



NEWSBRIEFS

Upper Valley Health Fair

The communities of Vinton, Westway, Canutillo and Anthony are invited to a day of free basic health care screenings and fun for the whole family on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006. An energizing family walk begins at 8 a.m. at the Border Steel Plant (8001 Border Steel Road) and ends at the same location. There will be T-shirts and Goodie Bags for the first 200 walk participants. The Health Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include free screenings of blood pressure, diabetes, glucose and HIV. Flu shots will be given. The event is sponsored by the Village of Vinton and Border Steel, Inc. Door prizes will be given throughout the day.

Half-off at Zoo

The El Paso Zoo is honoring families and the veterans who served our country with Family/Veteran's Day on Saturday, Nov. 18. Gate admission will be \$2.50 for all zoo-goers ages 13-61 and only \$2 for veterans, Active Military with ID and visitors ages 61 years and over. Admission will be \$1.50 for ages 3-12 years and ages two and under are free. The zoo is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4001 E. Paisano. Access the website at www.elpasozoo.org for information on this event and other activities.

Turkey dinner

The Oz Glaze Senior Center is hosting a pre-Thanksgiving family style dinner for Horizon and the surrounding communities on Sunday, Nov. 19. Turkey or ham with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Center, 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon City, for \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for children 10 and under. Call 852-0062 for information.

In other news

■ The El Paso Police Dept. has extended the deadline at which time their officers would no longer be allowed to serve as funeral procession escorts while off duty. The ban, which was to take effect on Dec. 1, was in response to injuries to officers while performing this duty. However, the ban was heavily protested by funeral directors, pastors and other community interests. Police Chief Richard Wiles, therefore, said he would extend the deadline for the ban and instead work with interested parties to develop stricter regulations, more training, and to require that escort companies provide insurance that will cover the officers and their families should they be injured while performing escort functions.

■ The Clint Independent School District welcomed student number 10,000 who enrolled last week at Desert Hills Elementary in Horizon City. Luis Ramirez, a third grader, recently moved from El Paso's

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There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted. Now it happens to everybody.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS — John Rosales and Laura Kato take a rest with furry friends at the STARS program office in Central El Paso.

Student-led Teddy Bear drive will help children in distress

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Students from H.D. Hilley and Rusk Elementary schools opened up their hearts to help less fortunate children. For the past two weeks, students in various grades from first through fifth grade collected more than 1,200 stuffed animals. These toys were donated to the Sexual Trauma Assault Response Services (STARS) which in turn will give the stuffed toys to the youngest victims of sexual abuse.

Coordinating the teddy bear drive were John Rosales, a resource teacher at Hilley Elementary, and Laura Kato, a paraprofessional at Rusk Elementary. Kato, who participates in the Annual Carly Martinez Race for Awareness organized by STARS, wanted to do more this year.

"At first, the teachers and staff were participating. When the students heard about it, they asked if they could donate as well," says Kato

as she helped unpack one of several bags containing teddy bears.

Rosales who helped collect toys from his Mission Valley campus was surprised to get so many toys.

"One student told me as he gave me his stuffed animal that this would make someone else happy," he said. "The kids were getting excited as I was counting the toys. One class collected 323 stuffed animals."

Several bags stuffed with toys were delivered to the offices of STARS program in Central El Paso on Nov. 6. Once all were unloaded, program staff members found their conference room inundated with toys of all shapes, colors and sizes.

"This is the first time we have done a teddy bear (collection). Usually we have them donated but we were having a hard time collecting the toys this year. We put the information on the race flyer to hopefully get a few. We definitely were not expecting this many," said Rebecca Orndorf, Primary Prevention Coordinator at STARS.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

Veterans honored during special celebration

CANUTILLO — Jose H. Damian Elementary School, in the Canutillo Independent School District, celebrated Veteran's Day recently by hosting a flag raising ceremony presented by the Canutillo High School Honor Guard and a special assembly to honor all veterans and current military service personnel. JDE students brought pictures of family members and friends who have served in the Armed Forces, and parent volunteers posted them on a huge American flag in the main hallway of the campus. Marissa Flynn, above, fourth grade student at Jose Damian Elementary School places a photo of her grandfather Robert Flynn, an Army Veteran, on the giant flag.

— Contributed by Kim Guzman

American Cancer Society celebrates 30 years of 'Great American Smokeout'

El Paso among 14 smoke-free Texas cities

By Cindy Antolik
Special to the Courier

AUSTIN — As America celebrates the 30th anniversary of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout on Thursday, Nov. 16, the Society recognizes 14 Texas cities, including El Paso, for choosing to go smoke-free.

As smokers prepare to quit for a day on the Smokeout, the proliferation of public smoking laws provides an additional incentive to quit.

Most recently, the city of Houston adopted an ordinance in October making virtually all workplaces, including restaurants and bars, smoke-free. On Nov. 7, the citizens of Baytown and Abilene voted to go smoke-free. Houston, Baytown, and Abilene join 11 other Texas cities with comprehensive ordinances that elevate the importance of public health and workplace safety.

"There are 47 ordinances in Texas that have some smoke-free components, and 14 of those cities have reached the gold standard of protecting all workers," said James Gray, government relations director for the American Cancer Society in Texas. In the 14 gold standard cities, all employees in the workplace are protected from secondhand smoke, including employees in restaurants and bars.

Thirty years ago, there were no public smoking ordinances in Texas. The first ordinances to pass in the state provided separate smoking and nonsmoking areas in restaurant and workplaces and did not address bars. Now the growing trend is toward the comprehensive ordinance that treats all workplaces equally.

Smoking rates have dropped from 42 percent to 22 percent in Texas since the release of the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking in 1964. This past June, U. S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona released a report on the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and called on public policy makers to protect the health of workforce employees by enacting comprehensive smoke-free laws. The report concluded that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

"Thirty years ago, people could smoke just about anywhere," said Gray. "It was acceptable then to smoke on airplanes, at the movies, even in public schools. Now we know that secondhand smoke causes illnesses and that children and nonsmokers should be protected from the health hazards of involuntary smoking."

The 14 Texas cities choosing to go smoke-free include Abilene (ballot vote awaiting city council action), Austin, Baytown, Beaumont, Copperas Cove, El Paso, Fredericksburg, Houston, Laredo, Portland, Robinson, Vernon, Victoria, and Woodway. In the U.S., more than 2,300 communities and 17 states now have smoke-free laws.

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

What's in your wallet?

he handed me back my credit card and grinned.

"Whoever thought that a little piece of plastic could be worth so much that if you lost it, it would cause a lot of trouble."

I looked at the square piece of plastic in my hand, nothing more than a business-sized scrap of material with raised letters that are quickly becoming devoid of their shiny tops. Even the magnetized strip down the back, which transmits personal economic information into a reader, probably isn't worth more than a few cents.

But if it falls into the wrong hands, boy, am I in big trouble.

It started me thinking about value, what has it, what doesn't, why something has value and who values it.

Take this little piece of plastic, for

instance. To me it has great value, thousands of dollars worth. Even more than that, however, because if used wrongly, it has the power to destroy something that I really value and that's my good credit — my ability to maneuver successfully within our convoluted economic system.

A stolen credit card has value to someone who has no qualms about taking what isn't theirs. They like to use mine since they don't have one of their own, or if they do, mine is just a cherry on top of the ice cream — value they didn't work for and didn't earn, value they don't really value.

On the other hand, you could give a fully activated credit card with a \$10,000 credit limit to an aborigine in the outback of Australia and it wouldn't be worth anything at all to him, except maybe a curiosity to poke

a hole in and string around his neck.

Hand me a brand-new, six-inch Bowie knife with hefty leather scabbard and while I might enjoy the novelty of it, but it wouldn't carry near the value to my lifestyle that it would for that aborigine fellow.

You hear about value added products a lot. I wondered about that, so I looked it up in that handy little resource called Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia you can access on the internet.

"Value added refers to the additional value created at a particular stage of production or through image and marketing. In modern neoclassical economics, it refers to the contribution of the factors of production, i.e., land, labor, and capital goods, to raising the value of a product and corresponds to the incomes received by the owners of these factors. The factors of production provide 'services' which raise the unit price of a product (X) relative to the cost per unit of intermediate goods used up in the production of X. Economists use the value-added

method as a way to avoid double counting, i.e., the counting of the same input twice. The sum of the value added in each of the different stages of production equals the value of the final product, the product that drops out of the production process and is thus not incorporated in some new product."

Got it? I hope you did because I re-read it several times and I still can't explain it to you.

I realize that's a lot to wrap your mind around, especially if your integrated circuits aren't very stretchy anymore, like mine.

Still, it answered my basic question. Just like the example of my little piece of plastic, value is exactly what I decide it is.

People talk about the value of an education. Depends on who is in there learning the stuff. I can guarantee you that the value of the courses taken by a willing and eager student who attends class, does the work and makes the grade is much higher than the slough-off who didn't want to be there in the first place, nodded off or

day-dreamed through class, and never did his homework. On the other hand, find out what is important to the slough-off and there's no telling how well he'll perform.

So I was thinking about value, and the impact that this concept has on a society as a whole. And I thought about the so-called "values" that our politicians like to pontificate about and our churches espouse and the environmentalists protest for and our justice system pretends to administer and the ACLU spends bazillions of dollars every year to defend, and I've concluded that America hasn't got a clue as to what is truly valuable.

Good schools, a clean environment, a nice home, a healthy family, happy kids, a strong community, a good job — we all automatically think of these things as valuable, but there's a painful truth here that we're not quite ready to admit.

These are not the things that America truly values.

If it did, there would be a lot more of them.

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Thanksgiving a reminder there is much for which to be thankful

Hola, mi gente. The long election season is finally over and I want to thank the voters of District 75 for their confidence in me. I am honored to return to Austin as your representative.

I would also like to congratulate the candidates who participated in the political process. It is not easy to run for office and all the candidates should be appreciated.

To those who went to the polls either during the early voting or on Nov. 7, thank you. Our communities in East El Paso County need the involvement of everyone when voting

time comes around. To those who decided not to vote, please reconsider your actions in the next election. You let the others in your community down when you do not vote.

My office is now preparing for the next legislative session which starts on Jan. 9 and ends on May 28. During the next few weeks before the session, I plan to discuss issues which I believe will be debated on the House floor.

I anticipate sitting on the same committees as last session. Those are the Licensing and Administrative Procedures and also the Local Ways and Means Committees. In these committees, we will be hear-

ing bills which determine a variety of issues ranging from protecting small stores from unfair competition to property appraisals for taxation purposes.

Next week is Thanksgiving. As is the case with my staff and me, most all of you will be enjoying the holiday with family and friends. My heartiest wishes for a safe and blessed Thanksgiving dinner. Don't forget to give thanks for all that we have and to say a prayer for those Americans who are in harms way, especially the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant, Chente por la gente.

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A new direction

On Nov. 7, 2006, Americans from Washington, D.C. to Washington state exercised their constitutional rights by casting ballots in this year's midterm elections. Voters spoke with historic and resounding unanimity, shifting the leadership of the U.S. Congress and voicing the need for real change in American policies both at home and abroad.

As a member of the new majority party in the U.S. Congress, I know that my Democratic colleagues and I undertake our new responsibilities with a respect for the concerns of the citizens who voted us in and an understanding of the deep sense of urgency for change here in our country.

A new Democratic House of Representatives will benefit all Americans. The Democratic Leader, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, is on track to be the first woman to serve as Speaker of the

House, and has laid out an ambitious, common-sense agenda. This Democratic plan for change will begin as the 110th Congress convenes early next year:

- We will start by cleaning up Congress, breaking the link between lobbyists and legislation and commit to pay-as-you-go, no-new-deficit spending.

- We will make our nation safer and we will begin by implementing the recommendations of the independent, bipartisan 9/11 Commission.

- We will make our economy fairer, and we will begin by raising the minimum wage. We will not pass a pay raise for Congress until there is an increase in the minimum wage.

- We will make health care more affordable for all Americans, and we will begin by fixing the Medicare prescription drug program, putting seniors first by negotiating lower drug prices. We will also promote stem cell research to offer real hope to millions of American families who suffer from devastating diseases.

- We will broaden college opportunity, and we will begin by cutting interest rates for student loans in half.

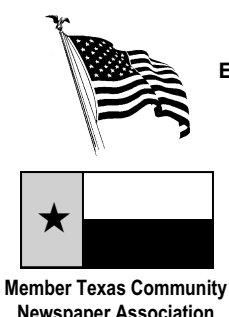
- We will energize America by achieving energy independence, and we will begin by rolling back the multi-billion dollar subsidies for Big Oil.

- We will guarantee a dignified retirement, and we will begin by fighting any attempt to privatize Social Security.

The President has said that he intends to work with the new Democratic Congress, and I hope his actions reflect his words.

The American people have spoken. They want a change in current policies. They want their lawmakers to put their constituents' needs above those of special interest lobbying groups. They want a safe and secure nation where there is opportunity for all to succeed.

In short, the American people want a new direction, and this is what my colleagues and I in the House of Representatives pledge to deliver.



Agencies team up in San Elizario to make sure turkeys find a good home

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — James Thompson and his coworkers with the Central Appraisal District didn't pull up in a sleigh pulled by eight tiny reindeer on Nov. 14 in San Elizario. Instead, their vehicle was a shredding company truck and their goods were 100 boxes of turkeys and all the fixings for needy families in San Elizario for Thanksgiving.

Thanks to the generosity of Central Appraisal District employees and other appraising entities in the county, Thompson says that the organization typically raises about \$4000 a year that go right back to the community through charitable projects such as the Thanksgiving meal giveaways.

"We raise money throughout the year, have raffles, and take donations," Thompson said.

At a time of the year when people are giving thanks for what they have, agencies like the Central Appraisal District are in giving mode, as is the San Elizario ISD, which helps coordinate community giving projects with outside agencies all year round. Shortly after the wettest month in El Paso history, SEISD helped coordinate with Abundant Living Faith Center to



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

GOBBLE, GOBBLE — SEISD Research and Development director Ernesto Rodriguez helps San Elizario resident Maria Amaya with her Thanksgiving meal, one of 100 holiday meals donated by the Central Appraisal District on Nov. 14, 2006.

disseminate bug spray and plug-in fans. Last week, the district's Child Nutrition Services department continued its annual tradition of providing senior citizens and home bound residents in San Elizario with a terrific Thanksgiving meal. During Christmas, even more agencies team

up with SEISD to provide the community, particularly children, with a nice holiday gift.

"We're looking to come back at that time, too," Thompson said.

Sleigh or truck, reindeer or coworkers, SEISD will make sure to welcome them with open arms.

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

Never forget our veterans

Last week our nation celebrated Veterans Day. The day reminded us that throughout America, and particularly in the Lone Star State, there are thousands of veterans with a wealth of unique memories and perspectives from their years of service in the U.S. Armed Forces.

To gather and preserve those memories for future generations, the Library of Congress has launched the Veterans History Project. I strongly encourage all veterans of all wars to participate in this exciting effort to capture first-person accounts of wartime experiences that helped make America great.

Created by Congress in 2000, the Veterans History Project coordinates and expands a national collection of veterans' oral histories and writings. Part of the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center, the Project honors those who served in the military and those civilians who have worked in dedicated support of our armed forces.

The Project builds on our nation's ever-evolving collective memory. The Veterans History Project has an important contribution to make be-

cause war can radically transform not just the men and women who fought, but also the people and society they are fighting for.

Honoring our past plays a key element for understanding our shared identity, and the Library of Congress — America's library — is the principal steward of America's memory. Oral history can bring us close to the experience of the intense camaraderie with others upon whom your life literally depends; the fear that comes with being under siege; or the uncertainty of waiting on the home front for a loved one to return. So many men and women from World War I to Operation Enduring Freedom have powerful stories that must be recorded for future generations.

Oral history brings history down from a lofty distance. While many histories of war capture the perspective of the generals and admirals, much can also be learned from the letters of a young man in combat and his young bride and mother of his children.

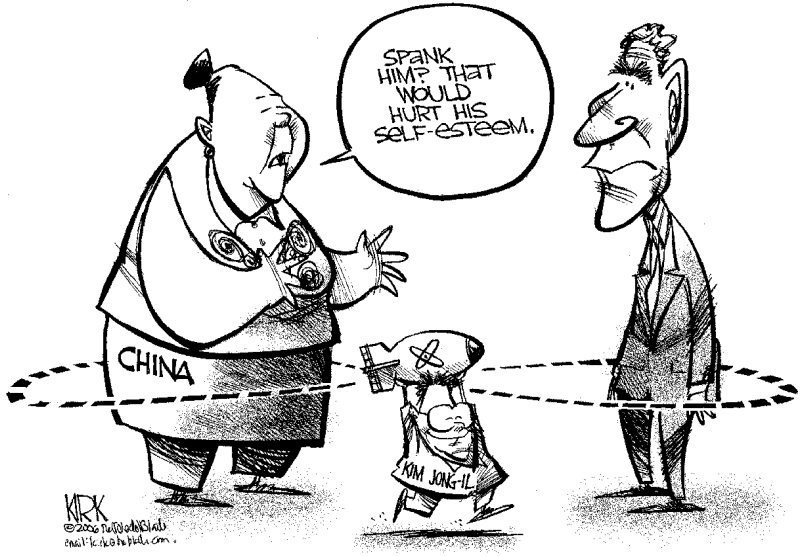
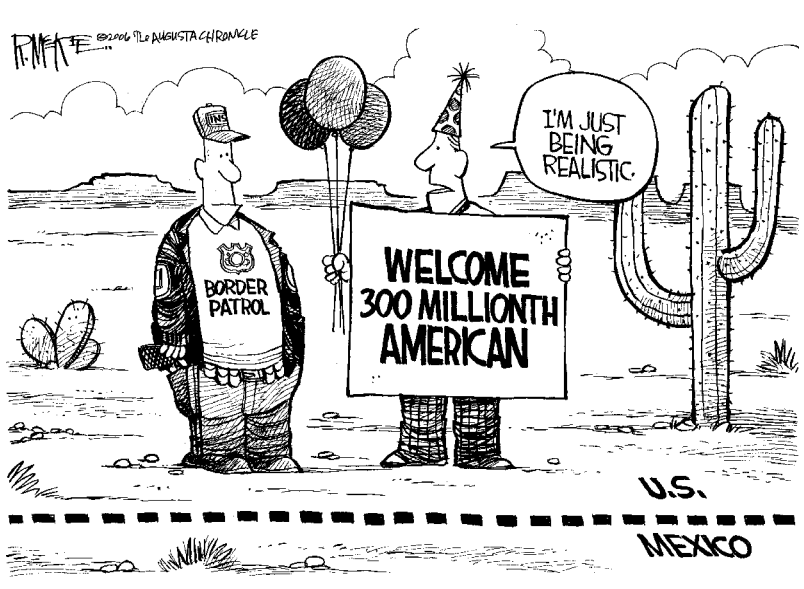
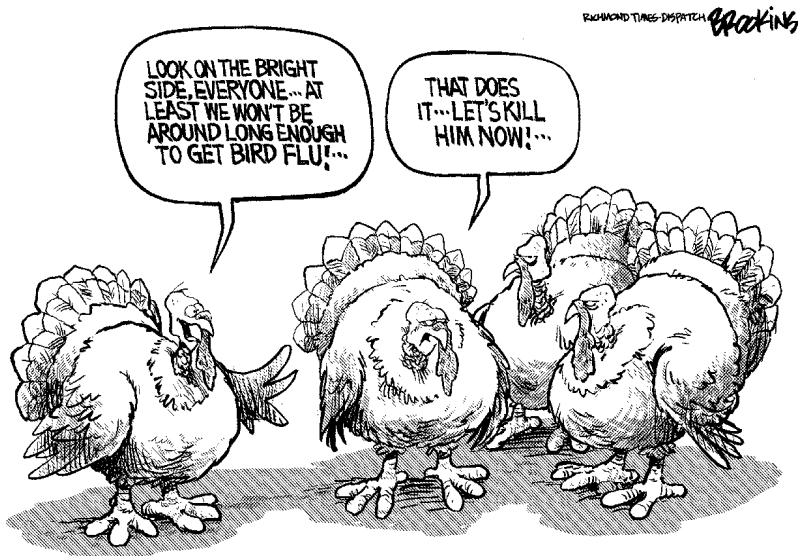
The Veterans History Project recruits Americans of all ages, veterans and non-veterans, to be part of

this process. The project also serves as a tremendous outlet for veterans' sons and daughters, many of whom have long been curious about their father or mother's wartime stories but never heard them. By sitting down with audio or video recorders and guiding veterans through their military and civilian exploits, these volunteers add rich details to our nation's great history.

Almost 19 million war veterans live in America now, according to the Project. Tragically, more than 1,500 die every day. The time to record these oral histories is now!

For more information on how you and your family may contribute to the Veterans History Project, visit the Project's web site at www.loc.gov/veterans or simply call the Project at (202) 707-4916. The staff will send you a starter kit and put you in touch with local volunteers to assist you in contributing to this important collection.

It is up to those who served to share with America exactly why freedom isn't free.



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'Democracy in action' sets places on Canutillo school board

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — Democracy in action at the grass-roots level — that's how Dr. Pam Padilla regards a school board election.

Padilla, superintendent of the Canutillo ISD, was reflecting on last week's school board election in which three emerged victorious in a crowded, nine-candidate field. Two veteran board members, Sergio Coronado and Yvonne Sapien-Sanchez, won re-election to new three-year terms.

The third winner in the tight race was Shonda Jordan, the newest trustee on the seven-member board.

The three were administered the oath of office and sworn in

at a special Nov. 15 board meeting to canvass the results of the Nov. 7 election.

The new CISD board of trustees holds its first meeting in December.

Coronado, president of the board, was the biggest vote getter. He garnered 1,086 votes, 22.58 percent of the 4,810 ballots cast.

Board secretary Sapien-Sanchez received 658 votes, 13.68 percent of the total. Jordan was less than a percentage point behind with 625 votes.

"We are in good shape," Padilla

says confidently, pointing to a balance of two experienced trustees along with a newcomer.

"Democracy takes care of us," she emphasizes.

"The voters bring us people who have the best interests of the district in mind."

Padilla says the school board election is "our introduction to democracy in a personal way."

She doesn't feel the voters have ever made a mistake in those whom they have elected to office.

"The voters generously think of the needs of the district, and they do the

best they can. Then we (the school district) run with it."

The winners look ahead.

Coronado sees a good future for the district. "It is going in the right direction." He singles out several areas for particular attention. The first he wants to explore and develop is a district-wide fine arts program. Second is a sharper focus on math and science, "a (math/science) campus within a campus," he explains.

The third area of emphasis is a corollary to the previous one. Coronado wants the same textbook for algebra in high school as is used at UT El Paso. This would help maintain a continuity of instruction for the students going on to college after graduation. Another area is the expansion and strengthening of the working relationship between El Paso Community College and CISD in providing dual credit courses.

Sapien-Sanchez said she is grateful for the voters who re-elected her to office. She is starting on her fourth, three-year term as trustee.

"I believe in our kids. I know what is right, what is wrong and what is ethical" in regard to her duties on the board. She pledges to move forward

"vigorously and voraciously" in dealing with such issues as growth in the district.

Jordan said this is the first time she has been elected to public office. A regular attendee at board meetings, she admits she has run unsuccessfully "a few times before."

She says she wants to put the district's mission statement "in unity" with curriculum. Jordan quoted from the mission statement in which it is affirmed that all students will receive a quality education to assure that all students will graduate on time and be prepared for higher education.

Like Coronado, her agenda prescribes a close scrutiny on math and science in the middle school and high school. She wants to look more closely into these curriculum areas to look for and correct weaknesses.

Above all, Jordan's goal is that every campus will achieve Recognized status.



Pam Padilla



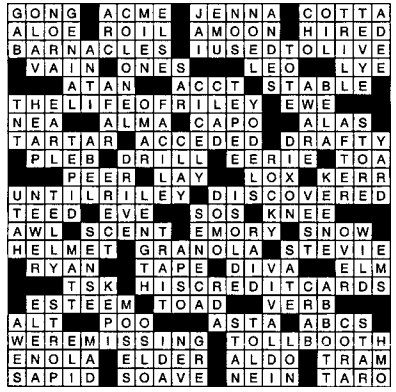
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Smokeout

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Ohio and Arizona also voted Nov. 7 to go smoke-free. Hawaii's state law becomes effective Nov. 16.

It is estimated that secondhand smoke causes 35,000 to 45,000 deaths each year from heart disease and 3,000 more deaths from lung cancer among nonsmokers. More than 564,000 Americans will die from cancer this year, and 30 percent of those deaths will be caused by tobacco.

In Texas, almost 11,000 people are expected to die from lung cancer in 2006. All diseases combined, tobacco-related deaths amount to about 27,000 Texans a year — or 500 Texans every week.

Reductions in smoking account for about 40 percent of the decrease in cancer death rates among men since 1991. However, lung cancer is still the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women, claiming the lives of an estimated 162,460 Americans — including almost 11,000 Texans — this year. In the U.S., tobacco use is responsible for nearly one in five deaths, or approximately 435,000 lives, annually. About 27,000 Texans will die of tobacco-related illnesses this year — amounting to almost 500 deaths every week.

Smokers who want to quit are urged to call the American Cancer Society's Quitline, a clinically proven, free telephone-based counseling program, at 1-800-ACS-2345, or to log on to www.cancer.org/smokeout, to embark on a personal plan to quit.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in

Canutillo High School teacher receives award for excellence

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Julie Vinikoff, Canutillo High School Health Science teacher, was

named a winner of the Excellence In Education Award sponsored by the local Ford dealers and Ford Motor Credit as part of their

2006 Ford Salute to Education scholarship program.

Vinikoff recently received a \$1,000 check in recognition for her accomplishments in the classroom and beyond. She has been a teacher at CHS for the past nineteen years. Vinikoff is also advisor of CHS's chapter of the Health Occupations Students Association (HOSA).

Michael Arroyos, a 2006 CHS graduate who is now a freshman at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, nominated Vinikoff for the prestigious award.

Vinikoff said that the money would be used to enhance CHS's health science program.

1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 13 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers. For more information anytime, call the toll free number or visit www.cancer.org.



Julie Vinikoff

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USA

Vinton hosts environmental event this weekend

UPPER VALLEY — Village of Vinton will take part in the annual Texas Recycles Day program by hosting an event on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 436 E. Vinton Road in Vinton.

Texas Recycles Day (TRD), which takes place on the state level

every year on Nov. 15, aims to raise public awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of recycling. The theme this year is “4 R Future”, with an emphasis on the “4Rs” of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rebuy.

Keep Texas Beautiful and TCEQ

(Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) are helping to motivate Texans to make recycling part of their everyday lives. Practicing the 4Rs not only decreases the amount of garbage thrown away each year, but it also conserves natural resources, saves en-

ergy and reduces the amount of landfill space used each year.

TRD events in local communities are taking place statewide from mid-October to mid-November. Events range from providing educational materials to hosting a collection for recyclables and making sure they get reused or sent to the appropriate recycling center. Any individual, civic

group, youth organization or company can participate.

A Village of Vinton spokesman issued an invitation for the community to “help us teach Texans to make recycling part of their everyday lives! Contact the Village of Vinton Office at 886-5104 to find out how you can participate.”

For information on the TRD program, visit www.texasrecyclesday.org.

Holiday food tips could save your relationships or your relatives

Holiday chores and parties always mean a lot of hungry mouths to feed and it's important that the food is safely prepared and stored. *Holiday Food Safety* package from the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service and the FDA's Office of Women's Health can help.

If food is mishandled, you may have an uninvited guest at your meal. Although invisible, bacteria can invade your food and make everyone sick, particularly very young children, pregnant women, and the elderly. However, there are some simple steps you can take to make your kitchen safe.

Make sure to wash your hands and counters often, especially when you're preparing holiday classics like stuffing and gravy. Bacteria can easily spread through your kitchen and get onto cutting boards, counters, sponges, and utensils. Avoid cross-contamination by separating raw meat, poultry, and seafood from other foods in the refrigerator, on the counter, or on the cutting board.

The Holiday Food Safety package

also features helpful hints on how to safely thaw and roast your turkey, along with suggested cooking timetables. Just because your turkey looks done on the outside, doesn't mean it

over, put all remaining leftovers in shallow containers and refrigerate or freeze them immediately. Use the serving and storage guidelines found in this useful package so you know how long

Uncle Horace's sweet potatoes and Cousin Sally's pumpkin pie will stay safe in the fridge or freezer.

There are three easy ways to get these free publications: Send your name and address to Holiday Food Safety, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. Visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov/rc/n51holidayfoodsafety.htm to place your order online or to read or print these and hundreds of other Federal publications for free. Or call toll-free 1 (888) 878-3256, weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and ask for the Holiday Food Safety package.

Get even more information and take advantage of online government services resources at www.FirstGov.gov and www.Espanol.gov — your official English and Spanish web portals to the Federal government.

Don't burn the turkey or your home

By Mario Hernandez

El Paso Fire Department officials would like to wish the Citizens of El Paso a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Day and to remind them to keep safety in mind when preparing their holiday meals. Each year, nearly 4,300 fires in the United States occur on Thanksgiving Day causing 15 fatalities, about 50 injuries, and nearly \$27 million in property damage. Of those fires, 1,450 occur in residential structures.

Thanksgiving Day Residential Fires Findings:

- Thanksgiving Day fires in residential structures cause more property damage and claim more lives than residential structure fires on other days.
- Cooking is by far the leading cause of residential fires on Thanksgiving Day; nearly double that of a normal day.
- The leading factor in the ignition of residential cooking fires is food left unattended.
- The leading causes of residential fire fatalities on Thanksgiving Day are smoking and cooking.
- The day after Thanksgiving cooking fires decrease substantially, perhaps because people eat leftovers rather than cook.

is. Make it a habit to check all your favorite foods with a food thermometer. Follow the USDA's handy chart of recommended internal temperatures for meat, poultry, and egg dishes.

What feast is complete without leftovers the next day? After the meal is

National Community Education Week highlighted by ceremony on Nov. 17

By Jan Engels
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — National Community Education Week is Nov. 13 to 18, first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1986. Local support for education helps promote programs for learners of all ages, backgrounds and needs and encourages full use of school facilities. Public education is a community enterprise and everyone in the community has a stake in the education of adults as well as children.

Socorro ISD is no exemption. SISD Community Learning Center will celebrate National Community Education Day on Friday, Nov. 17 with various activities.

All adult students enrolled with the Community Education Department will write an essay on: “What Does Community Education Mean to Me.” This will give each adult learner an opportunity to recall to themselves their aspirations and goals..

Socorro ISD Community Ser-

vices have several Partners and Friends in Education which give monetary and in-kind support to school programs. Community Services will have an Agreement Signing ceremony with their PIEs and Friends on that day at 10 a.m. The students will have an opportunity to share their essays during this ceremony with their classmates, District personnel and the Partners and Friends in Education.

State Representative for District 75, Chente Quintanilla, will read a proclamation designating November 17 as Community Education Day.

The public is invited to visit the Socorro ISD Community Learning Center at 313 S. Rio Vista any day during this week as the Center will have ‘open house classes’ for the public to observe. The public is also invited to the ceremony on Friday.

For further information, call Martha Serna, Director of Community Education, at 937-1714 or Jan Engels, Partners in Education Liaison, at 937-1704.

Briefs

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Westside to Horizon City where the district is seeing the bulk of its growth. The growth spurt which has strained the district at the seams began in the middle 1990's and has seen district growth skyrocket from only 5,300 students in 1992 to 10,000 — and counting — today. The district has a massive land area stretching from the East Montana community of Montana Vista to the Mission Valley farming community of Clint.

■ With the colder temperatures expected this weekend in the El Paso area there will be an overwhelming demand for blankets. The El Paso Fire Department and the Extreme Weather Task Force would like to remind the public that the Blanket Drive is ongoing and that new blankets are still being solicited for and being accepted at all city fire stations. Due to the high cost of heating fuel expected this winter and with many of the elderly and disabled citizens being on fixed incomes, new blankets are being collected at all city fire stations. The new blankets are being distributed to the elderly, disabled, and needy families throughout the El Paso

area. Extreme Weather Task Force members are also asking the public to practice the Buddy System. A Buddy can be a relative, friend, or neighbor who checks up on an elderly or disabled person on a daily basis. Anyone wanting information on blankets, the blanket drive, or to refer someone, call the information and referral line at 211.

■ The San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society is once again sponsoring the Mission Valley Luminarias and Posadas for 2006. This traditional event starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. There will be hundreds of luminarias placed around the San Elizario Catholic Church, Plazita and surrounding areas. It is a beautiful and unforgettable sight to see. Festivities include a posada procession and music. The traditional foods such as tamales, menudo, hot cocoa, chumpurado, sweets and more, will be available for sale to help raise funds for the organization. For more information, call SEGHS at 915-851-1682.

■ The Office of International Programs is now accepting applications for U.S. Passports, both new and renewal. New requirements for travel for U.S. citizens will take effect in two phases over the next 14 months. To assist with the transition, the Office of International

Programs has become a Passport Application Acceptance Facility, the same service offered at U.S. Post Offices. Business hours for passport applications are from 1 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. at Union East, Room 203. For more information, call 915-747-5664. For more information about passport requirements and changes, visit http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html.

■ Jo Anne Barnhart, Commissioner of Social Security, and Patrick O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General of Social Security, have issued a warning about a new email scam that has surfaced recently. The Agency has received several reports of an email message being circulated with the subject “Cost-of-Living for 2007 update” and purporting to be from the Social Security Administration. The message provides information about the 3.3 percent benefit increase for 2007 and contains the following “NOTE: We now need you to update your personal information. If this is not completed by Nov. 11, 2006, we will be forced to suspend your account indefinitely.” The reader is then directed to a website designed to look like Social Security's Internet website. Once directed to the phony website, the individual is asked to register for

a password and to confirm their identity by providing personal information such as Social Security number, bank account information and credit card information. Don't do it! “You should never provide your Social Security number or other personal information over the Internet or by telephone unless you are extremely confident of the source to whom you are providing the information,” O'Carroll said. To report receipt of this email message or other suspicious activity to Social Security's Office of Inspector General, call the OIG Hotline at 1-800-269-0271. Deaf or hard of hearing can call 1-866-501-2101. A Public Fraud Reporting form is also available online at [OIG's website www.socialsecurity.gov/oig](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/oig).

■ You may not know how to pronounce it, but the symptoms of alopecia areata are easy to spot — patchy hair loss. It happens because your immune system attacks your hair follicles instead of germs. And while alopecia isn't a life-threatening disease, losing patches of hair or even your eyebrows can be embarrassing. Learn more about who can get this disease, treatment options, and support if you're one of the four million Americans who have it with *Questions and Answers About Alopecia Areata* from the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Dis-

eases and the Federal Citizen Information Center. For a free copy, send name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 677N, Pueblo, CO 81009 or call toll-free 1 (888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 677N. Or visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

■ Whether you tuck away your money in a piggy bank or in your sock drawer, you're probably looking for ways to save more of it. Get started with *66 Ways to Save Money* from the Consumer Literacy Consortium and the Federal Citizen Information Center. It's chock-full of money-saving tips on how to spend less on your cell phone service, insurance, airfares, groceries, and more. Did you know you can save more than \$100 a year in fees by signing up for a free checking account? Get started boosting your savings by ordering this handy booklet for only 50¢. For your copy, send your name, address, and a check or money order to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 342N, Pueblo, CO 81009. Or call toll-free 1 (888) 878-3256, and ask for Item 342N. Have your credit card handy. And visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov to read or print this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

College football needs a playoff system

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

This weekend is when we finally get to enjoy the battle between the two best teams in college football, Michigan and Ohio State.

It's been apparent for quite some time that these two Big Ten teams have been on a collision course. And everyone knew that when they finally met, they'd both be undefeated — and they are.

And that's just fine with me. Why? Okay, I'll tell you. I love it because it's going to make a mockery of the whole stupid BCS bowl system.

Of course you know that instead of conducting a college football playoff tournament like there is in every other team sport in the universe, the NCAA would rather let the almighty computer pick the two championship game teams.

The NCAA and other BCS supporters have walked around with their chests pumped out ever since Texas knocked off USC in last year's championship game.

It was true — last season. The two best teams with the two best records met in the final game of the season — and that's how it's supposed to be. But usually the system gets it right only every few years and that should be unacceptable to all football fans.

With Texas and Louisville and California and Auburn losing last week, the college football title game is now totally up for grabs.

Unlike last season, there are no two teams that have separated themselves from the rest of the pack.

What about Michigan and Ohio State, you ask? Don't forget, they play each other this Saturday. That means one of them will finish the season undefeated and the other will have one loss, just like Florida (9-1), USC (8-1), Notre Dame (9-1), Arkansas (9-1), West Virginia (9-1), Wisconsin (10-1), Louisville (8-1) and even Wake Forest (9-1).

And we haven't even talked about those two "undeserving" undefeated teams, Rutgers (9-0) and Boise State (10-0).

So the Michigan-Ohio State winner is assured a spot in the national title game, but which team deserves to be the opponent?

Naturally, every other team in contention is going to complain if it isn't chosen and that suits me just fine, too.

The sooner this ridiculous system is scrapped, the better. Can you just imagine the interest a 16-team playoff system would generate? The bowl system could be used to host the 15 games it would take to make it a reality.

If you took the top 16 teams and put them in a tournament this season it would look something like this.

The top seed, Ohio State, would play (16) Oklahoma in the opening round, followed by (2) Michigan and (15) Auburn. Then you'd have (3) Florida meet (14) Wake Forest, and (4) USC would take on (13) Boise State.

Not too shabby, huh? And that's just half the tournament. Then you'd have (5) Arkansas meet (12) Wisconsin, followed by (6) Notre Dame and (11) Texas. The last two games would pit (7) Rutgers and (10) Louisville and then (8) West Virginia would meet (9) LSU.

Now tell me the country wouldn't go crazy for a 16-team playoff system. Instead of guessing who the best teams are, they'd decide things on the field.

Isn't this America? Don't we love competition? If I want to see winners that are chosen by popularity I'll watch the Academy Awards or the Miss America Pageant.

Watch those Tigers

In a Major League Baseball season that was defined by as many negative stories about steroids and human growth hormones as there were positive stories about the game, the Detroit Tigers stood out.

It's true the Tigers didn't exactly play their best baseball during the World Series, losing to the St. Louis Cardinals, but the idea of a team playing for all the marbles after going 43-119 just three years earlier, is astounding.

And any thoughts of the Tigers dropping off next season may have been taken care last week.

Detroit had the best pitching staff in baseball and had an abundance of great situational players who did their jobs magnificently. The only missing piece of the Tigers' puzzle was a menacing clean-up hitter who could supply the power the team needed.

That piece has found its way to the Tigers in the person of Gary Sheffield.

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ness Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro ISD website: www.sisd.net. WTCC-11/16/06

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The San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society has an opening for Operations Director at Los Portales Museum. Bi-lingual, part-time, Tuesday thru Sunday, four hours daily, plus some meetings. Duties: grant writing, public interaction, computer skills, etc. Contact Martha Garciaa, 851-1682. 11/23

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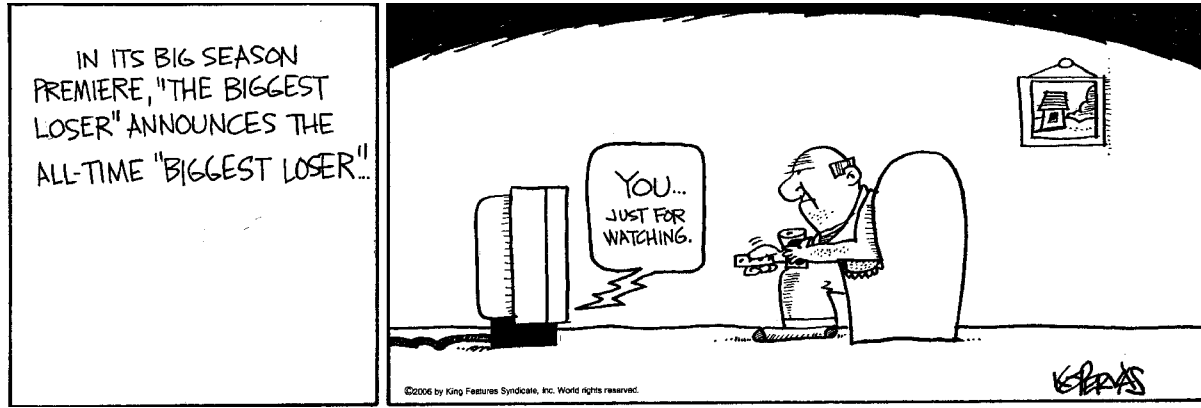
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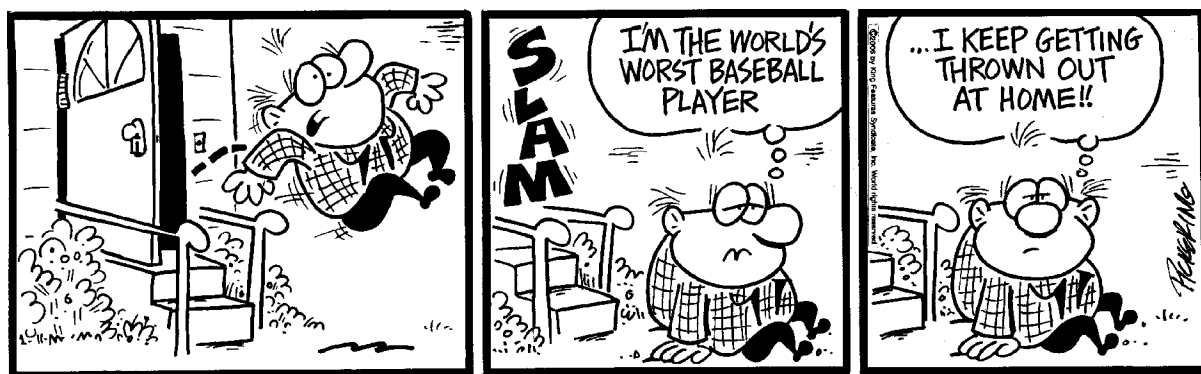
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Get busy and play!

By Don Flood

A recent headline left many modern parents scratching their heads: "Want Healthy Kids? Let Them Play."

The article actually called on parents to give children what it called "free playtime."

This announcement, made by a wacko radical group called The American Academy of Pediatrics, shook American parents to the core, especially since many didn't understand what "free playtime" meant.

WARNING: Parents should not allow children under the age of 18 to read the following graphic descriptions of "free playtime."

"Spontaneous, free play — whether it's chasing butterflies, playing with 'true toys' such as blocks and dolls, or just romping on the floor with mom and dad — often is sacrificed," said the report.

Chasing butterflies? How much do you want to bet these so-called pediatricians grew up in the '60s?

The last known instance of free playtime in the United States was during the afternoon of Aug. 17, 1978, when two 9-year-old boys spent the afternoon "goofing off," as they put it.

(The two boys, now grown up, later joined the Witness Protection Program and assumed new identities. To this day, their wives have no knowledge of their troubled and misspent youth.)

Many parents thought the scourge of free playtime had been banished and have no intention of allowing it back into their homes.

"There's no free lunch, and there's no free playtime," was a typical response from one parent. "These 1- and 2-year-olds need to understand that toddlers in other countries are out to eat their lunch."

"I'm not saying to pressure them when they're too young. If your

child is 5 months old, sure, give him a little downtime. At 6 months, though, they need to start thinking seriously about what college they want to attend."

Other parents may be tempted by what seems fun and easy but are concerned about just letting a child "play."

That's why I've developed "How to Have Spontaneous Playtime," a set of 24 one-hour lessons — which can be taken online and are eligible for college credit — that describe in detail how to set up non-structured "free playtime."

Take chasing butterflies. Watching a young child wasting his time chasing butterflies can be pretty stressful for a modern "super parent."

Here are some guidelines to ease the transition for both you and your child. Instead of frightening your child by suddenly saying, "Go out there and chase butterflies," outline some simple questions for your child:

- How many butterflies can you count?
- How many different kinds are there?
- What are their names (both common and Latin)?
- What genus do they belong to?

Later, after your child has had 10 minutes or so of free playtime, you can bring him back inside and discuss the butterflies' life cycle and how they fit into the overall ecosystem.

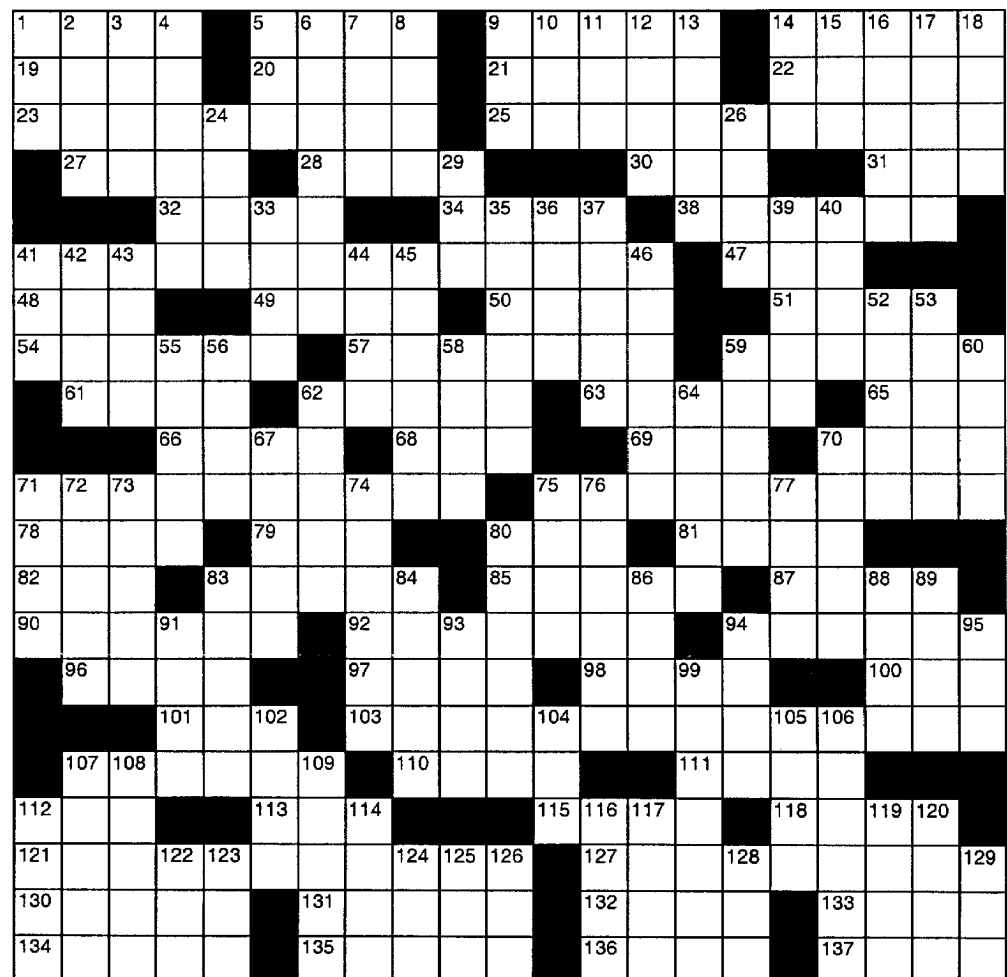
As children get older — say, over 18 months — you can add more-challenging activities, such as academic research papers.

And if your child's paper is accepted by a peer-reviewed scientific journal, by all means, allow your child some more free playtime. Just don't overdo it.

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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I was born in 1944 and my full retirement age is 66. Do I have to wait until 66 to get Medicare?

your employer health plan may require you to file for Medicare at age 65.

A: No. Medicare benefits begin when a person reaches age 65. If you wait to collect your retirement benefits until age 66, you should still contact Social Security about enrolling in Medicare at age 65. If you delay, you may pay a premium penalty later on. Even if you are still working at age 65 and not receiving Social Security benefits,

Q: My wife and I both receive Social Security benefit payments. Can our checks be deposited in different banks?

A: Yes. You may use direct deposit at any federally insured bank, savings and loan institution, or credit union. Even if your wife is getting spouse benefits on your record, the two of

you may have your checks deposited into separate accounts at different banks. If you transfer your account to another bank, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask to change your direct deposit information

Q: I am an American citizen who is ready to retire and I'd like to return to my native Ireland to live. Can I get my Social Security check abroad?

A: Generally speaking, if you are an American citizen you may receive your Social Security payments in most countries outside the

U.S., including Ireland. Because delivery time varies from country to country, and your check may not arrive the same day each month, Social Security strongly encourages everyone to have their Social Security payment deposited directly into a bank account where available.

Q: My husband was killed in an auto accident just after our daughter was born. I have since remarried and my husband would like to legally adopt my daughter. Would my daughter continue to receive Social Security survivors benefits after she is adopted by

her stepfather?

A: Yes. The adoption of a child already entitled to survivors benefits will not affect her benefit eligibility. The surviving child's benefits will continue as long as she is under age 18, or 19 if still a full-time secondary student and unmarried.

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, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

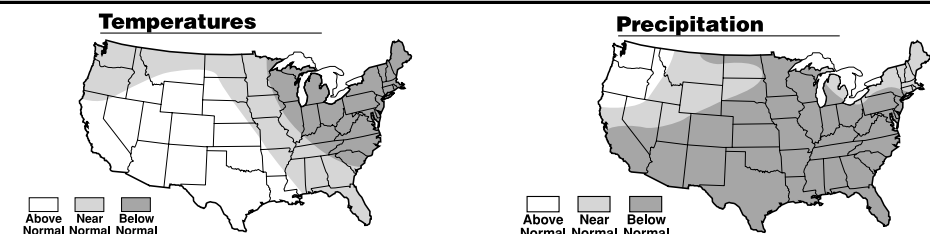
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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Plenty of sunshine	Clear	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Sunny to partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny
68°	39°	74° / 40°	69° / 41°	65° / 41°	63° / 42°	71° / 45°	70° / 42°
RealFeel 71°	RealFeel 37°	RealFeel 74° / 40°	RealFeel 71° / 37°	RealFeel 66° / 37°	RealFeel 65° / 39°	RealFeel 72° / 47°	RealFeel 70° / 44°

The patented RealFeel Temperature® is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation, and elevation on the human body.

WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	New	First
Thu.	6:35 a.m.	5:06 p.m.	Thu.	2:42 a.m.	2:42 p.m.		
Fri.	6:35 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	Fri.	3:36 a.m.	3:07 p.m.	11/20	11/27
Sat.	6:36 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	Sat.	4:32 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	Full	Last
Sun.	6:37 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	Sun.	5:30 a.m.	4:06 p.m.		
Mon.	6:38 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	Mon.	6:30 a.m.	4:43 p.m.	12/4	12/12
Tues.	6:39 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	Tues.	7:32 a.m.	5:27 p.m.		
Wed.	6:40 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Wed.	8:33 a.m.	6:19 p.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	67	41	s	65	39	s	63	44	s	60	39	s
Albuquerque, NM	59	36	s	62	37	s	63	39	pc	58	35	s
Amarillo, TX	65	30	s	59	34	s	55	32	s	57	32	s
Austin, TX	70	37	s	74	42	s	69	46	s	65	43	pc
Brownsville, TX	76	52	s	82	61	s	83	62	s	82	60	c
Dodge City, KS	55	31	s	60	29	pc	55	31	pc	52	32	s
Jackson, MS	56	35	pc	67	39	s	66	41	s	60	38	c
Laredo, TX	78	52	s	82	57	s	79	58	s	74	58	c
Little Rock, AR	60	37	pc	63	40	s	59	37	s	56	37	pc
Lubbock, TX	64	33	s	63	38	s	60	35	s	57	34	s
Memphis, TN	49	38	pc	61	41	s	57	38	s	53	37	pc
Midland, TX	68	38	s	69	37	s	65	39	s	59	40	c
Pueblo, CO	63	25	pc	58	24	s	55	26	c	53	20	pc
Roswell, NM	69	34	s	69	36	s	64	37	s	59	35	s
St. Louis, MO	47	37	pc	56	39	pc	50	34	s	50	33	pc
San Antonio, TX	73	44	s	73	50	s	72	50	s	69	49	c
Texarkana, AR	62	40	pc	69	44	s	65	40	s	61	40	s
Waco, TX	64	42	s	73	44	s	66	43	s	64	42	s
Wichita, KS	52	33	pc	57	32	pc	54	33	pc	55	34	s

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

U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	54	39	c	58	42	pc	61	42	s	57	38	pc
Boston	62	52	r	58	43	r	54	39	pc	48	37	pc
Chicago	45	33	c	43	31	pc	43	30	pc	46	30	pc
Denver	59	29	pc	53	28	pc	50	28	pc	53	27	s
Detroit	50	36	r	46	32	c	42	32	c	42	30	c
Houston	70	44	s	75	53	s	72	51	s	66	47	s
Indianapolis	44	32	r	49	33	pc	45	32	c	47	31	pc
Kansas City	51	31	pc	54	31	s	50	31	s	49	31	s
Los Angeles	73	56	s	73	56	s	76	56	s	74	53	pc
Miami	84	66	t	78	64	c	78	61	pc	77	62	s
Minneapolis	43	28	pc	40	27	c	40	26	pc	40	28	s
New Orleans	63	44	pc	70	48	s	71	53	s	67	47	s
New York City	65	53	r	54	46	pc	54	42	pc	52	40	pc
Omaha	49	29	pc	48	26	s	46	25	s	47	27	s
Phoenix	82	51	s	83	52	s	81	55	pc	79	53	pc
San Francisco	64	52	pc	64	51	pc	64	49	s	62	51	pc
Seattle	49	40	r	49	41	r	50	44	r	53	42	r
Washington	65	46	r	58	41	pc	54	38	pc	53	38	pc

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