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## THE FINE PRINT

**OCTOBER 1**  
-Las Animas County  
**TUESDAY (9 a.m.)** Board of County Commissioners meeting is in the Las Animas Courthouse, 200 E. First St., Room 201. Information: 719-845-2568. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Gary Hill (719-845-2595), Mack Loudon (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300).  
-Trinidad City Council  
**TUESDAY (7 p.m.)** Regular session, Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

## Today's Quote

"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."

- Samuel Johnson

**OCTOBER 2**  
-Pal Play Group  
**WEDNESDAY (9:30-11 a.m.)** No-cost playgroup meets for children (0-2 years) at Alta Vista Alternatives, 415 S. Indiana. Information: 719-846-4400.  
-Purgatoire Watershed  
**WEDNESDAY (5 p.m.)** Newly formed Purgatoire Watershed Partnership will meet in the NRCS Office, 3590 E. Main. Information: Rachel Theler, racheltheler@gmail.com.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**  
-Connect for Health Colorado  
Avoid health care confusion, learn about your options in Colorado's plan for the federal Affordable Care Act. Visit the office in the Chamber of Commerce, 136 W. Main St. or call Nancy Lackey at 719-846-5934. Due to uncertainty with government funding, please be advised the website may not be in operation.  
-Bar Ni Ranch Grant  
**OCTOBER 4 Deadline:** The Bar Ni Ranch Community Fund is accepting grant proposals. For a proposal packet, contact Tom Perry at tomandlindaperry@gmail.com.

-Call for Artists  
**UNTIL OCTOBER 4:** "Figure This" an all-media art show celebrating the human form at the Corazon Gallery, 149 East Main St. Information: 719-846-0207.  
-Mitchell Museum  
**THRU SATURDAY (10 a.m.-5 p.m.)** "Journey Stories," the incredible Smithsonian exhibit, will be on display thru Saturday at 150 E. Main St. Information: 719-846-4224.

-Community Potluck Dinner  
-Golden Harvest Bazaar  
**SATURDAY (11 a.m.)** The community is invited to join us in a fall potluck dinner after the 11 a.m. service at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1605 Aiello. Information: Niki Maxwell, 719-480-1902.  
**OCTOBER 14 (8:30 a.m.) Annual** Sayre Senior Center fundraising event includes, bake sale, crafts, quilt raffle and a delicious lunch at 1222 San Pedro St.

- SUICIDE/CRISIS HOTLINES:  
\*ADULT HOPE: 800-784-2433  
\*TEEN: 877-968-8454  
\*GLB-YOUTH: 866-488-7386  
\*VET-2-VET: 877-838-2838  
"When all we have left is our breath, even that we offer up to the One who whispers hope, restores our souls, and wants to save us." (Unknown)

- ABUSE HOTLINES:  
\*Domestic Abuse Hotline: In Trinidad call 719-846-6665 (24-hours a day). National Hotline call: 1-800-790-SAFE (7233).  
\*Animal Abuse: Do your part and help put a stop to animal cruelty. Report animal abuse and dog/cock fighting at Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line: 720-913-7867.

- Volunteer Firemen  
Anyone over 18 interested in becoming a volunteer fireman for any of our area fire protection districts, please call Buddie Curro at 719-859-1535. Any donations of food, water and funds for our area fire district volunteers call 719-846-4074.  
-Community Recycling  
Aluminum cans in trash bags (NOT grocery bags) and used ink cartridges are now being accepted at Noah's Ark Animal Shelter, any time of day, any day of the week, 244 N. Chestnut. Proceeds benefit shelter operations. Information: ReGroup, 719-845-8218.  
- Noah's Ark  
If you love animals and would like to volunteer to help at the shelter, special events or provide foster care call Jenna Waldschmidt at 719-846-3766.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 09/30/2013. Johns Flood ditch priority #27 -- Appropriation date: 05/31/1866.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
Release 134.46 AF  
Inflow 141.39 AF - 71.28 cfs  
Evaporation 6.93 AF  
Content 10,329 AF  
Elevation 6,166.40  
Precipitation 0

**Downstream River Call: High-land Canal - Appropriation date: 05/31/1866.**



## Time to meet the candidates

Pat Fletcher:  
City Council candidate

By Pankaj Khadka  
The Chronicle-News

After sitting back and observing the city council for a number of years and getting tired of complaining about things that happen or do not happen in Trinidad, Pat Fletcher decided to run for a city council seat in the upcoming November elections.

Fletcher is one of the eight candidates seeking a council seat and is running on the slogan: "Fletcher - For Our Community, For Our Future, For You."

Fletcher's main goals include making Trinidad a destination unto itself, rather than a pass-through city, attracting venture capitalists to revive and revitalize Trinidad and bringing new businesses to the city, in turn creating jobs.

"I've been here for a lot of years, and you can only sit back so long and say, 'They should have done this,' and 'They should have done that,' and 'What were they thinking?'" said Fletcher. "And maybe there's a point where you gotta



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Pat Fletcher is running as a candidate for Trinidad City Council.

say, 'You know, if you can do better, step up to the plate and try it.'"

Noting some of the challenges of the community, Fletcher said the city would have to make some serious cuts as it prepares next year's budget, but she believes the economy as a whole, locally and nationwide, would change for the better next year.

Fletcher said the community is at a critical point right now, yet



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she has some "good ideas, kind of way outside the box" on how to improve the city's current concerns. In regard to economic development, she wondered whether the Chamber of Commerce and the Trinidad-Las Animas County Economic Development Board should partner to come up with different packages that would help the city.

Fletcher also believes that the downtown needs to be saved and money needs to be invested in the crumbling buildings to preserve the historical value, and the city should capitalize on what it already has.

"We've got so much to offer, we've got so many ways to sell ourselves, and we've never really bit the bullet and said, 'Let's go with this. Let's do it,'" said Fletcher, adding that the city needs to be more proactive.

Regarding the turmoil in the city manager's office over the last year, Fletcher said the council should act as the city's home-rule charter says it must in terms of micromanaging the city manager.

"Per our charter, it's hands off. Basically, city council hires and fires, and they can make recommendations and ask for things...."

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## Joe Terry: School Board candidate

By Steve Block  
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The Chronicle-News

Joe Terry knows all about the commitment required of a Trinidad school board member, because his wife, Louise, served on that board for 25 consecutive years. This year it's Joe's turn, since he is running for a four-year term on the Board of Education of Trinidad



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Joe Terry is running as a candidate for the TSD #1 Board of Education.

School District #1. Terry's a fixture on the local scene, having graduated from Sopris High School in 1958, and he has been the co-owner of Teri's Hallmark since 1985, first with his brother, and currently with his wife.

Terry sat down Monday at the store to talk about why he decided to run and what he hoped to accomplish as a school board member. He said the recent decline in the district's enrollment and the loss of many veteran teachers were two key reasons why he decided to run.

"My goal is to make Trinidad School District #1 the first choice of parents as to where to educate their kids," Terry said. "I think we have to get the kids back in their proper schools, and I think we have to give the classrooms back to the teachers and let them teach in the way they went to school to learn to teach."

Terry said he wasn't pleased by the current board's recent decision to transfer kindergarten through second-grade students to Fisher's Peak Elementary School.

"I don't think Fisher's Peak was built to house that many kids," he said. "I don't think it's a good idea

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## Acclaimed young pianist coming to Raton's Shuler Theater

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

RATON - The New York Times praised his "jaw-dropping technique and virtuosity meshed with a distinctive musicality." The Washington Post declared him "among the most gifted musicians of his generation." Just 25 years old, with a list of honors that could fill this page, acclaimed pianist Charlie Albright brings a solo concert to the Shuler Theater Thursday night, the first of six shows in this season's annual Raton Arts & Humanities Council performance series.

Raised in Centralia, Washington, by his Korean mother and American father, Albright began playing piano at the age of three. A year later, he was playing piano on local and national television, although he didn't begin formal classical music training until the age of seven. He made his orchestral debut with the University of Puget Sound Symphony while still an elementary school student.

The music, however, didn't interfere with his education. After earning his bachelor's degree from Harvard and master's degree from New England Conservatory, Albright is currently enrolled in Julliard School of Music's doctoral-level Artist Diploma program.

Throughout his studies, Albright has kept a busy concert schedule that has taken him all

over the world. He's performed as the featured soloist with the Boston Pops and many other orchestras, and he is scheduled to tour as a soloist with the BBC Concert Orchestra in 2015. Albright has won prestigious piano competitions throughout the world, and his concert schedule has included five collaborations with famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

Thursday night's 7:00 p.m. Charlie Albright concert at the Shuler leads off a series of six shows sponsored by Raton Arts & Humanities Council (RAHC), with financial support from the National Endowment for the Arts, New Mexico Arts, New Mexico Tourism Department and Raton's Whited Foundation, Darden Foundation, Sloat-Prince Foundation and City of Raton's Lodgers Tax.

Upcoming shows in the series include a Nat King Cole tribute on November 11, the Native American band Goldwing Express on February 16, TAP-The Show on March 5, Canadian troubadours The Abrams Brothers on March 31 and the high-energy Everything Fitz family band on April 11.

Reserved seat tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for students, with six-show season tickets available from RAHC at \$80 for adults, \$65 for seniors and \$40 for students, or \$200 for a family of two adults and two students. For tickets or information, contact RAHC at the Old Pass Gallery, 145 S. First St., or call (575) 445-2052.



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Hailed "among the most gifted musicians of his generation" by the Washington Post, renowned young pianist Charlie Albright brings his one-man show to Raton's Shuler Theater Thursday night.

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**WEATHER WATCH**  
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 79. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast in the afternoon.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 49. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest after midnight.  
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 79. West wind 5 to 10 mph.  
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 50. West southwest wind around 10 mph.  
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 75. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 10

to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Breezy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.