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**THURSDAY**  
**JULY 16, 2015**

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## THE FINE PRINT

### TRINIDAD LAKE

All activities are rain or shine, and are free to the public. All vehicles are required to have a park pass. Info: 719-846-6957.

**\*SATURDAY (7 p.m.)** Join local naturalist, Bob Kennemer who will have live non-venomous snakes on hand as he discusses snake safety, how to avoid dangerous confrontations with snakes, snake lore, and how to treat a rattle snake bite in the back country at the Amphitheater at Trinidad Lake State Park, entrance off Hwy 12.

### JULY 16

**DINE OUT FOR NOAH'S THURSDAY:** Event lasts all day and evening at Bob and Earls, Brix, Nana and Nano's and Wendy's to help support Noah's Ark Animal Shelter. Information: 719-846-8578.

### SPFD AUXILIARY

**THURSDAY (6 p.m.)** Group will meet at the Aguilar Fire Station. Info: Marilyn Carlson, 719-680-0688.

### TROUT UNLIMITED

**THURSDAY (6 p.m.)** There will be no meeting of the Purgatoire River Anglers this month. Info: www.pratu.org.

## Today's Quote

**"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."**

~John Keats

### JULY 17-19

**KIDS' FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE FRIDAY (3-6:00 p.m.)** Fun with Water at Cimino Park. Events are FREE for middle and high school kids. Parents are asked to sign kids in and out of each event. Info: Berni Arrazola, 719-680-8639.

### FARMERS MARKET

**SATURDAY (8 a.m.-Noon)** 15th Annual event every Saturday in Cimino Park runs thru mid-October. Information: 719-680-0184.

### FP HORSE ASSOCIATION

**SATURDAY (9 a.m.)** Horse Show will be held at the County Fairgrounds on N. Linden St. Info: Susan Schneider, 719-680-0666.

### TRINIDAD AMBULANCE

**SATURDAY (9 a.m.)** District Board of Directors special meeting will be held at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, 939 Robinson Ave. Information: 719-846-6886.

### ARTIST QUICK DRAW

**SATURDAY (10:30 a.m.-Noon)** Annual artistic event on the Courthouse lawn, 200 E. First Street. Art Auction at the Mitchell Museum, 150 E. Main St. Information: 719-846-4224.

### MT. CARMEL FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY (11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.) & SUNDAY (11 a.m.-2 p.m.)** Free admission and live entertainment at the annual benefit for the Holy Trinity Restoration. Info: 719-845-4880.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### COFFEE CUP BOWLING

League is looking for new teams of three ladies. Info: Joann Lochard, 719-846-2598.

#### NURSING HOME PICNIC

**JULY 25 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)** Annual event with food, drinks, bouncy house, face painting and more at the Trinidad Inn Nursing Home, 409 Benedicta Ave. Info: 719-846-7603.

#### BRANSON BENEFIT

**JULY 25 (8 a.m.-4 p.m.)** Branson Football and Senior Class will hold a garage sale at the school. Food and treasures available — item for donations as well as additional community members and vendors are also invited. Info: Kimberly Shor, 719-946-0821.

#### THS CLASS OF 2005

**AUGUST 7&8:** All 2005 class members are encouraged to attend the 10th Class Reunion in Trinidad. Info: Gina Gallagher, trinidadhighclassof2005@gmail.com

#### FNB SCHOOL DRIVE

**AUGUST 7 DEADLINE:** Supplies needed include pencils, erasers, 12-inch rulers, crayons, glue, scissors, backpacks and notebook paper — cash donations are also accepted. Drop off at The First National Bank main bank on Main Street, at the motor bank on First Street or at the Wal-Mart Branch. Info: 719-846-9881.

#### SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

**THRU AUGUST 14 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.)** Monday thru Friday all kids (18 and under) can eat a free lunch at the THS Cafeteria, 816 West St. Today's menu is: Chicken Soft Tacos, Salsa, Salad Bar & Milk.

*The Fine Print feature is a courtesy notice used to inform the public of upcoming free public meetings and events. Placement is not guaranteed. For contributions please call 719-846-3311 or e-mail cathy@trinidadchronicle.com.*

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of: 07/15/15. Model Ditch --- Appropriation date: 01/22/1908.

#### Trinidad Reservoir Accounting:

Release 347.63 AF  
 Inflow 370.75 AF -- 186.92 CFS  
 Evaporation 13.12 AF  
 Content 34,362 AF  
 Elevation 6,201.08  
 Precipitation 0

Downstream River Call / JMR Conservation Storage: 12/31/1948.



## DEVELOPMENT FIASCO



Courtesy photo

# City may call in Cougar Canyon's Bond

By Steve Block  
 The Chronicle-News

Part of the City of Trinidad's planning process calls for real estate developers to put up a performance bond, to cover the costs of the infrastructure they're going to build as part of the development, as a hedge against the possibility that the development won't be completed. At Tuesday's City

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## CITY COUNCIL

# Commercial Street dispensary gets Marijuana Business Licenses approved in special session

By Steve Block  
 The Chronicle-News

After denying approval of two earlier marijuana-related license applications at 453 N. Commercial St., following contentious public



Steve Block / The Chronicle-News

Robert Lucero, left, and Attorney Vince Linden spoke on behalf of the approval of the marijuana license applications for "The Spot," at 453 N. Commercial Ave., before City Council members approved the applications at Tuesday's Special Meeting of Council.

hearings, Trinidad's City Council has now approved the licenses for "The Spot" at a Tuesday special meeting of Council, which followed yet another public hearing on the issues involved.

Council member Joe Bonato was the sole dissenting vote, and Council members Liz Torres and Anthony Mattie were unable to attend the meeting. Council first voted unanimously to reconsider its earlier denial of The Spot's license application, before taking a second vote to approve the license.

The licenses were denied earlier by Council due to questions about when Robert Lucero, The Spot's primary owner, had taken ownership of a marijuana-related business in Pueblo West, and whether he gained control of that business before or after violations of Colorado's legalized marijuana laws were reported there. Trinidad's Council seemed satisfied with the written information they'd received about the ownership situation before the special meeting and approved The Spot's licenses.

Lucero's attorney, Vince Linden, said that Lucero and he were very appreciative of Council's decision to reconsider its earlier denial of The Spot's licenses.

"Mr. Lucero is looking forward to the opportunity to become a good neighbor here in Trinidad," Linden said. "I've been here in Trinidad for a while. My Italian grandparents were born here, and I can't thank you enough for your reconsideration and the professionalism that

you have shown here today."

City Attorney Les Downs, speaking for the record, said it was his understanding that Council wanted to reopen the license issue, as it had received new information on the issues since the last public hearing.

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City Councilman Joe Bonato gave the only descending vote on the licenses approval.

## MUSIC ON MAIN STREET

# Country singer-songwriters set for Raton Sunday concert

By Tim Keller  
 Correspondent  
 The Chronicle-News

RATON — Raton MainStreet's series of free summer concerts under the trees of downtown's Ripley Park continues Sunday afternoon with a pair of touring country singer-songwriters. Matt Campbell and Trevor McSpadden both moved to Chicago before setting out to tour America with Americana music. Their Music on Main Street concert runs from 4-6 p.m. Sunday.

Matt Campbell isn't good at sitting still. The Coloradan served in the U.S. Coast Guard, moved to New York City, then moved to Chicago to establish dual careers as stage actor and singer/songwriter—both of which have kept him moving. He moved last summer to Nashville but has played stage roles at Indiana's Brown County Playhouse and, last summer, at Raton's Shuler Theater. Between plays, he tours the west as a solo singer-songwriter.

His concert in Ripley Park last summer demonstrated Campbell's easy way with an audience, chatting between songs and whistling after a chorus. The songs come from his several albums, including last year's "Live at the Old Town School of Folk Music," recorded at the fabled Chicago venue.

Campbell's voice soars to follow his bounding melodies while his lyrics spin finely wrought stories. Stylistically, he's firmly grounded in bedrock American country music—think Hank Williams and John Prine, Ernest Tubb and Johnny Cash, rather than Keith Urban or Jason Aldean. Campbell's songs occasionally get topical in a homespun kind of way; he announced last year that he's running for President of the United States in 2016.

McSpadden was raised in the Texas Hill Country and spent five years as the lead singer of Chicago country band The Hoyle Brothers

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Tim Keller / The Chronicle-News

Matt Campbell returns to Raton Sunday for this weekend's installment of the summer Music on Main Street free concert series in Ripley Park. He'll be joined by his friend and fellow songwriter, Trevor McSpadden.

## WEATHER WATCH

**Thursday:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1p.m. Mostly sunny, high near 88. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Night:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7p.m. Partly cloudy, low around 59. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

**Friday:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1p.m. Mostly sunny, high near 90. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7p.m. Partly cloudy, low around 61. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, high near 87. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. **Night:** Partly cloudy, low around 61. West wind around 5 mph.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1p.m. Mostly sunny, high near 82. West wind around 5 mph. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, low around 58.

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60 Obituaries



**Louis B. Romero Jr.**

Louis B. Romero Jr., 52 passed away unexpectedly on July 2, 2015. He was born on February 26, 1963 in Riverside, Calif. to Louie & Patricia Romero. He is preceded in death by his father, Louie B. Romero, Sr., Grandparents, Don and Gertrude Martinez and Della Romero. Louis is survived by his mother, Patricia Romero of Colorado Springs, sister, Doreen (James) Abeyta, nieces, Kristi (Mark) Apodaca, Jaime Abeyta, great nephew Damon and great niece Jaelin, all of Pueblo, best friend and mentor, Frank Sampson of Boulder, his dog Ezra, his cat Smudge and numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and many dear Friends.

Louis was a native of Trinidad, Colo. where he began his passion of art at a very young age. He attended Trinidad Public Schools from 2nd grade until the end of his junior year. He graduated from Doherty High School in Colorado Springs in 1981. The recipient of a full ride scholarship to the University of Colorado-Boulder earned him a Bachelors Degree of Fine Arts in 1986. He traveled to Italy and throughout Europe to study abroad for 2 summers while in college. He participated in an Artist in Residency program within the Trinidad School District to teach elementary students. Louis received his Master's Degree of Fine Arts from Yale University in 1994 and was awarded a Fellowship to study at the Royal Academy of Arts in London. He was a Professor of Fine Arts at Highlands University, NM as well as the University of Colorado-Denver. Louis' paintings and artwork have been displayed in many professional galleries and exhibitions in the United States and abroad. His artwork is also owned by numerous private Fine Art collectors. Louis worked in several art galleries and museums throughout Colorado, Seattle and San Francisco. He enjoyed hiking, biking, camping, fishing, snowshoeing, rock climbing, listening to a wide variety of music, movies and spending time with family and friends. He was charismatic but very humble with a special sense of humor. His smile and kind demeanor made everyone feel special and he touched many hearts!

A Celebration of Life will be held in his honor on Friday, July 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Chautauqua Park (in the Grand Assembly Room) in Boulder, Colo. Please visit the link below to submit online condolences:

[http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/obituary.aspx?n=Louis-Romero%](http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/obituary.aspx?n=Louis-Romero%20)

What we would give to see you smile, To sit and talk with you a while. The blow was sudden, The shock severe To part with you whom We loved so dear. We often sit and think of you, The things you used to say and do. Wonder why you had to die, Without a chance to say good-bye.

Sadly missed by your wife, and families

62 Memorials

In Loving Memory of **Paul Herschel** on July 15, 2012

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**Adelaida Teresa "Della" Smith**

Adelaida Teresa "Della" Smith, age 78, passed away at the Trinidad Inn Nursing Home on July 14, 2015, after a lengthy illness.

Visitation will be Wednesday July 22, 2015 from 3p.m.-7p.m. at the Comi Chapel.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, July 23, 2015 with Rosary at 9a.m. at the Comi Chapel followed by the Funeral Mass at 10a.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Interment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery. Complete obit to follow.

Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

**Charles Donald Latuda**

Charles Donald Latuda, affectionately known as "Charlie" or "Chuck", passed away on June 10, 2015.

A Celebration of Charlie's life for family and friends will be held Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 11a.m.-1p.m. at the TSJC Pioneer Room.

Private family services and inurnment will be held at a later date at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery with military honors conducted by the US Naval Honor Guard.

Donations may be made to a Memorial Fund that has been set up in Charlie's honor at the First National Bank of Trinidad, 100 East Main Street, Trinidad, Colo. 81082.

Arrangements under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

**Christine L. Sanchez**

Christine L. Sanchez, passed away at home on July 10, 2015. She was 67.

Funeral Services will be Friday, July 17, 2015 with Rosary at 9a.m. followed by Funeral Scriptural Service at 10a.m. at the Comi Funeral Home Chapel.

Inurnment will follow at the Trinidad Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements made under the direction of the Comi Funeral Home.

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In Loving Memory of **Michael A. Griego** who passed away one year ago July 16, 2014



Though our time with you was cut too short your family and friends will always have you in our hearts.

"Lift up your hearts and remember God wanted me home, don't cry for me now I am free and at peace." Your friendship you shared, your laughter, your kiss will always be missed. Till we meet again in heaven we love you Michael Family, Mcintire Family, and all who loved him

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