



NEWSBRIEFS

Teacher thanked

Gadsden Independent School District showed a little extra appreciation for its Teacher of the Year — about \$4,000 worth. Epifanio Solis, who teaches 5th and 6th grade bilingual education at Anthony Elementary, was among the five finalists for the honor. Superintendent Ron Haugen handed each an envelope during the annual honor banquet with the comment that “four of these hold a check for \$1,500. One contains a \$4,000 check and that person is the GISD Outstanding Teacher of the Year.” Solis’ story is one of determination and strength of will that began with his birth in the tiny village of Durango, Mexico, saw him graduate from high school in Chihuahua City while living with relatives, and because of his dedication to running, he eventually won a full athletic scholarship to UTEP, where he graduated with a BA in Education in 1993.

On Broadway

The El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center has announced the *Broadway in El Paso 2006-2007* season at the Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Centre. *Mamma Mia!* and *The Producers* will headline this season which features some of the biggest and most classic shows on Broadway. *Mamma Mia!* was Broadway’s biggest blockbuster and features 22 timeless ABBA classics and shares an enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship. *The Producers*, the hilarious Mel Brooks Broadway musical is the winner of the most Tony Awards in history. *CATS*, *Forever Tango*, *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar* will also be featured. Call 800-714-5331 or visit the Plaza Theatre Box Office for season subscription discounted tickets and scheduling which begins Sept. 19. Tickets for individual shows will be available at any Ticketmaster outlet, the Plaza Theatre box office. Call 544-8444 or visit Ticketmaster.com.

In other news

■ This Mother’s Day show Mom she’s taught you well. Send her a dozen roses in style, hand-delivered by the Fabens Cotton Valley Lions Club member. With your \$15 dollar donation a club member will deliver them Friday, May 12 or Saturday, May 13. Place your order before May 7 at 764-4932.

■ The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission invites the public to the Rio Grande Citizens’ Forum on Thursday, May 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Senate Chamber of Corbett Center, Level 3, at the New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M. An update on the new Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park will be given, as

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Emotion makes the world go round, but common sense keeps it from going too fast.

— Quips & Quotes

Canutillo Elementary School recognized by El Paso Collaborative for academic excellence

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence has selected Canutillo Elementary School (CES) to be recognized for its outstanding job of closing the achievement gaps among student groups in mathematics, science and literacy.

Hector Giron, CES principal, along with a representative team of teachers, parents, and students were honored during a special reception held on April 27, at the University of Texas at El Paso Hoover House.

“The academic achievement gap at Canutillo

Elementary School is being closed due to the teachers all practicing a nurturing pedagogy. By this, we mean that the teachers demonstrate a deep understanding of children’s personal, cultural, and developmental needs. They work to implement effective structures and a large repertoire of teaching strategies to support their personal and academic development,” Giron said.

CES’s selection was based on improvements in student achievement and on a programmatic support system for students, according to an El Paso Collaborative For Academic Excellence report.

An example of the strides that CES has made

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— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

Collaborative Awards Ceremony included, bottom row, from left: Rodolfo Escarcega, fifth grade; Andrew Sambrano, third grade; Joshua Coons, first grade; Juan Gonzalez, CES Assistant Principal. Middle row, from left: Maria Velasco, parent; Maggie Fraire, Special Education Assistant; Leticia Rivera, Second grade teacher; Sandra Sapien, Sixth grade teacher; and Patricia Saldivar, parent. Back row, from left: Dr. Josefina Tinajero, UTEP Dean of Education, Hector Giron, CES Principal, Diana Natalicio, UTEP President, Pauline Dow, CISD Associate Superintendent, and Julia Melendez, 504 Teacher.

Life lessons learned: Author gives EXCELL students a lesson to remember

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Sometimes life does not go the way you want it to go — getting an education can come from the most unlikely places. Author Raul Salinas can tell you that. In fact, the native from San Antonio says that he received his education from “life and in various prisons from 1958 to 1972.”

Last week, Salinas was in San Elizario to make sure that EXCELL Academy students could look beyond the jail tattoos and a rough past into to the life he lives now.

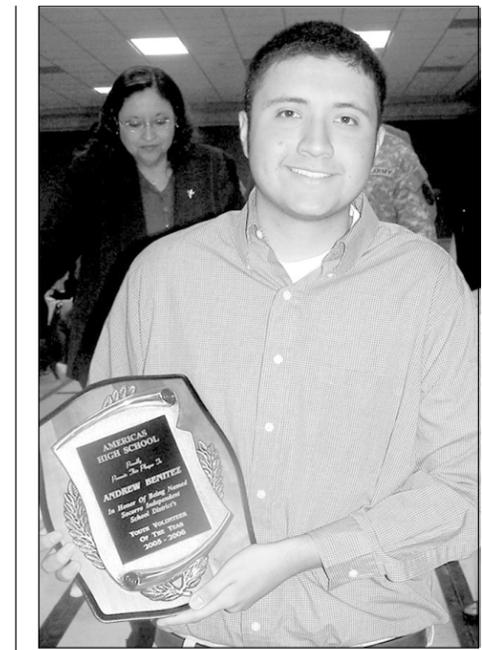
After ending a 15-year stint in and out of prisons, Salinas walked out of an iron cell for the last time in 1972, “a whole lot better hombre than the youth who first entered the joint.” In fact, it was in prison where he found his love for poetry, pacifism, and the

desire to fight for social justice. With honorary titles such as Barrio Bluesman, El Poeta Cucaracho, El Indio Chicano, Anciano, and Organic Intellectual, Salinas has become a revered soul, telling his story and touching the lives of youth ever since. In fact, he has often been considered to be a “street counselor,” having brokered peace deals between rival street gangs at local and national levels.

At first, the kids wanted to focus on the negatives of this man’s life such as his jail tattoos and the stories behind them, according to Kathy Harper, EXCELL Academy’s administrator.

“Those are just pictures with no meanings,” Salinas explained to the students, who attend the alternative campus for various infractions of the district’s code of conduct. “I don’t even look at them anymore.”

Instead, Salinas got the students to look



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

Young, motivated and helpful

EL PASO COUNTY — Americas High senior Andrew Benitez receives the Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award at the annual SISD Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Banquet on April 7 at the Mission Valley Ballroom. Benitez spearheaded the National Honor Society’s Project HOPE (Helping Our People Excel), a year-long initiative designed to assist the needy members of the Sparks colonia. As president of the Americas Math Honor Society, he planned dates for members to tutor young children at the Housing Development Center. As president of Key Club, a service organization dedicated to children, he organized intercession camps for needy children. He cleaned dishes and silverware and served meals to the homeless for the El Paso Salvation Army, helped clean streets and pick up garbage in neighborhoods around his school, helped build houses for a mission in the colonias of Juarez and stripped and repaired houses for the elderly and disabled. And for his outstanding volunteerism, Benitez was honored by Socorro ISD as the Outstanding Youth Volunteer.

— Contributed by Carlos Briano

at their lives and how it is never too late to do something positive with those lives and for doing something for other people.

“Why do you choose gangs — for respect? Respect for what?” Salinas asked.

According to Harper, many of these students have heard similar messages of positivism and encouragement from various speakers, but never has she seen such an impact that the 70-year-old Salinas was able to make with these students.

“I didn’t realize how important this man was until I saw that impact,” Harper said.

Salinas shared excerpts from some of his essays and poetry, which some students may have assumed was the excuse they were looking for to catch a quick snooze. But by the time Salinas was finished, all eyes were open wide, the mere words on paper pierced their way into the minds and hearts of a wide awake audience.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Factoring in fear

Okay, so I have teenagers. That's my excuse, but I might do it anyway. Just out of curiosity.

I'm talking about watching the afternoon TV series called *Fear Factor*, where people attempt to face and overcome their worst fears.

In this program they do the most unspeakable things. You would expect fearful things to include high-wire stunts, escaping from underwater traps and maybe a few challenges that involve attempting to retrieve flags off the outside of a semi-truck trailer traveling at high speeds or hanging onto the landing apparatus of a helicopter while it flies over the open water.

Well, this program has all that for sure, but these folks have upped the ante just a little — or a lot, depending on how averse you are to eating rotted animal parts, worms and bugs, rats, scorpions or spiders, some of which have been run through a blender and some which must be chewed. Or having to lie tied up in a box for a specified number of minutes while live snakes, spiders or scorpions crawl all over you.

Why, in some instances, they even have to search, head down, for keys in the bottom of a barrel of rotted... well, I won't bore you with the details but you get the picture.

Or not. I'm not sure that I do.

I've watched quite a number of these shows, since they have an almost endless variety of horrible scenarios and a seemingly equal number of people who are willing to engage in them against other contestants. In the end, someone is named

Fear Factor champion and wins anywhere from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The closing statement usually includes something to the effect that "fear is not a factor" for this person.

Being the people watcher that I am, I study their reactions, wondering about their motivation. First off, they must have endurance in hand strength, because they sure must have worn out several pens signing all those "hold harmless" forms to indemnify *Fear Factor* from responsibility if they break out a few teeth, smash a skull, bust a limb, or contract a deadly disease from something putrid they swallowed.

The contestants are all young adults. They don't let folks over or under a certain age participate for obvious reasons. If too young, they'll get sued. And if too old, they'll get sued.

The insurance must be astronomical.

They are all relatively good-looking, so much so that they don't mind strutting around in minimal clothing. The majority are well-educated, fairly well-spoken, and very few are "losers" as society would classify them.

Sometimes they compete as twosomes of best friends, couples, or as single individuals. Sometimes they all come from a particular profession, like firefighters or cops. I got a kick out of the episodes where the contestants were all fashion models and once they were all contestants for the Miss America pageant.

With the exception of the Miss America episode the competition is generally co-ed. The women frequently are tough competition at all levels. Not much gender gap left in America, folks, at least when it comes to eating bugs, risking your neck, or getting dragged backward through a ditch full of sewage while grabbing flags as fast as you can.

An amazingly few of those shown on the broadcast actually walk away without at least attempting a stunt.

So what does this tell us about us? Why do these seemingly intelligent young Americans *do* this? They are constantly talking about how they want to win the money but in all honesty, the whole sum is probably less than what most of them could earn doing something a lot less gross and

threatening. And since only one is going to win, you could eat a plateful of live hissing Madagascar beetles in one contest and wind up losing out during the next stunt because you were one second slower on a high beam than the other guy.

So I watch my kids watching this program and we talk about it. There are generally two issues that emerge. One is that anyone who would take that kind of risk for money deserves whatever they get, and they ought to be using their time and effort on something more worthwhile. The other is that a self-questioning, competitive streak lives in most of us — Could I do that? Would I prevail or would I take the "walk of shame?" And why would it really matter to me, one way or the other?

As for me, however, being well over the age of eligibility anyway, the issues are a lot simpler. Overall, I think watching this show has had a positive effect. The occasional little desert scorpion that may wander into the house doesn't seem nearly as threatening as it used to.

Especially if I've got my shoes on.

Second Citizen Police Academy opens enrollment in Horizon City

HORIZON CITY — The Horizon City Police Department is now accepting applications for the upcoming session of the Citizen Police Academy Program.

The Citizen Police Academy is a community relations program designed to promote positive interaction between the Horizon City Police Department and the citizens of Horizon City. This eight-week course is scheduled to begin on June 7. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Oz Glaze Center in Horizon City. The curriculum includes such topics as patrol procedures, traffic law, crime scene investigations, police dispatching, firearms and other topics of interest.

The topics covered will give citizens practical knowledge and, in some cases, actual hands-on applications. "If you've ever wondered about our police department or wanted to gain police experience, first hand, then this is the chance you've been waiting for," said Officer Juvrud. "In addition, you will be meeting and getting to know the officers who work and enforce the laws in your community."

Applications for admission and more information may be obtained by contacting Officer Juvrud at 852-1047. Class size is limited to 15 participants. This program is offered free of charge and all applications will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis. Deadline for applications is May 26.

This will be the second session of the Citizen Police Academy. The Horizon City Police Department would like to gratefully acknowledge the Horizon City Neighborhood Watch Programs, Volunteers in Police Service and the CERT team members for their cooperation with this program. The Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association will assist the Department with classes and support the program.

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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Small business conference May 5 to assist veterans in El Paso

As a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives, I have been participating in a series of hearings in Washington, D.C. that are investigating how both the public and private sectors can improve business opportunities for veterans of the U.S. military.

While holding those hearings, I also helped coordinate efforts in El Paso to help veteran business owners in the border region reach their potential. I invite all El Paso veteran business owners to participate in a conference that is taking place this week on Friday, May 5 at the Center for Workforce Preparedness at 1359 Lomaland. Entitled the "Veterans Opportunities Conference," this day-long event is for veterans who are looking for jobs, and veteran entrepreneurs who are curious about expanding their businesses and contracting with the federal government.

I helped organize this conference in conjunction with the El Paso Small Business Consortium, which includes the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Contract Opportunity Center of El Paso Community College, the Small Business Development Center, the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, the El Paso Black Chamber of Commerce, the El Paso 8A and Minority Sub-Contractors Association, NEDA Small Business Consultants, Acción Texas, the City of El Paso, the UTEP, Service Corps of Retired Executives, and Upper Rio Grande Work Force Development Board.

The expansion of Fort Bliss due to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decision and overseas basing — through which we will have the opportunity to secure about \$3 billion in contracts — also served as inspiration for this conference. We hope to help local veterans improve their business opportunities by applying for these contracts.

Veterans who attend Friday's conference will have the opportunity to participate in workshops to learn about federal certification programs, federal contracting, business development or business startup, financing, and bonding. Veterans were also able to meet with Service Disabled Business owners and federal agencies for match-making and employment opportunities.

El Pasoans can learn more about this conference and other issues on my new blog, which is also known as an online journal. This blog complements the current information you can find on my website, and in my newsletters and e-newsletters. I hope my blog will provide a more inside view into my daily work in Congress and in El Paso at www.reyesblog.com. It is also accessible from my recently redesigned website at www.house.gov/reyes.



View from here By Albert M. Balesh, M.D.

Face to place

Does Frankenstein live? Bits and pieces and Humpty Dumpty are all well and good in bedtime stories, but when confronted face to face with a face newly placed, wonder may cede the field to nightmare.

We saw it coming, however. Test tube babies, cloned sheep, and bionic limbs just whet our appetites, in anticipation of the pièce de résistance — the “face-off.”

As mankind continues to sashay the so-called high ground, the noble cause received a jump-start in Lyon, France at the bite of a dog. Dirty work was done to a face, and the men in white tried to “one-up” all the king’s horses and all the king’s men. The lower part of the nose, the lips, and the chin of a torn visage were transplanted, as the world watched in awe.

Now China and the U.S. want to hop on the bandwagon, and their target is the entire face. But are we ready for this? Is the technology up to speed for such a complex endeavor? Does the end, indeed, justify the extremely exorbitant means? You be the judge. It’s much easier for me to present the simple facts.

A complete facial transplant would require ten or more surgeons, take 14-20 hours to complete, mandate a donor with a compatible blood group and matching sex, race, and age, and necessitate sufficiently large areas (1200 cm²) of skin, via autologous skin grafts from the same patient, to cover the entire face, scalp, front of the neck, and ears, should the transplant fail or be rejected. Add an additional \$12,000-\$24,000 price tag for immunosuppressive drugs to follow an already expensive procedure and prevent rejection, and the almighty healthcare dollar might be stretched to limits paralleling those reached by the rack in a medieval

torture chamber. With so many pros and cons at issue, calmer minds must prevail, and we, the public, must weigh and pronounce, with a foot to the gas while finger rides ignition.

To start out with, the operation itself is very difficult technically, not to mention the fact that nerves grow and heal slowly, limiting assessment of sensory and motor function of the transplant to nine months or longer post-procedure. Furthermore, rejection is always an unwelcome visitor lurking in the wings, more than willing to come a-knocking at a moment’s notice. Enter the necessity for frequent medical monitoring and immunosuppressants for life, which would hardly curb the estimated 10 percent rejection rate in the first year and 30-50 percent rate during the first two to five years.

So, is it all worth it? Skin and subcutaneous tissue, though not underlying muscle, would be transplanted, and major blood vessels in the neck would be called upon to connect the recipient’s circulation to the newly placed graft. The recipient’s own facial muscles would be enlisted to animate the transplant, restore facial mobility, and allow expression. That’s it in a nutshell, and in theory.

While cosmetic lips and ears, in the absence of facial function, are fine for a Halloween gathering or in the recesses of subterranean Paris, they would hardly constitute success in the light of day. With bugs to iron out and questions lingering, all bets are off right now. Doubts remain regarding adequate blood supply to the graft and connection of the patient’s facial muscles to the transplanted face. If a

mask is all you are to end up with, then why go it at all? Even the limited French procedure, while quite impressive in the short term, has yielded deluding results in the weeks thereafter, with marked drooping and paralysis of the patient’s lower lip.

The eventual transplant recipient and family will have to get used to a new hybrid face, combining aspects of both the donor and the recipient. All the exhaustive, pre-operative, psychological testing in the world will not prepare for those first few seconds, when the bandages are cut and a new being is hatched. The only thing more traumatic for patient and family might be abortion of the procedure. Once the medical risks, uncertainty of success, and media scrutiny have been digested by the immediately involved, hinging all hopes on an evanescent and uncertain, brain-dead donor, free of cancer and various infections, hooked up to a ventilator, and meeting other stringent requirements, might be hard to stomach and, excuse the pun, to face. The pool of potential donors is small, and one can only imagine the difficulties inherent in obtaining consent for a facial transplant.

Perhaps the final decisions regarding these new and provocative, surgical procedures should be left to the severely disfigured, for they are the ones who stand the most to gain or lose. You will not see them in a neighborhood mall or in a local grocery store. Their legions populate the corridors where The Phantom lives!

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Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Texas agriculture: A history of success

Agriculture is the backbone of the Texas economy and a vital commodity in our national trade system. Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States and we lead the nation in the value of farm real estate, as well as the number and acreage of farms and ranches. One in seven is employed in the agriculture industry. Texas agriculture is now a booming commercial enterprise.

This week I was the keynote speaker at the 2006 Texas Ag Forum hosted by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center and the Center for North American Studies, both at Texas A&M University. Founded over 20 years ago, the Texas Ag Forum provides an opportunity to educate the public on key issues affecting Texas agriculture and provide an opportunity for discussion between commodity and farm groups and the community. This year the leadership from every major agricultural organization in Texas was present at the forum. The topics of discussion most important to those attending the Texas Ag Forum included the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and relief from recent drought and wildfires that have

plagued the state.

In 2004, the USDA initiated the implementation of the National Animal Identification System, a voluntary State-Federal-industry partnership to safeguard the health of our nation’s livestock. As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I have some serious concerns about the implementation of the NAIS in Texas. The USDA has repeatedly stated this is a voluntary program with the goal of eventual 100 percent compliance. I am hopeful the state will not enforce mandatory compliance or set unrealistic deadlines which would leave little time for a transition from the current system. I am also hopeful the Texas Animal Health Commission will not impose the cost of any program on producers. The USDA has provided over \$2 million to the state for this program.

Across the country there is a large need for disaster assistance, but few states have been hit as hard as Texas. Producers have suffered from the flooding and wind damage of hurricanes and the drought and wildfires. I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that any disaster package Congress might consider includes assistance to address the needs of produc-

ers in Texas.

I have represented the 23rd Congressional District of Texas since 1992. I was appointed chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee in January of 2001, which oversees a wide range of agriculture issues including the nation’s food supply and inspection, Food and Drug Administration oversight, emergency disaster relief, agriculture research, rural development, and farm and ranch programs. In addition to funding a wide range of important, traditional programs, the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee is also responsible for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), nationwide nutrition programs, the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Animal Damage Control Program, the School Lunch Program and the Federal Food Stamp Program.

Our nation is facing many challenges and we have many new issues and concerns on the agenda. I look forward to a sixth successful year overseeing the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. We will continue to get the job done.



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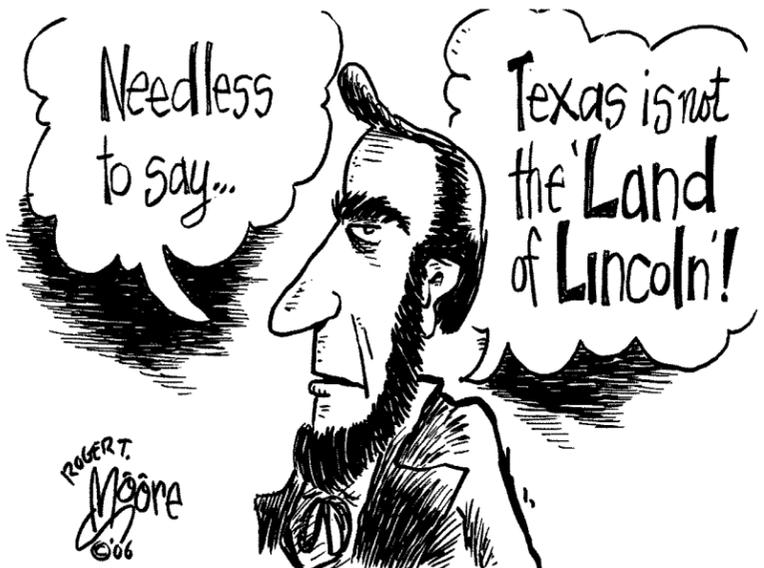
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Moore Texas by Robert T. Moore In the 1860 Presidential election Abraham Lincoln tallied ZERO votes in Texas.

Clint ISD names District Teachers of the Year

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Clint Independent School District announced the Secondary and Elementary Teachers of the Year for the district at a banquet held on April 27 at the Casablanca Ballroom. Superintendent Ricardo Estrada and Board President Jim Pendell presented the District Teachers of the Year winners with a plaque and a check for \$2,500.

Amanda Casillas-Saucedo, a 5th grade teacher at C.T. Welch Intermediate, was named the Elementary Teacher of the Year. With a degree in social work, she worked with Communities in Schools for four years before joining an alternative certification program to become a teacher. She has been teaching for the last two years at C.T. Welch where she is a member of the Site Based Decision Making Team and the sponsor of the Drama Club. Casillas-Saucedo is also a certified facilitator for Family Forward, Rainbow Days, and Path4U programs.

"What makes Amanda so special is that she is a good, dedicated and caring person. Teaching is her second career, and for that reason, she brought a lot of experience about people with. I have personally never witnessed one so new to teaching develop so fast. She epitomizes what Clint ISD wants in their teachers — knowledgeable, dedicated, and caring," says Charles Vass, C.T. Welch Principal.



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD
TOP TEACHERS — Amanda Casillas-Saucedo, left, and Amber Buchanan

Amber Buchanan, a Chemistry teacher at Clint High School, has been named the Secondary Teacher of the Year. She has been teaching at Clint High School for the past three years where she also coaches both UIL science and cross country. Her experience as a teaching assistant and lab instructor at the university level has assisted her in preparing her high school chemistry students at Clint High School for college, she said.

"Amber Buchanan is an outstanding teacher who loves the kids and

you see it in her teaching. Her teaching is geared towards what is best for kids. She makes going to her class exciting and the kids look forward to it everyday," says Morris Aldridge, Clint High School Principal.

The district teachers of the year are selected from among the 12 campus teachers of the year, which also included Jose Bustillos, W.D. Surratt Elementary; Bertha Escobedo, Mountain View High School; Norma Estrada-Keith, Montana Vista Elementary; Ignacio Flores, Red Sands Elementary; Leonard Hoffmann, Horizon High School; Mary Lucero, Horizon Middle School; Cresella Martinez, Frank Macias Elementary; Edna Reyes, Clint Junior High School; and Toby Tovar, East Montana Middle. The Campus Teachers of the Year were also presented with a plaque and a check for \$1,000. The District Teachers of the year will go on to represent the district in the Region Teacher of the Year competition this summer.

Canutillo ISD approves new information system

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — Out goes the old, in comes the new.

At its special April 25 meeting, the Canutillo ISD board of trustees approved an asbestos abatement proposal for the old high school and a new district-wide Management Information System (MIS).

The asbestos removal targets the old Canutillo High School, now the new Canutillo Middle School. It is the third asbestos abatement project in the district. The other two have focused on the old Canutillo Elementary School.

Designed to meet the administrative needs of a growing school district for an estimated 10 years, the new information system will be integrated over an 18-month to two-year period, says Tony Reza, executive director of the Business Services Department. Total cost of system is approximately \$468,000 which covers licensing fees and maintenance support.

"Its various applications will save us lots of time," notes Superintendent Dr. Pam Padilla.

"It has layers and layers of security," assured Martha Veale, executive director of the School Resources Department.

Asbestos removal wasn't the only renovation project on the board's agenda. The board approved re-roofing projects on five

district campuses. Total cost is estimated at \$2.65 million.

The top priorities are the old high school and the current middle school. This will be followed by re-roofing at Damian and Davenport Elementary and Childress Middle Schools.

The special meeting of the school board was the second in two weeks. The regular board meeting was held on April 19.

Carl Frieze, a member of the Personnel Committee, reported that it had approved proposed salary increases for teachers and librarians. The committee also approved two administration recommendations, to approve Pauline Dow as new associate superintendent and Dr. James Steinhauer as new executive director for student improvement. Dow introduced Steinhauer who assumes his duties on May 1.

Alfredo Vasquez, public information officer for CISD, says Steinhauer will take over many of Padilla's duties when she was assistant superintendent.

Padilla, who took over as superintendent from Charles Hart, has restructured the district's administrative offices, Vasquez added. In addition to the appointments of Dow and Steinhauer, she has created six executive director positions to head up various departments.

Dr. John Kessinger, former assistant superintendent, retired April 21.

In other action, the board:
• Approved recommended school calendar for 2006-07. It also approved applying to the Texas Education Agency for a waiver in order to start classes on Aug. 10.

• Approved an interlocal agreement with Region 19 Education Service Center for Safe Schools Project criminal records data center.

CES

From Page 1

is the recent third grade TAKS Reading test results. CES third grade students' scored a 100 percent passing rate in the English Reading TAKS test and 91 percent passing rate among third grade students who took the Reading TAKS test in Spanish.

Mariano Silva, Math Curriculum coordinator for Region 19 Education Service Center, said that he supported CES's nomination for this award because of the dedication and commitment that the principal, assistant principal, and teachers showed in implementing a school-based teacher led professional development model.

"All of the teachers and administrators at CES agreed to take on the challenge of developing a teacher training model that would allow student interns, new teachers, and veteran teachers to share knowledge and resources to enhance the school's instructional programs for all students," Silva said.

Founded in 1991, The El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence is recognized as one of the most innovative and effective education reform initiatives in Texas and in the nation. Founders and partners include the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education and The Pew Charitable Trust, in addition to businesses and organizations in the community and throughout Texas.

Donald "Don" Davisson

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Fabens crew awarded



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EL PASO COUNTY — The Fabens High School One-Act Play Crew competed at Americas High School for the Zone B Competition on March 22, performing *The Girl In The Mirror*, and as a result advancing to the district finals. Brenda Bravo, Alexis Munoz, and Vivian Manzano were selected for the All-Star Cast. The following day the presentation was selected as the alternate play and awards were given to Ernie Solis, Alexis Munoz and Vivian Manzano for **Honorable Mention Cast Members; Chris Cortez was selected as an**

All-Star Cast Member; and Brenda Bravo received the Best Actress Award. Shown top row from left are director Ms. King, Ernie Solis, Victoria Avelar, Brittnay Hoffman, Gabriel Lopez, Nicole Mendez, Angelica Hildabrant, Christine Pacheco and Chris Cortez. Bottom, from left, are Vivian Manzano, Brenda Bravo, Alexis Munoz, Donny Quiroz, Amanda Salgado. "I am extremely proud of the group's accomplishments and really enjoyed working with the group," King said.

— Contributed by Vivian Manzano

Democratic senators release statement about tax/education legislation, vote

AUSTIN — Senate Democratic Caucus Chairwoman Leticia Van de Putte, and Democratic Senators Gonzalo Barrientos, Rodney Ellis, Mario Gallegos Jr., Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, Eddie Lucio Jr., Eliot Shapleigh, Royce West, John Whitmire, and Judith Zaffirini released the following joint statement: "In voting against the tax bills (May 1), we are sending a clear message that we believe our school children should come first. With no guarantee that a substantial amount of the additional revenue will be invested in our public schools, or that funding equity levels will be improved, we are not compelled to raise taxes on countless Texans.

"Our aim is not to obstruct tax legislation, but rather to construct the excellent public school system Texas families deserve. We are pleased that the tax proposals in HB 3 close tax loopholes and institute fair, broad-based business taxes at a low rate. We remain unwilling, however, to ask Texans to shoulder the additional tax burden until we are assured that the effect will be to significantly strengthen our public schools, and assured that funds will flow through a highly equitable system which benefits all Texas children.

"While property tax relief is important, we also know that excellence in public education is most important to Texas families, and to us. Property tax relief cannot come at the expense of the school children of Texas.

"We came to this session hoping that the focus would be on improving public schools. Instead, Governor Perry's call focused only on taxes.

"We first must ensure a high level of funding equity for Texas schools. Because if all school children have to pass the same standardized test, all school children must have the same resources to learn.

"We know that we must attract and retain the best teachers. We must give them the meaningful across-the-board pay raise they deserve, restore the health insurance stipend to all school personnel, and reduce the amount proposed for incentives until after teachers get the pay raise they deserve.

"We must be assured that the resulting revenue will go into Texas classrooms, replacing outdated textbooks, ensuring modern facilities, and better equipping teachers to teach an increasingly-diverse student population.

"In Perry's tax plan there are winners and losers. The winners are the wealthy few who make more than \$104,000 per year. They get \$920 million of tax cuts. The losers are working families of Texas. They get \$7 million of net tax hikes.

"H.B. 3 is a business income tax that hurts small business most. By taxing net income, not profits, H.B. 3 represents a 7 percent income tax on Texas small business, whether they make money or not.

"Others are prioritizing taxes. We will continue to fight for our neighborhood schools."

Tornillo Junior High hosts NJHS induction

TORNILLO — Tornillo Junior High School held its annual National Junior Honor Society induction on April 13. A total of 37 7th-8th grade students were inducted. The National Junior Honor Society is a national organization that recognizes student achievement in the areas of academics, leadership, and citizenship. The induction was organized by NJHS sponsor, 7th grade TJH teacher Victoria Gandara. From left, top row, Mark Saucedo, Rafa Reyes, Lily Guerra, Carlos Morado, Angel Ochoa, Christina Cortez, Jessica Elias, Marianne Fortaleza. From left, middle row, Ray Estrada, Educardo Rodriguez, Michael Morales, Edgar Valenzuela, Jose Alvarado, Susan



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

Luevano, Kinsleigh Vranish, Nathan Avila. From left, second from bottom row, Johanna Martha, Queenie Fortaleza, Karen Quezada, Andrew Garcia, Luz Rivera, Daisy Espinoza, Valerie Alonzo. From left, bottom row, Sandra Gonzalez, Omar Garcia, Cindy Prieto, Lizeth Delgado, Priscilla Orosco, Annel Escalante.

— Contributed by Rudy Barreda



EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the jurisdiction in which you are being taxed
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the Chief Appraiser, Appraisal District or Appraisal Review Board (ARB) that applies to and adversely affected your property.

Informal Review

The El Paso Central Appraisal District has a trained staff to assist you with your tax appraisal problems.

In order to have an informal or ARB hearing you **must file a written protest before your deadline** (see below for deadlines).

If you receive a notice of appraised value, a protest form is attached to the bottom below the perforation. If you wish to protest, simply tear off this form, sign the back, and return it to the El Paso Central Appraisal District.

If you do not receive a notice of appraised value, you should send a letter or postcard stating that you wish to protest your property value. Be sure to include your name and address or property identification number.

After your written protest is received, the Appraisal District will send you a letter notifying you of the date and time of your preliminary and/or ARB hearings.

However, if you have a question about exemptions, procedures, or anything not related to a protest, you may call (915) 780-2131. Your call will be logged, your question noted, and given to the appropriate department for a call back.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you cannot resolve your problem in a preliminary hearing with the Central Appraisal District (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a Notice of Protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and

place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing on Saturday or Sunday, or in the evening. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence, or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the Appraisal District office at:

5801 Trowbridge Drive

Note: You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Binding Arbitration

If you have protested the market value of your real property and the ARB has determined that the is less than \$1 million dollars, you may request binding arbitration if you disagree with the value. The CAD will provide information and a request form with your order from the ARB. You must submit the request with a deposit of \$500 within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting the El Paso Central Appraisal District, 5801 Trowbridge Drive, El Paso, Texas 79925-3345, (915) 780-2131. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the Appraisal District or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Requests for Evidence

You can request to review evidence to be used by the CAD in your formal ARB hearing by addressing it to the ARB at the El Paso Central Appraisal District office. The envelope should be labeled "Request for Evidence."

Deadline* for Filing Protests with the ARB

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31, (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are due the day before the Appraisal Review Board approves records for the year.

Military personnel on active duty outside the United States and property owners employed offshore oil drilling, production facility or vessel have until the date the taxes are due to file a protest.

*** The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.**

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the Appraisal District informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the Appraisal District or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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Young can't put the bat on the ball, so he uses it on the ump

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

All professional sports bring with them a certain amount of pressure. Some sports have more than others but they all are up there in the "intensity" department.

What separates the bad players from the good players from the best players, is the way each athlete deals with that pressure. A lot of the success athletes enjoy has as much to do with the soft tissue between the ears as it does their thick muscles everywhere else.

Some players are always in control and others make infamous headlines.

From the "no one uses less of their brain than I do" department, comes the story of Tampa Bay Devil Rays prospect Delmon Young.

Young, however, is not just any prospect, he was the top overall pick in the 2003 amateur draft and chosen as the 2005 minor league player of the year by Baseball America.

Some say Young is like the Reggie Bush of baseball.

Too bad he doesn't have the demeanor and poise of Reggie Bush.

In a minor league game last week Young was called out on a third strike by the home plate umpire.

Young didn't like the call and took his sweet time leaving the batter's box. As he passed the umpire it appeared that he muttered something to him, and was immediately thrown out of the game.

Now, I don't know what he said to the umpire but I'm fairly certain you wouldn't find it inside any Hallmark card.

I've seen guys get upset at umpires and run right up to them and wave their arms around and kick dirt like little kids. I've seen them get right in the ump's face so that both cap bills are sparring like a couple of middle weights.

But I'll give Young credit... sort of. He didn't bother with any of that. He simply turned around and threw his bat at the umpire, hitting him in the chest.

You heard me correctly. He started to walk toward the dugout, stopped, turned around and flung the bat at the umpire.

The bat clearly hit the umpire on his body but it very easily could have hit him in the face.

And this wasn't one of those "excuse me, the bat slipped out of my hands" kind of flings, there was some intent behind that toss.

Now the talk has turned to what his punishment should be. Pete Rose once received 30 days for shoving an

umpire. This was obviously much worse than that.

The funniest part of this incident came after it had occurred... sort of. Young made a statement saying that he never intended for the bat to hit the umpire.

Excuse me? What in the world did he expect the bat to do? There is no question — check out the video of the incident, it's all over the internet — that he threw the bat right at the umpire.

But why do I fully expect the baseball player's union to go along with this ridiculous theory of "he didn't mean to whack the ump?" Maybe it's because they always defend the players no matter how devious they are.

Right now Young is suspended indefinitely.

I believe that if you have the mentality to throw a bat at an umpire, you should have to sit out an entire season so that you can have time to contemplate how stupid you've become.

Gee, I wonder: What would Young's penalty have been if he had throw a bat at someone outside the stadium?

Raider bound

How about former UTEP linebacker Thomas Howard? It was great to hear his name selected last weekend during the NFL draft.

Howard, who is now a member of the Oakland Raiders, was the 38th player selected overall.

Watching Howard play over the last few seasons there was little doubt he would play at the next level. But I never thought he would eventually go as high as the sixth player in the second round.

I've got a feeling that there are going to be quite a few UTEP players going in the first three rounds af-

ter next season.

Some of the players to watch during next year's draft include Joe Fleskoski, Johnnie Lee Higgins, Jordan Palmer, Jeremy Jones, Reagan Schneider and Zach West.

Mike Price is quickly turning UTEP into a major player in the world of college football and the more Miners that make the pros, the more high school players will want to be Miners.

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Socorro High student is named 1-5A Female Athlete of the Year

EL PASO COUNTY — Norma Rueda, student athlete at Socorro High School, has been named 1-5A Female Athlete of the year by the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee. She was honored at the annual Hall of Fame banquet this week.

"Rueda's accomplishments in wrestling and track, along with her outstanding GPA, were key

factors in her selection," said EPAHF vice-president Ron Leiman.

Rueda participated in regional competition two years in a row as the District 1-5A discus throw champion, was the wrestling state champion in the 128-pound weight class and was an All-District Academic selection with a 95.71 GPA.

Sun Ridge Middle principal is named Area 19 Administrator of the Year

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — At the Annual Area 19 PTA Spring Conference, held on April 5 at the El Paso Marriott, Sun Ridge Middle principal Sam Hogue received the prestigious Outstanding Administrator Award.

Each year, schools in the El Paso greater area recognize one administrator who positively contributes to the welfare of children, faculty, staff, community, PTA and parent involvement.

"Receiving the Outstanding Administrator Award caught me by surprise," Hogue says. "I feel very honored and grateful to be nominated and selected. But I have to give the credit to our parents and school community. They sacrifice a lot and are very dedicated to our students at Sun Ridge."

But according to Sun Ridge PTA President Michelle Smith, Hogue is a visionary who leads by example, always thinking first about the community.

"Mr. Hogue is a man of few words," she says. "I have never heard him speak negatively to anyone. He



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

TOPS WITH PTA — Sun Ridge Middle principal Sam Hogue received the prestigious Outstanding Administrator Award at the Annual Area 19 PTA Spring Conference April 5.

concentrates on the positive and always encourages students to give of their time, money and effort for the sake of the community."

UTEP plays Hurshel Antwine students in charity event

EL PASO COUNTY — It will be a heart-warming event, so to speak, when the UTEP men's basketball team take on students from Hurshel Antwine School on Friday, May 5 at 1:30 p.m. at 3830 Richard Beem Rd., for the First Annual Hoops for Heart fundraiser.

UTEP players Jason Williams, Brent Murphy, Edgar Moreno, Miguel Ayala, Stefan Jackson, Josh Gutierrez, Kevin Henderson, John Tofi and Will Kimble will be on hand to sign autographs and entertain with a half-time dunk show. Signed t-shirts and basketballs will be given away as well. Donations of \$3 to \$10 will be donated to the American Heart Association.



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well as a report on the 2006 Rio Grande Project Annual Operating Plan. For information, call 832-4706.

■ The El Paso Diabetes Association's Camp Lydia Mann is just around the corner, June 26-30, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1440

Miracle Way, 2nd Floor, in El Paso. This camp is designed for children ages 5-12 years old with diabetes. Camp is a place for kids to have fun and learn to become more independent through educational sessions. It's a great opportunity for children to meet other children with diabetes. Some children are unable to afford camp and if you're interested in sponsoring a child to attend camp the cost is \$75. This includes field trips, meals, and a t-shirt. Call 532-6280, ext. 26, for

more information

■ Lujan-Chavez Kindergarteners have been learning how to give manicures and massages in preparation for Mother's Day and on May 9 they will treat their mother's to these special treats. The moms will also wear a t-shirt made by their kids for their special day.

■ Bicycles mean fun and freedom but are also associated with more childhood injuries than any

other consumer product except the automobile. Many of these injuries could have been prevented if the child had been wearing a helmet. Throughout May — Bicycle Safety Month — physicians across the state are actively working to prevent head injury by giving away helmets to children in their communities through the Texas Medical Association's Hard Hats for Little Heads program. Funding for Hard Hats for Little Heads is provided by the

Texas Medical Association Foundation thanks to a donation from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and gifts from physicians and their families.

■ The No Limits Track Club is currently practicing at Col. John O. Ensor Middle School evenings 6-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. All kids ages 8-18 are invited to participate in this summer Junior Olympics track and field program. For information 852-9082.

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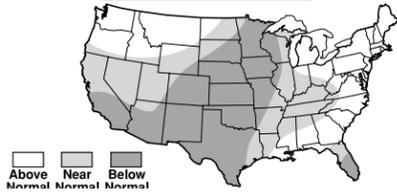
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Sun.	6:15 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	Sun.	2:58 p.m.	3:20 a.m.		
Mon.	6:14 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	Mon.	3:52 p.m.	3:45 a.m.	5/20	5/26
Tues.	6:13 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	Tues.	4:47 p.m.	4:09 a.m.		
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Amarillo, TX	71	46	t	64	43	c	70	49	pc	80	52	s	Chicago	66	43	pc	62	40	pc	58	39	pc	62	45	s
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Memphis, TN	82	58	t	70	54	t	69	50	pc	72	57	s	Minneapolis	58	42	pc	52	36	pc	62	46	s	65	47	s
Midland, TX	92	57	pc	81	54	pc	80	58	s	93	60	s	New Orleans	86	70	pc	84	68	pc	83	61	t	79	62	pc
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Roswell, NM	87	53	pc	76	52	s	82	52	s	93	52	s	Omaha	65	42	pc	65	42	pc	68	46	s	74	52	s
St. Louis, MO	69	49	t	64	47	c	65	48	pc	67	53	c	Phoenix	92	67	s	91	68	s	93	67	pc	94	69	s
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