanera, Ashley Gonzales, Angelo Gitano and Kayla Sanchez. Not pictured is Kaitlin Cress of Trinidad State Junior College, who received the Southern Colorado Coal Miners' Memorial Scholarship.

## Espinoza gives keys of success to Hispanic Chamber scholarship winners

By MIKE GARRETT  
The Chronicle-News

Being born and educated in a small town will not prevent you from fulfilling your life's big dreams was the theme Saturday night for the eight scholarship winners recognized and feted at the 23rd annual Trinidad-Las Animas County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Banquet in Trinidad Holiday Inn.

Keynote speaker Arthur Espinoza Jr., new executive director of the Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre, used his own life as a prime example to the scholarship recipients that the best is yet to come if they use passion, self-discipline and laying a firm foundation from their family base as stepping stones to building successful careers and lives.

Espinoza has used all of the above illustrations to build a successful career as director of the Colorado Ballet Co., from his small-town Monte Vista roots. And now he says he feels right at home again, having brought his life full circle back to another small Colorado town with similar values and culture he experienced when growing up, he said.

The eight senior scholarship winners are Gabriella Garcia, Angelo Gitano, Ashley Gonzales, Celeste Rivera-Abeyta and Kayla Sanchez, all of Trinidad High School, Kaitlin Cress of Trinidad State Junior College, and Blanca Morales and Felicia Ortvez of Aguilar High School. Espinoza made it a point to talk to scholarship recipients personally before the banquet started to learn what their life



Arthur Espinoza Jr.

goals and aspirations were.

"Whatever you want to do, you can do," is what Espinoza told the graduating high school students. "Tonight is a celebration of accomplishments and a preview of coming attractions. And I get a sense of real anticipation in this room, which is charged with the

power of youth and individuals about to embark toward new adventures.

"I love suspense and I love drama," he said. "And I can almost taste the success of these young people." He explained that like a bowl of green chili, they have all the essential ingredients in place to building bright futures; they just need to know how to use and mix them properly. "My small-town roots gave me everything I needed to be successful in life."

First and foremost is developing a passion for what they most enjoy doing in life, Espinoza said. "Passion is the source of our finest moments. Your job from this day forward is to find your passion and

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## County Administrator Cordova helps bring the grants

BY DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN JR.  
The Chronicle-News

Las Animas County Administrator Bill Cordova has secured well over \$30 million in grants for both the City of Trinidad and Las Animas County in his years with the County. Recently, he has gone out and worked hard to get the county \$130,000 for rural fire districts to be able to acquire 64 800MHz hand held radios for fire response. To date, Cordova has helped out Trinidad and Las Animas County first responders with over \$2 million in grant funds from Home Land Security.



Bill Cordova

Of the \$130,000, about \$122,000 will go toward buying the radios and the rest of the money will go to buying programming.

Cordova played an integral role in \$2.5 millions of those dollars going to build three 800 MHz communication towers in the county.

Each of the 800MHz radios cost \$1,800; the 2500 Model in the past cost \$3,800.

The Federal Communications Commission is now requiring all first response entities to comply and change over from UHF and VHF communications to 800 MHz communications by January of 2013. It will cost about \$5 million

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## Nursing home bill passes House, heads to Senate

BY DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN JR.  
The Chronicle-News

On Monday a bill to stop the sale of the Trinidad State Nursing Home House Bill 10-1217, sponsored by Rep. Wes McKinley, passed the third reading by a 47-16 vote and now the bill heads to the Senate.

House Bill 10-1217 was co-sponsored by Rep. Buffie McFadyen Pueblo; Rep. Ed Vigil, San Luis; Rep. Sal Pace, Pueblo; and Marsha Loper, Colorado Springs. The bill was introduced back in early February.

The bill basically blocks The Colorado Department of Human Services (DOHS) from selling the Trinidad State Nursing Home.

Last week local veterans, and Las Animas County Commissioners went to Denver to talk to members of the Colorado House of Representatives to help pass HB 10-1217 to keep the nursing home for now a state-owned facility before the first reading of the bill.

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## Capulin Mother's Day Brunch closed by new EPA rules

(Editor's note: The jump continuation of this story was inadvertently left out of Monday's newspaper. Here is the story in its entirety.)

By TIM KELLER  
The Chronicle-News

For a quarter-century, Jenny Lee and Jim Pugh have opened the popular summer restaurant at their Capulin Country Store with a Mother's Day brunch buffet. Next Sunday, families from Des Moines, Folsom, Capulin, and the surrounding areas will follow tradition and drive straight from church to the Capulin Country Store, where they'll be excited to treat Mom and Grandma on this annual occasion. Instead, Jenny Lee Pugh will try to explain to them why the buffet has been canceled and the restaurant closed.

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## Masons honor area high school juniors



Photos by Richard Sitts



Trinidad Masonic Lodge #28 A.F.& A.M. hosted its annual Junior Achievement Awards Banquet Saturday night in downtown Trinidad. Juniors from area high schools received plaques in honor of their scholastic achievements. The 10 honorees are pictured here with a cake displaying all their names. The juniors are, from left, Alexandra Cerecero and Dominic Ortvez from Aguilar High School; Danielle Mantelli and Jared Diller from Primero High School; Jacinta Hoffpaur and Jerrod Montoya from Trinidad High School; Cody Roberts and Marley Schafer from Hoehne High School; and Michael Lingus from Branson High School. Bailey McFerren from Branson High School was unable to attend.

Brian L. Cotter, the 2009 Past Grand Master of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons in Colorado, was the guest speaker at Saturday night's Junior Achievement Awards Banquet. A graduate of Trinidad High School who now lives and works in Pueblo, Cotter told the honorees that he was proud to help recognize them for their achievements, and thanked their families and schools for supporting their efforts.