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NEWSBRIEFS

Way to walk

It happens every Wednesday while school is in session — parents and students of the Eastside’s Benito Martinez Elementary School walk to the campus or around its playground in the early hours of the morning. The “Walking Wednesdays” program, which starts at 7 a.m., according to Physical Education Coach Rosa Babb, has improved both the health of students and parents. The program began about four weeks ago as part of the school’s Coordinated Approach to Children’s Health, or C.A.T.C.H. program to encourage physical activity. “We usually have 40 to 50 parents and students, that’s about 20 families that participate on a given Wednesday,” Babb says. “We have a big traveling trophy that goes to the class with the greatest number of participating parents.” Babb says there is strong competition currently between the classes of Lynn Hardiman and Rochelle Stark for possession of the trophy. For more information, call Babb, 937-8000.

Patriotic donation

About 10,000 copies of the book “Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty” have been donated to the State of Texas and will be given to every school district in the state, according to Gov. Rick Perry. Joining the governor at the announcement were Medal of Honor recipients Mike Thornton, Bob O’Malley and David McNerney. Thornton was a Navy SEAL wounded while rescuing two comrades during an intense gun battle with more than 50 enemy soldiers. O’Malley is the first living Marine from the Vietnam War to receive the Medal of Honor; he single-handedly eliminated an enemy stronghold and then helped his men evacuate. McNerney was an Army sergeant wounded after he assumed command of his company when his commander was killed in action; he then destroyed an enemy machine gun position and cleared a helicopter landing zone so his wounded friends could be evacuated. Ross Perot, donated the books to the state; the American Association of Publishers has agreed to pay for shipping costs and the Resolve Corp. will coordinate the distribution of the books with the Texas Education Agency. The book was written by Peter Collier.

In other news

■ The Migrant Workers Farm Shelter will be the site of an early Thanksgiving — on Nov. 13 members of the Lobo Student Council from Mountain View High School will deliver turkeys and canned goods to the workers residing there. The cans were collected during Homecoming week when candidates for the Homecoming court were required to collect 25 cans to qualify. The Lobo Student Council purchased the turkeys.

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Be strong enough to control your anger instead of letting it control you.
— Quips & Quotes

Montwood senior stretches to ‘Reach’ award

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Montwood High School senior Kristen Breton has been named the high school division winner of the El Paso YWCA-Paso del Norte Region’s “REACH” Award for 2004.

“REACH” is short for “Recognizing Women of Achievement” and the awards are bestowed annually upon El Paso women in various professional and business categories. Breton received the award during a luncheon and ceremony Nov. 9.

“It was really neat because I was standing in this room full of incredible women, businesswomen, names I recognized from the paper, names everybody knows. Here I am standing up there with these incredible, talented and gifted women who are so successful in everything they do — that was just such an honor.”

Breton says she’s led an active life during her four high school years, and thinks that’s one thing that impressed the REACH judges.

“I guess they were impressed by my resume from debate, golf, Student Council, National Honor Society, Emerald Players theater, and

I’m the first youth board member of the American Red Cross and I was recently elected board secretary.”

Breton says she’s learned by example to manage her schedule. “I originally went to a private school. It was one of those things where you’re expected to do something, and there is

no ‘Option B,’ there is no ‘I’m not going to turn this in.’ That was something that helped build a foundation for me. My parents have always expected me to do my best, whether the grade is a 100 or an 86, and I’ve learned to expect that from myself, too.”

Breton says Montwood High School has prepared her well for a career in law.

“There’s so much to take advantage of, so many resources. The thing I’m realizing right now, as a senior getting ready to go away to college, is that this was four years of free education. Free education, here’s your lesson; here, have some knowledge. Altogether, in the end, it’s worth it — even if I had to pay for my high school education, I’d find a way to do it. I want to learn something new every day.”



Kristen Breton

Canutillo elementary principal appointed to Educational Technology Advisory Committee

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Hector Giron, principal at Canutillo Elementary School, received confirmation of his recent appointment to the Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC) from the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

The Canutillo Independent School District Board of Trustees recognized Giron for his appointment and honored him with a plaque during the regular monthly November meeting.

“Committee members are education experts who represent some of the most current and enlightened thinking in educational technology in Texas,” stated Anita Givens, Director of Educational Technology at TEA.

ETAC’s function is to work in an advisory

capacity to provide districts with leadership for the effective integration of technology across the curriculum. It will bring collective information from across the state and nation to assist in the identification of the needs and future direction of educational technology.

“I feel greatly honored to have this opportunity to serve on this committee because of the tremendous opportunity that this provides for impacting technology utilization and integration in a very significant and powerful manner for all students in the state,” said Giron, who will serve on the committee for two years.

The ETAC committee is charged with writing a new Long Range Plan for Technology that will extend to 2020. This requires all participants in the committee to extend themselves in order to



Hector Giron

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Eichorn named top educator

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Socorro ISD’s Sherry Eichorn, principal of Bill Sybert School, is Region 19’s Regular Educator of the Year, sponsored by the Texas Council of Administrators in Special Education. She will now go on to the state competition scheduled for January, 2005.

“During my 10 years as a school administrator, I have always tried to extend the same services, benefits and privileges to Special Education kids as regular education kids. For example, at Bill Sybert School, Special Education kids completely run the school store and our safety patrol. There isn’t an activity they can’t be included in.”

According to Eichorn, that opportunity to excel extends to academics.

Eichorn opened the Bill Sybert campus two years ago. “During spring, 2004, our Special Education kids achieved a 94 percent mastery rate on their State Developed Alternative Assessment, or SDAA. up from 76 percent the year before. That’s progress!” The SDAA is Special Education’s equivalent to the state’s Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS, exams.

Socorro’s Director of Special Education, Susan Kelch, nominated



Sherry Eichorn

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Free testing offered for well water in Upper and Lower Valleys

By Maru Barua
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Do you utilize water from a private well in your home? If so, when was the last time you had it checked for contaminants that could be harmful to your health?

Texas Cooperative Extension will be screening residents’ well water for Nitrates, Fecal Coliform and Salinity for free.

Nitrates are one of the most common contaminants in drinking water and are also a

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North-south section of Horizon’s Eastlake to get new name

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — The stretch of Eastlake Drive that runs north and south and intersects Horizon Blvd. will be renamed Kenazo, a move the Horizon City Council hopes will alleviate confusion for emergency personnel.

Several months ago the proposal to council was made by John Dixon, Director of Public Works. Dixon said that Emergency Medical Service personnel find Eastlake Blvd. very confusing due to an offshoot named Landis Curlee. He said it would simplify their locating process if the section that is currently named Landis Curlee be changed to Eastlake, and the north-south section of Eastlake be renamed.

On Nov. 9, at the regularly scheduled council meeting, Dixon informed council he had sent letters to everyone who would be affected by the renaming, for suggestions on a name for the section. He said he received only two responses — one suggested naming the section in question to Ronald Reagan Blvd.; the other response was to name that section Kenazo, which would be a continuation of Kenazo St. from the other side of Horizon Blvd.

Dixon recommended council rename the north-south section of Eastlake to Kenazo St. and council approved the recommendation. It is unclear as to when the name change will occur, but it will take place in the near future.

In other business, council approved an ordinance adopting the International Residential Code as the official building code for residential buildings in the Town of Horizon City. A copy of the ordinance may be obtained at City Hall.

Council also approved the route for the annual Christmas Parade to take place on Dec. 11, 2004.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Do it for me

For those of us who grew up hearing about how our space-age future would be a brave new world filled with labor-saving devices and leisure time, the future is now.

I don't know about you, but I'm not feeling very rested or leisurely.

I never was too hyped up on the idea of a life that required no effort on my part. Now I'm *really* not hyped up on all the so-called conveniences that simply leave me confused, frustrated and jumpy.

Take your modern-day public restroom, for instance. The places are anything but restful. You never know if the door is just a regular old door you open yourself or if it is going to move on its own when you get close to it.

You can also waste valuable mile-eating minutes trying to figure out if the water spigot where you are attempting to wash your hands is the kind where you wave your hands around under the faucet until you disrupt some kind of magical laser beam that makes the water come out. Once you find it, you can't afford to move your hand much while you wash it, or else the thing will shut off on you.

I have sometimes drawn odd glances from my fellow women as I wave my hands back and forth under the spigot waiting for the magic to happen until I realize it isn't equipped to work that way.

I admit the magic-beam kind is preferable to the ones where you have to hold down the button on the top of the spigot to get a micro-second's worth of water, so you can't get both hands under there at the same time.

The same goes for hand dryers. If we weren't such a trashy society, we could just go back to plain old paper towels instead of those find-the-magic-beam blowers. The newest thing, though, is this dispenser that is automated to dispense an exact amount of paper towel each time you put your hands under there and activate the magic. Only problem is, it's so much fun to do, once you figure it out, that most immature persons — including but not limited to children — will stand there and work the thing several times, thereby effectively eliminating any cost savings.

Then there are the automatic potty flushers, which have almost caused me to stampede through the stall door on more than one occasion before I realized it

was technology and not some tiny little bathroom attendant working the flush lever for me.

Meanwhile, there's the telephone answering machine that has tons of options on it besides just taking a message for me. Most of them I don't want and will never use, but you can bet I paid for the "advanced technology." You can now even buy a refrigerator equipped with an internet access amusement center, I hear.

But talk about "features," just try driving a new automobile.

The newest cars and trucks are so full of convenience options they are virtually inoperable without a college degree in modern advancements. I can remember back when there weren't many buttons on the dash, and the only one labeled said in neat little letters: "heater." Now each of the gazillion buttons lighting up the control panels do so many things there's not enough room for labels, but sometimes they try with a whole series of incomprehensible little symbols no one knows what mean.

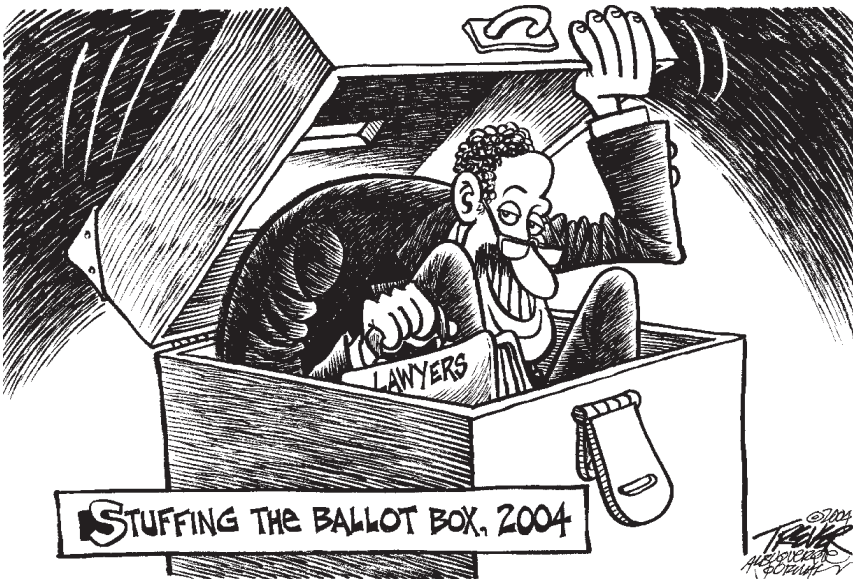
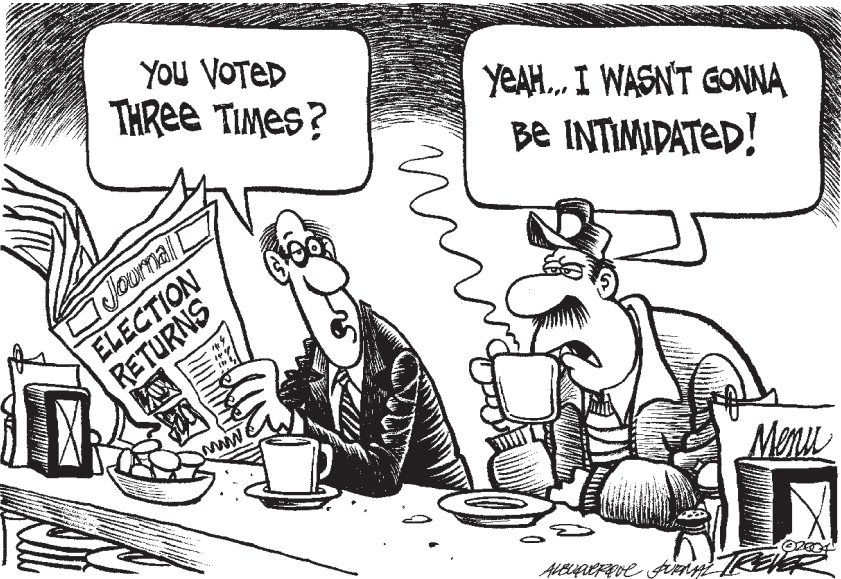
You punch a button once for this, twice for that, and three times for still another thing, most of which you never even thought of, let alone figured you needed.

Aside from tush-warmer in your seat, you can also have an electronic key which recognizes which driver is approaching the car so it can automatically reset the seat and mirrors, and a GPS (global positioning system) that tells you, via a conveniently located computer monitor, exactly where you are and how to get to your appointed destination anywhere in the world — and we're not even going to attempt to talk about all the amusement features like televisions, DVD players, and surround sound for the stereo to enrich our travel experience.

I'm not one to look down on modern conveniences, really, except it seems like they are all designed to quit working the second the warranty runs out, and, of course, they didn't make spare parts to fix last year's version of techno-heaven.

So, unless you are willing to descend ever further into a hopeless spiral of debt to obtain the latest, greatest and newest, you're likely going to be stuck with a car you can't roll the windows up or down on, a water faucet that won't give water, and a potty that won't flush.

I think I'd rather just do it myself.



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Por la Gente

By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Funding education remains burning question for legislature

Hola, mi gente — I can already tell that our next Legislative session, which begins in January, 2005, is going to be a contentious one. As we begin the new session, we've got to come up with ideas not only on how to fund public education, but to increase this most important of all our programs.

As you may know, a state district judge ruled two months ago that our system for funding education is neither equitable nor adequate. Now we face a deadline of Oct. 1, 2005 to approve a system that will not only maintain our schools as they are now, but will also increase the amount allotted to public education. If we don't, our schools face the threat of being shut down.

The bad news is that El Paso citizens do not support new taxes to help us out of this morass. In an El Paso Times/KVIA-ABC 7 poll, respondents said they would not support additional taxes to fix our problem. Shockingly, they won't support new taxes even if it means that their property taxes could be lowered.

So, the question remains — what do we do now? Our Texas schools — including those in El Paso — have already reached the tax cap, which means we can't generate money in that direction. To add insult to injury, the Robin Hood system — which forced rich school districts to share the wealth with our poorer schools — has been outlawed, and it won't be utilized as it has been in years past.

The problem remains of what to do now that we can no longer rely on Robin Hood. Actually, our choices are very limited. Some of the suggestions are that we increase the sales tax rate; that we expand the sales tax to services currently not taxed; that we create a new business tax on each full time employee; and that we replace school property taxes with a personal income tax.

This leaves us with the burning question of how do we fund our educational system in Texas, if tax payers won't help us out — let me rephrase that — they do want to help us out, but they don't know what would be a better funding mechanism. Actually, they're waiting for our leadership, our guidance.

So, do we create a personal income tax as is being proposed by Eliot Shapleigh, our Texas State Senator? Do we allow our small businesses to help us out with this problem? What would Texas citizens prefer as the best way to fund public education?

As long as voters don't understand all the ramifications, it's going to be difficult to find a solution to our problem. What do you think? As constituents, which way should we go with this dilemma? Food for thought, and help us come up with a solution. Until then, I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.

Let’s talking turkey: Buying, safety, cooking and leftovers

Whether you buy a fresh or frozen turkey, proper cooking and handling of the bird will ensure a delicious holiday meal. Here are some tips from the National Turkey Federation:

- Purchase one pound of turkey per person to be served. This formula allows for the holiday meal plus a little left over for the prized turkey sandwich.
- Ensure that the packaging is intact and avoid purchasing a bird with packaging that has rips or tears.
- Save on supermarket specials by purchasing more than one turkey. A whole frozen turkey may be stored in your freezer for up to 12 months.
- Select the size of turkey based on number of servings needed. There is no appreciable difference between female (hen) and male (Tom) turkeys in tenderness, white/dark meat ratio or other eating qualities. Hens typically weigh between 14 to 16 pounds and toms 15 pounds on up, so choose the size which best fits the number of dinner guests you expect.
- Select alternative turkey cuts if you are having a small gathering for the holiday. Other turkey products that are readily available include a turkey breast, tenderloins, cutlets, drumsticks or thighs. Or ask your butcher to cut a whole fresh bird in two halves, roast one half and freeze the other half for a later occasion.

Frozen Turkey:

- Purchase during special value sales and store the bird in the freezer until the thawing time begins.
- Store at 0 degrees F or below.
- Thaw under refrigeration, in cold water, or in the microwave:

- **Refrigeration:** Allow approximately 24 hours per five pounds to thaw in the refrigerator.
- **Cold Water:** Allow approximately 30 minutes per pound to thaw in cold water, which is changed every 30 minutes. Do not use warm or hot water and be sure to change the water every 30 minutes.
- **Microwave:** Follow the microwave manufacturer’s directions and begin to roast the turkey immediately

following the microwave process.

Fresh Turkey:

- Store at 26 degrees F and above.
- Purchase for convenience because thawing is not required. Cost may be slightly higher due to special handling required by the store.
- Order in advance to be assured of availability.
- Place fresh raw poultry in a refrigerator that maintains 40 degrees F and use it within the time frame on the package label, or freeze the poultry at 0 degrees F.

Hard Chilled/Previously Hard Chilled Turkey:

- Stored at temperatures between 0 and 26 degrees F. In late 1997, new regulations created a separate category for turkeys in this temperature range, which had previously been labeled fresh. Cooks should treat this bird with the same care as a fresh bird and recognize this product has a shorter shelf life than a frozen product.

Cooking a Safe Turkey

The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers these food handling tips to help cooks prepare turkeys that won’t cause sickness. By following these four steps, Thanksgiving dinner can be both delicious and safe.

Clean it: Wash hands with hot, soapy water before and after handling poultry. Thoroughly clean all cutting boards, work surfaces and utensils that come in contact with poultry.

Separate it: Keep poultry away from food that won’t be cooked. Never place cooked food on an unwashed plate that previously held raw poultry.

Cook it: Use a food thermometer to ensure that the turkey has been cooked to a temperature that’s high enough to destroy bacteria. The temperature inside a whole turkey should reach 180 degrees F between the breast and the innermost part of the thigh. The turkey breast temperature should reach 170 F in the thickest part of the breast. Turkey thighs and wings should reach 180 F in the thickest part of the meat. Stuffing,

cooked alone or in the bird, should reach 165 F in the center.

Chill it: Refrigerate or freeze leftovers within two hours to keep food-borne bacteria from growing.

Deep-Fried Turkey Is Quick and Delicious

Looking for a new way to cook Tom Turkey for Thanksgiving? Consider deep-frying; it’ll cook a lot faster than traditional roasting, and the meat is delicious.

You’ll need a 40- or 60-quart pot with basket, burner and propane gas tank, a candy thermometer to measure oil temperature and a meat thermometer to determine the doneness of the turkey. For added safety, have a fire extinguisher and pot holders nearby.

Place fryer on level dirt or grassy area. Never fry a turkey indoors, in a garage or in any other structure attached to a building. Avoid frying on wood decks, which could catch fire, and concrete, which can be stained by the oil.

Smaller turkeys, 8 to 10 pounds, and turkey parts such as breast, wings and thighs are best for frying. You’ll need approximately 5 gallons of oil; more for larger turkeys. Turkey can be injected with a marinade, coated with breading (such as Shake ‘n Bake) or seasoned with a rub before cooking. Approximately 1 cup of marinade is needed for an 8- to 10-pound turkey, two-thirds injected in the breast and one-third in the rest of the turkey.

To determine the correct amount of oil, place the turkey in the basket and place in the pot. Add water until it reaches 1 to 2 inches above the turkey. Remove the turkey and note the water level, using a ruler to measure the distance from the top of the pot to the surface of the water. Pour out the water and dry the pot thoroughly. Be sure to measure for oil before breading or marinating the turkey.

- Heat the oil to 350 degrees F. Depending on the amount of oil used,

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Counting our blessings on this Thanksgiving

Each year on the fourth Thursday of November, families and friends across America gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving. This holiday gives us the chance to reflect on the many blessings we possess as citizens of this strong and wealthy nation.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving 2004, and face our new challenges in America, it’s important to give thanks for the many blessings we share as Americans.

We should give thanks for living in a free country ruled by the people. It’s easy to forget how fortunate we are to be a democracy. But the recent War on Terrorism has brought us new reason to reflect. The people of Afghanistan formerly did not have the opportunity to elect their leaders. The Taliban leadership took over the government of Afghanistan and ruled by nothing short of a dictatorship. Let us be thankful we live in a democracy where we enjoy the freedoms of religion, speech, the press and the right to assemble.

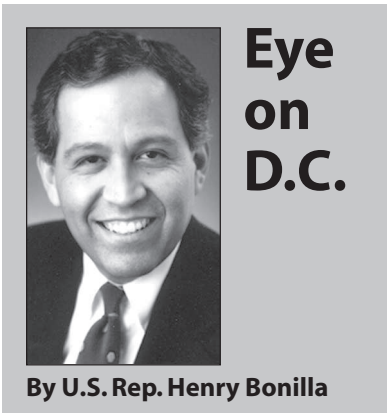
Another simple blessing that is often overlooked is America’s free, prosperous economy. Unlike any other nation, America’s spirit of individualism and independence has

produced the world’s top economy. From the very first families who struggled to farm this country’s rich soil to today’s high-tech entrepreneurs, the pioneer spirit has propelled our nation to the forefront of discovery and exploration.

Finally, we should give thanks for the thousands of men and women who protect us on a daily basis — the firefighters who protect our homes and places of business; the police officers who look over our family and friends; and of course, the men and women of the armed services, who dutifully watch over our nation. Each of these groups does their part to keep our nation safe from harm’s way. We would not be the nation of the free, if we were not also the home of the brave.

As our nation faces the War on Terrorism, now more than ever, we are thankful for the blessings our nation has provided each of us. I hope that on this Thanksgiving day, as family and friends gather around the table, each of you will say a special thanks for the amazing blessings of our nation.

God bless each of you and may God continue to bless America. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.





Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Diabetes awareness critical to health

Here in El Paso, it is estimated that 80,000 people suffer from Type 2 diabetes. Given this staggering statistic, we should all take time this month, National Diabetes Awareness Month, to educate ourselves about this disease known as the “Silent Killer.”

Type 2 diabetes is commonly called “adult-onset diabetes.” It accounts for about 90 to 95-percent of all diagnosed diabetes cases and is associated with older age, obesity, family history of diabetes, physical inactivity, and race or ethnicity. While Type 2 diabetes was once seen exclusively in adults, it is now increasingly being diagnosed in children, largely as a result of poor eating habits and today’s more sedentary lifestyle.

The El Paso Diabetes Association has estimated that 17-percent of El Paso’s elementary children and 22-percent of our middle school children are overweight. Coupled with the fact

that Hispanics are 1.5 times more likely than non-Hispanics to suffer from diabetes, the majority of El Pasoans need to be increasingly careful to safeguard ourselves and our children against this disease.

In addition to promoting the detection of diabetes during National Diabetes Awareness Month, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ National Diabetes Education Program, the American Diabetes Association and the American College of Cardiology are urging diabetes patients to learn how to reduce their risk of cardiovascular disease, which kills two out of three people with diabetes. Recent reports indicate that people with diabetes are not meeting recommended goals for controlling blood glucose (sugar), blood pressure and cholesterol levels, which puts one at extremely high risk for heart disease and stroke, the leading causes of death for people with diabetes.

As members of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus, my colleagues and I have introduced several bills in Congress to help prevent, treat, and find a cure for this serious disease.

One of these bills, the Diabetes Prevention Access and Care Act, specially focuses on addressing the diabetes rate among minorities. This bill would examine the clinical, environmental, socioeconomic, and cultural factors that may contribute to high levels of diabetes in minority populations and would provide money for the U.S.-Mexico Border Diabetes Project — a collaboration between U.S. and Mexican health agencies and organizations — for physical fitness programs and mental health services for minority diabetics. The bill also includes funding for new educational programs to increase the number of minority health care professionals.

Here in El Paso, only half of the 80,000 people that suffer from diabetes are aware they have it — greatly exacerbating the risks and incidence of related diseases associated with diabetes. This month, we should all make an effort to educate ourselves about the disease and improve our health. Together, we can improve El Paso’s diabetes statistics, our community’s health and our future.

★ COMING SOON ★

Horizon
Laundry Mat

(Across the street from AutoZone on Horizon Blvd.)

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger T. Moore, Nov.19,1911:A Wright flyer lands in Midland. John Pliska and Gray Coggin took notes and later made the first plane built in Texas.



Clint ISD student to sing at Sun Bowl

CLINT — Nadine Garcia, a junior at Clint High School in Clint ISD, was selected by the Sun Bowl



Nadine Garcia Association to sing the National Anthem at several of the associations events this December. Nadine will be singing the National Anthem for the Championship game of The State Farm Sun Bowl Basketball Tournament, The Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and The Rotary Sun Bowl Team Luncheon. She was chosen from among 45 other contestants who auditioned for three judges in late October. She is a member of the Clint High School Marching Band and the National Honor Society. Nadine hopes to study in New York after graduation to pursue a singing career.

— Contributed by Laura Cade

Giron

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conceive of what education will look like 15 years from now, and requires participants to act and think like futurists.

“The long range plan is a challenging and exciting opportunity because it requires us to get out of the box and create new possibilities. I am very excited that the committee is looking at what education will look like in 2020 and then conceiving or creating the vision of how technology will serve as a powerful tool that is part and parcel of every day life,” said Giron.

Eichorn

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Eichorn for the honor.

“Ms. Eichorn consistently encourages students to participate in the regular testing programs offered by the school, and encourages students with disabilities to participate in general education whenever possible.”

Bill Sybert School, located at 11530 Edgemere Boulevard, is a pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade campus.

Turkey

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this usually takes between 45 minutes and 1 hour.

- Do not stuff turkeys for deep frying.
- Once the oil has come to temperature, place the turkey in the basket and slowly lower into the pot. For safety reasons, it is best to have two people lowering and raising the turkey.

• Whole turkeys require approximately 3 minutes per pound to cook. Remove turkey and check internal temperature with meat thermometer. The temperature should reach 170 degrees F in the breast and 180 degrees F in the thigh.

- Never leave the hot oil unattended, and don’t allow children or pets near the cooking area.

• Allow the oil to cool completely before disposing of or storing.

• Immediately wash hands, utensils, equipment and surfaces that have come in contact with raw turkey.

• Turkey should be consumed immediately and leftovers stored in the refrigerator within 2 hours of cooking.

Turkey Roasting Timetable

Roast the turkey until temperature reaches 170 degrees F in the breast and 180 degrees F in the thigh. Cooking times are for planning purposes

only — always use a meat thermometer to determine doneness.

Approximate Timetable for Roasting a Turkey (325 degrees F):

Unstuffed Turkey

• 8 to 12 pounds	2 3/4 to 3 hours
• 12 to 14 pounds	3 to 3 3/4 hours
• 14 to 18 pounds	3 3/4 to 4 1/4 hours
• 18 to 20 pounds	4 1/4 to 4 1/2 hours
• 20 to 24 pounds	4 1/2 to 5 hours
• 24 to 30 pounds	5 to 5 1/4 hours

Stuffed Turkey

• 8 to 12 pounds	3 to 3 1/2 hours
• 12 to 14 pounds	3 1/2 to 4 hours
• 14 to 18 pounds	4 to 4 1/4 hours
• 18 to 20 pounds	4 1/4 to 4 3/4 hours
• 20 to 24 pounds	4 3/4 to 5 1/4 hours
• 24 to 30 pounds	5 1/4 to 6 1/4 hours

LEFTOVERS

Turkey Soup

Ingredients:

- 5 cups Rich Turkey Stock*
- 3 stalks celery, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 large potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 2 carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 onion, quartered
- 1 cup uncooked noodles
- 2 cups cooked turkey, cubed

In 5-quart saucepan, combine first 5 ingredients. Over high heat, bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for one hour. Stir in noodles and turkey meat. Simmer until noodles are done and meat is heated thoroughly.

*Rich Turkey Stock:

- 2 pounds bony turkey pieces (back, neck and wings)
- 6 cups water
- 3 stalks celery with leaves, coarsely chopped
- 2 medium carrots, coarsely chopped
- 1 large onion, cut in chunks
- 3 whole cloves
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 to 10 cloves garlic (adjust amount used to taste), peeled
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper

1. In a 5 qt. saucepan or Dutch oven, combine all ingredients. Over high heat, bring mixture to a boil. Skim foam from surface. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 1 hour or until turkey pieces are tender.

2. Lift out turkey pieces with a slotted spoon. Strain stock through a sieve lined with 1 or 2 layers of cheesecloth. Discard vegetables. Skim off fat. Use a metal spoon to ladle the fat off the top, or chill stock and remove solidified fat layer that forms.

3. When turkey is cool enough to handle, remove meat from bones. Discard skin and bones. Reserve meat for future use. Stock may be used at once or stored in a closed container in the refrigerator 1 to 2 days; or stored in freezer up to 6 months.

NOTE: A leftover turkey carcass may be substituted for turkey pieces.

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Farmer signs letter of intent with University of Houston

EL PASO COUNTY — Volleyball has been Justine Farmer’s way of life for most of the past four years and her spikes and returns on the volleyball courts of Americas High School paid off. The senior Trailblazer signed a letter of intent to enroll at the University of Houston on a full athletic scholarship, which will cover tuition, books, and room and meals.

Farmer, flanked by her parents Diana and Jeff Farmer, was congratulated by her teammates during a ceremony in the Americas High School library. Because of strict recruiting rules, no University of Houston officials were present. “They’re only allowed to call her once a week,” says Diana Farmer. “They’re not even allowed to be here,” adding that Houston will call Farmer later this week to let her know how much the scholarship is worth.

Farmer says the scholarship is one more step on her way to a degree in

kinesiology, the science of human motion and muscular movement.

But she says volleyball isn’t the best thing that’s happened to her at Americas High School. Instead, she says it was “COSMOS — taking all these college-level classes, preparing me for all I’m going to do over there.” COSMOS is the acronym for “Curriculum Opportunities for Science and Math Oriented Students,” a program that prepares math and science students for college studies.

Americas volleyball coach Alicia

AUTOGRAPH — Justine Farmer signs on with the University of Houston as her father looks over her shoulder.



above the net. She’s all over the court. for a ball — a lot of energy. It definitely sets her apart.”

Jr. Olympics runners try to qualify for nationals this weekend at Chamizal

The Region 10 Cross Country Championship will be held this weekend at the Chamizal National Memorial, showcasing the youth of El Paso County against the youth of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, to qualify participants for the national championship.

More than 3,000 athletes are expected to journey to the 2004 USAF Junior Olympic Cross Country National Championships, Dec. 1, at Busse Woods - Cook County Forest Preserve, Schaumburg, Illinois, northwest of Chicago, in pursuit of Junior Olympic gold.

USATF’s Junior Olympic cross country program is made up of preliminary meets in many of USATF’s 57 local Associations, which lead to their Association Championships, and then to 16 Regional Championships. Thousands participate, and the group narrows to the “best of the best” at the National Championships each December.

Individual national champions will be named in 10 age divisions. This year’s competition will also feature a new high school division for both boys and girls. Team champions will be crowned in all 12 divisions.

Many years ago, cross country was an Olympic sport. It was contested as a “team” event at the 1904, 1912, 1920 and 1924 Summer Games, and as an individual event at the 1912, 1920 and 1924 Games. That spirit is still very prevalent in the sport of cross country today — and it is perhaps most prevalent among the young athletes who compete in the USATF Junior Olympic program.

Testing

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leading indicator of other possible contaminants. High nitrate levels in groundwater have been linked to “blue baby” syndrome.

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To take advantage of this free program, go to any of the four drop-off locations to get your water sampling bag and instructions on taking clean samples. Drop-off locations, dates and time are as follow:

Date	Location / Address	Time
Nov. 17	Rogelio Sanchez Complex / Fabens	8:00 am - 11:00 am
Nov. 18	Canutillo High School / 7311 Bosque Rd.	8:00 am - 11:00 am
Nov. 18	Canutillo ISD Admin. / 7965 Artcraft Rd.	8:00 am - 11:00 am

Make a point to bring in a clean water sample for testing.

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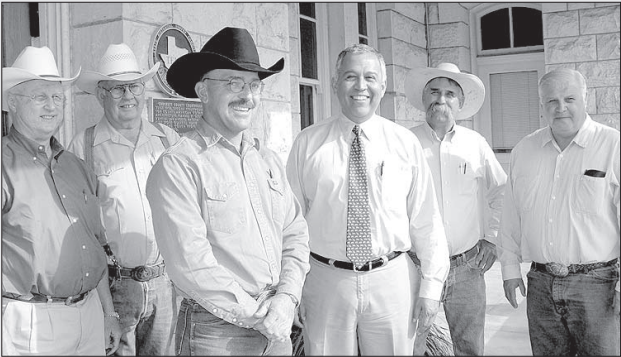
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"You have to admire their honesty."

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

That kind of game has been the standard for over three decades.

Even on those few occasions when the Miners would play well and hang in the game for four quarters they always found a way to lose it at the very end. But because they hung in there, we would go home satisfied with a moral victory.

The better team — always UTEP's opponent — would find a way to win it at the end. That's what good teams do.

said afterwards that he asked his teammates to put him down, that this win was a *team* win and not due to any individual.

Rodriguez added, "If I could carry my whole team up on my shoulders, I would."

That's the kind of team spirit and attitude coach Price has instilled in these players. The same players who put together two only wins in each of the last three seasons.

At 7-2, the Miners have two games left in the regular season before finding out what bowl

I guess this is what a successful program is all about.

First it was Shoeless Joe Jackson, then Pete Rose. Don't be surprised if you-know-who is the next candidate for the Hall of Shame.

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Briefs

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■ Childress Elementary School, in Canutillo Independent School District, held its Fifth Annual Veterans Day ceremony to honor local area veterans. About 25 veterans of the various branches of the U.S. Military Services participated in the ceremony. Fourth through sixth grade students performed a medley of patriotic songs under the direction of Ralph Saenz, Childress ES music teacher. Canutillo High School NJROTC Color Guard performed the honorary presentation of the American and Texas flags. Principal Annette Brigham introduced each participating veteran by name and branch of service and invited the special guests to breakfast in the school cafeteria after the ceremony.

■ Socorro ISD's Elfida P. Chavez Elementary School is planning A special holiday program for Dec. 17. The 7 p.m. performance of the cantata "Around the World at Christmas Time" will be sung by the school's second, third and fourth graders, performing in the school's cafeteria. "These students auditioned for this performance as part of the after-

school program," says program instructor Gail Ann Escontrias, "so it's not all the second, third and fourth grade students." There is no admission charge for the performance. For more information, call the campus, 937-8300.

■ The third annual Socorro High School Christmas Fair has become so big that it is now a two-day fair, scheduled for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 10 and continuing at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 11. Admission to the fair is one can of food per person, which will go to needy Socorro residents. Vendor tables are available for \$10 each. For more information, or to reserve a table, call the Socorro High School Student Activities Office, 937-2134.

■ Gov. Rick Perry has announced the appointment of Buddy Garcia of Austin as assistant secretary of state. In that capacity, Garcia will be responsible for border affairs and international protocol as well as elections, business filings and daily operations of the Secretary of State's Office.

■ Students of Americas High School will move and groove to the lip-synched music of Usher, Leslie Gore, Brittany Spears, Justin Timberlake, Jane's Addiction and others during the school's sixth

annual "Woodsock" community performances. The shows are planned for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 17, and again at 2:45 p.m. Nov. 23 and will be staged in the Blazer Gym. The students hope to raise \$4,000 to buy shoes and socks for 300 needy children during the Christmas holidays. Admission is \$2 for students, \$3 for adults. For more information, call the Americas High School Student Council Office, 937-2832.

Socorro ISD's Paso del Norte School is planning a Winter Festival. The time is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the date is Dec. 3. The festival will be staged at the campus, 12300 Tierra Este Drive. Rented booths are available for \$15 each. For information, call 937-6201.

■ Over 280 Texas golf courses have teamed up with the American Cancer Society's 2005 Texas Golf Pass to help raise money to fight cancer in Texas, in time for the holidays. For a \$35 contribution, it provides golfers over 761 rounds of golf at 289 Texas courses. The Texas Golf Pass can be ordered by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.texasgolfpass.com. The web site has a search feature to identify participating courses — credit cards are accepted.

Know the truth about acid reflux

By Don Flood

I didn't intend to turn this into a music column but — doggone it — I have to go wherever the news leads me, which in this case is Ashlee Simpson's esophagus.

Not literally of course, but Simpson's esophagus is Ground Zero for the Case of Acid Reflux That Rocked the Music World.

Simpson, not heretofore noted for her talents as a ventriloquist, seemingly performed the incredible stunt of singing with her mouth closed on a recent "Saturday Night Live."

At first she blamed the band for her unintentional outing as a lip-syncher (the drummer apparently pushed the button for the wrong song), but then Dad came to the rescue, offering the real reason: His daughter has a throat of brass!

Just kidding, Pops! He blamed it on Acid Reflux, a deadly disease — *and this is something the medical establishment has kept hidden from us* — that can, if left untreated, result in chronic lip-synching.

Despite the fiasco, Ashlee is considering her next career move, perhaps as spokeswoman for Tums or Roloids, or if she really plays her cards right, for Nexium, The Little Purple Pill.

Or she could form the world's first sister lip-synching act with her famous sister Jessica.

(To be fair, Jessica is more than just another pop tart whose only talent appears to be showing off her belly button. Indeed, Jessica, a more rounded performer, combines two major talents: her chest and an uncanny ability to sound as if she has the intelligence of laundry lint.)

Newswoman Katie Couric pounced on the story, landing an interview in which Ashlee said *three times* how much she loved her drummer, ending with this

heartfelt exchange (actual transcript):

Simpson: I love my drummer to death.

Couric: Well, we love him too. Thanks for coming in.

From this we learn two things: 1) Ashlee loves, I mean absolutely *adores* her drummer, and 2) the poor, doomed idiot is awaiting a one-way ticket to Loser Land.

We also learned, amazingly enough, that Katie Couric loves this drummer too, though there had been no previous mention of the two of them being an item.

I mean, everybody loves this guy! He's probably the luckiest, most lovable drummer of all time! If only he knew which of two buttons to press he might even still have a job! (Don't they teach them anything in Drumming School anymore?)

But of course all you want to know is: Where will Acid Reflux Lip-Synching Syndrome strike next?

Unfortunately, you may already be a victim. In public, do you lip-sync to "The Star-Spangled Banner," desperately hoping no one will notice?

If so, doctors recommend you *immediately* make an appointment with Ashlee's dad, so he can start making excuses for you.

Also, while Ashlee Simpson's performance may be the latest disaster, experts say that many well-known catastrophes are believed to have been caused by acid reflux, including:

- The crash of the Hindenburg.
- "Gigli."
- The 2004 New York Yankees.
- My senior Homecoming dance — which, come to think of it, is enough to make me grab for a Tums.

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I filed for social security retirement benefits in calendar year 2003 but I continued to work. During the interview I was asked for a figure of my expected earnings for 2003. My wife is also eligible to receive benefits on my record. I recently received a notice that I was overpaid \$421 in benefits and my wife was overpaid \$320 dollars. The estimate that I provided was as close as I could get at time I filed for benefits but I did receive a small bonus that put over the projected figure. I am now limited in

income and cannot afford to pay this money back. What can I do?

A: When a person files for social security benefits and they are still under full retirement age, expected earnings play a big role in number of monthly payments they can receive. It is very important that individuals take all factors into consideration when arriving at a projected figure. In situations in which individuals are overpaid for the first time and the amount overpaid is \$500 or

less and a liable person request a waiver, the Social Security Act allows the administration to waive (forgive) the overpayment of benefits because it would impede the efficient administration of the Act. Contact your local social security office and request waiver of the overpayment.

Q: I am planning to retire at age 62 and apply for my Social Security benefits then. But I'm worried that I might become bored, or need more money than I have budgeted for. What if I change my mind and decide to return to work full time? Am I locked

into my decision to take a reduced Social Security benefit?

A: No, you would not be locked into that decision. Under Social Security, for every \$2 you earn over an annual earnings limit (\$11,640 in 2004), we withhold \$1 from any benefits you are due. But if your earnings are high enough to prevent you from getting any benefits, we will simply stop your Social Security checks until you retire the "second time around." Or, if you are still working when you reach "full retirement age," you can resume your benefits then because the earnings limitation no longer ap-









plies. Also, when your benefits resume, they will be recalculated so you are not penalized with an "early retirement reduction" for those months after age 62 when you did not receive benefits because of your work income.

For more information visit your local Security office, see www.ssa.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Partly sunny.	Some clouds.	Sunshine and patchy clouds.	Partly sunny.	Mostly sunny.	Clouds and sun.	Mostly sunny.	A good deal of sunshine.
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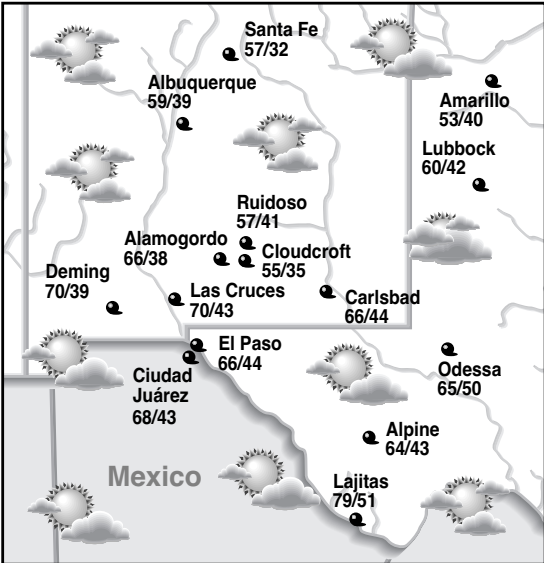
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Thursday	4	Low
Friday	5	Moderate
Saturday	4	Low
Sunday	5	Moderate
Monday	3	Low
Tuesday	5	Moderate
Wednesday	5	Moderate

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	70	44
Canutillo	69	44
Clint	68	44
E. Montana	66	44
Fabens	67	44
Horizon	69	44
San Elizario	70	41
Socorro	65	43
Tornillo	72	44
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Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.



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Atlanta	67/50/s	67/52/pc	62/50/t	62/47/r	57/38/r
Atlantic City	60/40/pc	58/38/s	57/40/pc	57/40/r	58/31/r
Austin/San Antonio	72/55/sh	75/51/pc	76/48/pc	66/46/t	58/43/c
Baltimore	62/42/pc	62/38/s	55/40/pc	60/40/r	52/31/r
Boston	54/40/pc	54/36/s	50/36/pc	51/38/r	46/32/r
Chicago	56/42/pc	54/42/r	52/38/r	44/30/pc	38/26/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	68/56/sh	68/48/pc	64/45/sh	56/42/r	56/41/pc
Denver	51/33/sh	48/26/c	40/20/sf	42/21/c	47/21/pc
Flagstaff	52/26/pc	51/24/pc	46/15/pc	45/16/s	47/22/s
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Miami	80/67/sh	80/69/sh	82/71/sh	82/71/sh	82/69/pc
Minneapolis	54/36/pc	46/31/sh	41/29/pc	36/23/pc	32/21/pc
New Orleans	74/62/sh	72/61/t	76/59/t	73/55/r	62/48/sh
New York City	57/46/pc	58/44/s	54/44/pc	55/46/r	50/36/sh
Philadelphia	61/44/pc	61/42/s	54/44/pc	59/42/r	56/34/r
Phoenix	77/54/pc	75/54/s	75/52/s	71/46/s	73/47/s
Portland	52/38/r	50/38/pc	51/37/pc	51/38/pc	50/40/pc
San Francisco	63/50/pc	62/49/s	65/49/s	65/48/s	64/50/s
Seattle	50/41/r	48/39/pc	48/39/c	49/38/c	50/41/pc
Tucson	76/48/pc	78/46/s	74/46/s	72/43/s	68/42/s
Washington, DC	64/46/pc	64/44/s	58/42/pc	60/45/r	51/35/r

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