



## NEWSBRIEFS

### College hotline

The Louisiana Board of Regents has set up a staffed hotline, open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., daily for students needing information on their status, opportunities to enroll elsewhere, financial aid and TOPS implications, etc. The number is 1-866-415-2269. Detailed information and contact help for both students and displaced faculty and campus staff are available at [www.regents.state.la.us](http://www.regents.state.la.us). The site features a displaced faculty registry to help institutions locate their faculty and to help faculty get in touch with their institutions, many of which are operating at remote locations. Students should be aware that a plan is in place that will allow displaced Louisiana public college students to either enroll physically at any state campus for which they qualify or pursue their degrees by way of our electronic campus. Registration for electronic courses expected to be available on or about October 10. Students who suffered personal property loss as a result of Hurricane Katrina are encouraged to register their losses individually with FEMA by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or logging on to [www.fema.org](http://www.fema.org).

### Unique high school

A Memorandum of Understanding to establish an Early College High School at the Mission del Paso Campus was expected to be approved by the Socorro ISD and El Paso Community College on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was to be held at that location, 10600 Gateway East. The Early College High School is to be a collaboration between SISD and EPCC under a \$400,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The unique school would offer SISD students an opportunity to go through a four-year high school and earn a two-year college degree at the same time free if cost. It is intended to motivate minority, low-income students by allowing them to earn an associate's degree while still in high school thereby encouraging them to continue their higher education to complete their bachelor's degree. The school is expected to open in July 2006 and to graduate the first class in 2010.

### In other news

■ The Rio Grande Council of Governments, a voluntary association of local governments in West Texas and Southern New Mexico, held its annual membership meeting in El Paso Sept. 9. D. Kent Evans of the Dona Ana County Board of County Commissioners, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors. Ray Rodriguez, Socorro ISD Board of Trustees, was elected first vice-president; El Paso Mayor John Cook as second vice-president. Presidio County Judge Jerry Agan was honored for past service, as was Jake

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*The worst thing about accidents in the kitchen is that you usually have to eat them.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Scout says community service is a reward in itself

By Laura Cade  
*Special to the Courier*

Allen Merrell, a senior at Clint High School, has been busy the past month helping the United Way complete their 2005 Campaign Kick-off event, Book-in-a-Bag. Allen chose the United Way and volunteered for this project to fulfill requirements to become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting. "The United Way

is a good organization and I figured they would have projects that I would be able to manage and complete," says Allen.

He organized the preparation of 5,000 bags that were given to first grade students throughout El Paso County. "To other kids my age, I would say don't do community service just for the service hours. Do it for the community. If you are asked to do 10 hours do 20 and you'll feel twice as good," he says.

Allen enlisted the help of students from Mountain View High School, Horizon High School and Chapin High School. They spent a Saturday stuffing the bags with books, pencils rulers, crayons and other items. Allen also visited Surratt Elementary along with other students from Clint High School to read to first grade students during the Book-in-a-Bag event on Sept. 7, 2005.

His family has created a Scouting lead that he is following. His father is a Life Scout and his three brothers are Eagle Scouts. After completing this project, Allen still has a few more requirements to meet. To earn the Eagle Scout rank a Boy Scout has to fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. "It might be hard but it is sure worth it. It is something that you only have to put a few years into, but for those few years you will have a lifetime of accomplishment," said Allen.



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

**IT'S IN THE BAG** — Allen Merrell sits with some of the 5,000 "Book-in-a-Bag" packages put together for distribution to first graders in El Paso County. The project helped Merrell become an Eagle Scout.

## Adult education classes begin in San Elizario

By Phillip Cortez  
*Special to the Courier*

MISSION VALLEY — The students sat nervously in the brightly lit classroom at Borrego Elementary, looking up from their notebooks at a chalkboard full of white letters, beside each was the proper way of pronouncing them.

The first day of school can be a daunting task for any child. On Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, it was the adults' turn to sit at the desk, study the chalkboard and take notes as adult classes began in San Elizario with a rousing success.

"It went really good," said Josie Campos, who is facilitating the program. "We're at full capacity at the middle school and had to request more desks. At Borrego Elementary we have about 20 students with room for more."

In total, Campos said that about 60 community members are taking advantage of this free opportunity to further their education. Morning adult literacy classes are taught at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School and Borrego Elementary while computer classes are being held at Loya Primary School. Because the adult education program in San Elizario is paid for by Title I funds and an Adult Basic Education grant, community members are not charged a fee for taking classes.

Adult classes offered by the school district in 2005-2006 are English

GED, English as a Second Language (ESL), English Literacy, and Computers. Space is available in some classes. For more information, contact Josie Campos at 872-3939 ext. 3646.



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**SOMETHING NEW EVERYDAY** — Mrs. Margie Ruvalcaba provides instruction to Francis Avila, an adult student taking ESL class in San Elizario. Title I funding and an Adult Basic Education grant allow community members to take classes free of charge.

## Spirit of giving flows out from San Elizario

By Phillip Cortez  
*Special to the Courier*

MISSION VALLEY — "Read me another one!" cried the little boy, who couldn't have been older than three years old.

"You want another story?" asked Juan Rico, San Elizario softball coach and special education teacher at Alarcón Elementary.

And with that, the small group of children that gathered in the front lobby of the Judson F. Williams Convention Center last Friday afternoon for story time nestled on the couch and settled in for another tale about a far away place, anywhere other than their native New Orleans, which was devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Like organizations and groups throughout El Paso, the students and staff in the San Elizario ISD have reached out to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina, whether it was donating money or simply donating their time.

When bilingual kindergarten teacher Carmen Dominguez approached her principal, Christine Jaksch, about doing something to help hurricane victims, the kids at Loya Primary School took action. The campus simply altered their usual "Pennies for Patients" fundraising campaign and dubbed it "Coins for Katrina."

"I'm very proud of (students and staff) because they're always so giving in times of need," Jaksch said.

The same giving spirit has been felt at Garcia-Enriquez Middle School, where history teacher Scott Legge has spearheaded an ambitious fundraising effort that expands beyond the campus walls and into the San Elizario community. The campus is asking that all faculty, staff, and students give at least \$1.00 to a fund that will go to the American Red Cross. In addition, the campus is challenging the members of the community to also give a minimum of \$1.

"Our goal is to raise \$10,000—a goal that is very realistic and attainable if we each do our small part," Legge said. Legge also said that a portion of all ticket sales for an upcoming school dance will also included in the fundraising effort.

Students at Borrego Elementary are doing their part. According to Ernesto Siegel, assistant principal, students and their parents are gathering up all the loose change they can get for the American Red Cross. Leticia Otero, counselor at the campus, said that the Borrego teachers were the ones who pushed for this activity to happen.

The student council at San Elizario High School has been collecting items that will benefit hurricane evacuees such as water, toiletry items, socks, etc., according to student activities manager Cookie Laffler.

"All of these items will be going to the Salvation Army," Laffler said.

In addition to donated items and money, the student council has also committed to donating \$50 to charity in the name of every football opponent that San Elizario High School plays during the 2005-2006 season. Students have been collecting

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# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## Buck fever

Guys like to talk about women and their shopping habits. I've found out a little secret. Guys like to shop, too, it's just for different stuff.

This is the time of year when there's this strange inclination that takes over a lot of men, even some of the most mild-mannered among my male acquaintances. They get a far-away look in their eyes and start figuring out how much money is their bank balances and on credit cards.

It's hunting season.

Some guys go hunting for the sport of it, not really expecting to actually kill anything. They take their supplies along in liquid form and bond with their fellows around a campfire, not bathing and coming home a few days later all the more manly for their smell.

There are serious hunters who just can't bear to come home empty-handed. It could ruin their whole year until they redeem themselves next season.

Sometimes inexperienced hunters find that actually killing something is more of a problem than going home and talking about how close their shot came. Once the thing is dead it weighs about a ton. It helps if you bag your limit by the side of the road instead of miles away from your truck. It also bleeds all over the place, and if you don't have somebody with you who knows how to care for the carcass, the whole animal is wasted anyway.

Your wife probably hopes you don't get a kill. If you do, there's the

problem of cutting up and storing the meat which your kids won't eat anyway because of the wild flavor and it will probably reside in your freezer for years to come.

There are one-time hunters who will spend tons of money on all the latest in outdoor survival equipment and then hope their wives can dispose of it in a garage sale sometime at a fraction of what they paid for it. Worse yet, they keep all that stuff as mementos of that one brave foray into the wilderness in which they got really cold, tired, discouraged and sore in all kinds of places they didn't know they had.

Though I love camping, I'm not a hunter, I guess partly because I'm a girl — which doesn't automatically

exempt you from the hunting instinct — and partly because I grew up in an environment where predator control was part of every day life, not a seasonal event. We butchered out our own meat but it was mostly of the home-raised variety.

Every year, ranching country people have mixed feelings about hunting season. As a kid I knew it would bring friends and relatives to visit that we didn't get to see regularly. It also brought lots of people we'd just as soon never showed up to camp and hunt on the government-lease land. We often had to clean up the toilet paper, soda and beer cans, disposable diapers, plastic bags and other trash that many hunters didn't feel was their responsibility to take along when it came time to break camp.

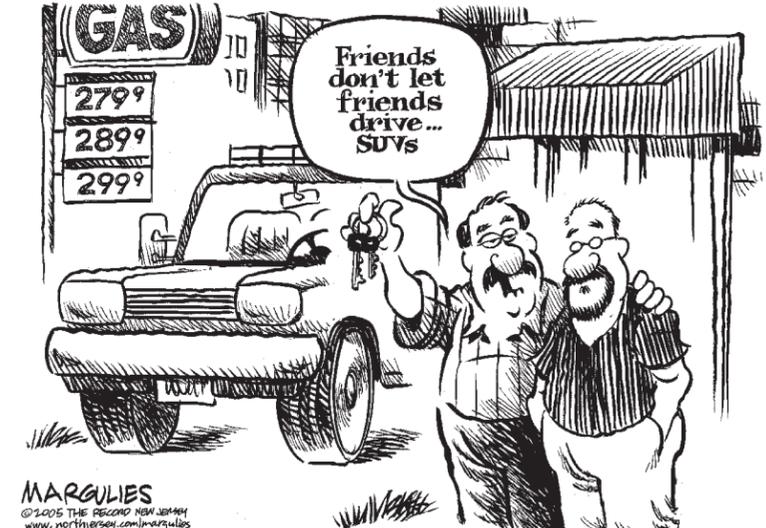
It was during this time that I learned about men's shopping habits. Sometimes the campsites yielded more than trash. In carelessness or haste, there was some pretty valuable stuff left behind — everything from Bowie knives to ice chests — and it wasn't cheap stuff, either.

Because I do love camping, I got started shopping out of hunting and outdoor equipment catalogs. There is nothing they won't sell you — you can equip an entire army in style with new and used stuff. The technology is constantly improving, too — tents are smaller and lighter, life-saving long-handled underwear comes in special fabrics that fold up into the palm of your hand so you don't need a whole duffel bag just for your undies. Saves room in the back of the truck for that extra ice-chest of beer.

Hunting licenses can cost a lot, especially if you are hunting outside of your home state. Sometimes, when the pickings are thin, they even get down to drawings in which you buy a ticket and they draw out of a big pot to see who gets to shoot at the wild things.

This can bring on a serious case of buck fever.

I recently saw a bumper sticker which read, "It's called tourist season so why don't we get to shoot 'em?"



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## Cowboy hangs his hat at Escontrias Elementary in appreciation

By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier

MISSION VALLEY — Jaime Salas couldn't believe his eyes as hundreds of "angels" circled his wheelchair over and over on a hot, August day. But these angels were not celestial beings; they were the students of Escontrias Elementary. And on this particular Tuesday morning the laps each student made helped raise money for a special cowboy who had inspired them many times before.

Salas is a long-time Socorro cowboy. Three years ago he suffered a major stroke that left him wheelchair bound, unable to ever ride a horse again. That is until his long-time friend Eddie Jasso created a custom-made saddle to allow Salas to stay mounted on horseback.

Salas was so motivated by his return to riding he decided to devote his time to develop programs to educate children with disabilities, especially in the areas of horsemanship and the cowboy way of life. That is how he came in contact with Escontrias Elementary.

Salas lives and works at Serna Ranch, owned by Cesar and Mona Sernas. Mona is the secretary at Escontrias Elementary. Sernas and Salas came down to the school with their horses and other kinds of animals to visit with the children. Salas had an immediate impact on the entire campus. So when a recent newspaper article revealed that his special saddle had been stolen, the school decided to help.

"I talked to Mona and told her we needed to do something for him," says Escontrias coach Rolaura DeAnda. "I told her that we could combine Wellness Wednesday, a day we walk for health, with a walkathon to raise money for his saddle."

And that is why Salas refers to the students of Escontrias as angels.

"There are no words for me to ex-

press what they have done," Salas says. "It would be impossible to say thank you and to describe the joy I feel in my heart. But I know this: I've been blessed with 634 guardian angels."

But for Salas, it's not about the money. "Some of the students would



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**A HAND UP — Cowboy Jaime Salas accepts a "check" from fifth grader Stephanie Martinez, secretary Mona Sernas and the entire Escontrias Elementary campus.**

come and hug me, others would say they were sorry about my saddle," he says. "It was touching that they are learning to care for others. That's the

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



*An important lesson from Hurricane Katrina: Be prepared*

It's been said that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he or she acts in really good times and really tough times. Seeing Texans instantly lend a helping hand to the thousands of evacuees doesn't surprise me one bit. Huge signs and banners practically shouting "Welcome, Y'all" are shining examples of how remarkably Texans have responded.

In the midst of all of this tragedy and unspeakable loss, I take heart reading stories of real "hurricane heroes." I find hope upon learning about families re-united. But I believe there is one real message I'd like to see get out to the masses. It's two words: Be prepared.

Do your kids know what to do in case of a fire? Does your family have an emergency plan for a winter storm? Or flash flood? Does your work place have an emergency plan? Don't you think one of the best ways to pay respect to the victims of Hurricane Katrina is to be prepared in the future?

To protect yourself and your loved ones during a time of natural disaster

or other emergencies, please visit my website to download the American Red Cross official Emergency Preparedness Checklist at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

This four-page printout details how you and your loved ones can better prepare for the next time disaster strikes. While not a detailed description, here are a few key points to keep in mind.

- Create an Emergency Plan
- Meet with household members to discuss the dangers of fire, severe weather, earthquakes and other emergencies. Explain how to respond to each.
- Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster.
- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Show family members how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches if necessary.
- Teach children how and when to dial 911, police and fire.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated during a disaster

(it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).

• Pick two emergency meeting places. 1) a place near your home in case of a fire and 2) a place outside your neighborhood in case you can not return home after a disaster.

• Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.

• Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit

These are just a few of the helpful tips listed in the comprehensive checklist. Other sections include: preparing an emergency car kit, if you need to evacuate, and fire safety. In addition, there are emergency plan contact information lists as well as escape plan sample designs. While you can't plan out exactly when or where the next hurricane, tornado, or earthquake will be, you can plan to be prepared. Please consider examining this tremendously helpful resource.

If Mother Nature strikes, will you and your family be prepared? I hope that answer is yes.

**Reyes Reports** By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes



*Both victims and rescuers deserve care and support*

Hurricane Katrina recently inflicted devastation across Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, leaving hundreds of thousands of victims in her wake. The El Paso community did not hesitate a moment to offer comfort and aid to our neighbors and the immediate outpouring of generous donations and support, especially for those here at the Convention Center, reflect our strength and resolve in the face of this disaster.

In El Paso and across Texas, we have taken in so many people that we find ourselves in need of assistance to help our neighbors deal with this overwhelming tragedy. That is why I am working with my fellow Texans in Congress to ensure that we can take care of both our neighbors and ourselves.

Hurricane Katrina battered the homes and bodies of those in her path. As Texas hospitals nurse the injured back to health, our health care professionals are treating children, the elderly, and those with chronic health problems, and many of these patients rely on the Medicaid program. Under Medicaid, the federal

government pays for 60-percent of the health care costs and states are responsible for the other 40-percent. Following Katrina, the federal government directed Texas to pick up the tab for our guests.

While we want to take care of those evacuated to Texas from the Gulf states, it is not fair to ask our state to bear this huge financial burden, and I am working to pass legislation (HR 3671) directing the federal government to pay increased health care costs — not just 60-percent — for the evacuees. We want to and will provide the needed care, but our hospitals and doctors need to know they will be paid for their services, and that this payment will not come at the expense of health care for Texans.

El Pasoans and Texans have also stepped up to the plate to serve our neighbors' educational needs. We expect to enroll up to 60,000 children in schools across the state. This huge surge in enrollment comes at a time when our schools must meet new standards under the No Child Left Behind Act, and I am working with my colleagues to bring relief to our schools so they have the flexibility they need to hire teachers quickly and delay some federal requirements.

El Paso schools strive to give every student the best possible education, but they need money to hire teachers and purchase textbooks. In Texas, the average cost of educating a child is \$7,500 per year, and schools did not budget for the new students who were displaced from their home schools. The U.S Department of Education is working to find money to reimburse Texas schools for educating our neighbors, and I will work to ensure our schools get all the funding necessary and that they get it quickly. Schools are doing the very best they can to accommodate these new children, but they cannot serve any students well if they do not have the needed funds.

Across El Paso and Texas, we have opened our hearts and homes to those who have sought refuge here and have helped these families take the first steps toward rebuilding their lives. I will work to improve not only the federal government's response but also assistance to Texas, which is providing the practical support Katrina victims desperately need at this point. For those who have lost so much and for those who have selflessly come to their aid, it is the very least they deserve.

**Cowboy**

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most important thing."

Salas says he was also touched by a very special fifth grader at Escontrias. Stephanie Martinez is the only wheelchair bound student at the school. Salas immediately bonded with her.

"When I had my stroke, it took my

friends to encourage me to move," Salas remembers. "I couldn't sit up; I couldn't transfer from a bed. I couldn't do anything. But little by little, they worked with me. So now my goal is to be able to teach children with disabilities to go outside, to camp, to ride horses and everything."

And Stephanie is willing to take up Salas' offer, if her parents are willing to accept the invitation. "I hope I see him again," she says. "I want to go to

his house and see all the animals."

In all, the campus raised a total of \$1,222.65 on Tuesday alone. According to Mona Sernas, calls offering donations continue to come from the community and other schools in Socorro ISD. As a small token of appreciation, Salas donated his favorite cowboy hat to the school.

"For a cowboy, home is where you hang your hat," he says. "By them hanging my favorite hat at the school, this will always be my home."

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**Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE**

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2005** during a **Special City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

- 1) Ordinance No. 0147 — Adopting a tax rate and authorizing the assessment and collection taxes within the Town of Horizon City, Texas and further, authorizing the El Paso City Tax Office to perform the actual assessment and collection of said property taxes for fiscal year of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046.

Sandra Sierra  
City Clerk

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**Canutillo Independent School District 2005-2006 Meal Policy**

The Canutillo Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All students in the District will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2005-2006. All children will receive a free breakfast and a free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, age or national origin. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Adele Balesh, Director of Food Services, at 877-7451.

*El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Regla de Alimentos Año 2005-2006*

*El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo ofrece desayuno y comida todos los días escolares. A todos los estudiantes del distrito se les servirán alimentos a ningún costo durante el año académico de 2005-2006. Todo estudiante recibirá almuerzo y comida gratis no tomando en cuenta ingresos. En el funcionamiento del programa de alimentación ningún niño ó estudiante será discriminando contra su raza, color, religión, sexo, incapacidad, edad o origen nacional. Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con Adele Balesh, Directora de Servicios de Alimentación, a 877-7451.*

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## Briefs

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Brisbin Jr., RCGOG executive director. The Doyle Ziler Distinguished Public Service Award was given to Congressman Silvestre Reyes, and the El Paso Fire Dept. was tapped for the Organization of the Year Award. Trinidad "Trini" Acosta was named 2005 Volunteer of the Year, and Teresa Todd was honored as the first recipient of the judge Ann Scudday Extended Excellence in Service Award.

■ Clint High School and Mountain View High School in the Clint Independent School district are seeking nominations for Outstanding Alumni for the 2005 Homecoming Festivities. Clint High School will accept nominations until Sept. 13, 2005. Forms can be picked up in the front office of the campus or call 926-8100. The Clint High School Homecoming game will be Friday,

Sept. 23 against Ysleta High School. Mountain View High School will be accepting nominations through Oct. 7. Call the campus at 926-5000 for forms. The Homecoming game will be Oct. 28 against San Elizario High School.

■ Vendors are invited to take part in the upcoming Octoberfiesta in Horizon City on Oct. 8, at 14020 Horizon Blvd. For information contact Lee Mullin, 852-2544,

■ Campestre Elementary School conducted the first of what will be monthly math workshops for parents this Tuesday. Titled "Helping Your Child Learn Mathematics," future events will be offered once a month on the second Tuesday of the month. Parents will be taken through a series of math activities that they can practice at home with their children. "We want to show parents how things in every day life can be used as 'teachable moments' with their children," says principal Letty Salas. "We want to give them practical things they

can start doing with their children the very next day!" Campestre will also hold their first Buddy Science Expo on Sept 15-16. Some of the events planned are observing earthworms, making electrical circuits and working with levers. "This is the first time to do this at our campus," says Campestre science coach Shelly Hurley. "It's a baby step towards a school wide Science Expo later in the year."

■ Navy Airman Jose O. Ortega, son of Angelina Alanis of El Paso, Texas, returned from a three-month deployment while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, homeported in Norfolk, Va. Marines and Sailors in Ortega's unit deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Ortega's unit participated in a number of bilateral and multilateral theater security engagements that directly supported the war by strengthening enduring and emerging regional partnerships and increasing presence. USS Saipan was involved in Exercise Adriatic Engagement with forces from Alba-

nia and Macedonia on Sazan Island off the coast of Albania. Saipan also took part in the 100th anniversary of Norway's independence and the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar in Portsmouth, England. Amphibious assault ships like USS Saipan deploy throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons available. Ortega is a 2003 graduate of Socorro High School of El Paso, Texas and joined the Navy in February 2004.

■ *A Little Night Music* concert will be presented by the students, faculty, and community members of Montwood High School, 12000 Montwood Dr. on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. Vendor booths at a rate of \$10 are still available. Music aficionados will enjoy music by Mariachi Sangre Mexicana and Mariachi Aventurero. Montwood's orchestra, choir,

folklorico, musical theatre, Emerald dancers, guitar ensemble, A-team and cumbia/salsa band Ritmo Caliente will also perform. For information contact Jennifer Luna at 937-2591. The Montwood Emerald Players will present the Agatha Christie mystery *And Then There Where None* at Montwood High School on Sept. 16-17 at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, \$1 in advance. People who like the game "Clue" will enjoy this production. For more information call 937-2606.

■ Two opportunities for area children to learn theatrical arts are upcoming. The Slider Performing Arts will host an all-day theater camp on Saturday, Sept. 17 at William D. Slider Middle School for children ages 4-14. The camp will consist of skit performance, mask making, pictures, theater games, stage makeup, puppets, juggling and dance finale. There will also be door prizes and awards. The cost is \$25 per child including a T-shirt and lunch. The camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., to conclude with a parent performance at 3:15 p.m. For more information, contact Sonja Kern at 937-5491. The Montwood High School Emerald Players Drama Club will host its Third Annual Children's Theatre Camp Sept. 26-30 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. The camp is open to children between the ages of 6-14. Campers will learn every aspect of theatre: acting, costumes, make-up, set design and construction as well as lights and sound, culminating in a production at the end of the week. Cost for the five-day camp is \$75 which includes a daily snack and a T-shirt. Space is limited. Registration forms may be picked up at the Montwood office until Sept. 23. For information contact Jaime Barba or Beth Leffler at 937-2464 or 937-2463.

■ Ten free trees will be given to each person from Texas who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during September, 2005. The six-to-twelve-inch trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, and are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced. Participants need only send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Sept. 30, or join on-line at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

■ Gov. Rick Perry has signed Senate Bill 5, major telecommunications reform legislation intended to usher in new technology investments and create competition for video, cable and telecommunications services. Perry said Texas is taking the national lead in bringing choice to cable customers, being the first state to offer broadband over power lines, and investing in new telecommunications innovation. Senate Bill 5 ensures Texas will become the first state in nation to encourage competition in the local cable market by allowing

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# NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The Town of Horizon City conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the

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from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 39.17 percent on Friday, September 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, September 9, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX 79928.

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## Town of Anthony Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the Town of Anthony's property tax rate was \$0.457707/100. That rate raised \$387,020, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

Maintenance and operations, debt service fund, street maintenance, wages, salaries, police protection and general fund.

This year, the Town of Anthony is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.474686. That rate would raise \$408,223, which is \$21,203 more than taxes imposed last year.

The first of two public hearings to consider that increase was held on Friday, September 9, 2005.

The second public hearing will be held on **Friday, September 16, 2005, 10:00 a.m.** at 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

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## Giving

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money during lunch, as well.

"It's called our Spirit Exchange," Laffler said. "We have nine games, so that means \$450 will be donated this season by the student council."

The students at Alarcón Elementary have teamed up with the High School student council, according to Alarcón counselor Norma DeKoatz. The campus is selling "Hearts for Caring," 25-cent paper hearts — \$1 for adults — that are prominently displayed at the



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**SPINNING A TALE** — San Elizario softball coach and special education teacher Juan Rico helps bring a story to life for children staying in the Judson F. Williams Convention Center, Friday, Sept. 9.

campus.

"The proceeds will be given to the high school student council," DeKoatz said.

Sambrano principal Nancy Swanson said that the campus will soon kick off a school-wide catalog sales fundraiser, where a portion of the proceeds will go to the American Red Cross.

## Briefs

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new entrants to obtain a state-issued, statewide cable and video franchise instead of requiring franchises from individual municipalities, he said. The legislation also modernizes telecommunications laws as the governor called for in his state of the state address, paving the way for innovations such as cable and voice over internet protocol. The bill also requires the Public Utility Commission to conduct a study of the Universal Service Fund, the fund that subsidizes service to rural areas of the state.

■ Numerous departments within the U.S. government have awarded the following federal grants to the El Paso community, according to Congressman Silvestre Reyes:

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$620,307 to the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo for a variety of affordable housing activities including operating assistance, construction, modernization, management and crime prevention.
- The Corporation for National and Community Service has awarded a \$207,576 "Next Generation Grant" to Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso to recruit and match baby boomer volunteers with disadvantaged youth.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded \$100,000 to Thomason General Hospital for their Poison Control Stabilization and Enhancement Program and \$40,000 to Centro San Vicente to expand health services to help meet patient demand.

■ Canutillo Elementary School (CES) will be collecting register receipts for purchases from any Lowe's grocery stores from now until March 30, 2006. The campus will earn points through the collection of receipts that will be redeemed toward valuable educational and technology equipment. The students, parents, and community will work together to pur-

chase equipment that will be used in the classrooms. This program provides CES the opportunity to obtain equipment that it would otherwise be unable purchase. Students, staff, parents, and community members are asked to participate in collecting the register tapes. The campus has set a goal of 350,000 points. Receipts may be sent to the school by mail, P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, or dropped off at 651 Canutillo Avenue. For more information, call Canutillo Elementary at 877-7600.

■ Numerous East County schools have undertaken projects to support the victims of Hurricane Katrina and the communities that have stepped up to give the refugees a safe haven. Among those are the Jane Hambric School which sold "free dress" passes to students for \$ and turned the money over to the local chapter of the Red Cross. Montwood Middle School's Student Council, Eighth Grade Reading Class and the PVC Special Education Class all donated their snack money to the relief effort. Students at Bill Sybert School challenged each other to see which grade could raise the most money — with a goal of \$2,000 by Friday, Sept. 16. At John Drugan School, students raised over \$1,000 when students donated \$2 or more for a chance to wear their favorite outfit to school, with teachers and administrators joining in and challenging their counterparts at neighborhood Sierra Vista to do the same. Horizon Heights Elementary is conducting a Recovery Drive for household goods for Katrina Survivors through Monday, Sept. 19. The school is gathering donations of kitchen and bathroom items, linens, non-perishable food, and paper goods. The items will be presented to the Salvation Army on behalf of the Mayor's office for evacuees currently in El Paso. School supplies were also collected from numerous Socorro ISD campuses for delivery to the Houston and San Antonio school districts to assist with the influx of students displaced by Katrina. And help marches on...

## Marin is Outstanding Ex for Canutillo Homecoming celebration

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Traditions reign over Canutillo High School, as students, parents and community residents prepare for their annual Homecoming Week celebration, Wednesday through Saturday, Sept. 21-24. A parade, bonfire, pep rally, football game, and dance are among the events that the community looks forward to enjoying every year for the past 42 years.

Special guest during the homecoming celebration will be this year's Outstanding Ex, Michael



Michael Marin

Dennis Marin, class of 1985 graduate. Marin attended the Air Force Academy for three years, then finished his undergraduate studies at the UTEP. After a stint in the Air Force, he headed to Harvard, where he earned a law degree. Today, Marin is a partner in the prestigious Vinson & Elkins law firm in Austin.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Avenue, proceed through Doniphan Drive and end at Gallegos Park on Bosque Road. CHS student organizations and clubs will have food and game booths set up at the park for

the public to enjoy after the parade.

The bonfire event will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22, at the CISD Support Services Facility grounds, 7710 Cap Carter Road.

The pep assembly will begin at 9 a.m., Friday, at Eagles Stadium, and will include the introduction of the Outstanding Ex, Homecoming court, varsity football and volleyball teams, and special performances by the CHS Eagles Marching Band, cheerleaders and modern dancers.

The homecoming football game will pit the Eagles versus the Bowie HS Bears, at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23. The celebration will culminate with the homecoming dance and coronation, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m., Saturday Sept. 24, at CHS cafeteria and patio.

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# Football season is officially on: Let the celebrations end

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

Oh happy day! Football is now here in full force. High school, college and professional football players are laying it all on the line for our enjoyment on fields all across this nation.

But I've noticed somewhat of a pattern at these games.

High school players make dumb mistakes that help a coach's manes turn from a jet black to a kind of metallic gray, but they have an excuse, they're 16- to 18-year old kids.

College players are a little more mature but tend to lose their focus from time to time. Of course, they've just left high school and are still just 18-22 years of age.

That leaves the pros. Now, I don't know about you but during the first week of play I noticed something I really hadn't before.

These guys, some of which are about as smart as my toaster oven, make millions of dollars per year.

Many of them make several great plays during a game. But I made an assessment over the weekend.

I remember last week at work, I wrote a memo to a colleague. And I have to admit it wasn't your average memo, this was one heck of a memo. I crossed every "t" and dotted all the "i's." It was a thing of beauty.

And yet, I just sat there in my chair. I sat there because creating this masterpiece was just part of my job.

Oh, I suppose I could have asked for a high five or climbed aboard my desk and done a victory dance or talked some trash to the other guys whose memo's weren't as good.

It was then that it occurred to me to wonder why it is that every time a player does anything good on the football field, he immediately has to draw attention to himself, as if we didn't see him do it.

An NFL defensive lineman sacks a quarterback, he quickly runs about 15 yards to a vacant spot on the field and goes into a sort of theatrical convulsion.

A runner gains three yards and a first down, he hops to his feet and points forward like a hunting dog notifying his master of a kill.

It used to be that the dramatic dances, spasms and finger-pointing were saved for the most crucial game-deciding plays.

Now a player will host his own ants-in-his-pants-Broadway-production-number after almost every play.

I see guys trash talking after a two-yard gain. I see guys strutting their stuff after an ordinary tackle. Heck, I even see guys going all John Travolta even when they had nothing to do with the play!

Guys, I'm begging you, tone it down just a bit.

I don't mind the occasional Tiger Woods fist-pump but timing is everything. I don't see Tiger do an aggressive five-step-fist-pump after just missing a 20-foot putt. The man picks his spots — that's what makes it special.

Enthusiasm in sports is absolutely necessary — flamboyant self-promotion is getting a little old. Real men act like men. Some of these guys act like little boys in desperate need of attention.

Well, if you can't beat them, join them. Wait till you see me do "the worm" the next time I nail the perfect pot of coffee.

## Girls gone wild

You've heard all the stories of those out-of-control athletes getting into all kinds of trouble

with the law.

The sports have all been well documented. Football, baseball, basketball and hockey players lead the way when it comes to delinquent behavior.

Guys have invented new ways of getting into trouble in recent years, but in these times of equality, the girls still have a long way to go to catch up to the guys — well, maybe not *too* long.

Seems six current and former members of the women's Frostburg State University field hockey team pled guilty last week for their roles in a boozed-up hazing ritual that left an 18-year old hospitalized with a blood-alcohol level more than four times the legal limit.

These goofy gals were each fined \$300 and given suspended 60-day jail terms and placed on one year's probation.

Make no mistake, these are not the kinds of girls you want anywhere near your mother.

According to court documents, the freshmen who suffered through the hazing were pelted with flour, ice and eggs, and made to sit in their own vomit and urine.

I guess they when they made these girls they were all out of sugar and spice .

# San Elizario homecoming to played in the Sun Bowl

By Phillip Cortez  
Special to the Courier

The San Elizario and Fabens football teams will be playing a big time game in a big time venue, Saturday, September 17, 2005, when they face each other at the Sun Bowl. San Elizario's homecoming game scheduled to kick off at 3:00 p.m., according to San Elizario Athletics Director Bernie Del Hierro.

It's a far cry from the respective high school stadiums these two teams usually play on, Del Hierro said, and playing in a collegiate sta-

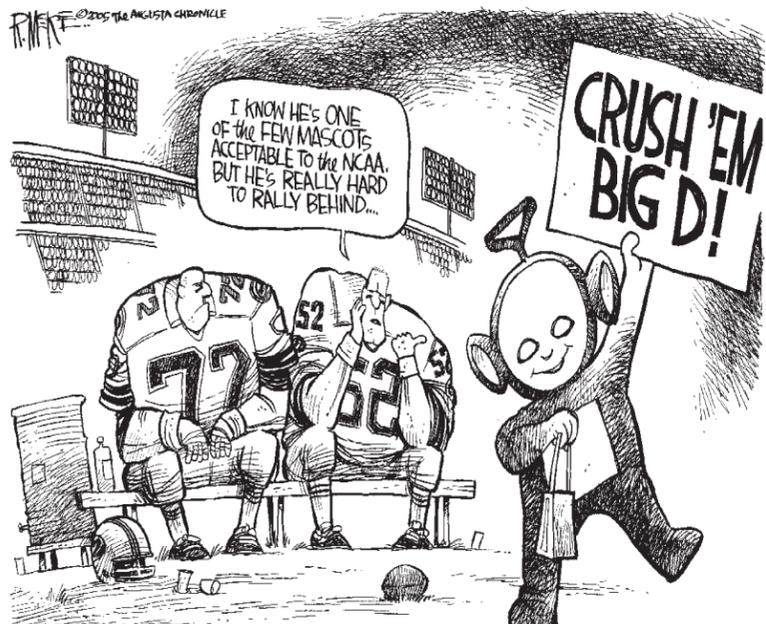
dium that holds over 50,000 people will be something most of these players will never forget.

"Since last summer when we found out we'd be playing in the Sun Bowl our kids have been excited and have really looked forward to this game," Del Hierro said. "We've never had the opportunity to play there."

The Saturday date became available when Conference USA and its national television agreement with ESPN scheduled UTEP to play Houston on Friday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m., according to Mack Rhoades, Associate Athletics Director at UTEP.

"High school football is so important in the city of El Paso," Rhoades said.

As a result, Rhoades said that two high school games will be played at the Sun Bowl on Thursday night and two will be played on Saturday. Even though Saturday is San Elizario's homecoming game, Del Hierro said that the football players jumped at the opportunity to play the game in the Sun Bowl. Tickets for the game are \$2 for students and \$4 for adults. Pre-game tickets are available at both San Elizario and Fabens High Schools. For more information contact Bernie Del Hierro at 872-3939 ext. 3514.



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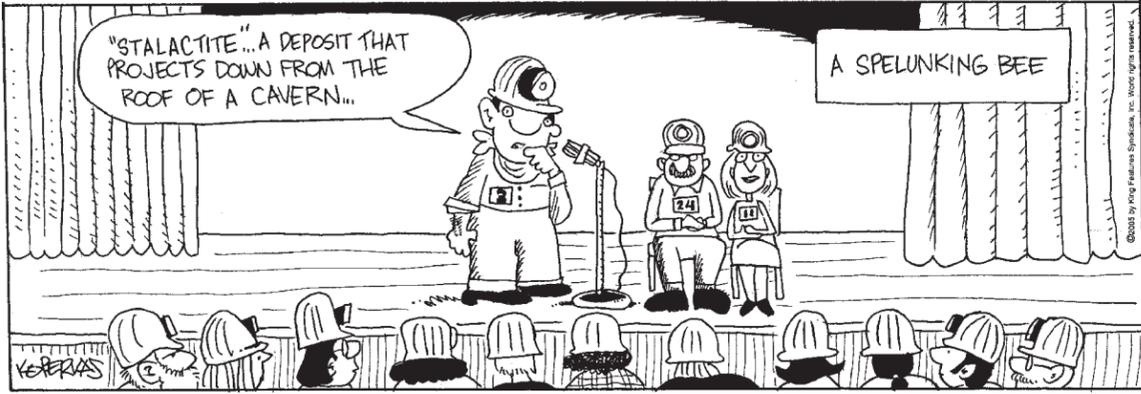
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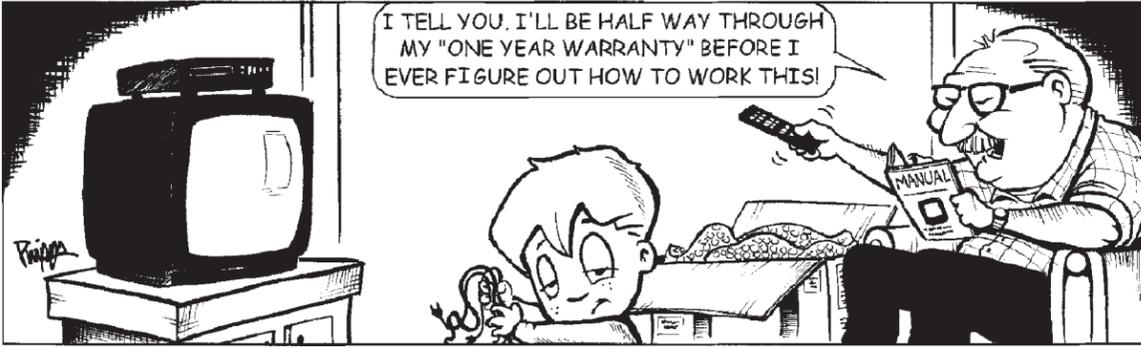


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Stones keep going and going...

By Don Flood

While the latest Rolling Stones tour has elicited a lot of jokes about the "Strolling Bones" tour and "Rock of Ages," most observers, for some reason, have refrained from stating the obvious truth about this concert series.

Yes, much has been made about how thin Mick Jagger is, about how he appears almost skeletal.

But a picture of Jagger prancing about the stage revealed to me the story behind the story.

Jagger's not merely skeletal. He is a skeleton.

In fact, forensic experts from the "CSI: Miami" TV show recently pegged his approximate time of death as 2002.

Naturally, tour promoters have tried to downplay reports of the frontman's death.

Jagger's publicist, after first refusing to "confirm or deny" rumors that the band's lead singer was deceased, has been more aggressive about trying to put the right spin on the story — even scheduling a press conference to make the following statement:

"These stories are categorically, 100 percent NOT true, as anyone who has seen the late Mr. Jagger perform — oops! I mean, really, this whole thing is just ridiculous and journalists should have a little more respect for the — oops! I mean, um, the Grateful Dead toured for years and nobody complained!

"And those other guys, to the best of my knowledge, they're not dead either."

While fellow publicists appreciated the attempt to spike the "dead" controversy, many felt his efforts were not as successful as they

might have been.

Few would argue that dead rock stars have a right to tour. After all, they have to make a living too.

But the tour still raises the question: What is appropriate age for a rock star to call it quits?

We didn't used to have this problem. Most rock stars followed the custom of dying young.

But as age 40 has become the "new 30" and 50 the "new 40," so now dead has become the "new touring rock star."

As you might expect, much of it boils down to money.

Rock stars can't afford to die the way they used to, not when they can still sell hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of tickets.

(True fact: People paid \$100,000 to sit in a luxury box with Arnold Schwarzenegger to watch a Rolling Stones concert.

Discussion question: Do you think this indicates rock 'n' roll may have gotten just a little bit away from its R & B roots?)

And as the saying goes, you can't take it with you, so why go at all? Promoters, too, have a strong financial incentive to pretend their top-selling artists are still alive.

But money isn't the only issue.

Rock has been waiting for the Next Big Thing for, oh... going on about 40 years now. It hasn't come along.

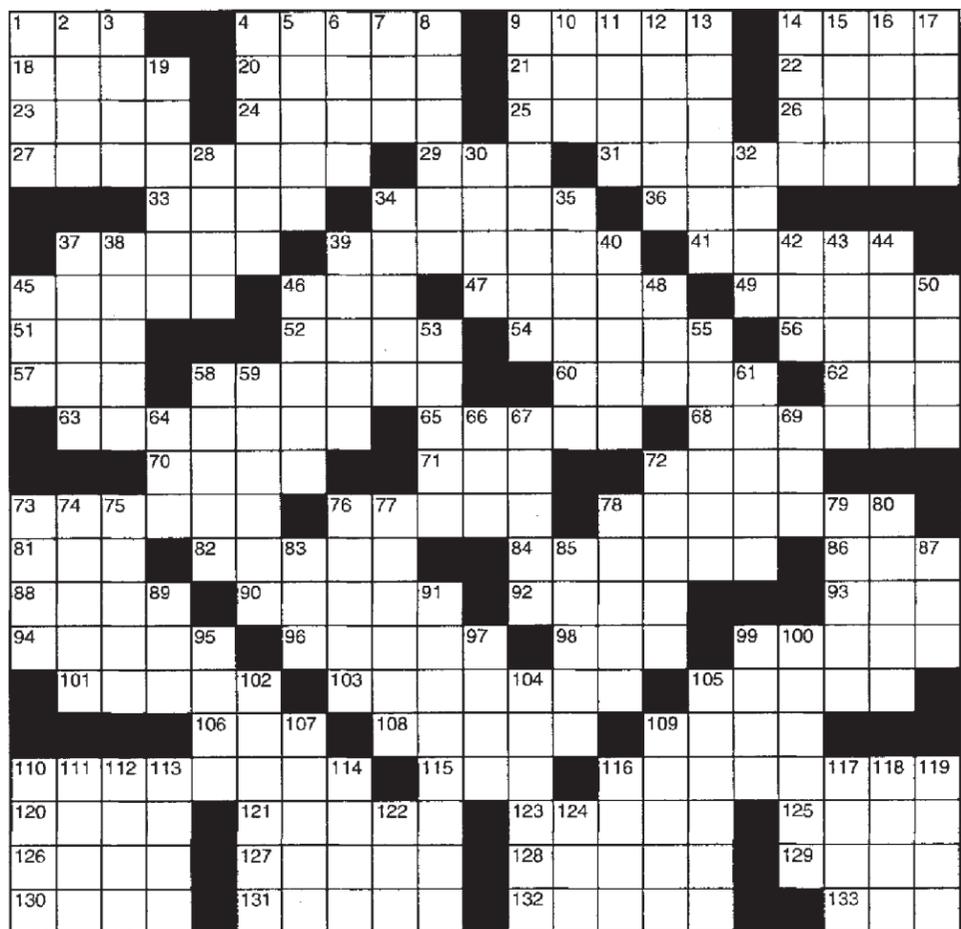
So when Jagger opens up a Stones concert with "Start Me Up" — which now requires 40,000 volts and a battery pack to get him through a set — he's still the best "live" act around.

Well, sort of.

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Answer Page 6

# Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

**Q:** I retired a couple of years ago. My youngest son had received Social Security benefits based on my work record until he graduated high school last spring. Since he will be attending college this fall, will his Social Security benefits resume, as long as he's a full-time student?

at age 18, benefits can continue until he or she graduates or reaches age 19, whichever comes first.

**Q:** I recently applied for Social Security disability benefits. If I'm approved, when can I expect my payments to start?

A: If Social Security determines that you are disabled and eligible to receive Social Security disability benefits, your monthly payments will begin the sixth full month of your disability.

A: No. Normally, a child's benefit stops when he or she reaches age 18, unless the child is disabled. If the child is still a full-time student in secondary or elementary school

**Q:** I get Social Security disability benefits and will be 62 years old this year. Will my Social Security benefits change when I reach retirement age?

A: Yes and no. When you "retire" from disability benefits, so to speak, the amount of your monthly Social Security benefit will not change. It will, however, be changed from disability to retirement benefits in our records. But this doesn't happen until you reach full retirement age.

**Q:** My daughter just joined the Army. I was wondering if she will have to

pay Social Security tax during her active-duty military service.

A: Yes, people who serve in the active-duty armed forces pay Social Security taxes, and have done so since 1957. While in military service, your daughter will pay Social Security taxes just as civilian employees do. In 2005, the tax rate is 6.2 percent, up to a maximum salary of \$90,000, with employers paying an equal amount.

**Q:** Is it really worth applying for the extra financial help available under the new Medicare prescription drug plan?

A: Yes, it is. If you qualify, you would get extra help paying for the premiums, deductibles and co-payments under the new Medicare prescription drug plan. That extra help could be worth an average of \$2,100 per year for people who qualify. And there is no risk or cost to apply.

For more information visit your local Security office, see [www.ssa.gov](http://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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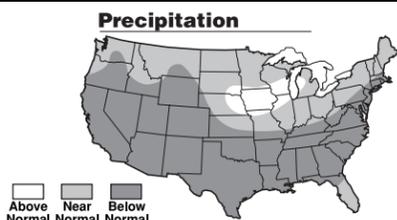
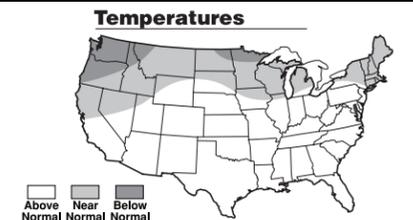
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Sat.	6:51 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	Sat.	7:10 p.m.	6:13 a.m.	New	First
Sun.	6:51 a.m.	7:08 p.m.	Sun.	7:41 p.m.	7:23 a.m.		
Mon.	6:52 a.m.	7:06 p.m.	Mon.	8:12 p.m.	8:31 a.m.	10/3	10/10
Tues.	6:53 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	Tues.	8:45 p.m.	9:38 a.m.		
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Albuquerque, NM	83	56	s	84	59	s	86	60	s	84	59	s	Boston	80	62	t	76	58	pc	74	56	s	74	57	s
Amarillo, TX	80	58	pc	85	63	t	90	60	s	87	58	c	Chicago	76	54	pc	76	56	pc	80	58	pc	80	56	t
Austin, TX	95	76	pc	94	71	pc	97	73	pc	95	70	s	Denver	74	47	s	76	49	s	77	49	s	76	47	s
Brownsville, TX	95	77	t	96	76	t	95	75	pc	93	75	t	Detroit	76	54	pc	74	52	pc	76	54	s	78	58	s
Dodge City, KS	81	58	pc	88	60	t	88	61	s	85	56	pc	Houston	94	76	pc	94	76	pc	94	74	pc	94	74	s
Jackson, MS	94	73	pc	92	70	t	94	71	s	92	70	s	Indianapolis	76	55	pc	80	55	pc	77	55	s	80	59	c
Laredo, TX	97	77	t	102	77	t	102	75	pc	98	74	s	Kansas City	80	61	pc	82	60	pc	81	61	t	84	62	c
Little Rock, AR	84	70	t	88	69	t	92	70	s	91	66	s	Los Angeles	78	60	pc	78	60	pc	80	62	pc	80	62	pc
Lubbock, TX	94	64	pc	94	64	s	94	62	s	90	61	c	Miami	91	79	t	91	79	t	90	79	t	89	78	t
Memphis, TN	83	70	t	87	69	pc	88	69	s	88	70	s	Minneapolis	80	56	pc	80	58	pc	76	56	sh	73	53	c
Midland, TX	96	72	pc	96	70	s	92	67	s	92	67	pc	New Orleans	92	77	s	93	77	s	94	76	s	91	76	s
Pueblo, CO	82	46	s	85	48	s	85	48	s	84	47	s	New York City	81	70	t	80	64	pc	78	62	pc	76	62	s
Roswell, NM	91	61	pc	94	63	s	93	62	s	91	61	pc	Omaha	82	58	s	82	60	s	82	62	t	84	62	t
St. Louis, MO	76	61	pc	82	61	s	82	62	t	81	66	pc	Phoenix	101	76	s	102	77	s	102	77	s	100	76	s
San Antonio, TX	96	77	t	96	77	pc	98	74	s	96	73	s	San Francisco	68	54	pc	68	56	pc	68	54	pc	73	56	pc
Texarkana, AR	91	72	t	93	72	t	94	72	s	94	69	s	Seattle	66	52	pc	66	50	sh	66	50	pc	68	52	pc
Waco, TX	97	75	pc	96	75	s	98	74	s	96	73	s	Washington	86	66	t	80	62	pc	78	60	pc	80	61	s
Wichita, KS	81	63	t	87	65	t	89	65	t	88	63	c													

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