

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Beneficial reading

In less than nine weeks, students in Christine Hayden's English Language Arts 7th and 8th classes helped get 100 books to disadvantaged children nationwide. As part of Scholastic Book Clubs Classrooms Care initiative, these students promised to read 100 books and in turn the company would donate 100 books to children in need. Hayden's goal for her students was to finish by winter break, but realized seven weeks from the start of school her students had reached their mark. "We had some students reading three or four books because they really love reading and this gave them a purpose to read more," she said. "I am proud of them because this project was in addition to what we do in class." These students are part of a big network of classrooms across the country that have joined together to get books to children, including many who have been affected by natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. Scholastic Book Clubs Classroom Cares is a literacy based campaign to teach children about the joys and importance of reading and giving. The campaign is on going until Dec. 31, 2006 and its goal is to donate a total of one million new books.

### New Tornillo watch

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office will be meeting with citizens in Tornillo who are interested in organizing a Tornillo Chapter of Neighborhood Watch on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at the Tornillo Elementary School at 7 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

### Wal-Mart arrest

Officers of the Anthony Police Department thought they were going to assist a motorist in difficulty — instead they wound up arresting a man wanted in Minnesota for possession and delivery of methamphetamine. The vehicle in question at the site of the arrest on Oct. 6 was an RV in which was found items "that are not normally stored in a recreational vehicle," and were subsequently found to have been stolen from the Wal-Mart in Las Cruces, valued between \$5000 and \$10,000. Christopher J. Sherman, 41, a Minnesota resident, was arrested.

### In other news

■ The abandoned Clint Cemetery, located among cotton fields off of San Elizario Road, will be getting a clean-up this Saturday, Oct. 28, thanks to the Upper Rio Grande AmeriCorps group. "Not too many people in the area are even aware of its existence," said Romy Ledesma, AmeriCorps program manager with the Texas Cooperative Extension. Records show that there are only 16 visible grave markers in the cemetery, probably dating between 1900 and 1933, and are believed

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You can qualify as an old-timer if you can remember when people didn't need any more than a day to do a day's work.

— Quips & Quotes

## University 101 comes to San Eli

By Phillip Cortez  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO — SEHS seniors take college applications seriously.

Eddie Barragan already knows where he wants to go to college and what he wants to major in. In fact, he can envision what he'll be doing in the next 10 years.

"Working at a company like Sony designing circuits," Barragan said.

As the top ranked student in the 2006-2007 senior class, even this soon-to-be Texas Longhorn is looking to still take advantage of available scholarship money in order to see his vision through. Barragan, along with 49 other seniors with a 3.0 grade point average attended a workshop with UTEP recruiter Karla Iscapa in order to fill out the Texas Common Application and to get started on applying for UTEP scholarships.

"These students will have an opportunity to apply for the Presidential Excellence Scholarship (\$16,000), the Presidential Scholarship (\$8,000), and a few other scholarships at UTEP," Iscapa said.

The class of 2006-2007 is taking the college application process seriously. According to Joe Keith, principal, every senior has submitted an application to El Paso Community College and UTEP. In fact, all seniors are required to fill out the Free Application for

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) regardless of whether they are going to be attending college or just aren't sure yet.

Students are not only encouraged to look into local colleges and universities, according to Dickie Garza, lead counselor at SEHS. Next week, top seniors will have the chance to talk to admissions representatives from Boston University, an opportunity made possible by SEHS teacher Terry Baca, who graduated from the school.

Garza, when asked how important it is to expose SEHS students to different schools, said, "It's extremely important. That's why we'll be taking them to The College Fair on November 23 at Socorro High School."

"We're going to take as many seniors as we



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

**JUST SIGN UP HERE — UTEP admissions representative Karla Iscapa helps San Elizario High School senior Eddie Barragan apply for available scholarships on Oct. 10.**

can," he said.

And with their efforts, the school is going to make sure as many seniors as possible go onto college next fall.

## Gonzo the clown and sidekick Sparky give Tornillo a lesson in fire prevention

By Rudy Barreda  
*Special to the Courier*

TORNILLO — In celebration of Fire Prevention Week, the students at Tornillo Elementary School hosted Gonzo the Clown and Sparky. The presentation was coordinated by TES counselor, Antonio Rosales with the help of the Fort Bliss Fire Department.



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

**A SPARK OF PREVENTION — Gonzo the Clown and Sparky, the Fire Prevention Dog pose for a picture with TES teacher Virginia Trujillo's third grade class.**

The Tornillo students participated in a presentation that provided them with valuable fire prevention information. Gonzo the Clown and Officer Raul Gonzales taught the students the proper steps to take should a fire occur at their home. They reviewed proper exiting procedures and also practiced dialing 911. Officer Gonzales stressed the fact that 911 is for emergencies only, and should not be played with. The students were also advised to learn their physical address, so that they can provide emergency personnel with immediate access to their homes in the event of an emergency.

Gonzo the Clown was accompanied by Sparky, the Fire Prevention Dog. Together with the students, they practiced the "Stop, Drop and Roll" techniques, and sang and danced with the students as part of the fire prevention presentation.

TES principal Severo Alcoset said he was very pleased with the presentations and grateful that the Fort Bliss Fire Department was able to take the time to share this valuable information with the students.

## Canutillo ISD School Board candidates' forum to be Oct. 30

By Kim Guzman  
*Special to the Courier*

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District voters will have an opportunity to meet the candidates who are running for a position on the CISD Board of Trustees during a "Meet The Candidates" forum scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 30, at Canutillo High School, 6675 South Desert Boulevard.

Nine candidates are vying for three seats up for election on the Nov. 7 voting day. Incumbents running for re-election are Sergio Coronado, Rafael Reyes, and Yvonne S. Sanchez. Also running for the Board are Dion Dorado, David Guzman Garcia, Shonda Jordan, Vince Limon Jr., Santos Lucero, and Jose M. Villarreal.

The Candidates Forum is sponsored by Canutillo High School student council in cooperation with the UTEP Center for Civic Engagement.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Gary DeLeon 877-7801.

Early voting began on Monday, Oct. 23, and will run through Friday, Nov. 3. Early voters can cast their ballots at any county elections early polling place, which includes Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Avenue (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.); or the Vinton Fire Station, 510 Vinton Road (3:00-6:00 p.m.).

On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7, voters must vote at their designated precincts from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CISD designated polling locations can be found in a notice on page four of this publication.

## Town of Anthony adopts new budget with lower tax rate

ANTHONY — The Town of Anthony, Texas adopted a budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year totaling 2,300,158 which includes the General Fund budget and Water and Sewer Budget combined.

To support this budget, the Town Council adopted a tax rate of .433112 per \$100, a reduction from last year's rate of .4774686. According to Mayor Art Franco, the Town Council felt they needed to approve the lower tax rate which is the effective tax rate rather than the rollback rate. He said the Town would have been able to receive additional funding by adopting the rollback rate and the citizens would not have been able to have an election rollback.

He said the council believes the citizens need a break considering the increase in the appraisals and increased taxes by other entities. Also the town received more money than was budgeted last year due to the increase in new construction. Other revenue increases included additional fees such as building permits and other charges associated with construction.

The town anticipates additional funding for the upcoming fiscal year due to several commercial ventures committed to locating in Anthony. Three residential subdivisions are currently under construction.



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# How weird can it get?

So I get this stuff on my e-mail, see, and I read almost everything if I recognize the source. Much of it comes and goes with a laugh or a thought — a good joke or an inspirational note, a scam warning or a scam invitation.

Every now and then, though, there will be one that really makes me sit up and take notice. And wonder...

Just how weird, how strange, how convoluted can human beings actually become?

If we could harness all the human creativity and energy we expend in thinking up new ways to prey upon one another or in trying to avoid be-

coming victims of one another, there is not telling what the human race could accomplish.

Now, a lot of what comes to an e-mail address over the internet is not what one would send in a letter they actually set down and wrote especially for someone else. A lot of it is material that someone created to apply to a wide variety of people and shot off into the electronic never-never land — non-specific and generic, you know, sort of like a once a year family Christmas newsletter.

So this forwarded-forwarded-forwarded communication comes to my box and it's about nine precautions women should take to avoid becoming

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ing victims of assault or worse.

It reminds us, the weaker sex, that the elbow is the strongest part of our bodies and can be administered accordingly.

It suggests that if a robber demands your valuables that you don't just hand them to him — rather than you throw whatever is being demanded, be it purse, keys or whatever, as far as you can and then run the opposite direction. Pretty creative, that.

It recommends that if you must do a little after-shopping wrap-up after getting into your car that you first drive to a different location and make sure you lock the door first.

A lot of the tips were common sense — like don't let your sympathetic side get the better of you if you are asked for assistance by a stranger with a cane or other easily-affected disability. And pay attention to who is parked next to your car, and avoid getting into your car if a large truck or van is blocking you from public view. Good idea.

But then it starts getting to the

weird part. And country-bumpkin that I am, I hate to think that these are tips that I — or my loved ones — will ever need. And under the extreme conditions they would be needed, who could actually remember?

I know the person who authored this piece was well-meaning, but it's the sort of thing that if you spend too much time thinking about it, you won't ever leave your house!

But it's not fair that I should suffer alone, right? So, women of the world, share my burden!

Should you become locked in the trunk of a car you can kick out the tail-lights and stick your arm out and wave it around. Whoever is driving the car can't see you but other motorists can.

Should someone pull a gun on you, don't just stand there. You should turn and run! Preferably in a zig-zag pattern. You can bolster your courage to do this by reminding yourself that statistics prove that predators can't hit a running target but four out of 100 shots, and even then it is unlikely that the bullet will strike a vital organ.

But then it got the weirdest of all. According to this e-mail, there is reason to believe that a predator has utilized a recording of a baby crying to lure women outside their homes late at night.

They said one woman had the presence of mind to call police rather than rushing outside — as I would have done — when she heard the child outside her door. She was sternly warned not to go outside to investigate. But she said the sound moved down the front of her home as if the child were crawling and it took all her self-control not to hurry out to keep the child from getting into the street.

Now, I don't know about you, but I think it would take a dreadfully depraved person to come up with that scenario!

This safety missive noted that this world is "full of crazies," and that it is "better to be paranoid than dead."

I can't say I necessarily agree.

I hope the day never comes when I have to choose to leave a child in danger rather than risk my own neck.

## Clint High Band advances to regional competition: A parent's perspective

By Fernando Sepulveda  
Special to the Courier

CLINT — It was a busy and glorious weekend for the Clint High School Band beginning Friday, Oct. 20 when the Clint High School Band boarded busses at 11:30 a.m. and headed to Pecos where the Clint Lions would play Pecos and come home with a victory.

After a half-time performance the CHS Band got back on their busses and headed home arriving at Clint around 1 a.m. The next morning at 9 a.m. the Band students were back on the football field practicing for the UIL Region 22 marching contest which would begin later that afternoon at the Socorro Student Activities Center.

At 12:15 p.m. the band students again boarded their busses accompanied by a good size caravan of parents.

While the band did a little more

practice in the parking lot, the parents — numbering around 14 — unloaded a rental truck packed with props, drums, keyboards, stands, amplifiers, and all kinds of other equipment that would have to be placed on the field. Among this group were Band Booster Club officers and members, one of which was Clint ISD board president Jim Pendell.

The tension was building as the time to take the field approached. At 12:50 the band students lined up in the entrance to the SAC field which was occupied by the Van Horn High School Band. Lined up right next to the band were the Booster Club members, each carrying some kind of equipment or another which would have to be placed on the field for the competition with only two minutes to set up.

In a mad rush, the boosters set up the props and instruments and retreated 20 feet away from the performance area, aware they would have

only two more minutes to remove everything after the band left the field or receive a penalty which would affect the band's standing.

Band Director Aaron Works, drum majors Idaly Maldonado and Rocio Chavez proudly lead their band onto the field where they would perform three songs, *Allegro Molto, Largo,* and *Allegro Con Fucio*, in front of

the judges and the audience.

As the performance concluded, the students congregated around the buses, some shedding tears of joy because they had played and marched their best while others shed tears because they felt they had made mistakes.

At 4 p.m. the Clint HS band waited breathlessly as the scores

for each school were presented — and a cheer went up as Clint was announced as receiving a rating of 1 which is "Excellent!"

An even bigger cheer went up when it was announced that Clint High School and Anthony High School would be advancing to regional in Lubbock. Did I forget to mention what a glorious weekend it was?

## Canutillo ISD administrator appointed to Texas Commission on Fire Protection

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Yusuf Farran, P.E., R.S., executive director of Facilities and Transportation for Canutillo Independent School District, has been appointed to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection by Gov. Rick Perry.

Farran was administered the oath of office by U.S. District Judge Kathleen Cardone during a ceremony on Oct. 9 at the CISD Administrative Facility. His term of office expires Feb. 1, 2009.

Farran will join the 13-member commission whose mission is to help protect the lives and property of the citizens of Texas by developing and enforcing professional standards for the fire service.

Farran is a current member of the El Paso City/County Board of Health, the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, and the El Paso Community College Foundation. He has also served on the El Paso City Water Conservation Advisory Board and the El Paso City Plumbing and HVAC Board of Appeals.

Farran has over 20 years of civil, environmental, and sanitary engineering experience. He earned a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering and a master of science in civil/environmental engineering degrees from the University of Texas at El Paso.

In March 2004, Farran was hired by CISD to be the district's first construction administrator. In March 2006, he was named executive director of Facilities and Transportation.

**SWORN IN — Yusuf Farran was administered the oath of office by U.S. District Judge Kathleen Cardone.**

## City of El Paso pulls officers from off-duty service as funeral escorts

EL PASO — El Paso Police Chief Richard Wiles has announced that off-duty El Paso Police Officers will no longer be allowed to function in funeral escorts beginning Dec. 1. The decision comes after a severe traffic collision that resulted in serious injuries to an off-duty police officer who was conducting a funeral escort.

The latest injury involved a 16-year veteran of the El Paso Police Department who on Saturday, Sept. 30 was working as a funeral escort in Socorro and was seriously injured in a collision.

"This decision is being made to prevent any deaths of officers or further injuries," said Wiles said in a prepared statement. "In addition, since many injuries involving these escorts have been serious in nature, the officers are being forced to take

leave and be away from duty which also impacts the safety of other officers due to current staffing shortages. The El Paso Police Department has investigated collisions involving citizens as a result of escorts. Due to a provision in the contract between the El Paso Municipal Police Officers Association and the City of El Paso, Officers injured in off-duty employment whose off-duty employer does not provide workman's compensation insurance can make a claim with the City of El Paso workman's compensation program to pay for the injury."

The statement further said that this results in taxpayers monies being expended for off-duty employment injuries. The research included Salt Lake City, Reno, Detroit, the State of California, Dallas, Phoenix, Tucson, Albuquerque and Denver — all of which have prohibited their officers serving as funeral escorts.

Effective Dec. 1, El Paso Police Officers will not be allowed to participate in this type of off-duty employment. The statement said this announcement was being made to allow time for the escort service to find replacements from other agencies if they wish to continue this practice.

"The El Paso Police Department respects and believes that those deceased deserve respect and tribute," Wiles said. "However, the lives and safety of our officers and citizens must also be considered." This decision will apparently affect about 12 officers. There are currently 288 off-duty employment permits not including the escorts, the statement said.

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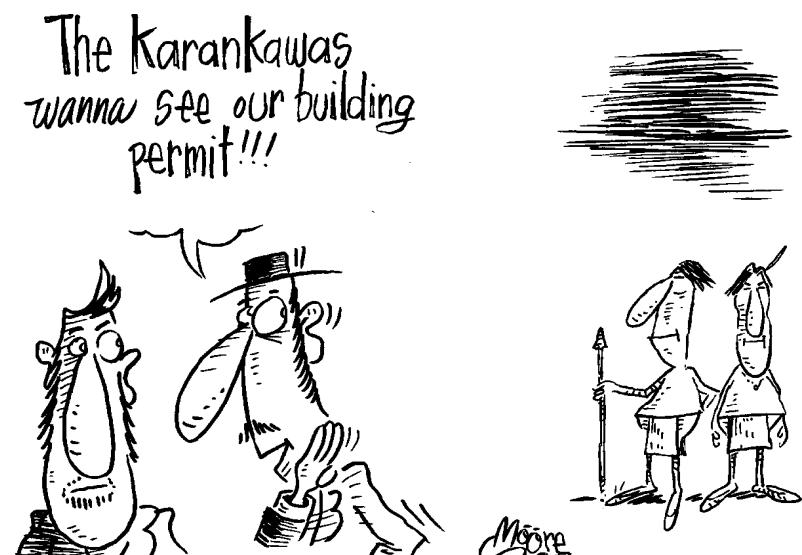
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**Moore Texas** by Roger T. Moore Oct. 23, 1825: Martin de Leon arrives at the site he has chosen for his new settlement called Victoria.

## Honorary Socorro reception may be become annual event

By Sergio Cox  
Special to the Courier

I trust all is well as you're reading this article. The reception that we, the City of Socorro, had to honor teacher Sandra Reinhardt and Socorro Baseball coach Chris Forbes went well. We had a good number of people who showed up to pay tribute and to honor both of these outstanding persons.

Our keynote speakers, State Senator Eliot Shapleigh and State Representative Innocente Quintanilla, spoke on education topics and the need for quality teachers and coaches. I spoke about the number with success stories

high school years at Socorro.

After all expenses and overhead items were paid for, the City was able to donate \$2,500 to Socorro High School as scholarship money to help a future student with expenses for college. The scholarship is under the names of Coach Forbes and Mrs. Reinhardt. I want to thank everyone that helped and donated their time and made this reception a great success. I hope to be able to do this again next year and honor some more people that have contributed to the success of Socorro's citizens.

Now, I want to talk about my next project or goal. I am currently researching funding avenues that would

City has baseball parks for our youth. The problem is that the games have to be played in the heat of the day due to lack of lighting. I feel that if we were to place lights in Cougar Park, which is located off of Socorro Road, we could utilize the field for men's baseball, girl's softball and little league to include the tee-ball boys and girls. This, of course, would allow us to play games during the night, out of the scorching sun. The city would have a better way of controlling the parks and would be able to maintain the parks with proceeds from entry fees and so forth. I am of the opinion that parents and kids should not have to travel to other cities such as El Paso or Horizon in order to participate in sports.

We have recently hired an in-house grant writer that will be able to assist us in obtaining these badly needed funding avenues for the City of Socorro. Let's see what happens. Only time will tell.

Sergio Cox is the At-Large City Rep. for the citizens of Socorro.



— Photo courtesy Sergio Cox

**PROUD HONOREES —** Chris Forbes and Sandra Reinhardt show off plaques they received from both the City Of Socorro and Socorro High school.

that were in attendance from other parts of the country. Present were engineers, teachers, and professionals in all aspects of life that had been touched by these two individuals. One success story, a medical doctor, spoke about how his life had been enriched by the caring of his teachers and coaches during his

allow the City of Socorro to obtain baseball field lights for two or three of the city's parks. I have found, through Major League Baseball, a grant that we can apply for that would allow us to purchase these badly needed items.

Just so that everyone understands what I'm talking about, the

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# CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Notice of Election

### Aviso de Elección General

#### To the Registered Voters of Canutillo, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, for voting in a General Election, to elect 3 (three) School Board Members at Large (each position is a 3 year term).

Positions presently held by Sergio Coronado, Rafael Reyes and Yvonne S. Sanchez.

#### A los votantes registrados de Canutillo, Texas:

Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7 a.m. hasta 7 p.m., el martes, 7 de noviembre de 2006 para votar en la Elección para 3 (tres) Miembros de la Mesa Directiva de las Escuelas en representación de todo el distrito (cada puesto con plazo de tres (3) años).

Puestos ocupados por Sergio Coronado, Rafael Reyes y Yvonne S. Sanchez.

#### LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTION DAY VOTING:

Vinton Fire Station, 510 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX — For voters residing in the portion of County Voting Precinct No. 2 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

Canutillo Middle School, 7311 Bosque Rd., Canutillo, TX — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 3 located within the Canutillo School District.

Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Ave., Canutillo, TX — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 4 located within the Canutillo School District.

Fire Station #2, 111 E. Borderland Rd., El Paso, TX — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 5 and 7 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

Olga Kohlberg Elementary School, 1445 Nardo Goodman Dr., El Paso, TX — For voters residing in those portions of County Voting Precinct No. 11, 2-3, and 13 located within the Canutillo Independent School District.

#### SECCION DE LOCACIONES PARA EL DÍA DE ELECCIONES:

Vinton Estacion de Bomberos, 510 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, TX — Para votantes residentes en la porción del precinto de votación del condado 2, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Escuela Secundaria de Canutillo, 7311 Bosque Rd., Canutillo, TX — Para votantes residentes en la porción del precinto de votación del condado 3, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Escuela Primaria de Canutillo, 651 Canutillo Ave., Canutillo, TX — Para votantes residentes en la porción del precinto de votación del condado 4, localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Estacion de Bomberos #2, 111 E. Borderland Rd., El Paso, TX — Para votantes residentes en la porción del precinto de votación del condado 5, y 7 localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

Olga Kohlberg Elementary School, 1445 Nardo Goodman Dr., El Paso, TX — Para votantes residentes en la porción del precinto de votación del condado 11, 2-3, y 13 localizados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo.

1. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Canutillo Elementary School, Principal's Office, 651 Canutillo Ave., Canutillo, Texas between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m beginning on October 23, 2006 and ending on November 3, 2006.

2. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Vinton Fire Station, 510 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. beginning on October 23, 2006 and ending on November 3, 2006.

3. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on October 23, 2006 and ending on November 3, 2006.

1. La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en la Escuela Primaria, Oficina del Director, 651 Canutillo Ave., Canutillo, Texas entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 23 de octubre de 2006 y terminando el 3 de noviembre de 2006.

2. La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en Vinton Town Hall, 436 Vinton, entre las 3:00 de la tarde y las 6 de la tarde empezando el 23 de octubre de 2006 y terminando el 3 de noviembre de 2006.

3. La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo en todos los lugares en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 23 de octubre de 2006 y terminando el 3 de noviembre de 2006.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to:

*Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:*

Helen Jamison, 500 E. San Antonio-Room 402, El Paso, Texas 79901

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 31, 2006.

*Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio del 31 de octubre de 2006.*

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Presiding Officer, Oficial que Preside

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## Briefs

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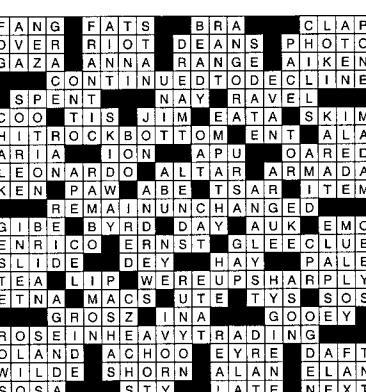
to belong to founders of the Clint community. One of the identifiable grave markers belongs to Robert Jefferson Carr, according to Ledesma, based on information taken from the *El Paso Herald Post* archives of October of 1902.

"Dale T. Reinhardt, mayor of Clint, said he was very grateful for our help with the cemetery," Ledesma said. Volunteers from the community are invited to participate and will be provided with tools and necessary machinery and transportation to remove the trash and weeds. For information, contact Ledesma at 851-2515, ext. 233.

■ Students and staff at Benito Martinez Elementary, 2640 Robert Wynn, will host the annual parade in commemoration of Veterans Day on Nov. 9, at 9 a.m. The parade will start at the school and wind its way through the neighborhood. The parade will finish at the school where a formal presentation will begin with students reciting poems and sing songs. A school color guard will present colors. The school was named after U.S. Army Corporal Benito Martinez, Company A, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. The machine gunner lost his life in the Korean War in 1952.

■ The EPALL IV Conference (El Paso Adult Learning and Literacy) will be held on Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Camino Real Hotel. Sponsored by the Far West Project GREAT, this year's theme is on student retention and motivation. Over 200 adult education and family literacy practitioners are expected to be in attendance. Participants will be able to choose from 33 presentations covering a wide range of topics. Rosa Hidalgo, Rosanne Loya, Mike Saenz, and Guadalupe Ortiz from the SISD Community Services will be presenting. For more information regarding registration and conference details, visit the website: [www.farwestgreat.org](http://www.farwestgreat.org) or call 937-1703.

■ Bach to the Library at The Westside Branch Library, 125 Belvedere, presents internationally renowned cellist Zuill Bailey in concert on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. The program is free and open to the public as part of El Paso Pro Musica outreach efforts to bring live classical music to



diverse audiences throughout the city, especially children. These performances are held throughout El Paso at various public venues and bring the art of classical music to people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy it. For information on this or other library concerts by Bailey, visit [www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org) or call 543-5468.

■ The International Club of El Paso will present a four-hour seminar on coin collecting at the El Paso Maida Shrine Center, 6331 Alabama in El Paso on Oct. 28 beginning at 11 a.m. with *The Basics of Coin Collecting* and at 1 p.m. with *Collecting El Paso* to include information on Mexican coins and modern U.S. commemorative coins. The event is free to the public. Call 533-6001 for more information.

■ Theater Arts students at Paso Del Norte School, 12300 Tierra Este, are putting their talents to use by creating a haunted house. On Oct. 30, the students will present a "Fun House" for elementary kids that will feature a spooky treasure hunt through a creepy maze. On Oct. 31, middle school students will take a tour of a "Haunted House." The event is a learning experience for theatre arts students because they are working on set design, scene painting, stage construction, lighting design, makeup, and costumes. For more information, call Marissa Vasquez at 937-6251.

■ Food, fun and games are in store at the annual Fall Festival at Vista Del Sol Elementary, 11851 Vista Del Sol on Friday, Oct. 27 from 4 to 7 p.m., in the school's cafeteria. There will be a haunted house, jumping balloons and cake walk. Games, food and refreshments will also be available. For more information, call Vista del Sol Elementary School at 937-7500.

■ The Rio Bosque Wetlands Park in Socorro will have three events in November to which the public is invited to attend free. On Sunday, Nov. 5 a bird tour will begin at 3 p.m.; on Saturday, Nov. 18 a community workday will commence at 9 a.m.; and on Sunday, Nov. 19, an introductory tour will be held at 3 p.m. The location of all these events is at the bridge crossing Riverside Canal. For more information logon at [www.riobosque.org](http://www.riobosque.org), e-mail [jsproul@utep.edu](mailto:jsproul@utep.edu) or call 747-8663.

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**A SPORTS STORY — Varsity football player Zach Brooks reads to students from Mrs. Butler's kindergarten class.**

## Tornillo varsity football players read to elementary students

By Rudy Barreda  
Special to the Courier

**TORNILLO** — Tornillo Elementary and Intermediate Schools are once again teaming up with Tornillo High School to continue a successful reading program that began last year. The Football Reading Program, called *Raising a Coyote Reading Program*, was initiated last year. The program is again coordinated by TISD Athletic Director Don Benson and TES Counselor Antonio Rosales.

Each Thursday, around ten varsity football players visit Pre-K through 6th grade classrooms to promote literacy among their younger peers. During each visit, the players read aloud to the class. They model good reading and provide a positive role model to the students. Organizers say the hope is that the younger students become motivated to enhance their own reading skills and develop a love

for reading.

"Our players are provided with the opportunity to impact their younger peers both on and off the field," said Benson. "The players are able to experience and see the importance of both athletic and academic advancement within their community. They are also excited about giving back to the community." The program also promotes attendance at the football games, as the younger students look forward to showing their support to the football team when they play home games.

Elementary Principal Severo Alcozet said he welcomes the players and is in favor of any and all activities that promote literacy within the school. "The players provide great motivation to our students and their ability to promote literacy really makes an impact on our students. Students want to read more because they want to learn and play sports like their favorite football player," he said.

## Socorro runners on a winning streak

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier

**SOCORRO** — Midway through the cross country season, the boys' track team at Socorro High School is raking in the wins. On Saturday, Sept. 30, they were in the Keller Invitational in Dallas, and beat 26 teams, including the third state-ranked team in 4A, to win the meet. The weekend before on Saturday, Sept. 23, the seven-member team participated in the Dale T.

Reinhardt Cross Country Invitational and won their divisions establishing Socorro as the best teams in of El Paso.

After winning in Amarillo, Texas and Cobre, New Mexico and taking the Irving High School Invitational, the team is ranked number one with four more meets left in the season. Coach Jeffery Barros says the team has ranked number one in the last two years.

"We haven't lost a race in El Paso, Dallas or in New Mexico for the past two years," says Coach Barros.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**A LONG HARD RUN — The Cross-Country Team members are Mark Fuentes, Gama Mendez, Jesus Rodriguez, Rodney Snyder, Josue Nunez, Juan Nunez and Chris Gonzalez. Senior Mark Fuentes was also named the individual champion for the boys' varsity race at the Dale T. Reinhardt Cross Country Invitational. He was also named top runner in El Paso All City, All Regional and is a State qualifier.**

## Foster families needed for neglected and abused children in El Paso County

By Elhiu Dominguez  
Special to the Courier

**EL PASO COUNTY** — The 2006 Adoption Conference and Professional Seminar will get underway on Thursday, Nov. 2, hosted by El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodríguez, the 65th District Court Judge Alfredo Chávez, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, and the El Paso C.A.R.E. Coalition.

The purpose of the conference is to promote the recruitment of foster and adoptive homes for local children

who have been abused and neglected and that may have behavioral and emotional issues.

Adopting a child is not as difficult as some people believe. The legal process is simple, and in many instances, families receive financial assistance from the government to help them pay the additional expenses.

Attendees at this conference will be able to participate in breakout sessions regarding CARE's local children available for adoption, post-adoption financial assistance programs, and exploration of issues re-

garding birth parents, adoptive families, and the child, international adoptions, and parenting alternatives.

Currently the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in El Paso has approximately 110 children, ranging from ages 11 months to 17 years, who are ready to be adopted.

The event will be held at the EPCC Administration Services Center, 9050 Viscount, Bldg A. Both the conference and professional seminar are free and open to the public. Simultaneous Spanish translation will be available. For more information contact Norma Per at 546-8160 Ext. 4455.

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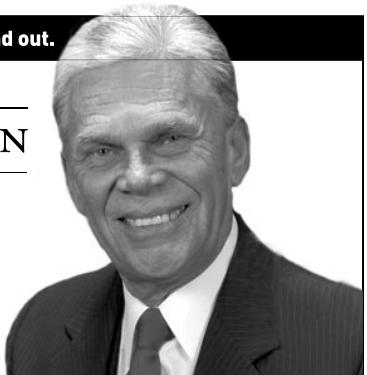
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## San Elizario wins first district title in tennis

**By Phillip Cortez**  
*Special to the Courier*

SAN ELIZARIO — In just its third year as a program, the San Elizario High School tennis team won its first District 2-4A title ever with a 10-5 win over Riverside on Oct. 18 in a match that took two days to complete because of darkness.

"Tennis was the last sport these kids thought they would ever play," said coach Pedro Vasquez, noting that San Elizario is traditionally a soccer community. "So it's very gratifying to see that hard work and determination can lead to success."

Both schools entered the final meet with identical 5-0 district records, meaning that the winner would automatically take the 2-4A title. And while both schools will be heading to Wichita Falls, Texas for the Regional round of play, pride and a better regional seeding were at stake.

The match that would best define the whole meet was the boys doubles tilt between Riverside's Anthony Navarette and Angel Hernandez against San Elizario's Hugo Melendez and Adrian Solis.

Facing Riverside's top player in Navarette, San Elizario started the match slow, double faulting away points and committing numerous unforced errors. As Navarette and Hernandez cruised through the first set 6-1, the rest of the San Elizario team wasn't faring any better, according to Coach Vasquez.

San Elizario began the second set

with better serving by Solis and strong net play by Melendez. More importantly, the duo managed to break Navarette's big serve by putting the ball in play and forcing Riverside to commit their own errors, changing momentum in favor of San Elizario in both the match, and, it seemed, on the surrounding courts, as San Eli picked up important victories as the afternoon wore on.

With the doubles match now tied at a set apiece, Navarette had his chance to open the third set with his dangerous serve, but his four double faults to open the frame set the tone for what should have been a tough deciding set. Instead, Melendez and



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD  
**VICTORY AT LAST! — San Elizario's Adrian Solis, left, and Hugo Melendez win a big match to help SEHS earn its first District 2-4A tennis title in just three years of the program's existence.**

# Best of high school football is still ahead

**By Steve Escajeda**  
*Special to the Courier*

There have been very few surprises this 2006 high school football season. I guess the biggest shockers have been the struggles of the Franklin Cougars and the success of the Clint Lions.

But the one thing that has really caught my attention is how quickly the best teams in the city separated themselves from the rest of the pack.

This has been an unusual season in that out of a total of 34 teams, there are six really good teams in the city — and then everybody else.

There is no such thing as parity for all the football players and coaches around the city, and that's their loss. But the players' and coaches' loss will be the local fans' gain over the next three weeks.

That's because the six best teams in the city are the Coronado T-Birds (7-0), Montwood Rams (6-1), Riverside Rangers (7-0), Parkland Matadors (7-0), Andress Eagles (6-1) and Chapin Huskies (7-0), and they all play each other in the coming weeks.

How cool is that? How often do you get to see six teams with a combined 40-2 record go at each other late in the season?

All the football fireworks get underway this Friday night at the Socorro Student Activities Complex when Coronado takes on Montwood.

The District 1-5A showdown features the two teams atop the league standings with 5-0 records. Though the winner of this one won't clinch the district championship, it will certainly put the winner in the driver's seat with just two games to go.

If this Friday's monumental battle isn't enough for you, District 2-4A will hold its game of the year a week later on Friday, Nov. 3. The undefeated Riverside Rangers take on the undefeated Parkland Matadors at Riverside Stadium.

Both teams are 4-0 in district play and they hope to be 5-0 for next week's game, especially Riverside, who has got to keep from looking ahead to Parkland while playing a scrappy Del Valle (4-3) team this Friday.

Okay, you want one more? On the final Friday of the season, Nov. 10, the District 1-4A championship should be on

the line when Chapin travels to Andress.

Both teams are heavily favored to breeze through their next two games and go into this titanic tussle with 6-0 league records.

This could be one of those games we're still talking about 10 years from now. Chapin is averaging 38.7 points a game and giving up just 6.7. Andress is averaging 35.9 points per game and giving up 8.1.

This season has already provided the high school football fans of El Paso with lots of thrills.

We saw Riverside knock off Franklin 10-7 in that early season "game of the decade." There was Montwood's 1-point loss to Las Cruces Mayfield when they decided to go for a 2-point conversion late in game and missed. El Dorado won its first varsity district game ever over Bel Air 35-29 and Parkland seems to escape with its life every week.

But the real season begins this Friday and the year's best highlights are still ahead.

## What a leg

I was just an 11-year-old kid when a guy with no right hand and half a right foot kicked the longest field goal in NFL history.

I still remember the day in 1970 when Tom Dempsey booted a record 63-yard field goal with two seconds left to give the New Orleans Saints a 19-17 upset over the powerful Minnesota Vikings.

It was amazing because it was not just ridiculously long, but it happened to come at the end of the game to win it for his team.

Well, I had a big helping of déjà vu this weekend when Tampa Bay's Matt Bryant came onto the field with just four seconds left in the game and his team trailing the Philadelphia Eagles 21-20.

Saying after the game that he was surprised coach Jon Gruden even gave him the chance to kick it, Bryant nailed a 62-yarder as time expired to give the Bucs a 23-21 upset win.

Wow, talk about one of those "hair standing up on the back of your neck" moments.

I know some day a guy is going to come into the game a kick a 64-yard field goal to break the record, I just hope it's a game-winner as time is running out.

It just wouldn't seem right otherwise.

noon, San Elizario ended the first day up 6-4, a lead they would never relinquish in earning their first district title for tennis in school history.

"These are the hardest working kids I have ever taught," Vasquez

said, a lofty statement for a man who had coached 15 district titles in his career. "They were willing to sacrifice three years of their youth to learn the sport with just two weeks of vacation during those three years."

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## Clooney: A man with a plan

By Don Flood

There's good news on the spinach front. "Most" of it is OK to eat.

That's what one report said — "most" of it.

Now "some" of it may cause you to sicken and die, but "most" of it is A-OK. So, eat up, Popeye.

And now on to the news.

George Clooney has come up with a plan so brilliant, so fiendishly clever that the paparazzi — those celebrity-stalking photographers — could soon be knocked out of business.

"I want to spend every single night for three months going out with a different famous actress. You know, Halle Berry one night, Salma Hayek the next, and then walk on the beach holding hands with Leonardo DiCaprio."

As Clooney reasons in this month's issue of *Vanity Fair*, "People would still buy the magazines, they'd still buy the pictures, but they would always go, 'I don't know if these guys are putting us on or not.'"

Hmmm, I see.

Let's compare Clooney's scheme to other noteworthy plans from the annals of history:

Custer's attack at Little Bighorn — A model of planning and execution.

Katrina relief efforts — A heck of a job by officials at all levels of government.

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Clooney's plan to put paparazzi out of business — Not so good.

I'm sorry, George, but there seems to be a basic problem here. Appearing with a different actress every night would allow them to take and sell *more* photos. This would allow them to make *more* money, thus encouraging *more* paparazzi.

You see how that follows? It's not like some movie script from "Ocean's 11" or "Syriana" that doesn't have to make sense. (By the way, I can't wait for "Ocean's 47" to come out!)

On the bright side, perhaps we can call on your planning expertise the next time we decide to invade a country.

And now, moving on to an important update from the world of space grammar.

According to The New York Times, ever since 1969, when Neil Armstrong allegedly stepped down on the moon's surface, "debate has raged" about whether he blew his first line: "OK, we're here. Now what are we supposed to do?"

No, that's not it. Reportedly, he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

The problem, according to the purists, is that he should have said, "one small step for a man."

That "a" is extremely important, because without it, the statement is what grammarians call a tautology, which has also been implicated in the poison spinach case.

Since that time, we've had nearly constant rioting in the streets, as English teachers loot and burn to express their displeasure with Armstrong's boneheaded statement.

One band of renegade English majors has even threatened to take over the moon and make it safe for proper grammar.

But now word has come that new sound-editing software has "clearly picked up an acoustic wave from the word 'a.'"

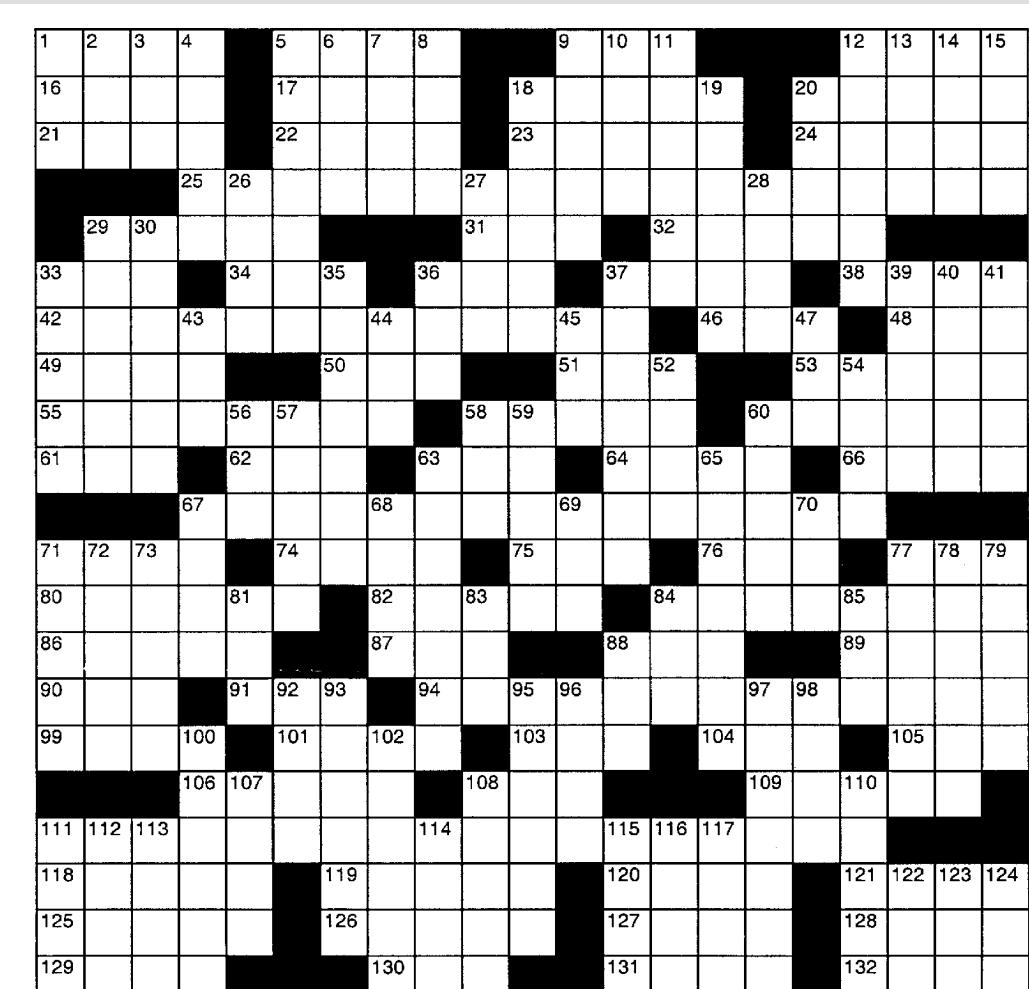
Armstrong said the "a" after all! Yippee!

Next mission: good grammar on Mars.

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Answer Page 4

## Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

**Q:** When a Social Security beneficiary dies, does the funeral home notify Social Security or is notification the responsibility of the family?

**A:** Many funeral directors voluntarily provide death information directly to Social Security. But family members of a deceased individual still have the legal responsibility to notify Social Security.

**Q:** Last month my husband, who receives Social Security disability ben-

efits, was convicted of a felony and sentenced to prison. Will my 13-year-old daughter and I continue to receive Social Security benefits?

**A:** Yes. Social Security benefits are suspended if an otherwise eligible person is confined in a jail, prison or other penal institution for more than 30 continuous days due to conviction for a crime. But eligible family members can continue to receive benefits.

**Q:** What is the average monthly So-

cial Security disability benefit payment, and does it rise every year with the cost-of-living?

**A:** The average monthly Social Security disability payment for an insured worker is now \$943, and the monthly benefit payment for a disabled worker and a spouse and one or more children is about \$1,575. The payment amounts do increase each year, based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index. All Social Security (and Supplemental Security Income) beneficiaries received a 4.1 percent increase in 2006.

**Q:** For several years I have been re-

ceiving monthly Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments because of a disability. I took up pottery last year as a personal hobby, but friends tell me that some pieces are good enough to sell at a local artists' market. If I would actually sell any pottery, would that affect my SSI payments?

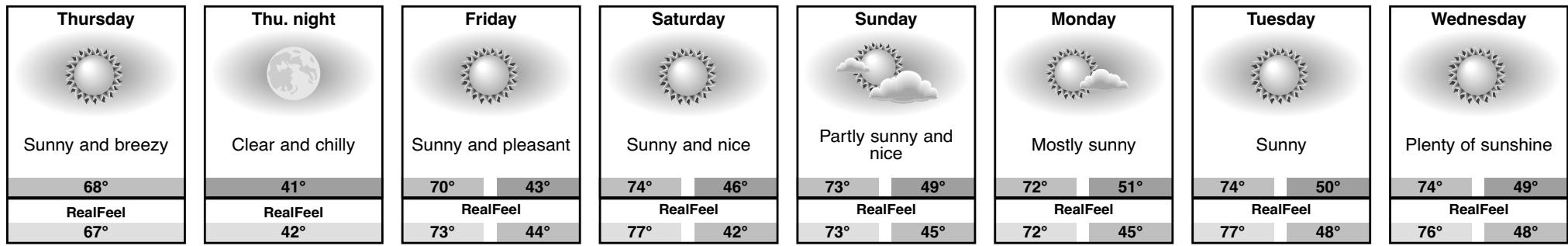
**A:** Possibly. Any money you would get for selling your artwork would probably count as income in the month you get it. However, Social Security does not count all of your income so you could end up with more money. You should contact your local Social Security office for more information.

**Q:** If someone is collecting Social Security disability benefits, what happens when the person reaches retirement age?

**A:** If a person is getting disability benefits when he or she reaches full retirement age, benefits will be automatically changed to retirement benefits, generally in the same amount.

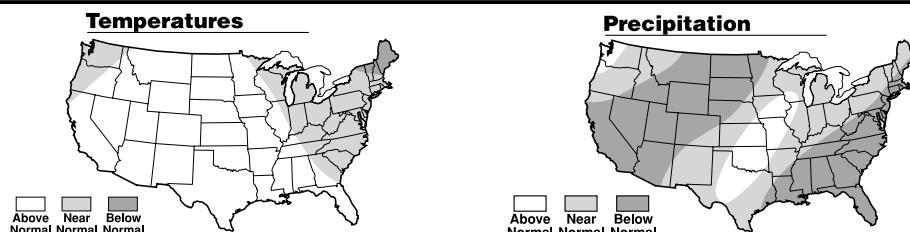
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Little Rock, AR	72	52	t	68	47	pc	72	49	s	72	55	s
Lubbock, TX	65	33	s	72	40	s	79	41	s	77	46	s
Memphis, TN	61	52	t	62	48	pc	69	50	s	71	55	s
Midland, TX	69	38	s	72	41	s	75	46	s	76	51	s
Pueblo, CO	56	22	s	68	28	s	70	29	s	68	29	s
Roswell, NM	69	34	s	74	40	s	78	41	s	75	44	s
St. Louis, MO	50	45	r	52	44	c	58	45	s	66	51	s
San Antonio, TX	88	48	s	77	49	s	80	53	s	80	57	s
Texarkana, AR	80	53	pc	69	48	s	76	53	s	75	57	s
Waco, TX	80	51	s	76	48	s	80	52	s	81	57	s
Wichita, KS	52	38	r	63	41	pc	68	43	s	71	45	s

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