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Everything Happens For A Reason

By Liz Smith

America's new sweetheart Amy Adams shares why she believes everything happens for a reason and what it was like working with Meryl Streep a second time around in the upcoming movie Julie & Julia.

THE FINE PRINT

Al-Anon Family Group

The Al-Anon Family Group, to help family members living with someone who is drinking and/or using drugs, will host a free meeting at 6 p.m. on Friday at Presbyterian Church, 801 San Pedro, in the basement. For more information, please call Sharone (719) 846-9999. Not affiliated with any other organization.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous will meet from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Friday at the United Presbyterian Church, 801 San Pedro, in the basement. For more information, call Eric (719) 846-0754 or Vincent 846-9999.

W.O.W

Women of the World bible study at First Christian Church will be at 7 p.m. on Friday. All women welcome, call 846-3843 for more information.

La Casa Breakfast

Las Casa monthly breakfast will be from 7 a.m.-noon on Saturday at the La Casa Lodge in Jansen.

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600 block West Main Street closure

Beginning Monday May 4, 2009, the City of Trinidad will be repairing a storm sewer break on the 600 block of West Main Street near the intersection of Nevada Avenue. Detours will be in place where needed. Street closure is expected to last a week or until repairs are completed.

For further information, contact Michael Valentine, Public Works Director at 846-9843, extension 126.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 4/30/09. Salas priority #22 2/1/1866

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, 35.31 acre ft.; Inflow, 157.18 acre ft.; Evaporation, 18.87 acre ft.; Content, 2,7134 acre ft.; Elevation, 6189.86; Precipitation, 0.

Downstream River Call, Highland 4/1/1884.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Photo by David Santistevan Jr.

Trinidad High recipients not in order: Dustin Borrego, Kayla Gagilardi, Melissa Gerry, Molly Gerry, Jude Hoffpaur, Emma Lawless, Felix Lopez, Eric Newman, Jorge Padilla, Chelsea Ringo.

TSJC President describes new world challenges to 27 Leone Award winning students

By MICHAEL GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

"Right is right and wrong is wrong!!!!"

That was perhaps the overwhelming point that keynote speaker Felix Lopez, interim president of Trinidad State Junior College, was wanting to get across to Trinidad and Las Animas County high school students who were honored with the Trinidad Kiwanis Club's George Leone Academic and Community Achievement Awards Tuesday night in the TSJC Pioneer Room.

Lopez's speech focused on the value of getting a good education as a long-term investment and how each student at the awards ceremony can always

accomplish all they set out to do in life by knowing right from wrong, honoring and respecting their parents, not letting themselves fall into complacency and always being receptive to learning from others.

And judging by First National Bank President Jeff Mangino's introductory remarks, Lopez got to be president of TSJC from very humble beginnings in Mexico by following his own advice to the students.

Lopez offered the graduating students many examples of what they can expect and look forward to in a new and rapidly changing world order of priorities and opportunities in the most ethnically diverse society the world has ever known. He described a

new world where securing and holding a job in a highly competitive job market will be more competitive than ever. The student with the best education and the best family, character and integrity will likely be chosen for that job over those who don't have those principles and good moral backgrounds, he said.

He told the students to never let carelessness, complacency and laziness creep into their lives. He said they will be greatly challenged as they go on to college by a failing American educational system that is quickly losing ground and world educational rankings to other countries, a system that is now requiring American stu-

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Photos by Tim Keller

Firefighters prepare to enter Raton High School shortly after noon Thursday.

Fire alarm closes RHS Thursday afternoon

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

This is the time of year when most students — and teachers — wish they could play hooky on a beautiful spring afternoon. Thanks to a welder's sparks, they got their wish at Raton High School Thursday when classes

were cancelled for the afternoon due to fumes caused by extinguishing smoldering insulation.

While most students were off campus eating lunch in town, attendance officer J.R. Alderette grabbed the school's PA system microphone moments after 12:00 noon to curtly

order the building evacuated; seconds later the school's fire alarm sounded. Exiting teachers saw what appeared to be smoke in the upstairs northeast corner of the building.

Arriving within four minutes, Raton firefighters suited up and entered the building. Some carried lad-

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AP Photo/Paul Sakuma

A customer waits to get inside a Chrysler dealership in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, April 30, 2009. Chrysler filed for bankruptcy protection Thursday and announced it will temporarily halt most of its vehicle production while it completes a deal with Italian carmaker Fiat designed to revive its tattered fortunes.

After struggle, Chrysler succumbs to bankruptcy

STEPHEN MANNING
AP Business Writers

DETROIT (AP) - After months of living on government loans, Chrysler finally succumbed to bankruptcy Thursday, pinning its future on a top-to-bottom reorganization and plans to build cleaner cars through an alliance with Italian automaker Fiat.

The nation's third-largest car manufacturer filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in New York after a group of creditors defied government pressure to wipe out Chrysler's debt. The company plans to emerge in as little as 30 days as a leaner, more nimble company with Fiat potentially becoming the majority owner in the future. In return, the federal government agreed to give Chrysler up to \$8 billion

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Tonight: A slight chance of showers before 7pm, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 7pm and midnight, then a chance of showers after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Tomorrow: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tomorrow Night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58. East northeast wind around 5 mph.

Sunday Night: A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. East wind around 5 mph becoming southwest.



CASH 5 NUMBERS

Here are Thursday's Cash 5 winning numbers: 8-18-20-23-31

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LOCAL NEWS



Aguilar students who received awards Justin Barajas, Lacie Monarco, Joe Paul Martinez, and Colin Busch.



Newly appointed TSJC Interim President Felix Lopez was the Key Note speaker at Tuesday's 2009 George Leone Academic Awards hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Trinidad. Lopez receives a gift from Phyllis Moniot Vice President and Awards Chair of the Kiwanis Club.



Six Hoehne students received Kiwanis Awards. Arianna Andreatta, Delaney Roach, Tyrel Barry, Katherine Clark, Matthew Haas, and Justin McMillian.



Primero award winners Matt Maestas, Billy Stanton, Kori Martinez, Jacob Baca, Tynnia Fernandez.



Photos by David Santistevan Jr.

HTA recipients of Kiwanis awards Traci Martinez and Amanda Andrews.

TSJC President describes new world challenges to 27 Leone Award winning students

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 dents to try to do more with less real education. They can still make an impact and difference in the world by respecting others rights, being responsible for their own actions, always showing humility and compassion for their fellow man, by always trying to be a better leader and to listen to the counsel of others in their lives.
 Lopez related how students at a college who were working on their thesis for their doctorates were given a test by their instructor, asking them if they can define right from wrong. "One student finished the test in 30 seconds while the others debated the issue for another two hours," Lopez said. "That student who took 30 seconds wrote down, "Right is right and wrong is wrong."
 Lopez said it's a matter of getting back to basics, of choosing to take risks but knowing their consequences, of always choosing good over bad or indifference. "Treat those around you the way you would want to be treated (The Golden Rule) as one nation under God. Stand for what you believe in, just like the Kiwanis Club is all about people helping people and we're all in this together."
 "Diversification begins with what you believe in your heart and never think more of your-

self that ought to be included in any situation," he said. "Stand strong for what you believe is right. Students who choose to go on to college will be challenged and tested as never before into standing up and choosing right from wrong.
 "If your friends are making wrong decisions you will feel it in your heart," he said. "Don't let others manipulate or play with you. If you're not honest with yourself, success will run away from you. And always learn from your failures. I can, is always bigger than your IQ."
 Lopez urged the students to still always have fun in their lives. "Rehearse it before you do anything, dress up, show up and then show off."
 Phyllis Moniot, Kiwanis Club vice president and Leone Awards chairwoman, also offered words of encouragement, to give of themselves for the good of others and to follow the motto she has always lived by, "live, laugh and love, and to always make new friends and keep the old ones. One is silver and the other is gold."
 Longtime Kiwanis Club officer and supporter Pastor Gary Gardner made a special presentation to Trinidad High's Eric Newman for his many community contributions as president of the Kiwanis Key Club and for always exemplifying the

highest values and standards of the Trinidad Kiwanis Club.
 The late George Leone was a longtime Kiwanian and TSJC faculty member known for his community service and contributions to the education of Trinidad youth. Each student present listed where they intended to go to college and what subjects they planned to major in.
 The following students received Leone Awards:
Aguilar High
 Justin Barajas, Colin Busch, Joe Paul Martinez, Lacie Monarco
Hoehne High
 Arianna Andreatta, Tyrel Barry, Katherine Clark, Matthew Haas, Justin McMillian, Delaney Roach
Holy Trinity Academy
 Amanda Andrews, Traci Martinez
Primero High
 Jacob Baca, Tynnia Fernandez, Kori Martinez, Matt Maestas, Billy Stanton
Trinidad High
 Dustin Borrego, Kayla Gagliardi, Melissa Gerry, Jude Hoffpaur, Emma Lawless, Felix Lopez, Eric Newman, Jorge Padilla, Chelsea Ringo.

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