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THE FINE PRINT

Comm. Awareness Presentation

Community Awareness Presentation about crimes against at risk adults presented by Patricia Stanis, Ph.D. from 10:30-11:30 a.m. today at Seniors Citizen Center Rino Room.

Trinidad Ambulance Dist.

The Board of Director's for the Trinidad Ambulance District will be holding their regular Board meeting at 4 p.m. today. The meeting will be held at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office located at 2309 E. Main Street, Suite A.

Trail Plan Task Group

The City of Trinidad will be hosting the next meeting for the Trail Plan Task Group at 5 p.m. today at City Hall in the Council Conference Room on the third floor.

TCA meeting

Trinidad Cancer Alliance meeting will be at 6 p.m. today at the Holiday Inn.

Fiesta Meeting

There will be a Fiesta Meeting for all members of La Casa at 6:30 p.m. today at La Casa.

Tourism Board

The Trinidad Tourism Board will meet for a work session at 9 a.m. Thursday in the conference room at City Hall.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: A slight chance of snow showers before 10 a.m., then a slight chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57. South southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west northwest. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.



Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tomorrow: A chance of snow before 10 a.m., then a chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. Little or no snow accumulation expected.



Tomorrow Night: Rain likely before 7 p.m., then snow likely. Areas of blowing snow after 7 p.m. Cloudy, with a low around 17. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent. New snow accumulation of 6 to 10 inches possible.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River call as of 3/24/09. JMR 12/31/1948.

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, .21 acre ft.; Inflow, 65.72 acre ft.; Evaporation, 6.51 acre ft.; Content, 2,4068 acre ft.; Elevation, 6,185.86. Precipitation, 0.

Downstream River Call, Winter Storage 3/10/1910.

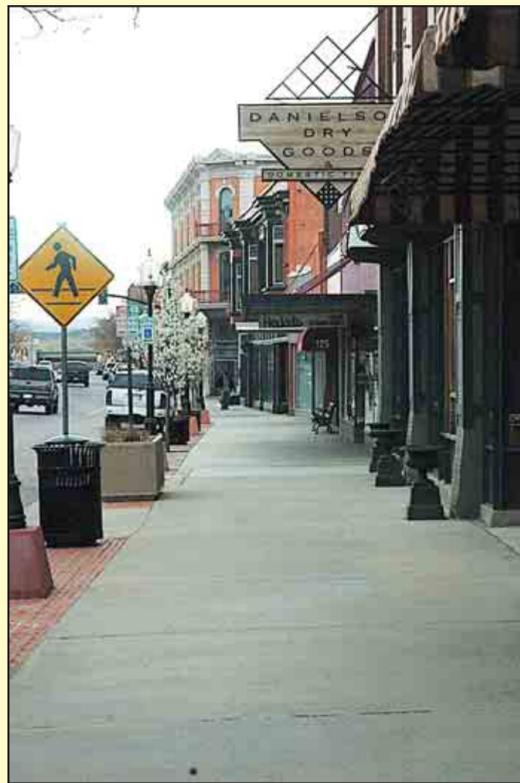
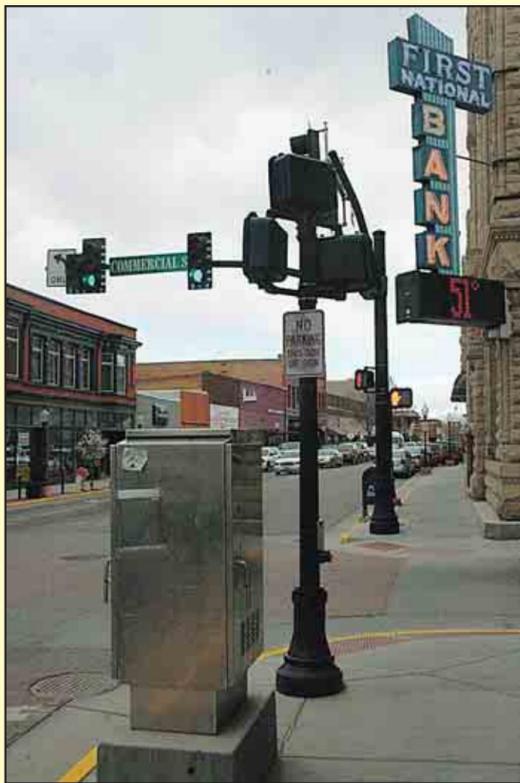
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What a difference a day makes



Photos by Noah Simpson

With temperatures barely reaching above 50 degrees, downtown shoppers were amiss yesterday. The only ones brave enough to bare the fair weather were the beautiful blossoms seen throughout our alluring Corazon.



Photo by Tim Keller

Raton High School's mock trial team celebrates success with its coaches. Back row, left to right: Raton attorney Steven McConnell, Aaron Stevens, teacher and sponsor Robin Smith, Hannah Stolarczyk, Michael Neurauter, Amber Encinias, Kyle Allen, Jessica Vertovec, Magistrate Judge Warren Walton. Front row: Claudio Saenz, Arthur Armijo, Erin Gansz.

Raton High School mock trial team finishes 7th in state

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

Raton High School's mock trial team returned Sunday from their four-day trip to Albuquerque with honors in hand. Competing against seasoned teams from New Mexico's largest schools, Raton placed seventh in the state mock trial championship. The competition was so tight that

Raton was separated from fourth-place by less than ten points.

Besides winning seventh in state, the team also brought home an Outstanding Witness award, won by Hannah Stolarczyk.

Raton Magistrate Judge Warren Walton praised the local
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Commissioners vote to keep health department bi-county entity

CN STAFF REPORT

Last week at the regular meeting of the Las Animas County board of County Commissioners a resolution was passed to continue the local Health Department as a bi-county entity. Also last Tuesday the Huerfano County Commissioners passed a similar resolution to continue the partnership with Las Animas County to maintain the bi-county health department.

With only one third of counties in Colorado with a health department both Las Animas and Huerfano counties are privileged to have a local health department.

Last year Senate Bill 08-194 "The Public Health Reauthorization Act" was passed without objection to modernize public health. Basically this bill is a technical clean up amendment.

The bill was enacted to help all counties in Colorado participate in Colorado's health services program.

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INSIDE TODAY

Beginning today *The Chronicle-News* will have a weekly food column called "What's Cookin' in Trinidad" featuring tips and recipes by Trinidad's own Catherine J. Moser. Please see page 2.



AP Photo/Ron Edmonds

President Barack Obama speaks during a news conference, Tuesday, March 24, 2009, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

Obama claims gains in revival from economic chaos

By JENNIFER LOVEN
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama claimed early progress Tuesday night in his aggressive campaign to lead the nation out of economic chaos and declared that despite obstacles ahead, "we're moving in the right direction."

At the second prime-time news conference of his presidency, Obama also toned down his criticism of bonuses to executives at bailed-out AIG, and shot back at Republican critics of his budget.

In office for 64 tumultuous days, Obama cast his budget - now under review in Congress - as essential if the economy is to recover. The tax and spending plan "is inseparable from this recovery because it is what lays the foundation for a secure and lasting prosperity," he said.

The president also defended the U.S. dollar in the wake of China's sug-
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CASH 5 NUMBERS

Here are Tuesday's Cash 5 numbers: 5-7-12-21-30.