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### Aguilar BOE

Aguilar BOE will hold a work session Tuesday July 7, 2009 at 4 p.m. in Board Meeting Room.

### Continuum of Care

The Las Animas/Huerfano Continuum of Care meeting will be from 8-9 a.m. Tuesday at the Soup Kitchen, 308 Church St. All newcomers with ideas for the less fortunate are welcome to attend.

### LA County BOC

The Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Commissioners' Chambers, Las Animas County Courthouse Rm. 201.

### Pastor's Text Study

Pastor's Text Study will meet at 9 a.m. at Zion's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday. All pastors welcome to come and study the texts for Sunday and for support of each other.

### City Council

Trinidad City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the City Hall Council Chambers, third floor, City Hall.

### Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board

The Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board will hold its monthly meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday in Denver at 1313 Sherman St., room 318.

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## WEATHER WATCH

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. West north-west wind between 5 and 10 mph.



**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.



**Tomorrow:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tomorrow Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 55. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

## RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call as of 7/6/09. Picketwire priority #95 11/4/1883.

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release, 382.98 acre ft.; Inflow, 327.25 acre ft.; Evaporation, 10.27 acre ft.; Content, 23,322 acre ft.; Elevation, 6184.85; Precipitation, 0.

Downstream River Call, Ninemile 5/10/1887.

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Photos by Marty Mayfield

It was a grand finale of light and fiery dance as the annual 4th of July fireworks display put on by the Raton Fire and Emergency services culminated Saturday evening. See additional photos on Page 2.



Photo by Gay Lee Massarotti

Even the younger Leone generation quickly took to the new iMac computers in the STEM Classroom dedicated to his grandfather.

## George Leone honored with STEM classroom at TSJC

By GAY LEE MASSAROTTI  
The Chronicle-News

The atmosphere was cheerful in room 234 of TSJC's Davis building on July 1, where family friends and former colleagues gathered to honor the late George Leone. The dedication of room 234 opened with light refreshments and lively conversation about the beautiful transformation of the old science lab into a highly modernized and technologically advanced STEM classroom. The classroom technology includes 16 iMac computer stations, ceiling mounted projector, automatic drop down screen, and an interactive lectern with DVD, VCR, computer and image projector. The funding for the technology came from the CCRAA STEM Federal Fund. However, the grant did not cover the tables, chairs, carpeting or any other cosmetic effects that makes the classroom so inviting. The funding for these items was provided for by a generous financial gift from the family of George Leone. Sharon Leone, his wife of 38 years, and their children Debbie, Diane, Doug and Karen, their spouses and all 7 grandchildren attended the dedication.

Toni DeAngelis of the TSJC Educational Foundation, which headed the project, welcomed the family and others. Other speakers at the dedication were Terry Gabrielson, STEM Grant Director, Debbie Ulibarri, Dean of Arts and Science, Sandy Veltri Vice President of Student Academics, as well as Leone's daughter Diane (Leone) Baylor. Baylor started out strong and with pride in her father's devotion to his students and shared a story about her freshman year at

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## 2 Fort Richardson soldiers die in Afghanistan

**FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska (AP)** - The Army has announced that two Fort Richardson-based soldiers were killed in Afghanistan on July 4.

Pfc. Justin A. Casillas of Dunnigan, Calif., and Pfc. Aaron E. Fairbairn of Aberdeen, Wash., died during an attack on their outpost in the Paktika Province of eastern Afghanistan. Thirteen other soldiers were injured as well.

The 19-year-old Casillas and the 20-year-old Fairbairn were assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division.

Casillas joined the Army last July, and reported to Fort Richardson in November 2008. Fairbairn enlisted in January 2008 and arrived at Fort Richardson in June of that year.

# LOCAL & NATIONAL NEWS



Photo by Gay Lee Massarotti

The family of the late George Leone poses for a family photo prior to the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for the dedication of the George Leone STEAM classroom at TSJC (Davis 234) on July 1, 2009.

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TSJC, when she received her only B from her father. She tearfully expressed her gratitude for the "love of learning", that her father had instilled in her, her siblings and many of his students. His passion for Math and Science has definitely been passed down to his children. Two of them are CPAs, one is in accounting and the other is a mechanical engineer. On behalf of the family Dianne thanked everyone involved in making the George Leone STEM Classroom the state of the art technology classroom that it has become.

Kim Pacheco and members of the

Chamber of Commerce were also on hand for the ribbon cutting. Pacheco briefly spoke of the importance of family ties in our community and thanked the family for the generous contributions that they continue to make to TSJC and Trinidad.

George Leone began his career at TSJC as an adjunct professor teaching Math and Science courses in 1983. In 1991, he was hired to teach Math, Physics, and Engineering as a part time instructor and in 1996 he began a full-time position which he held until he passed away in 2001. Leone was selected as TSJC's Faculty member of the year in 1999 and received the President's Award for Unselfish Devotion

and Distinguished Service. He attended Regis College where he attained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Math and Physics and moved on to the University of Colorado where he received a Master's Degree in Math and Physics. Prior to beginning his teaching career he worked in the family business, Domenic Leone Construction Company from 1957 to 1986. He also taught for several years at Trinidad Catholic High School.

The attendance at the ribbon cutting is proof that George Leone enriched the lives of everyone around him and will be greatly missed but never forgotten.



AP Photo/Patrick Collard

Reggie Lloyd, Director of South Carolina Law Enforcement Division talks with reporters outside the Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center in Gaffney, S.C. on Monday, July 6, 2009. He confirmed a gun recovered at the scene where a man who was shot and killed by police in Gastonia, N.C. was a ballistics match in the recent shootings in the Gaffney area over the last two weeks.

## Slain SC serial killing suspect had long rap sheet

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**GAFFNEY, S.C. (AP)** - The serial killer who terrorized a South Carolina community by shooting five people to death before police killed him Monday was a career criminal paroled just two months ago, authorities said.

Patrick Burris, 41, was shot to death by officers investigating a burglary complaint at a home in Gastonia, N.C., 30 miles from where the killing spree started June 27. Bullets in his gun matched those that killed residents in and around Gaffney over six days last week, said State Law Enforcement Division Chief Reggie Lloyd.

Investigators did not have an address for Burris. While evidence left no doubt he was the killer, they still had no idea why he did it.

"He was unpredictable. He was scary. He was weird," said SLED Deputy Director Neil Dolan.

Burris had a long rap sheet filled with charges such as larceny, forgery and breaking and entering from states across the Southeast, including Florida, Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. He had been paroled from a North Carolina prison in April after serving nearly eight years.

"Look at this," Lloyd said, waving a stapled copy of Burris' criminal record. "This is like 25 pages. At some point the criminal justice system is going to need to explain why this suspect was out on the street."

Gaffney farmer Sam Howell, 61, was among dozens of people from Cherokee County who came to the news conference where authorities identified Burris.

"My prayers were answered. He got what he deserved," Howell said. "He scared the hell out of everyone. I guess we can feel bet-

ter but we've lost some of our innocence."

The mystery ended in Gastonia early Monday after a couple called police to report a suspicious sport utility vehicle in their neighborhood.

Mike and Terri Valentine were on edge because the Gaffney serial killer was just a short drive away.

They watched two people who sometimes visit the neighboring home get out of the vehicle, followed by a third man who matched the description of the killer: tall, heavysset, unshaven and wearing a baseball cap. The man appeared to be very drunk, Mike Valentine said.

When officers went inside, Terri Valentine said she heard someone yell "put it down" and heard a gunshot.

Then "bam, bam, bam, bam. Next thing I know, all of Gaston County was here," she said.

Gaston County police said the other two people were in custody, but did not indicate whether they were facing charges.

The Gaffney killings happened in a 10-mile area over six days. A peach farmer was killed June 27, an 83-year-old woman and her daughter were found bound and shot four days later, and the next day a father and his teen daughter were shot in their family's furniture store.

The investigation isn't over, and Cherokee County Sheriff Bill Blanton said investigators will trace the suspect's recent activities and trying to figure out if he has killed other people in other places.

"Now we have someone we can focus on," Blanton said.

He said he hopes the arrest calms the fears of 54,000 people in the county 50 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., known for its peach orchards and mills.

"We feel the victims' pain," Blanton said. "This isn't over. We're just changing gears."



Photos by Marty Mayfield

The annual July 4th fireworks display put on by the Raton Fire and Emergency services wasn't dampened by the light rain that fell during the show Saturday evening, the spectacular and colorful show went on as planned.

## CU researchers working on outer space Internet

**BOULDER, Colo. (AP)** - Researchers at the University of Colorado are working with NASA to extend the Internet to outer space to help an expected growing number of spaceships communicate with each other and with Earth.

The technology, dubbed Disruption-Tolerant Networking (DTN), was installed on a payload sent to the International Space Station in May, said Kevin Gifford of Boulder's BioServe Space Technologies. DTN sends

messages in bundles, streamlining the current, cumbersome point-to-point system that requires manual scheduling and programming to send information.

DTN expands the initial work started a decade ago by NASA and Vint Cerf, longtime technology innovator and Google Inc.'s chief identifier of new technologies and applications.

Information from: Daily Camera, <http://www.dailycamera.com/>