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## THE FINE PRINT

**MARCH 23**  
**Holy Trinity Academy**  
**MONDAY (5:30 p.m.)** School board meeting at the school, 613 Prospect St. Information: Andrea Jimenez, 719-846-4522.  
**Community Chorale**  
**MONDAY (6 p.m.)** Rehearsals for the upcoming Spring Concert will be held at the Massari Theater Music Room, corner of Pine and State Streets. Newcomers welcome. Info: Russ Gorrell, 719-989-7317.

## Today's Quote

"Here lies an atheist, all dressed up and nowhere to go."

-Epitaph

**MARCH 24**  
**Trinidad City Council**  
**TUESDAY (1:30 p.m.)** A special session followed by a work session in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St., Third Floor. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843. **CITY COUNCIL: Mayor: Joe Reorda and Council Members: Carol Bolton, Joe Bonato, Pat Fletcher, Anthony Mattie, Michelle Miles, and Liz Torres.**  
**Vision Loss Support Group**  
**TUESDAY (1:30-3:30 p.m.)** OIB (Older Individuals Who are Blind or have Vision Loss) hosts a monthly support group at the Trinidad Work Force Center, 140 N. Commercial. Refreshments will be served and family and friends are encouraged to attend. Info: 719-546-1271.  
**Calling all Square Dancers**  
**TUESDAY (6-8 p.m.)** Swing your partner and join the fun at the Square Dance Club at LaCasa on Hwy 12 in Jansen. New members and beginners always welcome. Info: Peter Monzon, 719-845-0375 or pmm49@hotmail.com.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**Tourism Board**  
**WEDNESDAY (9 a.m.)** Committee meets in the City Hall Third Floor Conference Room, 135 N. Animas St. Information: City Clerk, Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

**Housing Authority**  
**WEDNESDAY (6:30 p.m.)** Trinidad Housing Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session at the Corazon Square Activity Room, 201 Raton St. Info: Rosemarie Shier, 719-846-7204.

**LENTEN SERVICE**  
**WEDNESDAY (6:30 p.m.)** Weekly service will be held at Zion's Lutheran Church, 613 Prospect St. Info: 719-846-7785.

**TSJC Student Art**  
**THRU THURSDAY: DON'T MISS THIS** — Art exhibition hosted by The Trinidad Area Arts Council at Gallery Main, 130 E. Main St. Info: 719-846-1441.

**Book Signing**  
**THURSDAY (5 p.m.)** "The Tunnels under our Feet — Colorado's forgotten hollow sidewalks" with author Tracy Beach will be at the Carnegie Library, 202 N. Animas St. Info: 719-846-6841.

**SPBC Fire District**  
**FRIDAY (10 a.m.)** The Spanish Peaks/Bon Carbo Fire Protection District Board of Directors will meet in Century Financial Group Building, 109 W. Main St. Info: Dana Phillips, 719-846-2080.

**Friendly Farmers Forum**  
**SATURDAY (11 a.m.-5 p.m.)** Third annual Education & Exchange Forum will be at the Mt. Carmel Community Center, 911 Robinson Ave. Refreshments will be served. Info: Trinidad Community Coop, Carter Morris, 719-680-3528.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**LIGHT IT UP BLUE!**  
**APRIL 3 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)** A fundraiser luncheon and seminar for Autism Awareness Day will be held at the Mt. Carmel Community Center, 911 Robinson Ave. Info: Linda Thompson 719-680-2638. Tickets are available at Mt. Carmel's Primero Café, the Mariposa Rehab Center, the Carnegie Public Library and Laura DeBella's State Farm Insurance office on East Main St.  
**Eckhart Elementary**  
**APRIL 4 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)** The community is invited to the annual Spring Craft Fair to be held in the school gym, 1021 Pierce St. The fun will include a jumpy house, games and great food. Info: Principal Olivia Bachicha, 719-846-6995.

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## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 03/19/15. Salas North ditch: Priority # 15 --- Appropriation date: 04/10/1864.

**Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:**  
Release .63 AF  
Inflow 95.72 AF -- 48.26 CFS  
Evaporation 6.09 AF  
Content 18,392 AF  
Elevation 6,181.37  
Precipitation 0.15

**Downstream River Call / John Martin Reservoir: (Conservation Storage) 05/31/1949.**



## CITY COUNCIL

# Fire Department, Library share big news

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

It's always good news when City departments make some progress, and especially when that progress benefits the citizens of Trinidad. During Tuesday's City Council meeting it was announced that the fire department was getting a good, used fire truck at a rock bottom price, and that the Carnegie Public Library had gotten the needed funding to upgrade its multi-purpose room.

Library Director Mallory Pillard said she'd managed to secure a \$10,000 grant from the Trinidad Carnegie Library Foundation, which, along with \$5,000 from the City, will enable the library to remodel its multi-purpose room on the library's lower level.

"I'm very excited because one of my goals when I came here was to broaden the impact of the library in the community," Pillard said. "I think having this room will allow us to do that and expand our services. We've really felt the crunch for space for our summer reading program, but now that we're able to offer programs for teens, adults and children year around, this

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Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

Library Director Mallory Pillard announced at Tuesday's City Council regular meeting that the library had received \$15,000 in grant funding to remodel the multi-purpose room on the library's lower level.

## AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

# 'Light it Up Blue' shining a light on public problem

By Steve Block  
The Chronicle-News

The Eighth Annual World Autism Awareness Day is coming up on April 2, and a local awareness group is planning a big public event to educate the public about autism and also raise funds to support research into finding a cure for the developmental disorder, which is often marked by impaired social interaction and communication difficulties.

Linda Thompson, leader of Trinidad's autism awareness group, said she wanted to encour-

age one and all to "Light it up Blue," and come on out for a fundraiser, luncheon and seminar, which will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., on Friday, April 3, at the Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness and Community Center, located at 911 Robinson Ave. Tickets cost \$12 each and are available at Mt. Carmel's Primero Café, the Mariposa Rehab Center, the Carnegie Public Library and Laura DeBella's State Farm insurance office on East Main Street. Thompson said the local autism awareness group tries to keep the funds it raises focused on the local autistic community.

"We will have Dr. Karen Colvin and Dr. Bernard Tegge, who will be presenting on autism," Thompson said. "We will have a luncheon, a live auction and a silent auction. One thing that we would really like to stress is that if you aren't able to make it, we are also taking donation tickets for families of someone who has autism and

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## NOW THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

# Latin Comedy Jam packs house for Shuler's show

By Tim Keller  
Correspondent  
The Chronicle-News

RATON — After a packed house of comedy fans laughed until it hurt Saturday night, a pair of statements in the lobby highlighted the success of the night's Latin Comedy Jam. Shuler Theater impresario Bill Fegan revealed that the night of stand-up comedy was apparently the first in the Shuler's history; at least, Fegan's never seen one and he's been there almost non-stop since 1963.

Then Mike Acquistogotti, the producer of Latin Comedy Jam and, as Mike G., its on-stage host, said that he was so pleased with the event that he will bring the show back in the fall with an entirely new program of different comics. Gotti draws on a stable of 21 Latin comedians to present three per night in shows throughout the southwest. The show played Pueblo, CO, Friday night and continued to Tucumcari and Clovis, NM, after leaving Raton.

El Paso comic Iggy made his Latin Comedy Jam debut as a late replacement for ailing Dillon Garcia. Iggy opened the show with extended riffs on his stereotypical gangbanger appearance and the notice it gets from police wherever he goes. He especially finds it difficult to go jogging because the police always assume he's running from a crime. "No, I'm just jogging, officer."

"Well, what's that TV under your arm?"

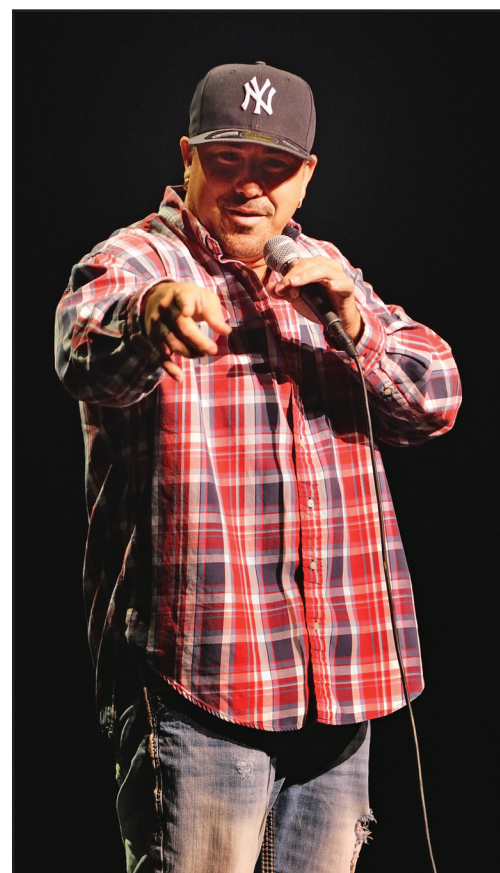
"That's resistance training."

Iggy said he first joined a gang after watching "West Side Story," thinking gangs like to dance.

He said that dogs can be trained to find drugs but that no one can find drugs faster than a drug addict. He suggested that police

departments hire addicts to find drugs, drawing huge laughter at the vision of police entering a crime scene with a crack head on a leash.

Next up was Jerry Garcia, a single father of two in his adopted



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Tucson native Roberto Rodriguez, top left, came from Los Angeles to give a wildly funny 40-minute closing set at Saturday night's Latin Comedy Jam at the Shuler. With an elastic face and physical comedy, Rodriguez charmed the audience with his sometimes self-effacing humor. Jerry Garcia, the single father of two and from Pueblo, joked about fatherhood and Pueblo: "I thought I was Mexican. Then I moved to Pueblo. Man, those are real Mexicans there!" Producer and show's host Mike G., aka Mike Acquistogotti, said after Saturday night's show that he'll bring his Latin Comedy Jam back to the Shuler Theater in the fall with new comics.

town of Pueblo, CO. "I thought I was a Mexican. Then I moved to Pueblo. Man, those are real Mexicans there!" Continuously pacing the stage from left to right and back, he plumbed the humor of fa-

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## WEATHER WATCH

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. West wind 5 to 15 mph. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 38. Breezy, with a

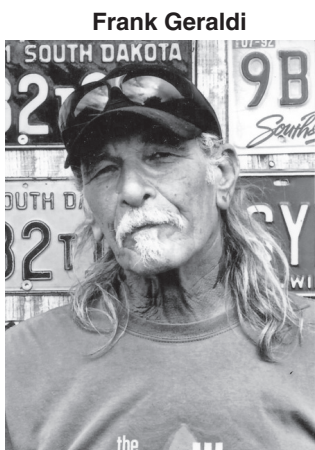
west southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. **Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. West northwest wind around 15 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph decreasing to 5 to 10 mph in the evening. **Wednesday:** A 10 percent chance of showers after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 58. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast in the afternoon.

**Night:** A 10 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest after midnight. **Thursday:** A 10 percent chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 31. North-east wind around 5 mph.

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**Frank Gerald**  
 Frank (Francis Anthony) Gerald, very well aged to 73, June 10, 1941 – March 12, 2015

Frank died peacefully in his home after a brief, but intense, experience with liver cancer.

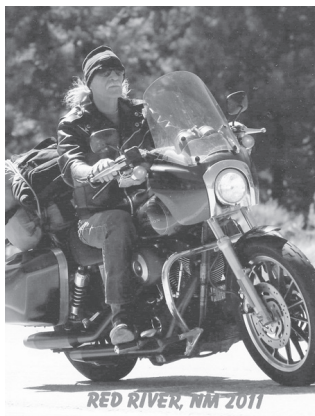
He was a 100% Italian master carpenter, a true craftsman and artisan with a flair for artistic creativity, and often self-appointed Foreman and Advisor of Everything About Life. He was also a motorcycle enthusiast, an avid bluesman and enthusiastic supporter of live music. He lived life fully, on his own terms, and his own schedule. Eccentric and beloved; Papa Frank was a unique father, awesome grandfather, and friend to many. He did not mince words and went out with the same zest and feistiness that he lived by.

To everyone whose path he crossed, thank you for your kindness, generosity, tolerance, humor, meals, parties, rides, concerts, acceptance, and shenanigans. He colored the world of anyone he met in strange and wonderful ways.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his younger sister Cecilia, and many friends who he considered part of his chosen extended family. He will be loved and remembered forever by his two daughters, Mandy and Sarah Jane; his adored grandchildren who were the prides of his life Megan, Raven, Marley, Max and River; his sons Michael and Richie; his sisters Phyllis (Bruce) and Lillian (Al), his brother Peter; his nieces and nephews; and countless friends from all corners of his life.

Please join Mandy and Sarah Jane at Frank's Wake, in the honor and true spirit of his life at Ju Jo's Pub, 155 N. Chestnut, in Trinidad, Saturday, March 28th at 3:00 p.m.

Ride in Peace Frank Gerald, you were truly a bada\*\*, and we will miss you forever.



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**63 Card of Thanks**

The family of Patricia (Trish) Mascarenas would like to acknowledge and express our gratitude to our many friends and relatives for their acts of kindness, remembrances, and sympathetic concern during our recent loss of our beloved Trish.

Thank You - the doctors and nurses of Mt. San Rafael Hospital and Parkview Medical Center; her Caregiver; all who sent flowers, cards, money, and food; all who attended the services; Brother Harry for leading the Rosary, the Priest and scriptural readers; Terrie Lobato and her Volunteer staff who served the dinner; and to Kitsy Comi and Staff from Comi Funeral Home who, as always, provide a very professional and sympathetic service. May God bless you for sharing our grief.

**“Come, ye disconsolate, where'er you languish, Come at the shrine of God fervently kneel; Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish – Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.”**  
 ~Thomas Moore



**COMMUNITY**

**Fire Department, Library share big news**

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space is going to be very important for us and for our community.”

Fire Chief Tim Howard said he'd gotten a phone call the week before from John Garcia, a former Trinidad firefighter who's now a fireman in Arvada.

“He called and told me Arvada was getting rid of a 1993 Flint fire truck,” Howard said. “As the Council knows, our fire fleet is somewhat aged. This truck has a 1,500-gallon pump, which our current ladder truck does not. It's got a 50-foot ladder, while our current one is 65-feet. This one, during major fires, will free up another engine to actually fight fires. This will increase our pumping capacity in a city fire by 30 percent. It comes with 1,000-feet of five inch hose, and five inch hose

costs about \$650 per hundred-foot. There's another \$1,500-feet of hose, \$500 worth of generators, a five-inch hydrant valve and \$1,000 worth of additional equipment. Overall we're getting \$12,000 to \$15,000 worth of additional equipment, and we worked out a deal with the City of Arvada to get all this for \$5,000.”

Howard said he'd checked online and found that the value of a similar truck and equipment was between \$85,000 and \$175,000. Arvada also gave away 100 sets of used bumper gear, which Howard said would be distributed to area fire departments.

City Manager Gabe Engeland announced some changes in the City's organizational structure. City Clerk Audra Garrett has been promoted to

Assistant City Manager, to oversee administrative services, while Tom Beach has been promoted, on an interim basis, to be Power & Light Department Superintendent, while still reporting to former Superintendent Mike Valentine. Dona Valencic has been named Human Resources Director, a job she had doing for some time but without the title.

Council also approved the 2015 Monument Lake Plan of Operation by a 6 to 1 vote. Council member Carol Bolton voted no, saying she couldn't approve of the plan because it didn't contain a senior citizen discount. Other Council members also said they would have liked to have seen a senior citizen discount included in the plan.

**Latin Comedy Jam draws crowd for Shuler's show**

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therhood. “My kids are five and six. They've started bringing me homework from school. They asked me to help them learn to spell 'spaghetti.' I said, 'Let's save

that one for later.” He kidded the many white people in the audience about how they name their children, citing someone with a kid



Photos by Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Up-and-coming El Paso comic Iggy stepped into the opening slot Saturday night when scheduled closer Dillon Garcia came down sick days before Saturday's comic fest. His performance served as a successful audition: producer/host Mike G. after the show invited Iggy to join the company's stable of 21 stand-up comics.

named Hashtag. “I'm going to name my next kid Wi-Fi so when he's arrested I can hold up a sign saying 'Free Wi-Fi.'” He complained that someone recently said he's a metrosexual. “I ain't no metrosexual! I've only had sex on a bus one time.”

The best was saved for last when Tucson native Roberto Rodriguez gave a 40-minute set of often-physical comedy using elastic facial expressions to spin extended stories, many of which focused on sexuality and his own abundant body. Grabbing a hunk of his own stomach, he said, “We Mexicans have worked hard for this! It's a sign of opulence.”

Rodriguez travels Thursdays through Sundays entertaining audiences throughout the U.S. with his stand-up comedy. “I go to work at 9 p.m. I work 40 minutes straight through without a lunch break. It's hard.” When he's home in Los Angeles, he said his wife chides him when she comes home from work and finds him sleeping during the day. “How can I chase my dreams,” he replies, “if I don't know where they're at?”

Saturday night's 90-min-

ute show started at 8:15—late for the Shuler. Hispanics outnumbered Anglos in the packed auditorium and all seemed to enjoy the comedy equally. Appropriately, the audience was almost entirely adult, except for one infant that arrived in a stroller—duly noted by each comic.

Latin Comedy Jam usually plays venues where alcohol is served and each comic riffed on playing for an audience that wasn't drinking. The DJ/soundman in the loge box hanging over the stage interrupted host Mike G. once to apologize for laughing so disruptively. “I've never heard this show sober before.”

As he closed the show, Mike G. said, “You guys have been so great that we're not going to allow drinking anymore at any of our shows.”

Minutes later, in the lobby after the show, he promised to come back to the Shuler in the fall with an entirely new show and three different comics. Judging by the laughing crowd, most of them will happily return for the second show of stand-up comedy in the Shuler Theater's history.

**Autism: 'Light it Up Blue' shining a light on public problem**

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can't afford to pay for the tickets. So please help us and support the community and the families who aren't going to be able to be present there.”

Thompson said there are many ways to raise awareness about autism using the Light it up Blue theme, including replacing clear light bulbs with blue ones at a home or business and decorating anywhere and everywhere with blue bows, ribbons and other deco-

rations. People can give a blue hue to their social media presence, and tweet, talk about and think about autism awareness, while making a donation to their local autism awareness organization. Trinidad's local autism awareness organization is located at 315 Strong Ave., where the phone number is: 719-680-2638, and the e-mail address is: [trinidadautismawareness@gmail.com](mailto:trinidadautismawareness@gmail.com). Support can also be provided on the Internet by

going to: [Facebook.com/trinidadautismawareness](https://www.facebook.com/trinidadautismawareness).

She said the Trinidad autism group had signed up with “Autism Speaks,” a national organization that sponsors autism awareness contests with the Light it up Blue theme. Trinidad's in the rural category, meaning it will compete with cities of under 10,000 population. She's contacted school and community groups to get them to participate. Three prizes will be awarded to the homeowners, business owners and organizations that have the best Light it up Blue display.

One in every 68 children in the U.S. have some form of autism, she said, although she didn't have figures on how many people locally suffer from the developmental disorder.



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News  
 Linda Thompson

“Many of the children who have autism are being home schooled or are being transported out of the community. One of my goals is to get them back into our schools and back into our community, so they feel that they are part of the community and aren't being excluded.”

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