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## THE FINE PRINT

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SCHOOL EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY

#### 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.

#### PAL

Playgroup meets 9:30 - 11 a.m. every Weds at Alta Vista, 415 S. Indiana. Moms & caregivers with infants, ages birth to 3. Playroom is also available for same time use Tues & Thurs. Information: Martina at 846-4400.

#### A.R. Mitchell

Museum hosts volunteer coffee & meeting 10 a.m. Weds, 150 East Main Street. Call 846-4224 for information.

#### LaCasa - Fiesta

Meeting for all members 2 p.m. every Wed @ LaCasa Lodge in Jansen.

#### Teen Maze

Committee meets 5:15 p.m. Weds @ the First Street Art Gallery. Call Tony @ 680-2059 or Lisa @ 846-1005 for more information.

### THURSDAY

#### Quilt Club

Bound Together Quilt Club meets 9:30 a.m. every other Thurs @ the Las Animas County Fairgrounds. For info call 719-846-3855 (Sandy).

#### Rotary Club

Weekly Luncheon & Meeting 12 p.m. every Thurs. @ the Holiday Inn, 3130 Santa Fe Trail Dr.

#### Parenting Class

FREE "Parenting with Love & Logic" class 6 p.m. (1st & 3rd Thursday) @ Fisher's Peak Elementary, 900 Moore's Canyon Road. For more information call Kevin Crosby @ 845-2043

#### Weight Watchers

Meets 6 p.m. every Thurs @ the Senior Citizens Center, 1222 San Pedro Ave.

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## WEATHER WATCH

**Today:** A chance of snow showers before 10 a.m., then a chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 49. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

**Tonight:** A 10 percent chance of snow showers after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. North northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

**Tomorrow:** Sunny, with a high near 68. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tomorrow Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 31. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire river call as of 4/6/2010  
South Side Priority #80 - 4/7/1877  
Trinidad Lake accounting:  
Release 0.10 acre feet  
Inflow 291.88 acre feet  
Evaporation 20.78 acre feet  
Content 26233 acre feet  
Elevation 6188.71 feet  
Precipitation 0 inches  
Downstream river call:  
JMR - 12/31/1948  
(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Photos by Richard Sitts

Students and staff at the Trinidad Head Start welcomed guests at the Community Partnership Luncheon Tuesday by singing a few of their favorite songs. Students pantomimed along with the lyrics and invited the audience to sing along if they knew the words.

## Head Start hosts Community Partnership Luncheon

By RICHARD SITTS  
The Chronicle-News

Head Start is much more than just a pre-school program, Volunteer Coordinator Rhonda Duskey-Kochis told guests at the Community Partnership Luncheon Tuesday. The event was hosted by Rocky Mountain SER Southern Colorado Head Start in Trinidad.

The program, geared toward 3-5 year-olds, enhances the children's self-worth and education, Duskey-Kochis said. It also helps them in social interactions and helps make families stronger in the communities that Head Start serves, she added.

Head Start Area Manager Tamara Trujillo-Pacheco also was on hand and addressed the throng of guests that attended the luncheon. Major focuses of Head Start

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Trinidad Head Start Volunteer Coordinator Rhonda Duskey-Kochis, standing at right, talked about Head Start and later had guests introduce themselves and give a brief presentation about their program or agency during the Community Partnership Luncheon on Tuesday.



Inge and Tom Bobek relax in their Trinchera Canyon home.

## To be an American: 'Home on the Range'

By TIM KELLER  
The Chronicle-News

A drive to visit Tom and Inge Bobek takes one through the most American of scenes. Trinchera Pass Road is the historic Goodnight-Loving cattle-drive trail, crossing fields in which deer, elk, wild turkey, and bison still mingle and graze. Perched on a hill in a valley two miles south of the Colorado border, the Bobek home is built of logs; inside are Tom's handmade knives and rifles, 150-years old. Outside the window sprawls the 1,180-acre Spahn & Friends Bison Ranch; Tom and Inge are the Friends.

Although they have managed this ranch since its inception 11 years ago, they worry that U.S. immigration rules may prevent their attaining the American citizenship they long for and force them to return to their native

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An antler salt and pepper shaker is an example of Tom's work.



Photo By David J. Santistevan Jr.

Charlene Tortorice, director of the Advocates Against Domestic Assault, addresses the Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners at Tuesday's meeting, seeking an endorsement for an Emergency Shelter Grant from the Colorado Division of Housing.

## Domestic assault shelter seeks endorsement for grant

BY DAVID J. SANTISTEVAN JR.  
The Chronicle-News

Charlene Tortorice, director of the local Advocates Against Domestic Assault (AADA), addressed the Las Animas County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on Tuesday, asking for an endorsement or letter of support for \$30,500 for an Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) from the Colorado Division of Housing for staff salaries and operating expenses. The ESG is an annual grant.

"I am here today because AADA here in Trinidad has submitted a grant for funding for the Emergency Shelter Grant and one of the requirements is that we receive support of the county commissioners and get a letter of

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## Walsenburg man dies after being shot by police officer

C-N STAFF REPORT

**WALSENBURG** - The Colorado Bureau of Investigation is looking into the case of a Walsenburg police officer who allegedly shot and killed a Walsenburg man during a domestic violence call Sunday night. The Bureau was called in to take over the investigation and crime scene processing, which is standard procedure if a police officer is involved in a shooting.

Pueblo County Coroner James Kramer said Armando Gallegos, 29, died at 1 a.m. Monday at Parkview Medical Center, where he was transferred. The officer is on paid administrative leave.

Walsenburg Police officers were dispatched to Stacy Drive in Walsenburg on a report of a domestic violence incident in progress at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday, according to a press release from the Walsenburg Police Department. Upon their arrival, one officer went to the back of the residence while the other went to the front, where children were trying to escape through a window. The officer in front helped the children to safety, according to the press release.

The officer in the rear of the residence witnessed a male subject attacking a female subject with a weapon. The officer was forced to fire his duty weapon to protect the female subject from a deadly assault, the press release stated. Officers immediately initiated first aid actions and the male subject was transported by ambulance to the Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center emergency room.

Walsenburg police said more information will be released once the investigation is complete.

