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Tourism Board

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

Quilt Club meeting

The Bound Together Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Fairgrounds. For more information, call (719) 846-3855.

Sonshine Kidz

Sonshine Kidz will meet at the nursing home from 10-2 on Thursday. Lunch is provided, all kids welcome.

Trinidad Elks Lodge Meeting

The Trinidad Order of Elks, Lodge 181 will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Home on South Maple St. All active members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. West wind around 10 mph.

Tomorrow: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. West southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tomorrow Night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. West southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 7/8/09, Southside priority #74 2/17/1876.

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, 369.18 acre ft.; Inflow, 243.21 acre ft.; Evaporation, 20.03 acre ft.; Content, 23052 acre ft.; Precipitation, 0.

Downstream River Call, Ninemile 5/10/1887.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



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Photo by David Santistevan Jr

Pictured left to right Sen. Ken Kester, County Attorney Mary D. Newman, Director of the office of State and Veterans Nursing Homes for the Colorado Department of Human Services Viki Manley, Chairman Jim Montoya, Commissioner Jim Vigil, Commissioner Gary Hill and County Administrator Bill Cordova. Manley came to Trinidad to meet with the commissioners, community officials and leaders to discuss the status of the Trinidad State Nursing Home.

State discusses Trinidad State Nursing Home issues

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

A special public Las Animas County Commissioners meeting was held Wednesday to discuss the possible sale of the Trinidad State Nursing Home to a local buyer. Senator Ken Kester, R-Las Animas, Viki Manley, Office Director of the Colorado State Veterans Nursing Homes, Las Animas County Commissioners, and a room full of concerned Trinidad area community leaders were in attendance.

Manley read from a five-page memo the state's position on property transfer of the nursing home, state legal responsibilities and liabilities, fiscal and personnel issues, as well as future operations issues. The property is currently owned and operated by the Colorado Department of Human Services.

After questions and concerns by various community leaders were addressed, the course of action became clear. If city and county resi-

dents want to preserve the facility from extinction, or a possible buyout by a private buyer, voters will have to be asked to approve a tax funding mechanism. The proposed ballot question would have to ask for either a property tax increase, as recommended by the Las Animas County Health Care District, or a one percent retail sales tax, as recommended by the county commissioners, to fund possible management by the Mt. San Rafael

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Photo by Tim Keller

Jan Pryor is the only paramedic serving 2500 square miles between Raton and Clayton.

Jan Pryor serves communities and saves lives

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

Despite living down ten miles of dirt road, EMT-Paramedic Jan Pryor often beats the ambulance to emergencies - from medical calls such as heart attacks and strokes, to bad wrecks on busy Highway 64/87 connecting Colorado and Texas. Between Raton and Clayton, from the Colorado border south to Roy and beyond, Pryor is the region's only paramedic, the highest level of pre-hospital emergency care.

Until 1980, there was no Emergency

Medical Service in that wide expanse. Municipal services from Raton or Clayton had to make the long drive. When Baca Valley Telephone organized the first classes and EMS in the area, Pryor was among the sixteen who showed up. "We didn't have an ambulance yet," she recalls. "We had to do fundraisers to get one."

A year later, she and two others trained to raise their certifications to EMT-Intermediate, able to administer IVs and other advanced procedures. "My youngest daughter was a new-

born. I'd sit up and memorize my EMS protocols while giving her the 2 a.m. feeding."

That daughter, Nikki Pryor, is now working on her master's degree in plant pathology at NMSU in Las Cruces. (Middle daughter Misty Meininger is a physical therapy assistant who sees Shiprock out her kitchen window; oldest daughter Angie Gonzales is the Union County Manager in Clayton.)

Having EMT-Intermediates proved

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Court orders injured infant removed from life support

CN STAFF REPORT

In a somber courtroom on Wednesday, Las Animas County District Court Judge Leslie Gerbracht heard from attorneys from both defendants, the Las Animas County Department of Social Services, District Attorney Frank Ruybalid, Detective Phil Martin, and Sheriff James Casias about the status of an infant who was dropped back on July 3 by the parents. The infant is on life support at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs in critical condition.

The judge, after hearing from all parties involved, decided to take the recommendations of the doctors and remove the infant from life support in the next day or so.

The infant according to doctors suffered severe head trauma, severe brain damage, and acute injury of bleeding of the brain.

Doctors suggested that the infant be removed from the life support because of severity of the injuries leaves the infant little chance to recover. The judge agreed. There was no objection from either side.

Attorney Glen Davis, representing father, Ronald James Walker, 25, called this, "A sad situation."

According to the police report, the infants mother, Ann Trammell, 18, of Trinidad went outside to have a smoke, and upon her arrival back in the room, at the La Quinta Inn in

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US officials eye North Korea in cyber attack

LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. authorities eyed North Korea on Wednesday as the origin of the widespread cyber attack that overwhelmed government Web sites in the United States and South Korea, although they warned it would be difficult definitely to identify the attackers quickly.

The powerful attack that targeted dozens of government and private sites underscored how unevenly prepared the U.S. government is to block such multipronged assaults.

While Treasury Department and Federal Trade Commission Web sites were shut down by the software attack, which lasted for days during and after the July 4 Independence Day holiday weekend, others such as the Pentagon and the White House were able to fend it off with little disruption.

The North Korea link, described by three officials, more firmly connected the U.S. attacks to another wave of cyber assaults that hit government agencies Tuesday in South Korea. The officials said that while Internet addresses have been traced to North Korea, that does not necessarily mean the attack involved the Kim Jong Il's government in Pyongyang.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

South Korean intelligence officials have identified North Korea as a suspect in those attacks and said the

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