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People in the News



Gonzalez Jumps Into Laredo Mayor's Race

René González announced his resignation as the state, federal and international affairs director of the **Laredo Development Foundation** in order to run for mayor of **Laredo**. *"I am grateful for the opportunity and experiences that the LDF has provided me and feel that it is time that I take all my experience combined with my community involvement and utilize it for a greater role in tomorrow's Laredo"*, **González** said, in a statement.



Ana Yanez Named New Executive Director

Ana Yanez Correa was recently named the Executive Director of the **Texas Criminal Justice Coalition**. Based in **Austin, Texas**, this organization works to promote evidence based solutions in the criminal justice system.

Over the last 25 years, **Texas** has built up the largest prison

systems in the world. According to recent statistics, there are over 150,000 people in state prison and another 80,000 locked up in county jails.

Yanez and her organization believe there are other ways to deal with different types of offenders and is committed to working with public officials in the discovery and implementation of creative solutions.

With a bachelors degree from **Midwestern University** (1997) and a masters degree in public administration (1998) she is currently pursuing a Ph.D in Educational Administration at the **University of Texas at Austin**. For more information about the **Texas Criminal Justice Coalition** visit their website at: www.criminaljusticecoalition.org



Hinojosa Wins Hidalgo County Clerk Job

Laura Hinojosa won the Democratic nomination for **Hidalgo County Clerk** on March 7, 2006 beating **Robert Mendoza** and incumbent **Omar Guerrero**. **Hinojosa** received 35,425 votes compared to **Mendoza's** 4,857 and **Guerrero's** 6,285. *"I'll be there our present District Clerk hasn't. He has been out of the office, out of touch and out of reach!"* was **Hinojosa's** message throughout the campaign.

In taking 76% of the vote, it is clear that the voters knew what she was talking about. **Hinojosa**

graduated from the **University of Texas Pan American** in 1987 and is very active in the **Boys and Girls Club of McAllen**, the **Junior League of McAllen** and a number of education related organizations. She is also a member of **Leadership McAllen** (Class 13).



State Rep. Elvira Reyna Loses in a Squeaker

After six terms in office, state **Rep. Elvira Reyna, R-Mesquite**, lost her bid for re-election to the District 101 seat by just a little more than 60 votes. Her challenger, **Sunnyvale Town Councilman Thomas Latham**, could soon represent the people of **Mesquite** in the state Legislature.

Reyna is said to be contemplating asking for a recount. According to the Secretary of State website the votes in the District 101 Republican Primary race were as follows, **Reyna**, 1,799 to **Latham's** 1,863 (50.87%)

Reyna at first assured her supporters that she had given it her all and that the voters had spoken. But she said calls on Wednesday from her supporters persuaded her to look at her options. Prior to becoming a state representative, **Reyna** had worked in the District office. She received her Associate of Arts degree from **Eastfield College** in 1986 and her bachelors degree from **University of Texas at Arlington** in 1989.



Lupe Castro Sets Sights on Mayors Seat in Lytle, Texas

Lupe Castro is running for mayor of **Lytle, Texas**. This his first bid for public office. **Lytle**, which is just south of **San Antonio** on Interstate 35 has a total population of 2,383 and is home to nine Protestant and two Catholic churches.

Castro says people want a change in his community and he believes it's time to take a big step forward. During a recent visit **Castro** was explaining how the current mayor also serves as the municipal judge and that the price of running a stop sign in **Lytle** is way to high. He says he is going to change that.

Do people know **Lupe Castro**? You bet! In the 1980s he helped spearhead a petition drive that resulted in the ousting of several members of the city council and the mayor. In small Texas towns, political feats such as this one become and remain political lore for years.

Castro grew up in **Lytle** and runs an accounting and tax business. He earned an Associate of Arts degree in 1988. A highly decorated Green Beret, **Castro** served four tours of duty in **Viet Nam** and worked with **Lt. Colonel Oliver North**.

Will the voters turn out on May 13 to elect **Lupe Castro**? He believes they will. *Vamos a ver el dia 13 de mayo.*

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Así lo Miro Yo

¿Para Qué? If somebody I don't know says I have a big nose, pa que me voy a molestar? Qué le importar si tengo big nose o no? Ahora, si alguien me dice que mi fly esta abierto, orale, thank you very much, me volteo, and I'll fix it debilada!

So here is what I am driving at, someone named Horowitz comes out with a book that lists the 100 most dangerous professors in American universities.

And wouldn't you know it, someone took it seriously. It appears that Horowitz has genuinely upset some academics. Horowitz, we are told, has also proposed an Academic Student Bill of Rights, which, if passed, will end academic freedom in the classroom.

Is this guy someone who should be taken seriously? ¿Quien sabe? But do read what Dr. Jose Angel Guterrez has to say about Horowitz and his new book on page 12 of this issue.

CAMBIANDO DE TEMAS

The political season is now in the runoff stage and there are a number of races that

that will not be settled until April. What is particularly interesting about these run-offs is the number of Republican candidates who are running against each other. Igual como los democrats, se estan peleando entre ellos misos about quien es el más conservative and who best represents los values . . . Stayed tuned, esto no se a terminado!

CAMBIANDO DE TEMAS

There are a number of things going on in the month of March. We would like to call your attention to three of the Cesar Chavez marches we know of at this time. One will be on the 25 of March in San Antonio another will be on April 1, in Austin and a third will be in Del Rio, Texas.

On page 13 tenemos el schedule of the Radio KEDA Festival. This is their 40th anniversary birthday party. Alalva! On page 15 nos mando los de Resistencia Book Store en Austin un schedule de muchas cosas que van a tener en the next several days. Si tiene chansa y no estan haciendo nada da la vuelta and check them out.

Editorial

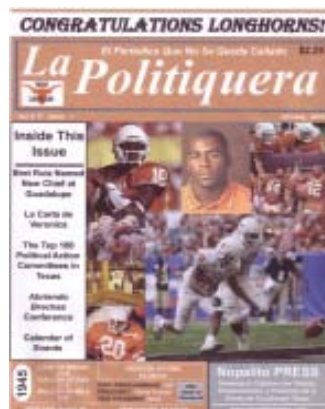


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CAMBIANDO DE TEMAS

In reviewing election returns and trying to decide what to include in this issue of La Politiquera, I began to notice how many candidates used their nick names on the ballot. When you think about it, it makes sense especially if that is how people have known you over the years. On page 16 we bring you a short list of the nick names (sobre nombres) of candidates that caught our eye.

And last but not least, we want to announce, we will be carrying Gustavo Arellano's column (Orange County, California) starting next month called, Ask a Mexican. Aver que les parece. Y si no les parece, pues ni modo!



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Letters to the Editor

Mr. Santos.

Having read your candid comments regarding the removal of my name from the Democratic Primary race for governor, I would like to offer these comments. You are correct when you say that I am a stupid fool. In as much as I would like to prove you wrong, I cannot. Let me explain why you are correct. It was foolish and stupid of me to believe that I could trust the news media to report a more accurate account of what happened. This is a lesson I learned the first election.



Felix Alvarado

It was foolish and stupid of me to not apologize to the countless number of people across the State of Texas who were supporting my candidacy for governor. They include those who stopped me at gas stations; grocery stores; at malls; walking down the street; at restaurants and wished me good luck. I let them down. There is no amount of apologies that I could offer to minimize their disappointment.

It was foolish and stupid of me to not apologize to the thousands of Latino supporters across the State of Texas, who were embarrassed by my act. I let them down. There is no amount of apologies that I could offer to minimize their disappointment. It was foolish and stupid of me because I let my courageous sister, Maria Luisa down on her campaign for Lieutenant Governor. I am certain that no matter how great my pain, hers is greater.

It was foolish and stupid of me to not realize that there were some people that I could not trust. For that, I am solely responsible. In retrospect, it was foolish and stupid of me to not consider the embarrassment and humiliation that would be felt by those who were actively supporting me. Irma, my Campaign Manager; Frank, my communications director; Andres my point of contact in the Metroplex; my old and trusted friends, Jacinto and his lovely wife Elena, and the list goes on. There is no amount of apologies that I could offer to minimize their hurt and disappointment.

To Irma and Frank who bore the brunt of calls from the news media that infamous Thursday night. They showed immense courage under fire. When I spoke to the media that famous Thursday evening I had a chance to offer my apologies to many people across the State of Texas, as you can see, I did not.

This election was not about me. It was about the thousands of Texans who want to have a different choice, someone with no ties to special interests, one who has walked their shoes. When I was a young boy growing up in Texas, the thought of running for governor was not even a dream. I want to make that dream a reality.

Felix Alvarado

Can the NAACP and LULAC make changes together in Texas??

One might assume that the Latino community, currently the largest ethnic minority group in the United States, would be among the most fervent supporters of the African American community, because they often face many of the same issues, such as racism and discrimination. But this is not always the case. The Latino and the African American communities sometimes discriminate against each other in the same ways in which mainstream society discriminates against them.

The Texas branches of the NAACP, in collaboration with the **League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)**, however, have been working to increase cooperation between the two groups. Four years ago, the NAACP and LULAC formed the **Texas NAACP/Texas LULAC Partnership**, to work on not only improving conditions for African Americans and Latinos in America, but also improving the relationship between the two minority groups.

Ana Yanez-Correa, LULAC's Southwest legislative liaison and a Mexican immigrant, has been working with the coalition since its inception. *"The coalition is really strong, it's built on trust,"* says **Yanez-Correa**. *"It's built on the fact that we have a lot more things in common than not in common and the understanding that both communities have got to demand real access to education, real access to health care and the understanding that institutional racism is something that both of us have inherited."*

Gary Bledsoe, president of the Texas State Conference of the NAACP agrees that understanding needs to occur between the two groups. *"In some communities there has been friction,"* **Bledsoe** says. *"There is some commonality in the Latino experience and the African American experience. It's not the same by any stretch of the imagination, but their interests are probably aligned with ours more than any other racial group in the country. We're much more likely to get our just desserts if we work together and not against each other."*

The **Texas NAACP/Texas LULAC Partnership** organizes around common issues, mainly education and criminal justice. The coalition has worked on projects related to Texas redistricting, public school funding, racial profiling and police brutality, among others.

The two groups support each other on issues affecting each group individually. For example, the coalition held a rally on Sept. 17 in **Austin, Texas**, against the "Minutemen," which describes itself as an all-volunteer campaign to secure U.S. borders from immigrants.

But according to **Yanez-Correa**, former **Ku Klux Klan** members comprise the Minutemen group, who use the excuse of immigration to promote racial profiling.

"These men have exchanged their burning crosses and white sheets for guns to harass communities of color, saying that there is an immigration problem," **Yanez-Correa** says. The coalition *"rallied together side-by-side to promote solutions to the immigration problem."*

Both groups are aware that their coalition has given them


more power and political clout.

"Together, politically, we can make advances that on our own, neither group might be able to make successfully,"

the

NAACP's Bledsoe says. *"And if we're able to achieve this level of cooperation, we would hope that we would make for a more just society for all people - Blacks, browns, Whites, everyone, than what we could expect under current circumstances."*





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WALKOUT is the true story of a young, charismatic Mexican American high school teacher, **SAL CASTRO**, who becomes the mentor for a group of high school students in **East Los Angeles** when they decide to stage a peaceful walkout against the injustices of the public school system.

Tired of being treated as second class citizens in their own schools, the high schoolers, along with a group of politicized college students, take their future into their own hands, changing the education system for young Latinos forever.

Set against the background of the civil rights movement of 1968, the year that defined youth protest around the world, this is a story of courage and the fight for justice and personal empowerment.

Sal Castro is one of the few Mexican American teachers at **Lincoln High School**

SAL CASTRO is one of the few Mexican American teachers at **Lincoln High School** in East LA, where the student body is 97% Latino. He is a beloved teacher who inspires his students to believe in their own potential and educates them about the proud history of their heritage.

Paula Crisostomo, a 17 year old college bound senior at Lincoln, is one of the best and brightest of Sal's students. Sal selects her, along with other classmates, to attend the **Chicano Youth Leadership Conference** in **Malibu** and Paula's political transformation

begins. For the first time, **Paula** and hundreds of other Mexican American students learn of their collective history of struggle and, most importantly, learn what it means to be Chicano by reclaiming their dignity. Unbeknownst to her conservative father, **Paula** is already on the road which will lead her to become an instrumental leader of the infamous East Los Angeles walkouts.

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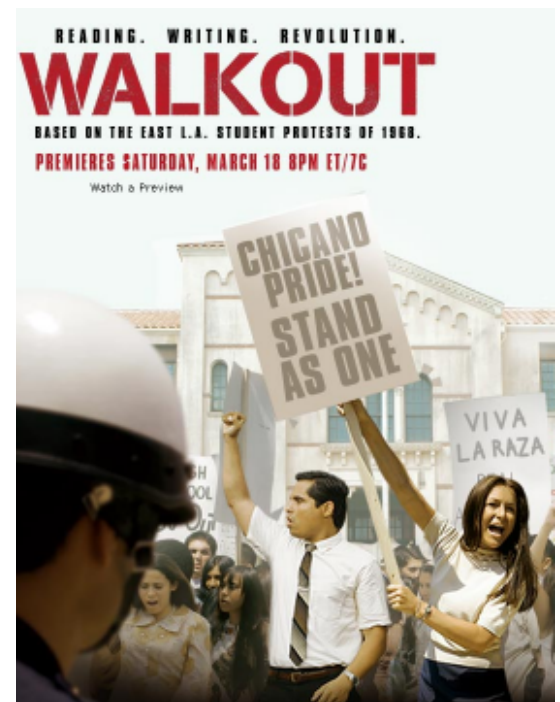
At the conference, **Paula** and the other high school students meet the first generation of Chicanos who are attending college, **David Sanchez**, **Moctesuma Esparza** and **Vicki Castro**, who mentor and inspire them, forming a new Chicano unity. The older students call themselves **Brown Berets** (inspired by the Black Panther movement) and have a passionate political consciousness, in keeping with the spirit of the times.

With the new found inspiration of "Chicano Power", **Paula** and the other student leaders begin their fight to improve the quality of their education. Using student surveys to back up their cause, they outline the substandard conditions of their Eastside schools and create a list of demands. When the demands are ignored by the school's administration and the LA school board, the students decide to take drastic measures.

A student walkout strike in all five Eastside high schools is organized. After **Sal Castro's** warnings school authorities about the seriousness of the students' demands and is ignored, he decides to join the students in their planning. His goal is a safe walkout where no students are harmed.

Outraged by the violence, community leaders and parents come to the aid of their children, who have led the way in the fight for justice.

Led by **Paula**, hundreds of students walk out of class simultaneously at **Lincoln High School** and at **Roosevelt, Garfield, Belmont** and **Wilson**. On the second day, the peaceful event turns ugly at **Roosevelt** when police attack and beat unarmed students as they attempt to leave the school. The walkouts are now a highly publicized cause. Outraged by the violence, community leaders and parents come to the aid of their children, who have led the way in the fight for justice.



United at last, **Sal**, the high school students, their parents and members of the community and the **Brown Berets** occupy the school board meeting room until the board grants a hearing to review the demands of the students at last.

Sal and the **Brown Berets** occupy the school board meeting room until the board grants a hearing to review the demands of the students at last. **Sal** and the **Brown Berets** are later arrested for conspiring to incite the walkouts. They are freed on bail and return to the community as heroes in the struggle for justice. With the help of **Sal** and the **Brown Berets**, **Paula** opens the doors for higher education in East Los Angeles.

Moreno: How Frank Madla lost Uvalde County

SPECIAL from the Rio Grande Guardian

By Steve Taylor

UVALDE - Long-term Uvalde County Commissioner Jesse Moreno remembers the day Carlos Uresti first came looking for the support of community leaders.

The precinct four commissioner remembers it because his response to a remark from Uresti surprised the state Senate District 19 candidate. Uresti, a state representative from San Antonio's South Side, had just announced his candidacy against Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, in the Democratic Party primary and was looking for support in the rural communities.

"I told Carlos that Senator Madla was an incumbent in name only"

Uresti remarked that his name ID was low compared to Madla, who had represented Uvalde, a ranching and agricultural county 80 miles west of San Antonio, in Austin for the past 12 years. Moreno said Uresti was taken aback by his response. *"I told Carlos that Senator Madla was an incumbent in name only and that he and Frank would be starting their race even. I'm not sure he could believe it,"*

Moreno said. *"I have been a county commissioner for 16 years and during that time I had*



Carlos Uresti

never seen Frank Madla in my county. I told Carlos that while the voters would not know he was, they did not know Frank Madla either. I think it reassured him." Last Tuesday, Uresti won a comfortable primary victory over Madla, securing 56.8 percent to the incumbent's 43.1 percent.

The margin of victory surprised political pundits. Many of them felt that while Uresti might surge ahead in Bexar County, the better-known Madla would surely dominate in the other 22, mostly rural, counties. Not so.

Excluding Bexar County, Uresti picked up 53.2 percent across the district,

In Uvalde County, Uresti picked up 1,455 votes, or 59 percent, compared to Madla's 1,011 votes, or 41 percent. A similar story occurred in many of the other rural counties. Excluding Bexar County, Uresti picked up 53.2 percent across the district, compared to Madla's 46.7 percent.

Moreno said he realized Uresti did not have much in the way of campaign funds at that first



Frank Madla

meeting. For this reason, he said, he offered to pay for lunch. *"I thought that was the least I could do as he had come all this way to meet us,"* Moreno explained. *"I liked him right away. We all did. He spoke our language."*

Soon after that first meeting, Moreno became Uresti's campaign coordinator.

Soon after that first meeting, Moreno became Uresti's campaign coordinator in Uvalde County. But not before he had checked out the candidate's credentials. *"I contacted a friend of mine in San Antonio who knows the political scene and he said great things about him,"* Moreno said. Moreno wanted to know if he was the only community leader in Uvalde County who did not know Madla.

At a community event he asked for a show of hands. *"I'm not jiving with you. Nine out of ten could not name their state senator,"* Moreno said. *"That's pretty sad."* Moreno said Madla had two things going against him as the race heated up.

One was a water fight a few years back when Madla supported the construction of a five-foot diameter pipeline to

take Edwards Aquifer water from western Uvalde County to San Antonio. That was not popular in the county. The other was CHIP and Madla's role in the cuts the legislature made to the popular children's health insurance program back in 2003.

Throughout the campaign, Madla made a point of saying that while he voted to bring CHIP legislation to the floor of the Senate, 'to move the process along,' he voted against the cuts when the bill came back from the House. Moreno said that did not wash with most Uvalde County voters. *"We had received input and fliers about CHIP from our state representative Pete Gallego (D-Alpine) over the years. We knew about the cuts,"* Moreno said. *"We also learned that Frank Madla had the chance to kill the legislation before it got to the Senate floor. He was the swing vote and he voted against the interests of this district."* In the old days, Moreno said, Uvalde County voters would not have known about the nuance of such votes.

In the Internet age, however, voters had more opportunity to seek out the facts. *"We owe a lot to Juan Sanchez and La Voz, our biweekly, alternative, newspaper,"* Moreno said. *"Juan deals in the nitty gritty and he found out from the Internet how Senator Madla had voted."* The other newspaper that helped sway things Uresti's way, Moreno explained, was the San Antonio Express-News, which can be purchased in the city of Uvalde. *"The Express-News told us Senator Madla was going through money like crazy,"* Moreno said, referring to a story about the veteran senator spending \$1.7 million in campaign funds over the past three years.

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On the night of the election **Malda** criticized the *Express-News*' coverage of the race. **Moreno** said **Madla's** campaign strategy left a lot to be desired. He said that while he and four or five friends organized a grassroots effort for **Uresti**, **Madla** invested a lot of money in full-page newspaper ads, radio spots and yard signs. *"The trouble is, signs don't vote," Moreno* said. *"Frank had people working for his campaign who ended up voting for Carlos. They were in it for the money. There were 15 polling places and each one had five Madla supporters getting \$50 a day. None of us were getting paid. It was quite a contrast."*

"We simply had the best candidate. Carlos had the experience, the leadership, he's a former Marine, he was an easy sell,"

Moreno said another factor in **Uresti's** victory was the qualifications of the candidates. *"We simply had the best candidate. Carlos had the experience, the leadership, he's a former Marine, he was an easy sell," Moreno* said. "It also helped to have **Senator (Eliot) Shapleigh (D-El Paso)** visit us a number of times.

"He explained how things worked in the Senate and how Frank Madla was the best friend the Republicans had in Austin." Moreno says the lopsidedness of the campaign, with one side well funded and the other running on enthusiasm, made for a lot of fun. He remembers one occasion when his good friend **Gallego**, who had endorsed **Madla**, came to town for an event for the veteran senator. *"I joked with Pete, when did Frank let you out of the trunk," Moreno* said, referring to a remark **Madla** had made to lobbyists about leaving the Democratic Party in his trunk when he got to Austin.

Moreno said he hoped and believed **Uresti** would learn from **Madla's** mistakes in **Uvalde County**. *"We're self-reliant out here and we don't cry out for our senator every day. But, when we do call, we expect our senator to respond."* **Sanchez**, owner and publisher of the bilingual *La Voz*, agreed with **Moreno** that **Madla's** biggest mistake was in taking the voters of **Uvalde County** for granted. *"He was our remote control senator. He wasn't here," Sanchez* said. *"We heard about all those campaign contributions but what did they do for us. They were of no benefit to us."* **Sanchez** said that along with the water pipeline issue, **Madla** also suffered from being associated with Republicans. Although a Democrat, **Madla** had won the backing and financial help of a number of GOP senators. His pitch to voters was that he could work with both sides. **Sanchez** said that did not register. *"There's a backlash against Republicans this year, both nationally and statewide. That undermined Frank," Sanchez* said.

Table # 1
Election Results for Texas Senate District 19

County	Frank Madla (I)	Carlos I. Uresti	Total Votes	Total Precincts
ALL COUNTIES	18,330	24,199	42,529	324
Early	9,369	11,231	20,600	
BANDERA	53	140	193	11
Early	24	58	82	
BEXAR	5,674	9,790	15,464	125
Early	2,828	4,481	7,309	
BREWSTER	454	289	743	9
Early	222	111	333	
CROCKETT	616	371	987	5
Early	338	200	538	
CULBERSON	323	297	620	6
Early	46	41	87	
EDWARDS	151	82	233	6
Early	74	42	116	
EL PASO	824	857	1,681	7
Early	377	439	816	
HUDSPETH	304	210	514	6
Early	97	58	155	
JEFF DAVIS	372	149	521	6
Early	191	54	245	
KINNEY	424	551	975	5
Early	195	264	459	
LOVING	25	17	42	5
Early	17	6	23	
MAVERICK	2,206	3,950	6,156	15
Early	1,072	1,768	2,840	
MEDINA	271	443	714	24
Early	94	139	233	
PECOS	1,467	1,168	2,635	10
Early	874	668	1,542	
PRESIDIO	790	658	1,448	8
Early	515	372	887	
REAL	16	22	38	4
Early	3	1	4	
REEVES	891	1,270	2,161	12
Early	571	686	1,257	
SUTTON	189	162	351	7
Early	76	73	149	
TERRELL	245	164	409	5
Early	186	104	290	
UVALDE	1,011	1,455	2,466	15
Early	494	619	1,113	
VAL VERDE	899	1,225	2,124	18
Early	426	615	1,041	
WARD	1,029	844	1,873	9
Early	593	399	992	
WINKLER	96	85	181	6
Early	56	33	89	

Source: Texas Secretary of State

Law School Preparation Program Nominated for Aguila Award

—LSPI recognized for promoting successes among Hispanic community—

UTEP's Law School Preparation (LSPI) Institute is one of only three finalists in the state for the 2006 Texas Aguila Award in Education. The **LSPI**, along with **St. Edwards University's College Assistance Migrant Program** and **Incarnate Word's Presa Community Education and Technology Center**, have been recognized for their efforts to create role models within the Texas Hispanic community.

The recognition is part of the **Aguila Awards Foundation**, an annual awards program established in 2004 by **Ron and Roxana Estrada** of **Austin** to highlight Hispanic success stories in various categories, including education, entertainment, sports and business. Nominees must be headquartered in Texas, or, in the case of individuals, be born or have lived in **Texas** for a minimum of one year.

Each year the foundation recognizes the nominees at the **Texas Aguila Awards Gala** in *Austin* and introduces emerging leaders and talent to the public. This year's gala will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 at the **Four Seasons Hotel** in **Austin**.

The winners are chosen by a "People's Choice" style awards format. Thousands of votes are received from across the state via the Internet at www.AguilaAwards.com and the winners are announced at the gala. The deadline to submit votes for this year's gala is April 3. Tickets for the gala go on sale March 1.



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Southwest Vistas: The Border in American History

The story of United States history generally advances westward from the establishment of the original British colonies. But the Spanish colonial experience also shaped our history, just as its legacy continues to influence American life and culture. How does our understanding of U.S. history and Texas history expand when seen through the broader perspective of the western hemisphere? How does the U.S.-Mexico border, where cultures meet, represent a key to our past as well as our future?

In June 2006, Humanities Texas will partner with the **University of Houston** and the **University of Texas at El Paso** to hold *Southwest Vistas: The Border in American History*, a pair of residential teacher institutes in **Houston** and **El Paso**. Designed for teachers of US history, **Texas** history, and world history, the institutes will explore the U.S.-Mexico border, comparing the histories of the Americas on either side.

Benefits

Southwest Vistas will offer teachers the opportunity to: work with leading scholars of US and Latin American history on TEKS-specific topics, share innovative strategies for teaching with primary sources, explore Houston's and El Paso's rich cultural resources as a model for using their own communities in teaching local, state, national, and even international history. Participating teachers will receive a \$300 stipend and continuing professional development credit in addition to a travel allowance, housing, and most meals.

Schedule

Each day will feature engaging lectures as well as dynamic, interdisciplinary seminars exploring US, Texas, and Latin American history. Seminars will be centered on the use and interpretation of primary sources and aligned with the TEKS for Social Studies. Topics include the indigenous peoples of the Americas, the era of European colonization, immigration history, the arts in British and Latin America, and the development of border culture.

How to apply

Teachers are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as priority consideration will be given to applications received by **April 15, 2006**. Applications are available at www.humanitiestexas.org.

Sponsors

As the state partner of the **National Endowment for the Humanities**, Humanities Texas supports public programs that provide opportunities for people to deepen their understanding of ideas, values, and human experience. The **University of Houston** and the **University of Texas at El Paso** are national leaders in the study of Latin American and US Hispanic history, literature, and culture. *Southwest Vistas* is made possible in part by a grant from the **National Endowment for the Humanities We the People** initiative.

Please direct questions regarding *Southwest Vistas* to:

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Cuellar Returns to Congress Ciro Returns to Consulting

Well, it's over. ¡Se acabó! **Henry Cuellar** will be returning as the **United States Congressman** for the 28th District. **Ciro Rodriguez** will be returning to his consulting business **Rio Strategy Group LLC**. And **Victor Morales**? ¿Pos quien sabe? While it is a well known fact that he has been courted by the **Republican Party**, thus far he has refused to switch parties.

In the **Cuellar/Rodriguez** camps it was expected that each would carry their strong holds. **Cuellar's** being **Laredo** and **Rodriguez's** being **San Antonio**. As the table on the right shows, both candidates did in fact pull over 10,000 votes from "their" area.

While **Rodriguez** did congratulate **Henry Cuellar** and said there was no ill will, he did go on to remind the Congressman about how he should define political representation and what it means to be a Democrat.

A check of **Henry Cuellar's** campaign website did show any statements about his second victory over **Ciro Rodriguez**.

Table # 1

Votes Cast by County and Year in the 28th Congressional District

COUNTY	CUELLAR			RODRIGUEZ		
	2004	2006	Change	2004	2006	Change
Atascosa	1,146	1,149	+3	1,948	901	-1,047
Bexar	2,737	2,936	+199	10,824	10,522	-202
Comal	252	79	-173	664	141	-523
Frio	1,720	1,426	-294	2,014	958	-1,056
Guadalupe	587	553	-34	1,573	927	-646
Hays	400	470	+73	725	808	+83
La Salle	1,112	661	-451	833	325	-508
McMullen	71	288	+217	47	52	+5
Webb	12,894	12,341	-553	2,431	1,475	-956
Wilson	1,376	1,198	-178	2,534	1,503	-1,031
Zapata	2,356	2,521	+165	855	510	-345
	24,651	23,622	-1,029	24,448	18,222	-6,226

Source: Texas Secretary of State, Election Division



Dr. Jose Angel Gutierrez says he will not change course over accusations

David Horowitz's *The Professors: The 101 Most Dangerous Academics in America* serves as evidence for his initiative to rid classrooms of particular persons.

I am one of the professors labeled dangerous in his book.

Horowitz has proposed the Academic Student Bill of Rights, which, if passed, will end academic freedom in the classroom.

Students would be within their rights to file grievances and possibly remove a professor found objectionable because of a lecture, a textbook, an assignment, an opinion or course content. Professors seeking to keep their jobs will pander to student whims and petulance.

I am labeled dangerous for comments made and taken out of context in 1968. I was 24 years old and fighting discrimination against Chicanos, U.S.-born persons of Mexican ancestry, in Texas and the nation. The situation has improved somewhat, but I still have much to do and will continue in the same fashion as in the past.

What was said at a 1968 press conference was public speech, not a classroom lecture.

I proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1976 and held public office for which I took an oath to uphold the laws of this country and state. I'm a licensed attorney in good standing with the local state bar and have acted as judge on two occasions. I've received above-average ratings by students for the past 14 years at UTA, and I am being considered for induction to the UTA Academy of Distinguished Teachers.

I have been and hope to continue as an energetic, passionate and engaging teacher. I love teaching, researching and writing more than being an attorney.

More Americans watched the Academy Awards on Sunday than voted in the primary election Tuesday. We are a state and nation at risk — I am not the dangerous one. I promote civic engagement and involvement.

Corporate greed, paranoia, siege mentality, fear and gross violations of civil liberties have taken over our nation and state. Our national and state-elected officials lie regularly about major issues. These same leaders pretend they live in a place that only whites can enjoy and occupy.

The civil rights we fought for are now weapons of whites claiming reverse racism. Being pro-Chicano doesn't mean anti-white, anti-black, anti-Asian, anti-women or anti-gay. Patriots make our country and state better, not drag it back to the dark ages of segregation, police brutality, discrimination, gerrymandering and racism.

I will not be made an illegal alien in my homeland or a dangerous radical for the defense of my ethnic community.

My classroom has been and will continue to be a low-risk environment for students to disagree with the course content or myself. I will continue to bring books, assignments and lectures on topics not usually covered by others. I will remain outspoken and require students to engage in civic and political work. I will talk about all those who have been oppressed and discriminated against because of white privilege.

My students do not have to agree with or like me or even understand my perspectives and opinions. If my advocacy, activism and defense of the underprivileged, particularly those with a Spanish surname, cost me my job, I will fight back.

My students will be richer for my experiences, knowledge, perspectives and vision for a better U.S. It is people like me that change the world. It is people like Horowitz who want a return to authoritarianism, racism and white privilege and who wish to silence my voice. Liberals often hide when events take an ugly turn. I don't. David Horowitz should be invited to debate me on his accusations, his legislative agenda and the need for a liberal education. The U.S. has never been nor will it ever be a white nation; others like me have been here before there was a Texas or a U.S.

My voice will be heard. — Jose Angel Gutierrez is a political science professor



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You're invited to hear how the City Council Candidates will address issues and concerns of the East Austin community. A community forum will be held **Thursday, March 30, 2006** at the **Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center - 808 Nile Street, from 5:30PM – 8:00 PM.**

City Council Candidates:

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Calendar March 2006

Friday, March 17 - Red Salmon Arts presents **Cafe Libro**, a bi-monthly open mike series, featuring **Erika González**. Born on the border of Eagle Pass, TX and Piedras Negras Coahuila, MX, **Erika** is a 26 year old Xicana. She is Co-Director of PODER (People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources). **Erika** is also a flautist, a poet, and a certified elementary school teacher. We invite poet/artistas to come share/enjoy the cantos & cuentos of emerging & established writers/musicians. **Hosted by Carole Metellus. 7pm**

Saturday, March 18 - Red Salmon Arts & Strangewurd Records presents **Stranger Klick**, homegrown hip-hop from Austin's South & Eastside. Come out & support/hear local hip-hop performed by up & coming homeboys/Chicanitos who mix the hip hop form with local flavor. *The first time ever live performance on Resistencia's patio! Free!*

Stranger Klick will perform two sets: **2pm - 4pm** & **6pm - 8pm**.

Thursday, March 23 - Red Salmon Arts presents **Ritmos En Resistencia: Una Noche of Musica y Poesia de Lucha y Liberacion**. Come join us for a night of music and poetry featuring the cumbia/reggae/funk machine **Bombasta** (San Antonio), seven-piece band fusing Musica Latina, Reggae, Hip Hop, and Funk into a raw and fresh mezcla of beats, rhymes and horn lines. Also presenting one of the forerunners in the "new cumbia revolution" **Amistad** (Dallas-Fort Worth), adding a unique flavor to cumbia beats influenced by the sounds of Reggae, Rock, Rap, Vallenato, and a touch of turn table mixing and scratching. **8pm - 1am**.

Proceeds will support Red Salmon Arts, a nonprofit arts organization with a 23 year history. It is dedicated to the retrieval of peoples' literary histories and the development of emerging young writers/readers/artists. **\$7 dollar requested donation.**

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Nick Names of Candidates Who Ran in the 2006 Primaries in the Great State of Texas

COUNTY	POSITION SEEKING	NAME AS IT APPEARED ON BALLOT	ELECTION OUTCOME
Bexar	Precinct Chair	Armando "Rocky" Aranda	Won
Brewster	County Commissioner Pct. 4	Matilde "Wacky" Pallanez	Won
Cameron	Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Pl. 2	Refugio "Cookie" Covarrubias	Run Off
Cameron	Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Pl. 2	Mariano "Bean" Ayala	Run Off
Cameron	Justice of the Peace Pct. 4	Rolando "Manguera" Muñiz	Won
El Paso	State Representative # 79	Jerry "Thumper" Kelly	Lost
Frio	County Judge	Carlos 'Chale' Garcia	Won
Gillespie	Commissioner Precinct 4	John 'Corky' Thompson	Lost
Hidalgo	State Representative Dist. 36	Ismael "Kino" Flores	Won
Hidalgo	State Representative Dist. 39	Armando "Mando" Martinez	Won
Hidalgo	County Commissioner Pct 2	Hector "Tito" Palacios	Won
Maverick	County Judge	Frank "Tank" Alfaro, Jr.	Lost
Maverick	Justice of the Peace Pct. 1	Gustavo "Tavo" De La Cerda	Lost
Maverick	Constable Pct. 1	Eluterio "Lute" Rodriguez	Lost
Nueces	Justice of the Peace Pct 1 Pl. 3	Epifanio "Eppy" Farias	Lost
Nueces	Precinct Chairman Pct. 13	Ruben B. "Pato" Figueroa	Won
Real	County Commissioner Pct.	"Chicken" Earl Langley	Lost
Uvalde	Justice of the Peace Pct. 4	Rodrigo "Yoye" Martinez	Won
Webb	District Clerk	Manuel "Meme" Gutierrez	Outcome not known. They are having a lot of problems with counting ballots in Webb County. ¿Como Vez?
Webb	County Treasurer	Adolfo "Popo" Gonzalez	
Webb	County Commissioner Pct. 2	Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina	
Webb	Precinct Chair 404	Isabel "Manzana" Jasso	
Zavala	Justice of the Peace Pct 1	Anselmo "Nene" Sanchez	Lost