



NEWSBRIEFS

Poetry slam

The Lower Valley Branch Library will be hosting a poetry slam for teens and young adults featuring poet and writer Emmy Perez, a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellow who has published a book of poetry entitled *Solstice* as well as numerous other works in publications such as the *New York Quarterly* and the *North American Review*. Poetry slams are open mic forums designed to give budding poets an opportunity to share their works with others. The poetry slam will be held on Wednesday, May 24 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lower Valley Library, 610 N. Yarbrough. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 591-3391. The poetry series *We The Poetas* is sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities' program, We the People. The El Paso Public Library recently received a grant from the NEH to produce programs that explore the immigrant experience in the U.S.

Fatal carwreck

Special Traffic Investigators of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office are investigating a traffic accident that occurred on Sunday, May 21 on I-10 west near mile marker 45 in East El Paso County. The male driver of a 1992 green Mazda, 26-year-old George Ybarra of the 3000 block of Yarwood in El Paso, was reportedly traveling the wrong way, east in the inside westbound lane of Interstate 10 near mile marker 45, when the car struck a tractor trailer traveling westbound. The driver of the Mazda apparently attempted to avoid the head on collision as the vehicle impact was right front to right front. Upon contact the fuel tank from the tractor trailer ruptured causing both vehicles to catch on fire. Upon arrival deputies said that both vehicles involved were fully engulfed in flames. The passenger of the Mazda was thrown from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene. Both occupants of the tractor trailer managed to escape the burning truck without any injuries.

In other news

■ There is currently a one-year, unexpired vacancy on the SEISD Board of Trustees that runs through May 2007. Any registered voter residing in the school district that is interested in being considered to be a member of the Board of Trustees needs to submit a letter of interest by June 15, 2006 to the Superintendent's Office at P.O. Box 920, San Elizario, Texas 79849, or stop by between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1050 Chicken Ranch Rd, San Elizario, Texas 79849. For further information contact Margie Medina at 872-3900.

■ Lisa Kay Eveler, a 2006 senior at Clint High School, has been named an

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Opera is where a guy gets stabbed in the back, and instead of bleeding, he sings.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

FUN WITH DAD — Pre-K student Armida Velarde knows how to have safe fun in the water thanks to Daddy Day Splash Down at Loya Primary School, Monday, May 22, 2006.

Loya has fun in the sun with a good purpose

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — All the ingredients were there for a successful Daddy Day Splash Down, a day of fun in the sun at Loya Primary School. First, you had terrific weather, not a cloud in the sky and the mercury rising above 90 degrees. Next you had an abundant supply of

water, pools, and enough food to feed a small army of pre-kindergarteners. But the most important ingredient last Monday was the strong attendance by all the fathers that took part in the festivities.

It was also the perfect time to introduce pool safety, as children throughout the district will be letting out for summer vacation this week,

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Clint ISD names principal Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Clint ISD trustees announced at the regular board meeting on May 16 that Robert F. Mendoza will be filling the position of Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services. He has held a similar position in this district and in Canutillo ISD in the past.



Robert Mendoza

Mendoza is now the Principal at East Montana Middle School and has been with the district for 12 years. "It will be hard to replace Mr. Mendoza as the Principal of East Montana Middle School, but we are happy to have him in this position," said Superintendent Ricardo Estrada.

"It is an honor to be given this opportunity to the serve the district in this capacity. I am looking forward to it but at the same time it is hard to leave East Montana Middle," said Mendoza. He will fill the vacancy left by James Kelch who will retire in June.

Hambric student wins state Arbor Day Poster contest

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — An SISD student is the winner of the state poster contest commemorating Arbor Day. Alejandra Flores' poster was judged number one out of 6,000 entries. As part of a ceremony on April 28, Flores had a tree planted in her honor at Chester E. Jordan Park, the park neighboring Jane A. Hambric School.

"I never thought this would happen," Flores says. "I was so shocked when my teacher told

me I won. I'm definitely going to keep taking art classes."

"I was so happy for Alejandra," said Hambric art teacher Joan Jameson. "I'm so proud of her. Her art just took off. She does beautiful work and it shows."

The contest is sponsored by the Texas Forest Service for Arbor Day, the day the nation celebrates all the things trees give us. Flores' poster beat out thousands of posters submitted by fifth graders throughout Texas. This year's theme was "Trees are Terrific in all Shapes and Sizes."

"Alejandra wins a framed copy of her poster,

a \$500 savings bond and many other educational prizes and gift certificates," said Pete Smith, a forester for the Texas Forest Service. "It's really a fun day for her and we love to honor the winner in front of her peers."

A special tree-planting ceremony was organized by the El Paso Parks and Recreation Department on April 28. Present at the ceremony were Socorro ISD Superintendent Dr. Robert J. Durón, Eastside Councilman Presi Ortega, Director of Parks and Recreation Dr. Norman Merrifield, Director of El Paso Water

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Gov. Perry signs taxpayer protection bill

By Kathy Walt
Special to the Courier

Gov. Rick Perry has signed into law House Bill 2, legislation that dedicates future revenue increases to sustain the \$15.7 billion property tax cut passed by the legislature.

"I am proud today to sign legislation that protects Texans tax cuts for years to come, House Bill 2," Perry said. "For too long, Texans have paid some of the highest property taxes in America, in spite of significant tax cuts authorized by the legislature in recent years. But that's about to change. This time Texans will get both tax rate relief and tax rate reform."

Perry thanked state Rep. Jim Pitts of Waxahachie who authored the legislation and participated in the bill signing. State Sen. Tommy Williams of The Woodlands, who

sponsored the bill in the Senate, also participated in the bill signing.

Included in the school finance legislation:

- Every new dollar generated by the reformed business tax, the increase in the cigarette tax and new anti-fraud measures related to the sale of used vehicles will be directed to sustained property tax relief. (HB 2)
- After the school property tax rate is lowered to one dollar, two-thirds of the dedicated revenue will go to further lowering property tax rates and one-third will go to schools. (HB 2)
- School districts can raise the tax rate only four cents at one time. Beyond that, if local leaders want more money from taxpayers, they have to get voter approval. Under current law, local school boards can raise tax rates by six cents every year voters approval. (HB 1)
- If appraisal creep yields more revenue than voters have authorized, school districts must

automatically seek voter approval to keep it. This provision will not lower the cap on appraisal increases but it caps the amount of money school districts can receive from higher appraisals without a vote of the people. (HB 1)

School finance legislation passed by the legislature will:

- Give every Texas teacher a \$2,000 pay increase and improve the teacher merit pay program.
- Invest millions of new dollars into dropout prevention and college readiness efforts.
- Reform the franchise tax to close loopholes, reward employers for creating jobs and investing in employee benefits, and mandate that businesses that hire illegal immigrants will pay higher taxes.

For more information on this bill and school finance legislation is available at www.governor.state.tx.us.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Gettin' hitched

Weddings are something else, an event aside, a

microcosm of society.

In whatever culture they happen to occur, weddings have rituals of varying degrees of complexity and expense, depending on how wealthy you or your relatives happen to be and on how much you are willing to suffer.

Two of my kids have taken the plunge, so to speak, and both of these weddings were just really nice affairs. Two down, two to go. No complaints here.

My son was married last year on deck a riverboat and as he strolled onto the boat there were several good-natured comments about his "walking the plank." His bride, be-

ing as level-headed as she is beautiful, handled the whole thing nicely — plenty enough class to be remembered forever but not so much class that the memory of paying for it would leave a bad taste in the mouth. And most of the guests were immediate family and close friends so they were there for all the right reasons. This is important to having a good wedding.

My oldest daughter kept her feet solidly on dry land last weekend, tying the knot with a beautiful young man in the picturesque yard of a friend's historic home near Lincoln, N.M. Being the frugal sort, she did her own flower arrangements, an array of beautiful white and red roses, and family and friends did the cooking.

The other decorations were cour-

tesy of mother nature and she also did quite a nice job, I must say.

Weddings are, however, among my least favorite events as Americans tend to conduct them. They can sometimes become like funerals in which the spending gets influenced by emotion and all common sense gets left in the dust. It's like the size of the price tag is some kind of indication of how much we care.

All too often weddings are wasteful, stressful, cruel and a disaster just waiting to happen. Way too much tension. People get all bent out of shape over non-issues, stressed over things that just don't matter and in general muddy the water around those few moments that should be utter joy between two people.

I like births much better. Babies are soft, cute and they can't talk.

Before and after a wedding, people like to give all kinds of critiques, from simply picky to downright crude, and if the happy couple could hear them all, they would be happy no more. Everybody has an opinion on flowers, on music, on

whether or not "traditions" were kept — never mind whose they are or why they existed in the first place — on why there were only two in the wedding party instead of four, and offer commentary on the color scheme, food and guest list. There's always lots of speculation on why someone showed up — or didn't.

To be a bride you must be either exceptionally brave or exceptionally naive. You have voluntarily made yourself the centerpiece of an already tense occasion, knowing that every single inch of you is going to be scrutinized under a microscope and discussed at length later. No pressure! Better hope no hair slips out of place, no button comes undone, and that your dress doesn't fit too tight or too loose.

But no matter how tenuous things may get during weddings in our culture, there was a recent story out of Africa that makes even the most boorish of behavior I've ever witnessed seem downright loving in comparison.

During a wedding in Harare three

Zimbabwe men crashed the party and abducted the groom, who, incidentally, was their father.

These brave sons were brandishing axes and knives, which they waved around at the guests as they bundled their father off into a waiting car and sped away.

They said their father would be committing bigamy if he went through with the wedding. They said he had been neglecting their mother, his other wife. No kidding?!

Now with the groom so noticeably absent, they couldn't have a wedding, so they did the next best thing. The pastor stood up and said, well, since we're all here, we might as well go ahead and have a church service, enjoy the food and give gifts. The *Sunday Mail* quoted the pastor as saying, "I am going to give my gift and say 'God bless this family.'"

It didn't specify which family he was referring to.

This wedding ended as too many a wedding will after a disagreement with new in-laws.

The bride left in tears.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Texans get property tax relief

Hola, mi gente. This is your friend and public servant coming to you with some good news from Austin. Namely, we just finished the special session with what we consider a great success. It took us a while to get it done — including years of hard work — but we succeeded in lowering property taxes, we reformed the franchise tax and we are on the verge of improving public schools in our great state.

Not only are we improving the schools, but we're making them tougher. For instance, high school students in Texas will be required to

take four years of science and math starting in 2007, and public school curricula has been aligned to improve student performance when they go to college. To improve student scores, we've poured more than \$275 million a year to fund advanced high school programs, including a fourth year of math and science and dropout prevention programs to help keep our kids in school.

But, the best news is that we will be able to provide a \$2,000 state-funded pay increase for teachers, counselors, librarians and nurses. Local school districts may provide even higher increases for teachers with new money under what is being called "local enrichment." This

money is meant to encourage and reward teaching excellence by giving local school districts the ability to create incentive plans to increase teacher performance of those who work in hard-to-staff schools or who teach understaffed subjects. Starting this next school year, a state incentive program will provide \$100 million in incentive payments to high poverty schools to help close achievement gaps.

You could say that this final special session that was called to fix the public school financing system was the cornerstone of our efforts. We managed, in just 30 days to pass a

record property tax cut of more than \$15.6 billion for fiscal years 2007 and 2009. The \$1.50 property tax rate will be cut to \$1.33 per \$100 valuation in 2007 and \$1 per \$100 valuation in 2008. This means that for a home valued at \$150,000, the tax burden will drop from \$2,250 to \$1,500 — an annual savings of \$750. One could say that the success of this special session decreases the property tax burden substantially and raises after-tax income for Texas families, helping increase a family's net worth.

In fixing our public schools, we were also able to fix the broken business tax system. Because the school funding onus falls disproportionately on homeowners and on some employers, the new system eliminates tax loop holes which had been used by businesses for decades to lower their tax burden. This means that all Texas cor-

porations and business partnerships earning more than \$300,000 per year will pay one percent of their profits into our state's coffers.

However, we also increased the small business exemption, which means that all sole business owners of any size and all small businesses earning less than \$300,000 are exempt from business taxes. This doubles the current exemption of \$150,000. Businesses that owe \$1,000 or less are also exempt from filing.

I feel that this is an important and necessary step and it's time that we concluded this morass. Thank you for sticking by me during this difficult time, and rest assured that now we can get on with the order of conducting our business knowing that we have finally fixed our school funding problem — Chente por la gente.



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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Making progress

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day — the annual holiday that honors the men and women who gave their lives for our country. Since military operations began in Iraq and Afghanistan, this holiday has sadly gained more meaning and poignancy for many across the country. Many communities, including El Paso, have lost young soldiers who were serving overseas, and we hold the families of these fallen servicemembers in our hearts.

I am also working in Congress to serve these families, as they have recently been the subject of senseless protests that inspired legislative action. **The Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act**

Organized protests have occurred throughout the United States at the funerals of soldiers killed while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition to verbally abusing military families during their time of need, some protesters have even held signs that read "Thank God for IED's" and "Thank God for Dead Soldiers."

I served as the lead Democratic sponsor of legislation, known as the "Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act" to limit these protests and protect families from such senseless attacks — legislation that just passed the House of Representatives with strong bipartisan support. Along with my colleague Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Michigan) and other members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, we introduced a bill to restrict demonstrations during and 60 minutes prior to and after funerals, and imposing a 500 foot restriction on protests, to ensure that military families can hold dignified funerals for their loved ones, as well as protect our freedom of speech.

I hope the Senate quickly passes the Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act — we must ensure that the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation are able to say goodbye to their loved ones and mourn their loss in peace.

TRICARE

In the fiscal year 2007 budget request, the Administration proposed to increase user fees, drug co-payments and deductibles for military retirees

under age 65 enrolled in the TRICARE health care network. Fortunately, my colleagues and I on the House Armed Services Committee, and in the Congress as a whole, disagreed. It is unconscionable to try to save money on the backs of our nation's veterans. Our final bill reversed each of those proposals, and increased basic military pay by 2.7 percent, which is half a percentage point more than the Administration sought in their budget request.

Especially during a time of war, it is important that Congress support our servicemembers and veterans. We can never fully re-pay a soldier for putting his or her life on the line like many young men and women are doing today in Iraq and Afghanistan, but these benefits and pay increase do help them and their families.

I hope that this attention to our veterans will continue throughout the year, beyond Memorial Day. Some veterans still lack the quality health care, livable wages, retirement benefits or survivor benefits they have earned, and by continuing to fight for our nation's heroes, we will personify the true meaning of this day.



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

A day worth remembering



Freedom. That one simple word defines the United States of America. Freedom makes our nation great and makes Americans' lives the best in the world. But we must never forget that freedom is not free. We owe our freedom to the heroes who died on the beaches of Normandy, Inchon and Okinawa, the jungles of Vietnam, the trenches of France and the deserts of North Africa and the Middle East.

Memorial Day is a special occasion for us to remember these sacrifices, celebrate the privilege of freedom and to say thank you to those whose sacrifices have made our freedom possible.

In 1866, 140 years ago, the first official Memorial Day celebration was held in Waterloo, New York, following the conclusion of the Civil War. Inspired by local observances held in both Northern and Southern towns across America, in 1868, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers, declared that, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance

no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit." Thus, the act of decorating the graves of fallen soldiers from the Civil War, began what was originally known as Decoration Day. However, the name is not the only way the holiday has changed since it began.

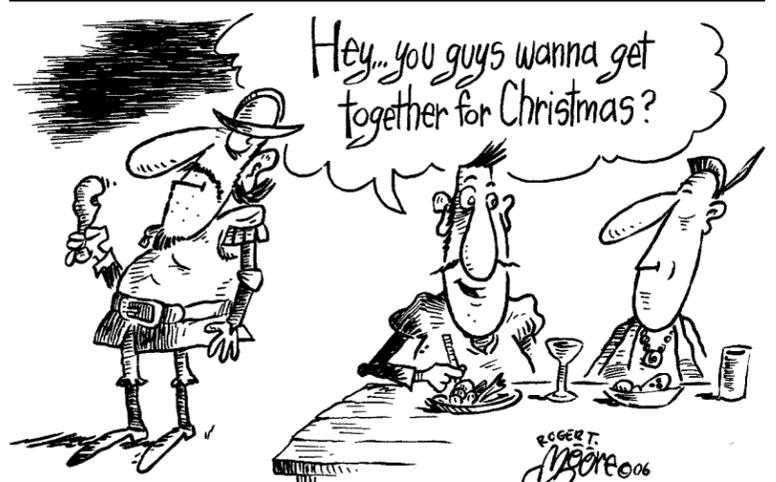
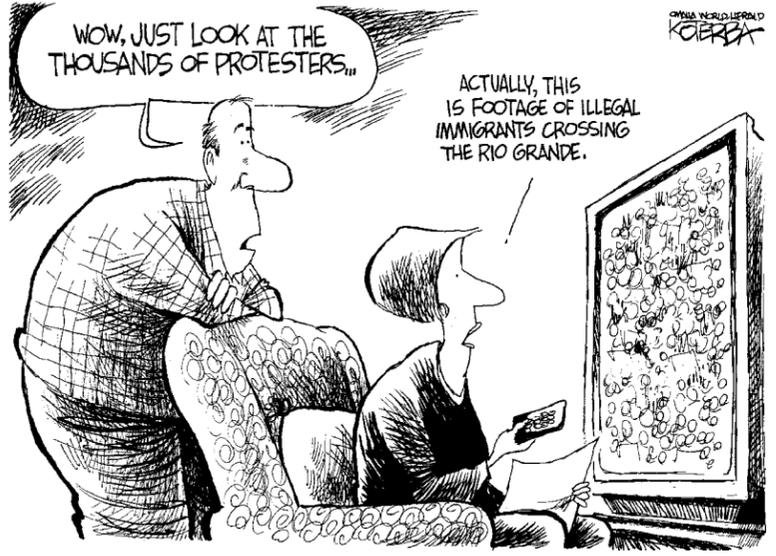
By the end of the 19th Century, Memorial Day was being celebrated in many communities across the U.S. Following World War I, Memorial Day observers began to honor those who had died serving their country in all of America's wars. In 1918, while working at the YMCA Overseas War Secretaries' headquarters, Moina Michaels read John McCrae's poem *In Flanders Fields* in the *Ladies Journal*. She was inspired by the final verse which reads, "To you from failing hands we throw the Torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields."

Michael's vowed to always wear a red poppy in remembrance of those who died serving their nation. Those around her took notice of this small but remarkable gesture and the tradition spread. Her campaign to make the poppy a symbol of tribute and

support for veterans was tremendously successful and was later adopted not only in the U.S., but in England, France, Australia and more than 50 other countries.

Ever since 1948, all available soldiers of the elite 3rd U.S. Infantry, commonly known as The Old Guard, conduct a traditional "Flags-in". This custom involves placing American flags in front of the gravestones and columbarium niches of every service member buried or interned at Arlington Cemetery. The Old Guard patrols the cemetery throughout the Memorial Day weekend to make sure each gravesite remains decorated and honored with a flag. Thousands of Americans gather at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day for a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, an emotional and patriotic ceremony.

This Memorial Day, while you enjoy the long weekend with family and friends, let us remember the reason for this special holiday. Let us show our gratitude not only to those who have lost their lives serving this great country, but also those who are currently serving the United States of America.



Texas Talk By State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh



The great Texas tax shift

The tax proposals passed this special session continue the 10 year pattern in both D.C. and Austin of the "Great Texas Tax Shift," where the wealthiest Texans' taxes are shifted onto the backs of middle and low income families and budgets for key programs like the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), college loans, and public education get cut.

The total tax relief in the Perry Tax Plan to Texans who make less than \$54,000 is zero. In fact, those Texas families will pay \$7 million more in net taxes. For Texans who make more than \$100,000, their taxes are cut a total of \$920 million net.

After 10 years of the Bush era in Texas and six in D.C., we now know the pattern: tax cuts for the wealthy few, budget cuts for you, and deficits as far as we can see. During this era, Grover Norquist Republicans have worked every session to shift taxes from wealth to work, from the rich to the middle class. Norquist is famous for saying "[my] goal is to cut government in half in 25 years, to get it down to the size where we can drown it in the bathtub." What Texans need to know is that our children are in Grover's bathtub.

How does this work? Under Bush

and Perry tax plans, wealthy donors get big tax cuts, middle class families get the price of a tank of gas, then the resulting cuts to budgets destroy programs like CHIP that benefit millions of working Texans.

In 2003, Republicans balanced the state budget on the backs of children by cutting CHIP, Medicaid, and after school programs. As of this April, over 213,000 children have been kicked out of CHIP. Texas already had the highest rate of uninsured children in the U.S. with 21 percent lacking health care coverage — dramatically higher than the national rate of 12 percent.

The result of the tax shift and program cuts is that income has steadily become concentrated in the hands of the wealthy. Texas started the 21st Century with the greatest income inequality in the nation between the richest 20 percent of income earners and the middle 20 percent.

The Texas model has moved to D.C. Just this month, Senate and House Republicans agreed upon and voted out a tax package that overwhelmingly favors the wealthy. To see how much you will save under the new tax cuts, check the chart.

In today's politics of the right, tax cuts are valued over children, and budget cuts are valued over good teachers. After a decade of right wing leaders, Texas ranks 50th among the states for high school graduation rates and 48th in country in SAT scores, and Texas' per-pupil expenditures recently dropped from 35th to 38th in the nation. Despite these obvious failures, tax cuts, not children, come first. If we as a free people do not rise to elect leadership to meet the challenges of educating our children and investing in our future, for the first time in Texas history, we face a tomorrow less prosperous than today.

HOW MUCH WOULD YOU SAVE UNDER THE PLAN?

Income In 2005 Dollars	Average Tax Saving
\$10,000 - 20,000	\$ 2
\$20,000 - 30,000	9
\$30,000 - 40,000	16
\$40,000 - 50,000	46
\$50,000 - 75,000	110
\$75,000 - 100,000	403
\$100,000 - 200,000	1,388
\$200,000 - 500,000	4,499
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This summer the Fabens Independent School District will be participating in the Summer Feeding Service Program (SFSP) through the Health and Human Service Commission. We will be providing a **free breakfast and lunch** to all children age 1 year to age 18. Meals will be served at the **Fabens Middle School Cafeteria**, 800 Walker St. in Fabens, Texas. The program dates will be May 30, 2006 through June 29, 2006, excluding Fridays.

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SEISD announces its Teachers and Employee of the Year

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SANELIZARIO — The stars were twinkling bright on May 18 as the San Elizario ISD announced its Teachers and Employee of the Year during an evening banquet held at the Mission Valley Ballroom.

San Elizario High School's Col. Roy Gray was named the district's Secondary Teacher of the Year for his strong leadership in building a young NJROTC unit that has already garnered several awards in such a short period of time. His cadets are often seen helping out



Col. Roy Gray

in unrelated campus activities, obtaining strong reputations as people who can be counted on no matter what the project.

"I'm humbled, and it's not easy to humble a Marine Colonel," Gray joked. "I didn't expect it and it's a very good thing to have at this point in my career. It proves you can be rewarded if you work hard enough."

L o y a Primary's Miguel Mendez was named Elementary Teacher of the Year for his hard work in molding and shaping kindergarteners for a future of life-long learning and success. From the first day of school, Mendez quickly



Miguel Mendez

assures his students that the classroom is their second home, creating a positive environment that is conducive to learning.

Javier Ramirez is more than just a lead custodian at Alarcón Elementary School, he's a walking mentor. Ramirez has shown that he goes above and beyond his normal job duties by ensuring that students are learning in a safe, clean, and fun environment by utilizing his skills as an artist. He can usually be found giving students tips on how to draw during his lunch breaks, and his work graces every wall in the school's library.



Javier Ramirez

Humanities Institute taps Canutillo Elementary teacher for program

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Roberto Guerrero, fifth grade teacher at Canutillo Elementary School, has been accepted to participate in *Southwest Vistas: the Border in American History* program, a residential teacher institute that will be held, June 11-14, at the UTEP.



R. Guerrero

The institute is designed for teachers interested in exploring U.S. border issues and comparing the histories of the Americas on either side. *Southwest Vistas* will offer participants the opportunity to work with leading scholars of U.S. and Latin American history on TEKS-specific topics, share innovative strategies for teaching with primary sources, and explore El Paso's rich cultural resources as a model for using their own communities in teaching local, state, national, and international history.

The teacher institute is under the auspices of Humanities Texas in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. UTEP is a national leader in the study of Latin American and U.S. Hispanic history, literature, and culture.



— Photo courtesy Anthony ISD

AISD seats new board members

UPPER VALLEY — The Anthony Independent School District (AISD) held its regular board meeting on May 16, canvassing of the votes for the recently elected members of AISD Board of Trustees. The Anthony voters re-elected Angel Cuellar, right, for another three-year term. This is the second term for Cuellar. The newest trustees Heriberto (Beto) Gomez, shown center, and Eduardo "Eddie" Chavez, left, were officially sworn in and seated. AISD Trustees are elected at large.

— Contributed by John R. Carrillo

Tree

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Utilities Ed Archuleta, Chester E. Jordan and members of the El Paso Tree Board, West Texas Urban Forestry Council and Texas Forest Service. The Jane A. Hambric choir also sang the Arbor Day song.

"After visiting Ms. Jameson's art class, she has refined her skill and expanded her passion for art," said Hambric Principal Daniel Gurany. "Alejandra truly represents Hambric pride."



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

A TREE TO REMEMBER — Fifth grader Alejandra Flores, her parents Judith and Ricardo, and Pete Smith of the Texas Forest Service stand by the tree planted at Chester E. Jordan Park, the park next to the school.

Splash

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according to Sylvia Guerrero, a pre-k teacher at the school.

"Our planning group thought that we would do something to incorporate fathers since there was a

Mother's Day program earlier in the month," she said. "We didn't want to exclude them."

Guerrero said that the turnout was great, noting that children whose fathers were not able to make it still had their mother in attendance. The day began at 9 a.m. and lasted until roughly 1:30 p.m. so that different groups could splash in plastic pools

and get on a water slide. And although there was plenty of fun to be had, there was also plenty of safety lessons learned leading up to the day, Guerrero said.

"We taught them how to be safe around bodies of water and what to do in case someone is in trouble in the water," she said. "The first thing they do is to tell an adult."

AISD names Teachers of the Year

By John R. Carrillo
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — The campuses of the Anthony Independent School District (AISD) have named their Teachers of the Year for the 2005-2006 school year. Honored by their peers for their exemplary work are:

- Joe Flores, Anthony Elementary School;
- Suzanne Whitcomb, Anthony Middle School;
- Fernando Viramontes, Anthony

High School.

These teachers have been selected for displaying excellence in classroom education and inspiring their students.

Flores and Viramontes will also represent the district at the regional level in the Elementary and Secondary education categories respectively. The teachers will compete with other instructors chosen from other Region 19 schools.

They will be honored at a formal dinner in August, with keynote speaker to be Texas Commissioner of Education Dr. Shirley J. Neeley.



— Photo courtesy Anthony Rotary Club

Area youth receive educational assist from Anthony Rotary Club

ANTHONY — The Anthony Rotary Club presented its annual scholarship awards to six graduating students from the Anthony, New Mexico/Texas area, on Thursday, May 18, by President Charlie Thompson, at during its regular meeting at Dos Lagos. The students shown are, from left, Elizabeth Nova, Velia Herren, Richard Gonzalez, Stephanie Almaraz, Samuel Mata, and Maxine Ayala. Each recipient was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to pursue their education. These recipients were selected from a field of 40 applicants from Anthony, Canutillo, Gadsden and Santa Teresa. The applications, sent in by school counselors, were screened by a committee of five Rotarians who then proceeded to narrow the field to 20. Those students were then interviewed by the committee and the final selection was made based on factors ranging from but not limited to grades, community service, family financial situation, and their interview. Family members and school counselors were on hand to share in the ceremony. The youngsters aspire to such fields as neurology, criminal justice, journalism, child psychology, physical therapy and engineering. The Anthony Rotary wishes these students the best of luck in their educational endeavors.

Two school districts looking at construction projects

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

EL PASO COUNTY — Here is a roundup of highlights from monthly school board meetings in the San Elizario and Canutillo school districts.

Borrego Elementary School in the San Elizario ISD was recognized at the May 10 board meeting for receiving the Governor's Educator Excellence Award.

Borrego is one of approximately 100 schools statewide to receive the award through a program that entitles the school to a \$60,000 annual grant for three years. According to a summary of the award program, "funds go to campuses that have high percentages of economically disadvantaged students and have demonstrated high levels of student achievement or marked improvement in student performance."

A campus committee voted to disperse 75 percent of first-year funding as a bonus to classroom teachers with 25 percent going to the support staff. Funding for the second and third years goes to provide various incentives to enhance student performance.

Following up on action taken at its April board meeting, trustees approved VEMAC Construction Co. as the construction manager at risk for \$8 mil-

lion in projects at Alarcon Elementary and Garcia-Enriquez Middle schools. Included in the projects are a new cafeteria at Alarcon and a classroom wing at the middle school.

VEMAC was one of six construction companies vying for the job. This is not the first construction manager job for VEMAC in the San Eli school district. The company had recently been the construction manager for the recent library addition to the high school.

In other action, the *West Texas County Courier* was honored by the school district as its Partner of the Month for April. It was recognized "for outstanding contributions towards our educational goals."

In Canutillo ISD, construction of a new elementary school in the school district came up at the board's May 9 meeting. Acquisition of property for the new campus was discussed in closed session only, but no action was taken.

However the trustees approved two "formative" agreements in connection with the new school projects. The first was with Mijares Mora Architects, Inc. for architectural work. The second was with VEMAC Construction as construction manager at risk.

The board also approved Connie Parker as assistant principal for Alderete Middle School.

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Behaving badly goes co-ed: Northwestern loses women's soccer season

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

There's a very disturbing trend making its way through the collegiate sports scene and it doesn't have anything to do with finishing with a winning or losing season record.

It has to do with just finishing the season — period.

They say that when something is done once (no matter how shocking or unusual), it's easier to accept it the second and third time around.

When the Duke lacrosse team had its season cancelled after the alleged sex scandal, America was stunned at both the alleged wrongdoing of the players and the rigid response by the school administration.

Well, it's happened again, only this time — unlike the *Cops* theme song — there were no bad boys, bad boys.

This really was an episode of girls behaving badly.

The Northwestern University women's soccer team had their season cancelled amid allegations of team hazing last week.

And the sleazy photos of their extracurricular activities are all over the internet for everyone to see.

When are these athletes and coaches going

to learn that George Orwell was right, Big Brother is watching — he is always watching. But Orwell was wrong when he thought big brother was the government. It is not.

Big brother is us.

Everyone out there walking the streets with a camera phone is always watching and is just a click away from ruining a reputation.

Of course, if you stay out of stupid predicaments you won't have anything to worry about.

But apparently these girls could not help themselves. It was like *Animal House* without any "Y" chromosomes. There were photos of women in various stages of undress, women with their hands tied behind their back, and alcohol flowing everywhere.

With two institutes of higher learning (and I mean significantly higher learning in Duke and Northwestern) having their seasons taken away, who's next? There are a lot of schools out there that pride themselves as being big time "party schools."

Don't be surprised if more damaging photos turn up that place more college's sports seasons in jeopardy. After all, big brother and big sister are watching, and they're not always using those cell phones for talking.

Who loves Barry

It was interesting to see the reaction to Barry

Bonds' 714th home run last Saturday in Oakland. Of course, this was the home run which tied him with the immortal Babe Ruth.

You can tell a lot about a guy by the way his colleagues react to him. The more a man is respected or admired, the more emotion and jubilation he'll receive from his coworkers or teammates.

And it was rather telling, the reaction to Bonds' big home run. Usually, after a guy hits a monumental home run all his teammates and coaches run onto the field and greet him at home plate and there's a lot of jumping up and down and patting on the head and stuff like that.

After Bonds belted the home run and trotted around the bases there was none of that. The only person to greet him at home plate was the batboy. And the batboy is Barry's son.

Bonds walked to the dugout and calmly sat on the bench without any players congratulating him or hardly even acknowledging him.

It was almost like he had just hit a long lazy fly to the outfield for the last out of the inning.

Forget all the steroids talk and the chances he'll be charged with lying to a grand jury and charged with tax evasion, this was all about a person's character, or lack of it.

Barry's teammates were simply reacting naturally toward a person with very lousy

people skills.

To makes matters worse, the two-faced Bonds — thank goodness he's got a head big enough to support two faces — talked glowingly about Ruth after he tied his career home run mark. This newfound respect was noticeably absent when Bonds tied Willie Mays after hitting number 660.

Bonds was quoted back then as saying, "Because as a left-handed hitter, I wiped him (Ruth) out. That's it," Bonds said last year. "And in the baseball world, Babe Ruth is everything, right? I got his slugging percentage and I'll take his home runs and that's it. Don't talk about him anymore."

Well, I wonder why nobody likes this dope.

I don't think there's anybody left on the planet, aside from his family and agent, who wants this guy to break the great Hank Aaron's record.

Not the fans, not Bud Selig, not Congress, not his teammates and certainly not Aaron.

The saddest thing of all is that it appears that Barry really doesn't get it. It appears that he's really confused as to why people don't like him.

He always says it's racial.

Remember, not a single teammate ran onto the field to congratulate him. Does this mean that all his teammates are white?

UTEP basketball team play with Hurshel Antwine students for charity

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — On one particular Friday, Hurshel Antwine School was all decked out in orange and blue, even though the school colors are black and gold. That's because on May 5, the UTEP Miners men's basketball team was visiting as part of the school's first annual Hoops for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

The UTEP Miners came out to play with the Cougar fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students to help raise money for the hoops vent. UTEP Miners Miguel Ayala, Stefan Jackson, Edgar Moreno, Josh Guterrez, John Tofi and Assistant Coach Custudio played two games — in five-minute quarters — with 82 students in front of a packed Cougar court. Through the charity games, the school raised over \$1,000 for the American Heart Association.

The players were welcomed with screams and cheers as they took the court, high-fiving all the children sitting on courtside waiting to see the Miners play with the Cougars.

"This is wild," said UTEP basketball player Stefan Jackson, reacting to the boisterous crowd.

Hurshel Antwine third grader Brandon Garcia was honored by the Miners with an autographed T-shirt and poster for raising \$144, the most by any individual. The Miners also judged a Hallway Contest among the grade levels.

"It is so wonderful to see kids and teachers get so excited about giving back to the community," said event coordinator Erica Armijo. "And the reaction from the UTEP Miners said it all."

HEARTFELT RECOGNITION — Hurshel Antwine third grader Brandon Garcia was honored by the UTEP Miners with an autographed T-shirt and poster for raising \$144, the most by any individual.



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Time's running out on watches

By Don Flood

OK, before we start this week's column it's very important that we all synchronize our watches.

You can't, can you? You're probably not even wearing a watch.

According to a recent poll — and I didn't even have to make this one up — only 13 percent of teens wear watches.

Just how low is that, you ask? Historically and mathematically speaking, it's less than 14 percent. It's even less than Dick Cheney's poll numbers.

Kids nowadays get the time from their cell phones and iPods. They say they don't need watches.

I'm sorry, but something very important is being lost here, though I'm not sure what that is.

Wearing watches is part of our American heritage. In movies, secret agents on dangerous missions always synchronized their watches.

Before Paul Revere took off on his famous ride — and after checking The Weather Channel to make sure the weather was going to be OK — he and what's-his-face and both their horses all synchronized their watches.

Now what? "Let's synchronize our iPods." It doesn't work, people.

But now onto the news: Airlines are thinking about selling standing-room-only tickets.

Where are these people going to stand? Outside the bathroom? In the aisles?

"Which seat would you like, dear, the window or the armpit?"

According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, a paper long noted for its funny-sounding name, "Passengers in the standing section would propped against a padded backboard, held in place with a harness."

Nothing like traveling in style! So at mealtime, do they strap a

feedbag on you or herd you over to the VIP trough (filled with food leftover from first class).

Just kidding! Airlines don't necessarily serve food any more. Stung by criticism of their lousy meals, airlines began a bold new approach: charging extra for lousy meals.

It's a win-win for everybody, especially with that handy barf bag.

But here are options for those who don't like the SRO plan.

Strapped to wing — Not recommended for long flights, but for the more daring it offers flying from a fun perspective. Downside: No beverage service.

Flight attendant — Program allows you a discounted seat provided you serve as a flight attendant. Upside: You get to fulfill your acting ambitions by finally giving your own version of flight safety speech.

(Bonus example of version *not* to use: "Oh sure, these seats *can* be used as flotation devices, but don't worry about that 'cause we'll all be goners.")

Guest pilot — Similar to flight attendant program, but you get to make folksy comments about the weather or whatever inane topic springs to mind. Downside: Landing the plane.

Me, I'm waiting for the airlines to start selling tickets to the storage compartment.

My wife will check me in with the luggage, and I'll have a peaceful flight with no one snoring.

Plus, I'll have the added fun of riding the luggage conveyor belt until my wife comes to pick me up — which I'm sure she'll do eventually.

But if not, we'll set up a meeting time — using our synchronized watches.

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All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy, having been nominated for the honor by her counselor, Penny Wiseman. She is the daughter of George and Diane Eveler of Clint.

■ Socorro High School has immediate openings for two head coaches: volleyball and softball. Interested candidates should apply online at sisd.net. Interested

candidates may call Principal Oscar Troncoso at 937-2002 for additional information.

■ 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.

■ The El Paso Fire Marshals Office is asking the public for assistance in apprehending the person or persons responsible for setting a fire

on the evening of Tuesday, May 16 at the Studio 6 Motel, located at 11000 Gateway West. Eight units of the El Paso Fire Department responded quickly, declaring the fire a Condition II, and keeping property damage to about \$1,000. The occupants were evacuated safely without injury. The fire originated on the second floor in a storage room and investigators have ruled that it was set intentionally. Anyone with information on this fire or any fire is asked to call the Fire Marshals Office at 566-8477 (TIPS). On Sunday, May 21, at about 9:19 p.m. nine

units with the El Paso Fire Department responded to a structure fire on the 2100 block of Cerrito Alto Lane in the Westside. First units on the scene reported heavy smoke coming from a two-story residence and placed a Condition II on the fire. The fire in an upstairs bedroom was brought under control and total damage was estimated at \$10,000. Investigators conducted an investigation and determined that the fire was caused by an overloaded electrical outlet and ruled the fire as accidental. Fire officials offered these safety tips on electrical safety at home:

- Don't bury electrical cords un-

- der rugs and carpets.
- Don't use extension cords on a permanent basis.
- Frayed, stiff or cracked electrical cords should be replaced.
- Check for warm or hot cover plates over electrical outlets, which could indicate an unsafe wiring condition.
- Be mindful of flickering lights which are most often related to faulty wiring.
- If an electrical product shocks you, stop using it at once and have it inspected and/or repaired by an electrical repair shop. Use could result in an electrocution.

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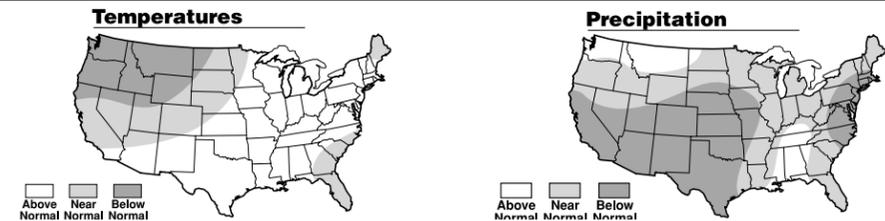
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Plenty of sunshine	Partly cloudy	Plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunshine	Sunny	Sunny
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RealFeel 106°	RealFeel 65°	RealFeel 92° / 65°	RealFeel 89° / 62°	RealFeel 90° / 62°	RealFeel 94° / 65°	RealFeel 97° / 67°	RealFeel 97° / 64°

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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

IN THE SKY



Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	New	First
Thu.	6:03 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	Thu.	4:38 a.m.	6:50 p.m.		
Fri.	6:03 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	Fri.	5:18 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	5/26	6/3
Sat.	6:02 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	Sat.	6:03 a.m.	9:06 p.m.	Full	Last
Sun.	6:02 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	Sun.	6:56 a.m.	10:07 p.m.		
Mon.	6:02 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	Mon.	7:54 a.m.	11:00 p.m.	6/11	6/18
Tues.	6:01 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	Tues.	8:55 a.m.	11:44 p.m.		
Wed.	6:01 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	Wed.	9:56 a.m.	none		

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REGIONAL CITIES

U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W		HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	96	70	s	99	70	pc	96	69	s	96	68	pc	Atlanta	86	65	t	84	65	t	86	68	t	84	65	t
Albuquerque, NM	93	58	s	89	58	s	87	57	s	84	59	s	Boston	72	55	pc	74	55	pc	70	55	pc	77	61	pc
Amarillo, TX	94	60	s	93	61	pc	90	58	s	90	58	s	Chicago	78	59	t	80	56	pc	84	60	pc	86	62	s
Austin, TX	92	69	pc	97	70	pc	96	70	pc	99	71	pc	Denver	79	52	s	82	52	s	83	49	s	79	47	s
Brownsville, TX	93	74	s	93	75	pc	92	76	pc	94	76	pc	Detroit	80	60	t	76	55	pc	80	59	pc	81	61	s
Dodge City, KS	89	58	pc	91	62	t	87	61	t	85	57	s	Houston	92	72	pc	90	70	pc	90	72	t	90	72	t
Jackson, MS	90	69	s	89	67	pc	89	69	t	86	67	t	Indianapolis	83	61	t	82	62	pc	84	62	pc	83	63	s
Laredo, TX	101	74	s	102	75	pc	102	74	pc	103	75	pc	Kansas City	86	61	pc	88	66	pc	84	64	pc	82	63	c
Little Rock, AR	93	68	t	90	69	pc	90	67	s	86	67	pc	Los Angeles	76	60	s	72	60	pc	72	58	pc	74	58	pc
Lubbock, TX	96	64	s	94	64	pc	94	64	pc	92	62	pc	Miami	87	76	t	87	76	pc	88	76	t	88	76	t
Memphis, TN	89	69	t	88	70	pc	90	70	pc	88	67	pc	Minneapolis	78	58	pc	80	62	pc	84	65	pc	81	62	c
Midland, TX	100	68	s	100	68	pc	101	67	s	100	67	pc	New Orleans	90	72	pc	88	72	t	88	72	t	86	72	t
Pueblo, CO	89	50	t	91	51	pc	90	49	s	87	49	s	New York City	75	59	s	77	60	pc	80	60	pc	78	62	pc
Roswell, NM	96	62	s	95	63	pc	93	59	s	93	60	s	Omaha	81	57	pc	88	65	pc	90	66	pc	82	62	s
St. Louis, MO	84	65	t	84	67	pc	88	69	pc	84	66	c	Phoenix	103	78	s	102	74	s	100	73	s	99	72	s
San Antonio, TX	96	72	pc	96	71	pc	96	72	pc	96	72	pc	San Francisco	65	52	pc	64	52	pc	64	52	pc	68	52	pc
Texarkana, AR	90	68	pc	90	69	pc	88	70	pc	87	69	pc	Seattle	61	47	sh	59	47	sh	62	48	sh	63	48	pc
Waco, TX	92	70	pc	96	69	pc	96	70	s	94	69	pc	Washington	82	63	pc	84	63	pc	80	64	pc	82	64	pc
Wichita, KS	91	60	pc	90	65	pc	87	63	pc	85	63	s													

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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