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## THE FINE PRINT

■ **WEEKEND—SEPT. 27-29**  
**BAR NI COMMUNITY GRANT**  
**FRI. SEPT. 27 DEADLINE:** The Bar Ni Ranch Community Fund is accepting grant proposals for area non-profits. Info: Tom Perry at tomandlindaperry@gmail.com  
**LOW-COST PET CLINIC**  
**FRIDAYS (2-4 p.m.)** Noah's Ark has low-cost vaccines, rabies and microchip vouchers at the Shelter at 224 N. Chestnut St. Walk-in basis, no appointment needed. Info: 719-680-2385.  
**CRITTER ART OPENING RECEPTION**  
**FRI. SEPT. 27 (5-7:30 p.m.)** The Corazon Gallery will host the opening free gala evening event for the Critter Art Show at the Gallery, 149 E. Main St. Info: 719-846-0207. The community is invited to attend.

Today's Quote  
**“You know, I’m sick of following my dreams, man. I’m just going to ask where they’re going and catch up with ‘em later.”**

~Mitch Hedberg

**FREE MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**SAT. (8 a.m.)** Fathers and sons join us for food, fun and fellowship every 4th Saturday at the First Christian Church, 200 S. Walnut St. Info: 719-846-3843.  
**TRINIDAD FARMER'S MARKET**  
**SAT. (8 a.m.-Noon)** The 19th annual event held every Sat. in Cimino Park — runs thru mid-Oct. Info: 719-680-0184.  
**COFFEE CHATS AT MOOSE'S**  
**SAT. SEPT 28 (9-11 a.m.)** Today is mayoral candidate is Robert Scidmore. The community is invited to attend the election info events (every Saturday Sept. 21-Nov.2) with local candidates to discuss platform issues and answer questions at Moose's Social Club, 308 W. Main St. Coffee and pastries provided. No personal attacks, slander or negativity will be allowed. Info: 719-216-3517.  
**SPACE GALLERY**  
**SAT. SEPT. 28 (5-7 p.m.)** Free opening reception for the Fall Show “Beauty Follows Truth” that includes original works of art by the Inner Idea Artist's Group and evening's live music by Russel Austin at the SPACE Gallery, 132 W. Ryus, LaVeta. Show runs until Nov. 9. Info: 719 742-3074 or www.spanishspeaksarts.org.

■ **MONDAY—SEPT. 30**  
**COMMUNITY CHORALE**  
**MONDAY (6:30-8 p.m.)** Practice for the upcoming winter concert “Holiday Swing” will be held every Monday at the Massari Music Room, Pine and State St. New members welcome—no auditions. Info: Sharon Sorenson, 719-846-3062.

■ **PUBLIC SERVICE**  
**SAVORING LIFE WORKSHOPS**  
**SUN. SEPT. 29 (1 p.m.)** The community is invited to a free 4-part series of workshops “Dying Well: Planning for Death While Savoring Life” with featured Lutheran speaker Tina Kvitek at the Church, 510 Pine Street. Upcoming dates are: Sundays, Oct. 6, 20 and 27. Info: zionslutheran.trinidadpr@gmail.com  
**BABIES LOVE BOXES**  
**WEDS. OCT. 2 (3-5 p.m.)** New and expecting families are invited to attend this free safety event “Babies Love Boxes” with Christine Patoff that will be held at the Carnegie Library, 202 N. Animas St. Opportunity will be available to enroll in the Best Start program, get a free baby box, sleep sack, and diapers as well as other resources to welcome their new little one. Info: christine.patoff@rm-children.org  
**PURGATOIRE RIVER FALL CLEANUP**  
**SAT. OCT. 5 (9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)** Volunteers needed for annual Purgatoire Watershed event that begins at Noah's Ark parking lot behind the Post Office. Event includes light snacks for breakfast and picnic lunch. Info: Julie Krudson, 970-420-1915 or purgatoirewatershedpartnership@gmail.com

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of:  
09/26/2019. Elmore Ditch,  
Priority # 8: Appropriation Date:  
11/15/1862.

**Trinidad Reservoir Report:**  
Release 137.82 AF  
Inflow 50.50 AF - 25.46 CFS  
Evaporation 10.68 AF  
Content 19,072 AF  
Elevation 6,182.34  
Precipitation 0

Down Stream Call: Highland  
Canal, Appropriation date:  
05/31/1866.



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## TSJC students work to design prosthetic hand for Trinidad teen

Greg Boyce  
Trinidad State

Each summer Trinidad State brings high school students from the region to Trinidad for a six-week, immersive college experience as part of Upward Bound Math Science. These students are low income and first generation college hopefuls from Trinidad to the San Luis Valley and into New Mexico, all the way to Gallup. They stay in the residence halls, eat in the cafeteria and take classes designed to give them a future in a math or science field. Upward Bound Math Science is funded by a federal grant, one of several under the umbrella of TRiO.

This past summer UBMS Director David Dominguez decided to take on an unusual project, so



innovative he has been asked to present a workshop about it at the



Trinidad State

Trinidad State's UBMS Director David Dominguez is seen holding the prosthetic hand prototype. Closeup look, above, at the work in progress on the prosthetic hand called ACE, Artifact Controlled Extremity.

2019 regional ASPIRE conference in Colorado Springs, September 29 through October 2. Representatives from Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming are expected to be there. ASPIRE is a professional development organization for TRiO professionals. TRiO is a federal government program that provides assistance to low income, first generation young people designed to help them in ex-

cel in high school and college.

“They’ve asked me to do a three-hour workshop on how to integrate STEM (Science, Technology Engineering, and Math) into the Upward Bound TRiO programs,” said Dominguez. “It will be attended by academic coordinators, TRiO personnel from different colleges and universities from around the region.”

The project that has captured the imagination of ASPIRE mem-

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## POLITICAL BROUHAHA

## Polis staff asks newspapers to remove online story on new taxpayer-funded state office: Chronicle-News editor says, “No”

Dan McCaleb  
The Center Square

The office of Gov. Jared Polis asked editors of two Colorado newspapers to unpublish a news story by The Center Square that raised the question of the cost of a new office Polis created and included a comment from a Senate GOP spokesperson criticizing the fact it was the third new office created this year.

One editor refused the request from the governor's office. The second editor temporarily removed the story from the newspaper's website before asking Polis Press Secretary Conor Cahill if there were any errors in it. Cahill did not answer the question, and the editor republished the story to the newspaper's website.

The governor's office did not alert The Center Square to any errors in the Sept. 4 story, headlined ‘Polis creates ‘Office of Future of

“A nonprofit, nonpartisan news media outlet, The Center Square covers state government and statewide issues in Colorado and 17 other states with a focus on government taxing and spending.”

Work,’ third new taxpayer-funded office this year,” and no corrections were published.

A nonprofit, nonpartisan news media outlet, The Center Square covers state government and statewide issues in Colorado and 17 other states with a focus on government taxing and spending. It allows other news media outlets to

republish its stories.

After learning of Cahill's communication to one editor, The Center Square filed a Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) request with the governor's office seeking all recent communi-

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## Trinidad native Elizabeth Dapo to bring HalfMad Theatre puppets to SCRT for new twist on classic tale of *Rapunzel*

Harriet Vaugeois  
Southern Colorado Repertory Theatre

Elizabeth Dapo, HalfMad Theatre, and six rambunctious puppets will present a new twist on the classic tale *Rapunzel*, on the SCRT stage, Saturday, Sept. 28.

Dapo is beyond happy to be bringing a bit of what she does back to her hometown. She's been a professional theatre artist since she began working with the SCRT at age 16. The last 10 years she's been a professional puppeteer working for companies such as Jim Henson and National Geographic.

Dapo is currently starting her own company to bring high quality children's and adult puppet theatre to the New York metropolitan area and is taking shows out on tour, reaching out to communities that might not normally have the means or access to the type of imaginative storytelling she loves to share.

As a director, she's had glowing reviews, even winning an award for best musical at the 2017 Fringe Festival in Washington DC. In her spare time she builds puppets for various companies and sells her creatures and creations at



HalfMad Theatre

Elizabeth Dapo's HalfMad Theatre puppets will present *Rapunzel* at SCRT on Saturday, Sept. 28.

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## Colorado releases ballot measures guide ahead of November election

Derek Draplin  
The Center Square

The Colorado General Assembly's Legislative Council has released its voter guide for 2019's ballot measures.

The guide, known as the “Blue Book,” details Proposition CC and Proposition DD, which voters will decide on in November.

The guide is meant “to provide voters with the text, title, and a fair and impartial analysis of each initiated or referred constitutional amendment, law or question on the ballot.”

The guide gives each proposal's language, what a “yes” or a “no” vote means, and arguments for and against each measure.

Proposition CC, approved by the legislature earlier this year, asks voters to allow state government to keep excess revenue typically refunded back to taxpayers under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), a constitutional amendment passed by voters in 1992.

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**FREE DUMP DAY**

**Saturday, September 28th from 7AM to 3PM**

Household waste will be free to dump ALL DAY excluding E-Waste and Tires.

## WEATHER WATCH

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Southwest wind around 10 mph.  
**Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. South wind around 10 mph.  
**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 81. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

**Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South southwest wind around 15 mph.  
**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.  
**Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South southwest wind around 15 mph,

with gusts as high as 35 mph.  
**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.  
**Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 52. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.



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**Open House Tues. September 8th from 11 to 2**



**1042 Smith Trinidad, CO 81082**  
**\$144,500**

Offering you the perfect opportunity to own this beautifully updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home and Live the southern Colorado Dream....See this first if price is a consideration. FHA Appraiser Approved! Open stylish lay-out with two separate areas of private living spaces. The Master bedroom is roomy with a large private bathroom and is located separately from the other bedroom quarters. Kitchen, Bathrooms have been extensively updated and entire home has new flooring. New roof. Patio to back yard and Big View of Fishers Peak has so much potential to design to your fancy. Walking distance to Central Park and Wellness Center as well as River Walk and downtown areas within one mile. Do not miss your chance this spring to own your own home in this very limited price point market.



**34800 COUNTY RD 20.2 Trinidad, CO 81082**  
**\$262,000**

Truly the Best of Both Worlds!!!! Find Your Gem of a Home and Property - large Attached Shop or Studio in a beautiful country setting with a Grand View of mountains and fresh water pond from your windows and deck. This Two Bedroom Two Bath Suite Home is designed for comfort and an easy lifestyle. Have a hobby or a passion? Then you will love the lay-out and the 1.5 story 1900 year old estate. The 2.37 ACRES seems more expansive bordering watershed property. There is also a mobile home office on the property as an extra bonus. No assoc. or covenants. Close to all Trinidad's amenities. Really must see to appreciate it. City water! Call for your appt. today.



**11258 COUNTY RD 22.2 Trinidad, CO 81082**  
**\$375,000**

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS!!!! COUNTY ZONED PROPERTY WITH CITY WATER BELOW RESERVE AT FISHERS PEAK AND RIGHT OFF GARFIELD STREET WITH 7.16 ACRES. Yes, you heard us correctly and WOW to all of it. Let's talk about the cathedral ceilings, the 4 bedroom/4 bath opportunity in 2700 Square Feet of gorgeous living area with attached two car garage. Walk to the year round creek and view the many mountain ranges of Fishers Peak, Spanish Peaks and Sangre de Cristo's as well as the City Lights of Trinidad. This spectacular property is private with all the conveniences. If you have been desiring more inventory in this category, do not miss the opportunity to see this first!



**33058 Lodgepole Trace Trinidad, CO 81082**  
**\$389,900**

Post and Beam Premier Mountain Home overlooking pine and evergreen forests- This Lindal Cedar - Post and Beam Premier Mountain Home sits pretty and private overlooking pine and evergreen forests. Truly a Gem of a Home/Retreat/Ranchette - Two-Story Craftsman Heartwood Cedar - 3 bed/2 bath - 1892 SQ FT home w/ 768 SQ FT stand alone two-car garage and executive loft is a huge bonus! More... Located on the Pristine and Sought after Ranch. SFTR is 17,000 acres and it's own City Water System, Land-line phone, and city grid power. The property boasts of it's own back-systems as well such as 1100 gallon pressurized standby emergency water storage system, Full service high speed wireless internet services, satellite television, 4G cell service & wired sound, security and radio system & much more.



**33247 Fisher Peak Pkwy Trinidad, CO 81082**  
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**33040 Fisher Peak Pkwy Trinidad, CO 81082**  
**\$725,000**

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**6462 Oak Park Drive, UNIT-1-(OAK PARK) LOT-26 Trinidad, CO 81082**  
**\$59,900**

Southern Colorado Mountain Dream Property~ More photos of the hidden Elk and deer meadow park and waterway coming soon! But see it now for yourself before this opportunity to own this incredible property is no longer yours to have at this affordable price! Beautiful Eastern View of the Beginning of Time CO/NM combined with rock outcropping overlooking special wildlife canyon and pond are only a few of its delights. Come walk with me and enjoy all your future sunsets here on your own Colorado Mountain property so close to historic Trinidad, Trinidad Lake Park and so much more...Electric, phone and water available to the property line.

## TSJC students work to design prosthetic hand for Trinidad teen

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bers is building a prosthetic hand for a Trinidad teen who was born without hands.

Since high school, Dominguez has had an interest in prosthetics. "My first bachelor's degree was in electronics engineering technology with a bio medical emphasis." He planned to find an injured veteran for this project and then heard about 14-year-old Juan Zamora, a student at Trinidad Middle School. "He was born without a right hand and without the left arm just below the elbow," said Dominguez. "We asked the family if he'd like to be involved in this kind of research learning environment."

The prosthetic will slide over Juan's arm and sensors will read signals sent from his brain to control movement of actuators, which will be the fingers in the prosthetic hand. The initial design work was done in June and July and will continue, according to Dominguez, for three years. "We want all of our gains to be made inside the classroom environment because we want the students



Trinidad State

Work in progress on the prosthetic hand for Juan Zamora called ACE, Artifact Controlled Extremity. When fully activated the device will be called JACE, Juan's Artifact Controlled Extremity.

to have ownership of it. If it was just the staff doing

it, we could probably have put something together already, but we do want to make sure we're not just giving the students the answers."

"We know the ultimate goal we're working towards, so it's really about leading the students to that end. And having them take ownership of what it is they're developing. So it's a process of turning students into leaders. We've also created a student research internship, where three students who were here during the summer, all from the Gallup, New Mexico area, have applied for the research internship," said Dominguez. Over the academic year, they're going to work on the design a little more. We do have a design, so we kind of know where we want to go with it, and so it will be leading them to take ownership of the design and start making it even better. We're designing for scalability, designing for maintainability and designing for ease of operation. The hand will have to be easy to put on, easy to charge and will have to grow as Juan grows.

While the design contin-

ues, Juan is working, too. With the help of Trinidad Physical Therapy and a machine called an electro muscular stimulation unit, Juan regularly practices by imagining he is moving his right pinky finger, index finger or thumb. At first any thought of movement gave the same result, a fist. Slowly he has made progress separating the commands. "And incidentally the last time we put him on the BCI (brain computer interface), which was about three weeks ago, his signals were very strong and we're also seeing the isolation of his pinky and his index finger reaching toward the thumb. We now have three distinct signals from him - the overall fist, and then the pinky, index and thumb signal. So we've made a lot of progress very quickly with him, but we also have to understand... we have a lot of work left to do."

The project is called ACE, Artifact Controlled Extremity. Dominguez notes, "When we get Juan fully activated it will be called JACE, Juan's Artifact Controlled Extremity."



Trinidad State

Juan Zamora, a 14-year-old Trinidad Middle School student, was born without a right hand and without the left arm just below the elbow. UBMS Director David Dominguez and TSJC students are working on a prosthetic hand for Juan to use.



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