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***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

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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.

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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



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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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The Chronicle-News / File Photo

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/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Louis-Romero%](http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/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

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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.

62 Memorials

In Loving Memory of **Paul Herschel**

on July 15, 2012

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 **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

Sadly missed by the Griego Family, Mcintire Family, and all who loved him



DEAR ABBY

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TEACHER AND HEROIN ADDICT SHARE A 'CRAZY CHEMISTRY'

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 24-year-old teacher and graduate student. I have started dating a new man, "Winston," who makes me feel incredible. We have crazy chemistry like I've never had before, and our personalities work perfectly together.

Here's the problem. Winston is a recovering heroin addict with horrible credit and two felony charges related to having stolen money from his parents when he was desperate for drugs.

I know what you're thinking -- I'd be an idiot for dating someone like this, right? But Winston and I have had heartfelt talks and he revealed a troubled upbringing that helped me understand where his addiction came from. He's in a rehab program to try to get his life together.

I've dated a lot of guys. All I've ever wanted is someone who will give me "butterflies" for the rest of my life, and Winston may be the guy. He's attentive, affectionate and loving. He treats me like a princess. I understand his past will cause financial strain. Isn't it more important to have a man who treats me right than one with a lot of earning potential? Please give me some advice. -- DREAM COME TRUE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR DREAM: You have been seeing Winston for HOW long? Has he completed his rehab and been able to maintain his sober lifestyle for a long enough time that the chances are it will continue?

Few things are as exciting as infatuation -- every one of our senses is heightened. You say you feel "butterflies," but what if you wind up with only a moth-eaten carpet? This is not

to say that Winston isn't a wonderful person -- many former addicts can be. However, I think it's premature for you to consider a future with him until you are sure about his stability.

DEAR ABBY: My widowed 86-year-old mom was living by herself. My unmarried sister, "Anne," has become ill and has moved in with Mom. Anne wanted a dog. At first Mom was against it because they both have cats, but she finally gave in and Anne got a year-old beagle mix from the dog rescue.

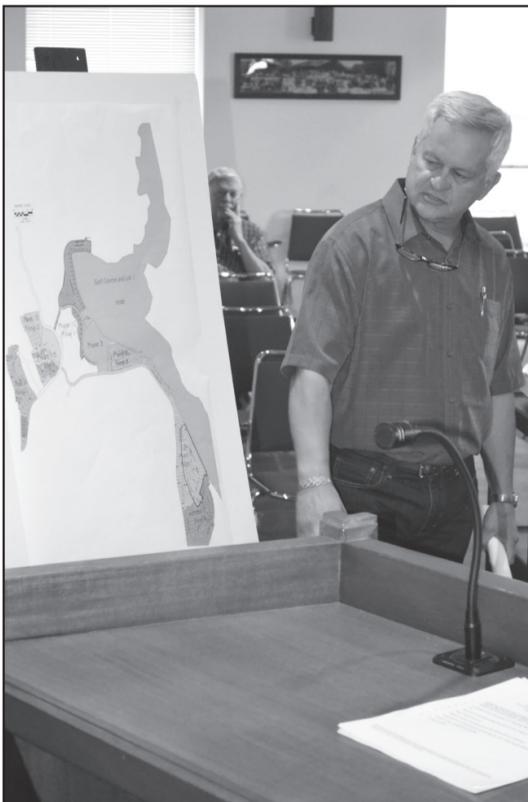
I have been afraid of dogs since I was little. My family knows this. Usually, once I get to know a dog I'm OK, and I have had several of my own. But this animal has abandonment and abuse issues. He's very aggressive and barks, growls and lunges at anyone who comes into the house. It makes me afraid, so I have quit visiting and hardly ever drop by.

Mom and Anne have very little control over the dog. I worry that in an emergency -- whether for Mom or Anne -- the EMTs would not be able to get past the animal. What can I do? -- SCARED IN IOWA

DEAR SCARED: Explain to them that not all emergency medical technicians (EMTs) have been formally trained to handle unruly or vicious animals, and precious time might be lost. If your sister or mother wasn't around to control the dog and the EMTs were unable to lure it to another room, animal control would have to be summoned or a neighbor found who could assist, and the consequences could be serious. Then cross your fingers that nothing bad happens.

Cougar Canyon: Performance Bond may be called in by City

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City Public Works Director Mike Valentine addressed City Council's Tuesday work session about issues related to the residential part of the Cougar Canyon development.

Council work session, Council considered the issue of "Calling the Bond" on the residential part of the unfinished Cougar Canyon development in east Trinidad.

City Attorney Les Downs said he would send an e-mail to the Cougar Canyon bondholder's legal counsel, explaining that the Council was seriously considering calling the bond due to lack of performance on the Cougar Canyon development and would be discussing the issue at the work session.

City Public Works Director Mike Valentine provided some background on the Cougar Canyon situation and why calling the bond might be beneficial in protecting the City's best interests.

"Part of our planning process is to have the developers come in and put up a performance bond, to cover infrastructure needs if they say they're going to build and sell

all these lots and provide this for the citizenry, so we ask them to put up a performance bond, in case it doesn't happen," Valentine said. "Cougar Canyon was going great guns and we had several phases going, and, at once, we had two bonds out there. One was for the entrance facility and the portion near the Piñon Terrace subdivision. The second came in with the golf course, clubhouse and motel, Phase Two, filing three, and Phase Two filings one and two, so that the bond that is in your packet is for \$3 million and some change to complete infrastructure in this area. They did do some of it, and installed water, sewer, gas, electric, curb, gutter, sidewalk to a portion of it. They did the first coat of asphalt but they didn't do the second coat in a lot of places. There's a portion of it that has two homes, but the rest of it doesn't have any utilities in it. So we need to pull that trigger and call for the bond, to see if we can't move this forward and get the infrastructure completed."

Valentine said the developer placed the bond with Stone Ridge Metro District and the City as a co-obligee. That means the bond is a form of insurance policy.

Council member Pat Fletcher asked Valentine whether calling the bond would return the full amount to the City.

Valentine said there was typically a lot of legal wrangling involved in the process.

"We would have the opinion of probable costs from their end, and an opinion from their engineer about how much they're going to do, and how much it's going to cost and everything," he said. "We would need to come down and figure out what they installed and what they didn't. In 2006, what I can say is that we have outstanding, with using their numbers, \$3,522,000 that needs to be completed. In today's numbers, that's over \$4 million. That will be part of legally deciding how that's dispersed."

Council member Joe Bonato asked Valentine how many residential lots there were at Cougar Canyon.

Valentine said there were 147 platted lots at the development, adding that the remainder of the residential area had never been platted.

Council member Michelle Miles asked, if the City got the money from the bond, it would have to identify specific things related to infrastructure that it wanted to complete, or if it would have the flexibility to, say, help restore the golf course at the development.

Valentine said restoring the golf course would not be an option with any bond funds the City might get from the bond currently under discussion.

"No. This was strictly a performance bond, and the engineer's estimate of probable costs was laid out in terms of specific infrastructure improvements," he said.

Valentine said that if someone purchased a lot at Cougar Canyon's residential development, the purchaser would have the right to assume that the City's infrastructure would already be in place. He said the hotel, restaurant and golf course were completely separate issues, and unrelated to the bond that was under discussion at the work session.

"This is just information for you as we move forward," Valentine said.

Council is expected to consider calling the bond at an upcoming regular meeting.

The Spot gets Marijuana Business Licenses approved

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Attorney Linden said he and Lucero had reviewed the videotapes of the earlier public hearing on Tuesday June 16, 2015, and had little to add to what had been discussed at that hearing, but he said they were open to answering any questions Council members might have on the issues involved in the license applications.

Council member Carol Bolton said she was satisfied with the information about the ownership issues at the business in Pueblo West that Lucero and Linden had provided to Council members since the June public hearing.

"I would just like to state that, pre-

viously, we had concerns about ownership of the license, and that since that hearing we have received the confirmation of the information that we felt was necessary," Bolton said.

Linden said he had told Lucero that the ownership issue at the Pueblo West business had been left unclear at the earlier public hearings, adding that was why they both appreciated the fact that Council would have another look at the issue.

"I think the miscommunication was that Mr. Lucero absolutely did not have operational, managerial or ownership control of the company until it was approved by the Marijuana

Enforcement Division in Denver, so if there are questions or if that's still an issue, we would address that, if that's still an issue."

Bolton said the ownership issue had been cleared up to her satisfaction, Downs asked Lucero if there was anything he would like to say to Council or any questions he would like to ask.

Lucero thanked Council for reconsidering his license application, adding that he "really appreciated it."

There were no public comments either in favor of, or opposed, to The Spot's license application, and it was approved by a motion of Council.

Country singer-songwriters set for Raton Sunday concert

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before launching his solo act. Now based in Southern California, he's working on an album with former Dwight Yoakum producer and lead guitarist Pete Anderson. McFadden's songs weave the twang of his Texas roots and the grit of Chicago

with California's honky-tonk heritage.

Funded by Raton's Whited Foundation, the Music on Main Street free concert series will continue in Ripley Park with Broken Spoke on July 25, High Maintenance August 8, Blackwa-

ter Draw and PFGOT August 9, and Denver's Ben Marshal Band August 23. Many patrons bring lawn chairs, picnic coolers, and dancing shoes. Information is available from Raton MainStreet, (575) 445-2052.

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