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THE FINE PRINT

AUGUST 18
Trinidad Schools
MONDAY (10 a.m.) The Board of Education will hold a special meeting at the Middle School Library, 614 Park St. Information: 719-846-3324.
Town of Starkville
MONDAY (6 p.m.) Board of Trustees public meeting in the Fisher's Peak Fire Department boardroom, 8361 County Road 69, Starkville. Information: Crick Carlisle, 719-680-7199.

Today's Quote

"Learn to look up now and then, just in case a piano is falling from overhead."

— Richelle E. Goodrich

AUGUST 19
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 Louden (719-845-2592), and Anthony Abeyta (719-846-9300).
Primer Schools
TUESDAY (5 p.m.) District Board of Education will meet in executive session with regular session to follow at 6 p.m. in the Primero School Cafeteria, 20200 Highway 12. Information: Tina East, 719-868-2715.
Shuler Theater
TUESDAY (7 p.m.) Annual free concert with "Music from Angel Fire." Information: 575-445-4746.
Trinidad City Council
TUESDAY (7 p.m.) Regular session will be held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 135 N. Animas St. Information: Audra Garrett, 719-846-9843.

PUBLIC SERVICE
Call for Kids Car Art
Need auto-themed kids' artwork by Sept. 1 for Kids Spark Exhibit at the ArtoCade festivities in September. Information: Rich Colombo, 719-846-6435.
Paws in the Park
AUGUST 30: Noah's Ark Animal Shelter is looking for pet-friendly vendors to join them at this annual event in Cimino Park. Information: 719-680-2385.

Trinidad RoundUp Association
AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1: Annual Labor Day Weekend rodeo, parade, dance and festivities. Information: 719-680-0424 or go to www.trinidadroundup.homestead.com.
ArtoCade Call for Artists
***Hubcapalooza** at Galerie Vivante (214 E. Main St.) Carvelously embellished hubcaps—paint, sculpt, collage, glue or whatever. All pieces will be for sale for under \$100. Hubcaps are available at the gallery for \$4. Entries due Sept. 5-6—show opens Sept. 12. Information: 719-334-0087.
***AutoMotivation at Gallery Main** (130 E. Main St.) Earthly bound vehicle-inspired art in any media. Stop by the gallery for a prospectus. Completed pieces to be delivered to gallery on Sept. 2-3 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) Opening reception is Sept. 5 (5-7 p.m.). Information: 719-846-1441.

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter
The Fisher's Peak Veterinary Clinic (719-846-3211) and the Trinidad Animal Clinic (719-846-3212) offer grant-funded, low-cost spay/neuter surgeries. Call for information and appointments.

SUICIDE/CRISIS HOTLINES:
***ADULT HOPE: 800-784-2433**
***TEEN: 877-968-8454**
***GLB-YOUTH: 866-488-7386**
***VET-2-VET: 877-838-2838**
"When the world says, 'Give up!' Hope says, 'Not today!'" —Unknown
ABUSE HOTLINES:
***Domestic Abuse Hotline:** In Trinidad call 719-846-6665 (24-hours a day). National Hotline: 1-800-790-SAFE (7233).
***Animal Abuse:** Report animal abuse and dog/cock fighting at Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line: 720-913-7867.

A THOUSAND WORDS

Beautiful summer flowers fill the planters outside Curly's Beads and the 309 Salon on Main Street.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 08/15/14. Burns & Duncan ditch: Priority # 21 --- Appropriation date: 01/01/1866.

Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:
Release 164.25 AF
Inflow 158.06 AF -- 79.69 CFS
Evaporation 7.81 AF
Content 12,064 AF
Elevation 6,170.19
Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call — Nine Mile Canal: 05/07/1877.



EDUCATION

TSD Board approves new online school

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

George Dasko called it a school within a school. The Trinidad School Board voted unanimously at Tuesday's meeting to establish a new online school as a part of its academic opportunities for local students.

Dasko showed board members 17 requests by local students to send their records to GOAL Academy. Should all 17 of those students leave the district and go to GOAL, Dasko said it represented a loss of \$115,600 at the current rate of \$6,800 per pupil in state funding. There were seven similar requests to send transcripts to other school districts in the area.

New Superintendent Scott Mader said Dasko and Business Manager Bill Cordova had brought up the issue of trying to retain as many students as possible within the district, and trying to get back those students who had previously left for online or other schools. The longtime girl's basketball coach at Trinidad High School used a sports allegory to highlight his remarks.

"You know, they say in coaching that the worst thing you can do is wait until the opposing team takes the field and then prepare for them," Dasko said. "That's where we're at. We're at a point where GOAL Academy is our competition. We have 17 kids who would be freshmen at our high school who have applied at GOAL Academy and they'll probably be accepted. I look at it and I say, 'can we lose 17 kids out of every class that comes in?' I don't think we can. They're our competition. We're going to play fair and be aboveboard with everything, but I

think we need to compete and start an online school in our district. I don't think we can wait until next year. I don't think we can wait at all. I think we need to do it and do it right now, because what's going to happen is we're going to lose some kids. They may not cut it at GOAL, but after the October student count, do you know where they're going? They're coming back to our district. So it's really

up to us to keep these kids here, deal with them and provide the best possible venue to a good education for them."

The program Dasko proposed would be tailored to fit the needs of each individual student, so they can develop the skills they'll need to move forward academically. It would include a typical online program where a student spends six hours a day working on various

classes at home, while being monitored by a teacher. The student would have to check in on a regular basis. Another option would be for students to be in classrooms for their elective classes, but take their core classes online in a computer lab where they could work at their own pace. The program would include credit recovery, so students who have fallen behind

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... a thousand words

THE ARTS



Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Lip Sync 2014 was so competitive that channeling Elvis wasn't enough for an honorable mention for Chris Padilla, but he won the grand prize with his wife Cathy Padilla for another performance.

Lip Sync 2014 packs Shuler Theater for family frolics

By Tim Keller
Correspondent
The Chronicle-News

Lip Sync 2014 filled the Shuler Theater Friday and Saturday nights as whole families took turns hamming it up and goofing around for the entertainment of their friends and neighbors. The oldest performers to take the stage were in their 80s; the youngest was six-months old. There was an equal mix of adults and children, often together in a single performance.

Cathy and Chris Padilla of Raton won the 37th-annual event's \$200 first prize for their comic performance acting and lip-syncing "Love Runs Out" by the group One

Republic. Portraying an elderly woman and man at "Ol' Fogie Restin' Home," they took a long time slowly walking onto the stage in silence, aided by a walker and a cane, respectively. When they sat down, the music started. The old man grew frisky and the old woman dealt with it: by the time they were done, they'd been dancing and the old man was exhausted. The audience loved it. So did the judges.

The Padillas said after the show that they've entered the contest for many years. Their previous best result was last year's 3rd place when Chris sang as Michael Bubl . He failed to place this year with his impersonation of Elvis, but his "Jailhouse Rock" won him 4th place in 2012.

Because set changes are required between each of the 25 acts, half of each night's show consists of repartee and silliness from hosts Robi Gonzales and Sean Green, who have been honing their act annually for a quarter-century. They include performances dressed in

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SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Vintage Treasures thrives in new location

By Steve Block
The Chronicle-News

Getting shoppers through the door to see what's available is the key first step toward success for any retail business. Bree Pappan said recently that moving her Vintage Treasures Antiques and Collectibles business three blocks south to 108 N. Commercial St. recently has caused more shoppers to stroll through the door.

Pappan's had a brick and mortar store in Trinidad for the past two years, selling stylish vintage clothing and accessories focused on the styles and patterns that were all the rage in the first half of the 20th Century. Prior to that, she had a long career as a picker for high-end boutiques in the Tuc-

son and Scottsdale areas of Arizona, and in Southern California. She sold antiques out of her home there and also did some consignment work. She learned the ins and outs of the antiquing trade with the help of a friend she refers to as "my mentor".

"I've been doing this now for two years and I understand that there's a period of time for any new business to establish itself," Pappan said. "I feel like the first two years were a learning experience. I feel like we've established ourselves in what we wanted to do and I'm pleased with the way it's been going so far."

She said high-fashion ladies hats from the 1940s and 1950s had

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Bree Pappan, owner of Vintage Treasures Antiques on Commercial Street, has seen an increase in shoppers since moving her shop to the new location. Catering to a large clientele, Pappan has treasures of a by-gone era that appeal to a lot of customers.

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719-845-0102

WEATHER WATCH

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. West

wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. SW wind 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: A 10 percent chance of thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. S-SW wind 5 to 15 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. S-SW wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of

thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 84. W-SW wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. W-SW wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. Light and variable wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

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PHONE: 719-846-3311 • FAX: 719-846-3612

DEADLINE: NOON, MONDAY-FRIDAY

02 Houses For Sale

5BD HOUSE for sale \$450k (30 DAY SPECIAL \$130k) obo serious inquiries only PLEASE. Good income property. 719-672-3697

FOR SALE 3BD, 1 BA, 2210 N. Garcia Asking \$45,000 or best offer. 719-568-1709

03 Houses For Rent

VERY COMFORTABLE 2BR 1BA house with gas fire place & small garage \$675/mo 719-250-7855

FOR RENT 3BD House, a good job & 3 good ref. a must. \$750 + dep. 719-672-3697

2 BD home in Allendale with garage and fenced yard. \$600 + deposit. 719-846-7675 or 719-680-1724

04 Apartments

CASA VILLA I & TRINIDAD APARTMENTS Immediate openings available! Bright, clean, cheerful, affordable housing for tenants for 1, 2 & 3 bedroom units. We are a smoke free property. Rent based on income. Low income welcome. Rental assistance available, please call 719-846-4816 or 719-846-8481 or stop by 712 East Godding Trinidad, CO This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

CASA VILLAGE II APARTMENTS Immediate Openings! Bright, cheerful 1 BD & 2BD townhouses. We are a smoke free property. Laundry room avail., Starting @ \$540 - \$560 & \$648 - \$668/mo. Call 719-846-4816 Section 8 applicants welcome. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. TDD 1-800-659-2656

3BD 2BA clean home for rent, fncd yard in quiet nhrhoom with off St. prking. No smking & no pets. \$650/mo, \$500 dep. 846-3894 or 680-1325

2 BD, 1 bath, LR, Kit, Dining nook, small office, washer included, exceptionally clean, extra-large deck, small yard and wrap around porch. \$950 includes it all: gas, electric, water, trash, cable, internet. No smoking, no pets, no exceptions. 846-9435. Available 9/1/14

05 Mobile Homes

Mobile home spaces available in quiet mobile home park located next to Trinidad Golf Course. Double wide and single wide spaces available. Water, sewer and trash included in rent. Please call Rusty or Michelle at 719-846-3303 ext. 0

06 Office Space

OFFICE SPACE for rent. Great location! \$500mo w/ \$500dep Call (719)422-8260

07 Commercial Property

OFFICE SPACE 108 Maple \$380 mo incl. utilities 680-2225

11 Mountain Property

DEVELOPER REPO Our loss is your gain. 35 AC. Close to town. Great for modular home. Power in road. Partial fence. Great Views. EZ Access. \$18k Terms. 719-598-7941

17 Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT for the Drug Court programs in Raton, NM. FT position, Job desc. and app. at www.nmcourts.gov.

Commercial Construction Superintendent Wanted

– Kim, Colorado Project Minimum Qualifications: Must have previous experience in educational facility additions and renovations ranging from \$6-15 million. Salary: Commensurate With Experience Benefits: Health, Dental, Vision, 401(K), Paid Vacation

Job Duties Include: Leading field staff, managing jobsite performance, ensuring quality, safety, and environmental compliance, determining equipment and manpower needs, maintaining short interval schedules, coordinating and phasing subcontractors and material suppliers, inspecting work for quality and compliance with contract documents, and maintaining daily logs and as-built drawings

Submit Your Resume With Qualifications And References To: • Email: humanresources@jhlconstructors.com • Fax: 303.741.2785

Mt. Carmel Medical Center is seeking a Part-Time Medical Receptionist

Pleasant; professional; ability to multi-task; efficient and accurate data-entry skills; punctual and reliable. Computer literacy and basic knowledge of filing a must. Successful candidate will be required to pass a background check and drug test.

Please bring resume or pick up application at Mt. Carmel Health, Wellness & Community Center, 911 Robinson St. Trinidad, CO. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. M-F.

Corrections: Please check your ad for errors on the first day it appears. The Chronicle-News will not be responsible for incorrect ads after the first day of publication.

TRINIDAD WESTERN APTS. is now taking applications! Studios, 1-2-3 Bdrm Apts. Laundry facilities Rental assistance to those who qualify. Call 719-846-7539 or stop by and see us at 411 NORTH AVE., Trinidad TTY / TDD 1-800-659-2656 Our community is an equal opportunity provider.

NORTH AVENUE APARTMENTS A SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX , TAKING APPLICATIONS 1 Bedroom units only Appliances, stove, refrigerator, Laundry Room, community Room Rental assistance available to those who qualify. Call 845-0216 or stop by and see us at 421 E North Ave, Trinidad, CO TDD 1-800-659-2656 This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Applications are now being accepted at the **Somerset Apartments** Immediate Move In's on 2 bedrooms. Apply at 1229 State St, Raton NM 575 445-5609 TTY 1-800 659-8331 1 800-6591779 or 711

LARGE 2BD apt in quiet 4-plex near TSJC some utilities paid Call 719-859-5767

DUPLEX 2BD 1 Ba \$600 mo. Good Location 3 blocks from downtown 315 Spruce Call Linda 680-2503 or 680-2502

Large 1 bdrm, 1 bath apt with GREAT VIEWS for Rent! Very clean, washer & dryer, a/c, dishwasher, private entrance & large deck. Furnished optional. All utilities included - \$650/month. No pets. Call 719-433-2523 for details.

FOR RENT 1 BD APT in clean quiet building \$400/mo + \$400 dep. 627 Arizona Ave 719-679-2653

3 BD/1BA upstairs apartment • \$675 mo incl' utilities • 110 Maple St • 719-680-2225

1BD & 2BD Apts partially furnished * all util pd except electricity * \$550 & \$600 mo Dep \$600 * No smoking & No pets 680-0804

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17 Help Wanted

ED COORDINATOR The Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center's Emergency Department has need for a full-time ED Patient Care Coordinator. Successful candidate must have experience using Microsoft Word and Excel, ability to type 35wpm, and have excellent interpersonal, customer service and time management skills. Knowledge of medical terminology is preferred but not required. Job duties include: registering patients upon admission into the emergency room, transcribing physician orders, record preparation, answering department phone, ordering diagnostics, and preparing Excel sheets for data gathering. CNA or EMT certification is preferred, but not required. This position is scheduled from 8am-8:30pm three days a week with some weekend and holiday shifts required. Please submit application and resume, or if a current employee, a letter of interest to the Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center Human Resource Department: 23500 US Hwy 160, Walsenburg, CO 81089 by the August 29, 2014 closing date. For further information, contact Human Resources at (719) 738-4540 or to view facility information go to www.sprhc.org

Hoehne School District, Re-3 has the following opening for the 2014-2015 school year: **Route and/or Extra Trip Bus Driver** Position open until filled. Please send info to Christine Barela, Superintendent, PO Box 91, Hoehne CO 81046 or contact at 719-846-4457. Apps available at www.hoehnesd.org. An EOE

Lee's BBQ now hiring for all positions. Must have experience. Apply in person between 2-4pm.

Local company is looking for drivers to transport railroad crews up to a 200 mile radius from Trinidad. Must live within 20 miles of Trinidad, be 21 or older, and pre-employment drug screen required. A company vehicle is provided, paid training, and benefits. No special license needed. Compensation is \$8.50 per hour. Apply at www.renzenberger.com

Prevention Specialist/Home Visitor: Colfax County Youth Empowerment Services is now accepting resumes and applications (applications at: http://www.co.colfax.nm.us/forms/) for a full-time Prevention Specialist/Home Visitor. Duties include implementing environmental strategies to educate the community on substance abuse and reduce use throughout Colfax County, data entry, implement home visiting curriculum to families prenatal -3 years of age, plan/conduct monthly meeting, BA, BS preferred or experience in education and/or drug and alcohol prevention, working with children and youth (prenatal-18 years). Must be willing to travel and have excellent computer skills. For more information call Debbie at (575) 445-8191.

Send or take resumes and applications to: Debbie Ortiz: or Danielle Martinez: 116 S 3rd St Colfax County Courthouse Raton, NM 87740. 230 North 3rd Street Raton NM 87740

Deadline for resumes and applications: August 28, 2014

SUPER 8 Trinidad CO is hiring full time & part time housekeeping. Please apply within. No phone calls please. Next to Burger King 1924 Freedom Rd Trinidad, CO 81082

Trinidad Inn Nursing Home is seeking CNAs. Pick up applications at the front office at 409 Benedicta. Office hours are 8am to 9pm

TRINIDAD, CO Successful small independent business seeking motivated individuals for employment opportunity. Food service experience required. Please call 680-3187

WANTED! Licensed Journeyman Electrician Please contact resumesa@outlook.com

18 Medical Employment MT SAN RAFAEL HOSPITAL in Trinidad, Colorado is seeking the following positions: • Patient Navigator - MSW/LCSW-Full Time • Patient Navigator - RN - Full Time

Go to www.msrh.org to view position requirements and complete application online. MSRH HR Dept at 719-846-8043

18 Medical Employment

RN: The Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center's Hospital Nursing Department has need for full-time RN. Successful applicants must have graduated from an approved school of practical nursing and have a valid Colorado or Compact State RN license. Qualified applicants must demonstrate leadership skills, be a team player, have excellent people skills and have the ability to provide patient care assessments. Applicant should have computer experience with EMR, Word and Excel. High ability to interpret professional literature, interact with the public and one year Med/Surg experience preferred but not required. Schedule will include three twelve-hour night shifts a week including some weekends and holidays. Please submit an application and resume, or if a current employee, a letter of interest to the SPRHC Human Resource Department: 23500 US Hwy 160, Walsenburg, CO 81089 by the August 29, 2014 closing date. For further information, contact Human Resources at (719) 738-4540 or to view facility information go to www.sprhc.org

Spanish Peaks Veterans Community Living Center, a department of Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center has openings for the following positions:

CNA: The position is considered a full-time position with 10-hour shifts. Successful candidate must be a licensed CNA with skills in basic restorative nursing principle and practices is desirable and would be primarily responsible for restorative activities with residents.

CNA: This position is considered a full-time position with 12-hour shifts. Successful candidate must be a licensed CNA with successful fulfillment of work related physical requirements.

Please submit application and resume, or if current employee, a letter of interest to the Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center's Human Resource Department: 23500 US Hwy 160, Walsenburg, CO 81089 by the August 22, 2014 closing date. For further information, contact Human Resources at (719) 738-4540 or to view facility information go to www.sprhc.org.

31 SUV's 1995 NISSAN PATHFINDER engine runs hot, \$500 719-859-5126

FOR SALE 2003 Toyota Highlander Fair Condition \$4800 OBO 719-680-4972

35 Recreational Vehicles FOR SALE 18' Wilderness Camper in good condition Double axle 719-859-6404

39 Personal MARGARET ANN LUCERO • I LOVE YOU! TEDDY • Call me...

40 Professional Services ADVANCE CLEANERS Carpets-Furniture-Walls Windows-Drapes Trained, Certified and 56 Yrs. of Experience Free Estimates 719-846-6028 680-2958

NITTY-GRITTY MAINTENANCE CLEANING HOUSEKEEPING PAINT and REPAIR Licensed and Insured 719-859-1502

RBS True Value Building Materials 2 Locations: Raton North Downtown & Angel Fire 575-445-2725 Pellet Stove Repair and Installation Pellets Too!

42 Happy Ads LUMBER JACKS Ladies Night & Karaoke Every Wed 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

45 Furniture Bunk/Twin size bed w/ a clean like new 36" by 72" Simmons Beauty Rest mattress and box spring \$125.00. 846-9436 or 680-4212 after 10am.

FOR SALE: 5 pieces of furniture. Interested in knowing what they are.. Call 846-3736 after 5pm

52 Miscellaneous FOR SALE Kitchen cabinets, dishwashers, hot water heaters, bathroom vanities 719-941-4131

LINDEN ST. STORAGE UNITS Call 719-859-9824

52 Miscellaneous

UTILITY TRAILER \$400 1401 N. Linden Ave 719-859-0486

Valdez Land \$15000 obo. 2 Plots in Trinidad Catholic Cemetery w/double headstone \$2300. Call 719-564-0499.

90 Legals

Abandonment Notice

Attention: Tiffany Netherland Sapien You have 10 days to respond to pay all expenses on a bay mare quarter horse. Contact Teresa 846-8208.

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one (1) on the Tourism Board; and two (2) on the Planning, Zoning and Variance Commission; and one (1) on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee; and five (5) on the Urban Renewal Authority Board; and three (3) on the City Tree Board.

In order to be considered eligible to serve individuals must be a resident of the City and have served within the City for not less than one year immediately preceding appointment and must be registered to vote. However, in order to serve on the Tourism Board an applicant shall be either residents and registered voters of the City of Trinidad, or residents and registered voters of Las Animas County, Colorado, who is employed in a restaurant operation within the City of Trinidad.

Letters of interest in serving on any of these boards will be accepted at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 135 N. Animas Street or P. O. Box 880, Trinidad, CO 81082, until 12:00 p.m., August 28, 2014. Please include your qualifications for the position.

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Clerk's Office at 846-9843.

City of Trinidad Audra Garrett, City Clerk

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SPANISH PEAKS BON CARBO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS SEEKING A VOLUNTEER DISTRICT DEPUTY CHIEF TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT CHIEF IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALL DISTRICT FIRE STATION AREA OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL.

The District encompasses two areas: 1) the Aguilar Fire Station area, 2) the Bon Carbo Fire Station area and two sub-stations: 1) the Gulnare sub-station and 2) the Chicos Canyon sub-station. The DEPUTY District Chief reports to the District Chief.

JOB REQUIREMENTS: • Professional firefighting management experience • Overall knowledge of fire protection and emergency services • Officer level certification in Structural Firefighting, instructor certification level/NWCG Wild Land at Single Resource Boss level • Skilled in interpretation and application of agency regulations, Fire Division Guidelines, NFPA Standards including Fire Codes ICC and ISO requirements and EEO requirements • Skilled in Fire Investigation procedures, diagnostic techniques and "chain of evidence" requirements • Ability to operate as Fire Ground Safety Officer during emergency and non-emergency situations • Ability to implement, revise and improve the District Fire Year Plan • Strong leadership skills, able to motivate, organize and focus on volunteer personnel • Comply with all requirements of a "Fire Fighter Member" of the District as specified by the District • Reside within boundaries of the District in a different geographical Fire Station area than the District Chief

Application deadline is August 1, 2014. For more information contact Ron Kromhout at 772-473-4597 or Mail resume and cover letter to SPBCFPD, 109 W. Main St., Trinidad, Colorado 81082, Attention: Dana Phillips

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DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

ANGRY WIFE RESENTS HUSBAND FOR HIDING NEWS OF HIS HEALTH

DEAR ABBY: When my husband is sick or needs to have surgery, he refuses to tell his family and doesn't want me to. This puts me in a very awkward position. I'm damned if I do tell them because he will be upset with me, and damned if I don't because his family won't trust me, and I don't want things that way.

Invariably, when he gets home, he calls his family and tells them all about his surgery, and I'm left looking like I withheld the information, when it's not me at all. I have asked him what if he DIES? His family will be upset not only by the tragedy, but also at me for having kept them in the dark.

I'm considering leaving him over this. I don't deserve this from him. And no, he won't see a counselor and I won't do it alone, so do you have any other advice than that? – IN A DIFFICULT POSITION

DEAR IN A DIFFICULT POSITION: You should not be made to feel that you're stuck in the middle. It would be nice if your husband understood that when he is sick enough to be hospitalized that YOU might need the emotional support his family could offer. But since it's not going to happen, he should make plain to his family that HE prefers to be the bearer of this kind of news, and the reason they aren't hearing it from you is because he wants it



that way.

DEAR ABBY: I love my sister and enjoy chatting with her, but our schedules make it difficult to connect. When we do speak, her husband often interjects or starts another conversation with her, as if she isn't on the phone. She also settles spats between her toddlers and other things her husband could manage while we're talking.

When this happens I say, "I can tell you're tied up. Can we talk later when things settle down?" Her reply: "We can talk now. Things are ALWAYS crazy around here."

As it stands, we speak only a few times a year, and I'd like her undivided attention. I have tried bringing this up a number of times, but she feels life doesn't stand still for anyone.

Is it too much to ask for 30 minutes, three times a year? We live several states apart, so having a face-to-face isn't an option. Any help would be appreciated, because I'm hurt. – MISSING MY SISTER IN GEORGIA

DEAR MISSING YOUR SISTER: I don't blame you for feeling hurt, because apparently your sister isn't interested in having the kind of contact you would like. It may be that her husband is ultra-controlling -- hence the constant interruptions from him -- or that her household is so disorganized she's in the middle of a whirlwind.

If you haven't already, write her a letter and express your feelings. It's one way of getting your thoughts across without being interrupted. I don't think 30 minutes three times a year is a lot to ask of her. Propose setting a specific time to talk when her kids and husband aren't around. Then cross your fingers and hope she sees the light.

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Lip Sync 2014 packs Shuler Theater

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drag that are, well, over the top.

The show's program lists more than 100 sponsoring businesses from Raton, Trinidad and other communities, supporting an event that raises thousands of dollars each year to provide medication and blood-sugar monitors to diabetic patients throughout the area.

The program also lists each song and the artist that made the recording, but not the names of the local performers who are often disguised in elaborate costumes to lip sync the night's songs. It doesn't really matter who's in each disguise, though it's still fun guessing; what works is just knowing that it's your neighbor or co-worker or mechanic or bank teller. It's entertainment of the people, by the people, and for the people, and easily the most grass-roots event the Shuler Theater presents each year.

It's also so rollicking and fun that small children in the audience never cause a disturbance; in fact, chances are good that they're playing dress-up and getting ready to play on stage. It's a comedy show and a variety show that's absolutely unique to Raton and, since the 1970s, a highlight of every Raton summer.



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The \$200 first place prize at Lip Sync 2014 went to Chris and Cathy Padilla for their performance of "Love Runs Out" by the group One Republic. Well-produced and acted from start to finish, the comic performance brought rollicking laughter to a packed audience at the popular 37th-annual event. Because the annual Lip Sync shows require time-consuming set changes between acts, half the show consists of hosts Robi Gonzales and Sean Green, who have been doing it for more than 20 years and include many of their own costume changes.