

Jail conversion project sent back for re-bid

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She recommended that a bid adjustment including the corrected mechanical drawing be submitted to the low bidder for the opportunity to re-bid. Commissioner Jim Vigil

insisted that this would not be fair to only inform the lowest bidder, and that the adjustment should at least be sent to the two lowest bidders. "It may not be illegal, but it's not ethical," Vigil said. Commissioners voted 3-0 to send the bid adjustment to both low bidders.

In other new business, commissioners approved the following by 3-0 votes:

- Consideration of an application for renewal of a retail liquor license by Mary Yolanda Romero d/b/a Romero's Liquors at 1804 N. Linden Ave.
- Consideration of an application for renewal of a liquor license by Amadeo Clyde Duran d/b/a Royal Tavern at 1906 Linden Ave.
- Acceptance of dedication of a road segment (about five miles) as a public road extending County Road 219.0.
- Nomination of a representative to the State Noxious Weed Program. Fresquez reported that County Oil & Gas Inspector Bob Lucero was willing to serve on the noxious weed committee and the board

approved him. Commissioner Vigil pointed out that having someone local on the committee might help lead to more grant funds for the county.

• Appointments to the Las Animas County Planning Commission. The board decided to advertise for two positions, plus an alternate. It was decided that the commission needed at least one representative from western Las Animas County, as it currently is well represented from the east and from Trinidad.

• Solicitation of proposals for lease/management of the Perry Stokes Airport. It was decided that the hours needed to be flexible and that the opportunity needs to be advertised broadly and not just in local newspapers.

• Amendment to the work scope of Energy Impact Assistance Grant Award #6739, for asphalt paving of certain county roads.

• Agreement for professional services with justice benefits, incorporated for the Sheriff's Department.

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- 9/14/10 - Michael Givan, 25, Trinidad - Drove vehicle while license under revocation, failed to notify police of an accident, left the scene of an accident, no proof of insurance
- 9/15/10 - Anita Sandoval, 30, Trinidad - Disorderly conduct
- 9/16/10 - Kory Ingram, 26, Trinidad - Las Animas County warrant
- 9/16/10 - Jason Madrid, 37, Trinidad - Trinidad Police Department warrant
- 9/16/10 - Melinda Barron, 27, Trinidad - Las Animas County warrant
- 9/16/10 - Charles Lamorie, 35, Trinidad - Third degree assault
- 9/17/10 - Jarrod Duran, 37, Trinidad - Possession of a weapon by previous offender,

criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, theft by receiving, prohibited use of a weapon, disorderly conduct

- 9/18/10 - Ricardo Alvarez, 25, Trinidad - Las Animas County warrant
- 9/19/10 - Joanne Duran, 36, Trinidad - Violation of restraining order
- 9/21/10 - Jesse Pyrtle, 34, Weston - Las Animas County warrant
- 9/21/10 - Ryan Ramirez, 35, Trinidad - Drove vehicle while license under suspension, displayed expired number plates

SUMMONS

- 9/16/10 - Estella Owens, Trinidad - Dog at large, license required
- 9/18/10 - Vanessa Maxfield, Trinidad - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 9/19/10 - Louis Simpleman, Trinidad - Speeding 20 or more miles over the limit
- 9/19/10 - Shila Valdez, Trinidad - Speeding 20 or more miles over the limit
- 9/19/10 - Phyllis Mariano, Trinidad - Speeding 10-19 miles over the limit
- 9/20/10 - Jesse Pyrtle, Weston - Drove vehicle without valid license, displayed expired number plates

WEED VIOLATIONS

- 9/16/10 - Charles Milosevich, Laguna Beach - Cutting and removal of hazardous growth required.
- 9/16/10 - Samuel Bachicha, Trinidad - Cutting and removal of hazardous growth required
- 9/16/10 - Ignacio Espinoza-Arias, Trinidad - Cutting and removal of hazardous growth required.

Shuler opens season

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

Argentina's Otero Dance Company burst into colorful movement across the Shuler Theater stage Saturday night to open Raton Arts & Humanities Council's 2010-11 Performing Arts Season with a bang. The ten-member troupe's program "Rhythm & Passion" brought tango and gaucho dances from Argentina, bolstered by a middle section of mambo and salsa music from Havana.

The five men and five women presented all three sections in the first act. After an intermission, they returned with an entertaining variety of dances under the title "The Present and Future of Tango, Gauchos, and Salsa", mixing up a concoction that earned them a standing ovation at show's end.

Highlights of the second act were a Lucy and Ricky Ricardo skit featuring Josephine Quiñones in a hilarious Lucille Ball characterization which the audience adored, and a solo by assistant director Claudio Otero in which he repeatedly mock-taunted and goaded the audience, much to its delight.

In fact, the success of those two performances was in part because they directly addressed the audience. The other dances would be improved with more of the same; instead, the dancers performed entirely to a recorded soundtrack that even included some lip-synched words. Fortunately, the sound, like the lighting, was excellent, but the few times the dancers actually shouted exclamations, it helped them connect with the audience. Only the limited English-speaking abilities of the performers might excuse their failure to engage the audience more directly and more frequently, as they did in the aforementioned pair of crowd pleasers.

The presentation might also benefit from more detail in the show's promotion and program. The title "Rhythm & Passion" is rather generic, and even the Otero Dance Company's website gives little detail on the culture, history, and geography of the dances; it doesn't even profile the company's dancers. This kind of information, also missing from the program, would have added to the audience's appreciation and enjoyment.

Not that the Shuler audience didn't get its money's



Photos by Tim Keller

Claudio Otero and Elizabeth Roccella danced "Derecho Viejo", a dynamic performance in Act II.

worth. Out for after-show ice cream at Dairy Queen before driving home to Weston, Colorado, a visiting couple said they've bought

tion, program sponsor the Whited Foundation has made a good investment in Raton.



Rhythm & Passion's Gaucho performances began at a campfire on the Pampas with nothing more than a guitar and drum to accompany men's dance steps.

season tickets every year and have, without exception, found every long, late drive to be well worth the entertainment they've gotten. Raton Arts & Humanities Council does have a remarkably successful record of bringing top-flight professional entertainments to the Shuler each year. With couples driving in from every direc-

Colorado's ED director visits

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in their community and in their characters," she said. "I know it's not easy working with 10,000 new faces on a monthly basis who walk through that door. For the thousands of visitors that they touch in this region, they truly are the hosts and hostesses of Colorado."

Also on hand for the occasion were Gloria Gutierrez, regional director from Sen. Mark Udall's Pueblo office, Darlene Scott, COEDIT's Eastern Colorado business development representative, Kim Schultz, executive director-CEO of the Trinidad & Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce, Arthur Espinoza Jr., executive director of the Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre Co. and new Trinidad City Manager Ed Gil de Rubio.

Espinoza thanked all the volunteers who helped direct so many Trinidad visitors to see all the SCRT plays this summer. "With their help, we see a lot of tourists come in to our shows. I'm very grateful to the volunteers for what they do to help support the theatre company that we think is a big part of the community," Schultz also acknowledged the important role the welcome center volunteers play in supporting tourism and representing this community, region and the state.

The Welcome Center recorded a record number of Trinidad visitors who stopped at the center this past July.

Or as Marostica noted, "Let's face it, you're the first town when people come into Colorado from New Mexico (and Texas). There is a very rich history here from what I've read about Trinidad. Each one of you passes on that history."

Bunn said the number of welcome center summer visits are still holding up well and that she expects a lot of retiree stops here over the next two months now that the kids are in school.

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In 2010, the board distributed approximately \$80,000 to organizations and programs that provide services to victims of crime in Huerfano and Las Animas Counties. Funds for the grant are generated by fines assessed by the courts.

Grant application forms and instructions can be obtained by contacting Sharon Warren, V.A.L.E. Administrator, at the District Attorneys office, 200 E. 1st St. Suite 302, Trinidad, Co 81082 or by calling 719-846-9224 or skwarren@comcast.net.

Completed applications must be returned to that office by 3 p.m., Nov. 3, 2010.