



NEWSBRIEFS

Detours at...

Construction started recently on Dodge Road from the intersection of Dale Road to the intersection of Stiles Drive. It is part of the Dodge Road Street & Drainage Improvements Project. To allow for the necessary improvements, the public is advised that partial closures will be in place on Dale, Stiles and Dodge for an estimated seven months of construction. The project scope provides various street and drainage improvements to include the construction of a four-lane road with reinforced concrete, ADA compliant sidewalks with ramps and median improvements. Drainage improvements consist of new concrete flumes to discharge water to a retention pond. Access will be provided to area residents. The expected completion date is in February. Construction costs for the project are approximately \$573,240.

...I-10 at Horizon

Expect alternate north and southbound lane closures on the Horizon Blvd. bridge through Friday, July 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The approaching east and westbound frontage roads at the Horizon Blvd. Bridge will close at alternate times. The following lane closures — necessary for reconstruction of the frontage roads — will continue until further notice:

- Left lane on Gateway East, between Horizon Blvd. and Timothy Dr.;
- Right lane closure on Gateway East, between Eastlake Blvd. and Horizon Blvd.;
- Right lane on Gateway West, between Horizon Blvd. and Eastlake Blvd.; and
- Left lane on Gateway West, between Timothy Dr. and Horizon Blvd.

...Vinton Rd. (Spur 37)

Reconstruction of Vinton Rd. will cause the following closures, between South Desert Blvd. and Doniphan Dr. (SH 20), through Friday, July 25 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.:

- Alternate left and right lane closures on Border Steel Rd. (side street at Vinton Rd.);
- The eastbound right lane on the Vinton Exit Ramp;
- The southbound right lane on the Vinton/I-10 Overpass; and
- Keily Rd. (side street at Vinton Rd.) will be closed. Traffic is asked to use A P Ramirez St.

...Montana Ave. (US 62/180)

Montana Ave. will have closures to place inlets for the storm sewage drainage system.

- Westbound, right shoulder closures on Montana Ave. from four miles west of Hueco Tanks (FM 2775) to half a mile east of Tiffany Lane; and
 - Charles Raymond Dr. will continue closed, between Montana Ave. and Patsy Place.
- DETOUR: Westbound traffic on Montana

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What this world needs is fewer rules and more good examples.

— Quips & Quotes



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TRAINING DAYS — UTEP grad and astronaut Danny Olivas trains for his space flight. This will be the second mission for Olivas.

UTEP grad going back to space

Olivas assigned to mission STS-128

By Kimberly Miller
Special to the Courier

El Pasoan and UTEP graduate John “Danny” Olivas has been assigned to his second space shuttle mission, STS-128.

The flight should launch July 30, 2009, and will carry science and storage racks to the International Space Station, according to a NASA announcement released today.

Olivas will be joined on STS-128 by shuttle commander Marine Corps Col. Frederick W. “Rick” Sturckow, shuttle pilot Retired Air Force Col. Kevin A. Ford and mission specialists Army Col. Patrick G. Forrester, Jose M. Hernandez and European Space Agency astronaut Christer Fuglesang. The shuttle also will

deliver a new station crew member, Nicole Stott, and return current station crew member Tim Kopra to Earth.

Olivas became a hometown hero when he made his first flight into space aboard the shuttle Atlantis as part of mission STS-117 in June 2007.

During the successful 14-day mission, Olivas performed two space walks outside Atlantis, which was docked to the International Space Station. Dur-



Danny Olivas

ing his second space walk, Olivas used staples, pins and steel thread to repair a torn thermal blanket on the shuttle’s exterior.

Olivas is a graduate of Burges High School in El Paso. He earned his bachelor’s degree from UTEP and master’s from the University of Houston, both in mechanical engineering. He also earned a doctorate in mechanical engineering and materials science from Rice University.

Olivas worked for Dow Chemical Co. and later served as a senior research engineer at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. He was named to NASA’s astronaut program in 1998.

UTEP honored Olivas as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2006, the university’s highest honor, bestowed upon outstanding alumni for their achievements and contributions to the community.

Olivas has made two special trips to El Paso since 2006 to share his story and inspire young people to reach for their dreams.

For more information about Olivas, visit www.utep.edu/dannyolivas.

Jalapeños responsible for salmonella outbreak

Texas Department of State Health Services is reporting the strain of salmonella bacteria responsible for the nationwide outbreak of salmonellosis has been found. Laboratory tests identified jalapeño peppers collected from a produce importer/distributor in McAllen as the source. The jalapeños are being recalled.

Salmonella saintpaul was detected in tests by a U.S. Food and Drug Administration laboratory in Denver. Authorities said it is the first detection of the outbreak strain in a food item since the outbreak was announced in early June. Previous detections of salmonella

saintpaul were in lab testing of samples from people who were ill.

The peppers, which were grown in Mexico, were collected by FDA from the importer/distributor Agricola Zaragoza. This recall is limited to jalapeños from Agricola Zaragoza and does not apply to any other jalapeños on the market or to any other produce.

Investigators have not yet determined where or how the jalapeños from Agricola Zaragoza were contaminated. The company is doing a voluntary recall of jalapeños it has shipped since June 30. Wholesalers, retailers and other

suppliers that have received the recalled peppers are instructed to remove them from the market. The FDA is overseeing the recall.

DSHS advises consumers and food services personnel to thoroughly wash any fresh fruits and vegetables before eating or serving.

Some 1,251 cases of salmonellosis caused by the saintpaul strain have been confirmed in the United States and Canada, including 475 in Texas. Federal, state and local public health and food safety agencies are continuing to investigate. More information is available at www.fda.gov.

Tornillo bridge one step closer

Ascarate Park shows progress

By Aracely Lazcano
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The new Tornillo-Guadalupe International Bridge will soon be a reality after Commissioners Court decided on Monday to authorize the County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the construction of the first maintenance roadways on both sides of the main highway and install bridges, pipes, and culverts over several irrigation channels.

Jessie Acosta, who has been in charge of the project, told the members of the Commissioners Court the access roadways will later connect the new bridge main access highway to Alameda Avenue.

“The construction of the north and south bound access roads are expected to start in a few weeks with-

out the need of having to wait for the water district to shut off the water in the irrigation channels,” said Commissioner Miguel Teran.

The cost of the engineering services for Phase 1A is over \$47,000 and funds were allocated through the 2001 bond.

The US Department of State gave El Paso County a presidential permit to build the International Bridge back in March of 2005. The state of the art facility, which will span 1,274 feet between the U.S. and Mexico, will be located 650 yards upstream of the existing Fabens/Caseta Bridge, built in 1938, and will have only two traffic lanes.

The new bridge will serve commercial as well as passenger vehicles and pedestrians and feature all the modern security needed for safe usage.

Commissioners also agreed to have a special meeting to discuss the direction and completion of work being done at Ascarate Park.

The unanimous decision was made after a brief discussion following an

update presentation in relation to the progress being made at the park.

The update was based in a 2001 master plan developed by a local firm that proposed numerous enhancements to add amenities and features to the park in order to secure state funding. Commissioner Veronica Escobar, told the court that the first

and second phases of the plan were already completed.

“There are great improvements and significant investment that were made over the last year and a half,” she said.

Among the improvements, she mentioned, were the replacements of the large bridge and the club house, the installation of shade structures for the driving rage and the construction of jogging trail, playground area and basketball and tennis courts, among others. Escobar also told the court the

clean up for the Western Playland site is 80% completed.

Teran said he was worried because he felt the county was not making enough progress in finishing up the renovation of the park. County Judge Anthony Cobos said he would like the court to discuss the progress made at Ascarate in a special meeting.

“That will give us a better idea about what is being done or not.”

No date for the special meeting was set.

Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla



Guarding Medicare patients

Hola mi gente. This past week we witnessed perhaps a turnaround in the Congressional leadership regarding Medicare. The president vetoed a bill that would have sustained reimbursements to doctors at the expense of private Medicare Advantage Plans. The Congress overrode that veto thus making a statement of support for doctors.

Briefly, the bill in question intended to undo a very bad bill that reduced the amount that doctors received for providing care to our seniors and others who happen to be on Medicare. The press both locally and nationally was filled with comments by physicians against the reduction. Realistically, we could have experienced the majority of doctors dropping Medicare patients thus creating a health care crisis. Why would any elected official vote against doctors, who already

lose money treating Medicare patients, in favor of private Medicare plans who profit greatly from the government subsidy?

I would like to congratulate Dr. Taber and the other local and statewide doctors who traveled to Washington to fight the veto by the president. Their success shows how great a political power they hold.

Now that we have passed this hurdle, we need to go forward and start a serious dialogue on Medicare and Medicaid. My office will sponsor or support legislation in the next session that creates more control over the agents who sell Medicare Advantage Plans. These agents, I am led to understand, are compensated very highly for the sole purpose of moving seniors out of the traditional Medicare plan.

I have received complaints from patients who had their plans switched in an unethical manner and resulting in tremendous hardships for many of them. My staff

was able to work with the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) to hold some of the worst agents accountable. I received a report from TDI informing me that several disciplinary actions were pending; including revocation of licenses.

As I have commented in the past, you or those you know who are covered by Medicare need to be careful when considering changes. Have a plan explained more than once and in the company of other family members or friends. Document any promises by the agent and have that agent sign that document. Ask for a state issued license.

And then, if you feel that you have been wrongly treated, contact the TDI and submit a complaint. Only with your action can we stop some of the agents who have no integrity from taking advantage of our seniors.

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

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Minimum wage increases

Today, the federal minimum wage will rise from \$5.85 to \$6.55 an hour. This increase is the result of legislation advanced by the new Democratic-led Congress in May 2007, and represents the second step of a three-step increase. The minimum wage will rise again on July 24, 2009 to \$7.25.

With gas prices at record highs, American families are struggling to make ends meet. Consumer costs — from gas prices to food and health care costs — have all skyrocketed at the same time that American families have seen their real income drop by almost \$1,000 since 2001. It is wrong for millions of Americans to be working full-time and year-round and still be living in poverty.

In the current economic environment, it is impossible to survive on \$5.15 an hour. This increase is long overdue, and many El Paso families will see an immediate benefit from this increase. The increase to \$7.25 an hour will mean an additional \$4,400 per year for a minimum wage worker's family — helping them to keep pace with rising costs. Raising the minimum wage is a key step in working to strengthen the economy for all Americans, not just for the privileged few.

Texas is one of the 25 states that do not have a minimum wage that is higher than the required federal mini-

mum. Over 12.4 million workers across the country will ultimately benefit from this legislation, including an estimated 1.7 million Texans.

For ten years, under a Republican-controlled Congress, the minimum wage was frozen at \$5.15 an hour. This represents the longest period in the history of the minimum wage law that minimum wage workers failed to get an increase. As a result, minimum wage workers fell further and further behind.

Congress also enacted legislation that helps small businesses adjust to the new minimum wage standards. The Small Business and Work Opportunity Tax Act of 2007, signed into law in May 2007, provides small business with over \$4.84 billion in tax credits and expanded tax deductions.

The law extended the “expensing” tax benefit for small businesses to invest in machines and equipment by increasing the expensing allowance through 2011 and also increased the allowance to \$125,000 and the phase-out threshold to \$500,000. The work opportunity tax credit (WOTC) also permits small business owners to claim a tax credit equal to a specified percentage paid in first-year wages to members of certain targeted groups, including families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) support, qualified veterans, high-risk youth, and others.

The small business legislation also modified the tax credit small business owners can claim against social secu-

urity (FICA) taxes paid for employees who receive tips. The modification was designed to keep the new, higher minimum wage from having the effect of reducing the credit. Under both the act and prior law, the credit is equal to the employer's FICA tax on tips in excess of those meeting the minimum wage requirement. Absent other changes, an increase in the minimum wage reduces the tax credit, by increasing the threshold over which the tax credit is earned.

I have heard from many workers and small business owners alike in our community about what the increase means for them. We can not forget that our small business community is the backbone of our regional economy, which is growing and has been strengthened by the investment due to the expansion of Fort Bliss. That is why it was critical that Congress address the potential impact on our small business community.

I believe our business community will find that the combination of providing the wage increase and utilizing the tax credits will help them keep their best employees, attract new employees, and overall will make them more competitive.

The Democrat-led Congress is helping millions of Americans cope with rising costs, while also providing small businesses with assistance to adjust to the new minimum wage standard. This legislation is a major step to put our economy back on track.



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View from here By Paul M. Weyrich

History and the Judiciary

I am neither an attorney nor an expert in Constitutional law. Others have been good enough to say I am a good strategist. If so, then I would like to share my perspective of the current state of the judiciary. I have listened as a debate is occurring over the proper powers of the courts and the tendency of some Americans to cede to the advocates of unrestrained judicial power victories to which they are not entitled.

I am occasionally referred to as a “founder of the modern conservative movement.” Such an honor places upon me and others to whom such a description applies a special duty to warn our fellow citizens. Americans today are witnesses to the realization of the great fear of our Founding Fathers: the passing away of government “of the people, by the people, for the people,” as President Abraham Lincoln stated, in the United States of America. With respect to the courts, we need a revival of the rule of law based upon the constitutional principles laid down by those who founded this nation.

Our forefathers gave their lives to liberate us from the rule of a British Parliament unelected by the American colonists:

Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed... But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government... (Emphasis added.)

The grand formalities of American election rituals hide a glaring fact: Americans can no longer claim that we are our own rulers in every circumstance in which we are empowered to be. Regardless of our votes, the defining judgments in our collective and personal destinies often are made by persons whom the American people have not elected to rule.

We gave judges their robes and gavels so that they might resolve specific disputes between specific plaintiffs and defendants. We never gave them authority to issue commands to our elected lawmakers, forcing us down roads which we have not chosen to travel. Judges have no constitutional authority to make laws or to amend our national and state constitutions. They have no authority to redefine words and concepts in our laws to mean what they and their ideological partisans wish for them to mean.

To Americans of previous generations this was obvious and fundamental. But for many in America today, this is meaningless, a mere technicality: judges are supreme because, well, because they just are.

When several judges opined that there ought to be no more prayer in American schools, lawyers, politicians and journalists told us that after three centuries of prayer in our schools,

judges had suddenly “outlawed” it. Court opinions interpreting law and social custom magically became the law itself.

After three centuries of Americans exercising their right to control their communities as citizens and to keep pornography out of public view, several judges opined that the Founding Fathers had given pornographers a right to pollute us and our children, a right that does not exist in the United States Constitution. They put us on a course that has almost obliterated the ideal of fidelity of body, mind, imagination and the heart, upon which marriage, family and child-rearing are built.

Nevertheless, lawyers, journalists and politicians announced that this opinion was to be the new law though it had no basis in the Constitution or in any law authorized by the American people via their chosen lawmakers.

Likewise, judges — acting on behalf of a tiny, anti-constitutional, self-styled cultural “elite” dedicated to turning America into an ideological utopia — opined that the American people may neither protect children from violent murder in their mother’s womb, nor outlaw sodomy, nor restrict their civic blessing upon marriage to nature’s definition of it, nor ensure that parentless children are placed with parents as nature defines them: one father and one mother.

Nor should I forget to mention judicial disregard for centuries of customary, legal and constitutional protection of private property in order to provide legal sanction for powerful, corrupt politicians lusting after other men’s land or buildings. “Take what you please,” they said in essence. And this was now the law. One hand washes the other.

Many of us received in shock and sadness the Goodridge v. the Department of Public Health of Massachusetts opinion on homosexual marriage. Why do self-styled “conservatives,” lawyers, politician and pundits among them, spread the assertion that judges have powers that the American people have never given them?

The truth is that the ruthlessly enforced illusion of judicial supremacy did not merely empower judges and disenfranchise the American people. It made journalists, lawyers and clever politicians more influential culturally. Most, after all, are of the same ideological bent as many judges. And those who were not, the “conservatives,” played within the new rules: judges’ opinions are the law in the United States of America.

If Americans paid attention, understood what is at stake and agreed upon the solution, their long-term strategy would require:

- A string of primary victories by candidates

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Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore Napoleon's grand nephew Jerome Bonaparte , a West Point graduate, served in Texas in 1852.

Public Notice

Canutillo Independent School District

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San Elizario ISD names

new administrators

By Cynthia P. Marentes

Special to the Courier

The San Elizario Independent School District recently announced the appointment of new administrators at two of the district's campuses.

Tony Baca was named Principal at San Elizario High School. He has over 29 years experience in the field of education serving in various teaching and administrative positions. Baca holds a bachelor's degree in math education and a master's degree in counseling, both from UTEP. Baca, who began his new job on July 1, is currently busy conducting a complete assessment of the campus he will now be overseeing.

"The campus itself is in good shape and the kids are performing well. I want to continue with improvements in all areas. Academics, of course, would have to be the focus in order for the high school to move in a positive direction," Baca said.



Tony Baca

Rogelio Segovia comes to the district with over 8 years experience as a special education teacher and administrator, and as a college ESL instructor. Segovia was hired as Assistant Principal for Garcia-

Enriquez Middle School. He is a graduate of Park University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and also holds two master's degrees — one in educational leadership from NMSU and the other in counseling with an emphasis in mental health from Webster University.

Segovia will be part of the administrative team at the district's recently expanded middle school campus. "I want to sustain what's there and grow so that learning occurs in the classroom, teachers feel supported, and students understand the implications of a global society," Segovia said.

Other changes in campus administrators include the appointment of Joe Keith as Administrator at Excell Academy and George Saenz as Assistant Principal at Alarcon Elementary.



Rogelio Segovia

Briefs

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Ave. will need to turn right on O'Leary Rd., right on Patsy Place, and back to Charles Raymond Dr.

...Other

maintenance

Work will continue through Friday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lane closures on the following roads:

- Alternate northbound left and right lane closures on Paisano Dr. (US 85), between the Union Depot Overpass to the Racetrack Dr. Exit Ramp
- Alternate westbound left and right lane closures on César Chávez Border Highway (Loop 375), between the Zaragoza Overpass to the US 54 Entrance Ramp;
- The northbound right shoulder on Doniphan Dr. (SH 20), between Canutillo Ave. (FM 259) and Monchis Rd.;
- The westbound right shoulder on Artcraft Rd. (SH 178), between Westside Dr. and the New Mexico State Line; and
- The east and westbound left shoulders on I-10, between the Downtown Exit Ramp and the Porfirio Díaz Overpass will be closed.

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Judiciary

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who fully grasp the fact that judges have no authority to change our laws and who aggressively will oppose all claims to the contrary;

- An unbroken series of triumphs by such constitutionalist candidates in general elections, year after year;
- An unbroken series of nominations of judges who will interpret the law and will reject the noxious and absurd myth that previous court opinions are “the law of the land”; (Presidents Ronald W. Reagan and George H. W. Bush gave us activists such as Sandra Day O’Connor, Anthony Kennedy and David Souter.);
- An unbroken series of Senate confirmations of originalist judges; and
- An unwavering constitutionalism by originalist judges in their years on the bench, withstanding daily assault by infuriated cultural “elites” who grew accustomed to using legally void and impotent court opinions as bulldozers to deceive and enslave Americans via a moral, anti-constitutional and increasingly tyrannical judicial delusions.

Not a single signer of the Constitution (or of the Declaration of Independence) would have taken seriously the purportedly “conservative” view today that to restrain judges we need to replace them through attrition over decades. That view, in my opinion, guarantees a victory of the far left because it implies that the judicial branch is the final authority on the law.

In his book and British Broadcasting Corporation series Civilization, historian Sir Kenneth Clarke noted that after the dissolution of the Roman Empire, scattered pockets of normalcy continued for a surprisingly long time. How will we know, living in such “pockets of normalcy,” when our republic has collapsed? Has it already? Are we prisoners who still think themselves free?

For the sake of this republic I urge my friends, fellow leaders and Americans emphatically to repudiate the devastating myth that judges have the power to make and redefine our laws. We should do so rapidly and

forcefully before our republic is replaced by the irresistible tyranny of men and women who believe that nihilist elites should make the rules and pass them to judges for formal announcement when the time is ripe for the latest step into the post-rule of law, post-moral abyss. Otherwise our “conservatism” will continue to be merely the rearguard for subtle left-wing revolution.

The tragedy of how we have reached this point: in our desire for social acceptance and respectability among the anti-constitutional, anti-rule of law, anti-Christian, anti-family nihilist left, “conservative” elites have abandoned the core principles of our Constitution. We have flouted the warnings of the likes of Thomas Jefferson, who wrote:

To consider the judges as the ultimate arbiters of all constitutional questions [is] a very dangerous doctrine indeed, and one which would place us under the despotism of an oligarchy. ...The Constitution has erected no such single tribunal, knowing that to whatever hands confided, with the corruptions of time and party, its members would become despots.

Alexander Hamilton was perhaps the strongest advocate of “judicial review” — the right of judges to opine on our Constitution. But an opinion on the meaning of the Constitution is merely an advisory opinion to the legislative and executive branches of government. Not even Hamilton imagined that the right to opine is a power to rule. Courts, he pointed out, intentionally have been given no means of enforcing their opinions, noting that the executive and legislative branches are not compelled to obey false or dubious opinions. Therefore, he wrote:

... The judiciary, from the nature of its functions, will always be the least dangerous to the political rights of the Constitution. ... [T]he judiciary... has no influence over either the sword or purse; no direction either of the strength or of the wealth of the society; and can take no active resolution whatever. It may truly be said to have neither force nor will....

Abraham Lincoln acknowledged that court opinions were binding upon the specific parties involved and

“entitled to very high respect and consideration... by all other departments of the government.” But like the Founding Fathers, he utterly rejected the myth that judges’ opinions are the law of the land:

...If the policy of the government, upon vital questions, affecting the whole people, is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made, in ordinary litigation between parties, in personal actions, the people will have ceased, to be their own rulers, having, to that extent, practically resigned their government, into the hands of that eminent tribunal.

In the last century cultural elites created an illusion of judicial power that would be unrecognizable to earlier Americans, lawyers and laymen. After the American Revolution, the framers of the Constitution rejected any judicial authority over the other branches of government.

I fear the conservative elites are putting the final nail in our coffin. I know these men. They mean well. They are not pursuing their view out of malice. They believe what they are doing is right. Nor do I associate myself with some of their critics who often are accusatory, judgmental and angry. I look at results, and it seems to me that proponents of the status quo are allowing the legal profession and the courts to impose moral and civil codes which cannot pass federal and state legislatures. They foolishly

are handing absolute power to anti-Judeo-Christian, anti-family ideologues.

This is where the trajectory of the post-constitutional pragmatism undergirding the “conservative revolution” has taken us. The story is not yet complete, but if we continue on this trajectory we may reach the point of tyranny and persecution. History reveals this to be true.

Many of those with whom I have worked for years unwittingly are aiding the far left in the destruction of America. It is time for our presidents, governors, legislatures and prominent citizens to call the bluff of impotent judges as Jefferson did and to ask them, as President Andrew Jackson did, how they will enforce their impotent opinions. The myth of judicial supremacy cannot justify governors violating state and federal constitutions, their oaths of office and the sovereignty of the American people. Look at the way so-called gay marriage has been imposed by judicial fiat, running ruthlessly over elected legislatures and the will of the people.

The Massachusetts Constitution contains the quintessential statement of the American form of government: “The power of suspending the laws, or the execution of the laws, ought never to be exercised but by the legislature... .” (Part the First, Article XX.) “[T]he people... are not controllable by any other laws than those to which their constitutional repre-

sentative body have given their consent.” (Part the First, Article X.) “The judicial shall never exercise the legislative and executive powers, or either of them: to the end it may be a government of laws and not of men.” (Part the First, Article XXX.) “All the laws which have heretofore been adopted, used and approved... shall still remain and be in full force, until altered or repealed by the legislature... .” (Part the Second, Article VI.)

Americans must debunk the Orwellian lie that has obliterated self-government in the United States and acknowledge Lincoln’s words at Gettysburg in 1863:

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure... . It is for us the living... to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Paul M. Weyrich is Chairman and CEO of the Free Congress Foundation.

Canutillo Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Canutillo Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12); 2) Diagnostic Services; 3) Transportation Services; 4) Speech Therapy; 5) Counseling Services; 6) Adaptive Equipment Services; 7) Physical Therapy; 8) Occupational Therapy; 9) School Health Services; and 10) Homebound Services.

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In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provides for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Janine Hammock, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7450.

El Distrito Escolar de Canutillo SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

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Greg ‘The Shark’ Norman thrills British Open fans

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

The world of golf is dominated by two people. On the men’s side it’s Tiger Woods of the United States and on the women’s side it’s Lorena Ochoa of Mexico.

But last weekend the world of golf took a week off from the usual and focused its eye on two other golfers of note, and for two very different reasons.

The first person to grab the headlines was 53-year-old Greg Norman. Norman amazed all golfing fans, especially those possessing AARP cards, by going into the final round of the British Open with a two-stroke lead.

This is the same Greg Norman who was ranked number one in the world before Tiger Woods took over a decade ago.

This is also the same Greg Norman who hadn’t won a major tournament in 15 years. In fact, he said before the tournament started that he spends more time on the tennis court now-days than on the golf course.

And yet there he was, bidding to be the old-est person ever to win a major championship.

Even more amazing is that he was still on the honeymoon from his marriage to former tennis sensation Chris Evert.

In the end, Norman’s age and inactivity caught up with him. The Aussie didn’t do well in the tournament’s final round and finished tied for third place.

But the fact that he was anywhere close to the leaders was an inspiration to everyone watching.

His story probably saved the British Open TV ratings, which were thought to be in dire jeopardy because of the fact that there was no Tiger Woods to speak of.

But no matter how big a Tiger Woods fan any of us are, it was refreshing to see a blast from the past flirt with a possible champion-ship.

I missed Tiger, but it was good to see that the Shark still had some bite left in him.

Speaking of getting bitten, that brings us to the other golfer to make the news last week. News... of the infamous variety.

The women played in the State Farm Clas-sic over the weekend and this tournament also made news for another golfer from the past.

Only this golfer wasn’t from the too distant

past — it just seems that way.

Michelle Wie. You all remember Michelle Wie, don’t you? She was supposed to be the best thing since sliced raisin bread. She was supposed to be the kind of golfer even Tiger Woods would look up to.

Well, the teenage golfer who has turned into a bit of a laughing stock, finally put together some rounds of golf that reminded us of the promise she began her career with.

Wie started her career believing she was way too good for mortal women golfers, so she spent much of her time playing against the men.

Of course, not only could she not beat the men, she couldn’t even make the cut. She kept trying to the point of utter embarrassment.

Once she realized she was in over her head she reluctantly decided to take on the women instead. She found she couldn’t beat them either.

Wie’s career has been severely tarnished af-ter quitting in the middle of several tourna-ments, being disqualified at others and then offering very questionable explanations for the unusual behavior.

But this past weekend was different. Wie put together three stellar rounds and was only a

shot off the lead going into the final round.

Now this was the kind of grit, determination and concentration we’ve all been waiting for.

But even when it appears that she is on the right track, Wie finds a way to veer off course, to crash and burn.

After finishing her third round of play, Wie discovered that she had been disqualified for not signing her scorecard after her second round of play.

I don’t want to say that this is inexcusable but it’s like driving to work in the morning and halfway there you realize you forgot your car.

After the incident Wie said this was a learn-ing experience for her.

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One of the first things every professional golfer learns is not to forget to sign their scorecard. It’s elementary.

It’s like jumping in the shower and forget-ting to take off your dress shoes. It’s like pour-ing a bunch of catsup on your plate and realiz-ing you forgot to order french fries. It’s like reporting to football camp and forgetting you already retired. Oops, sorry Brett Favre.

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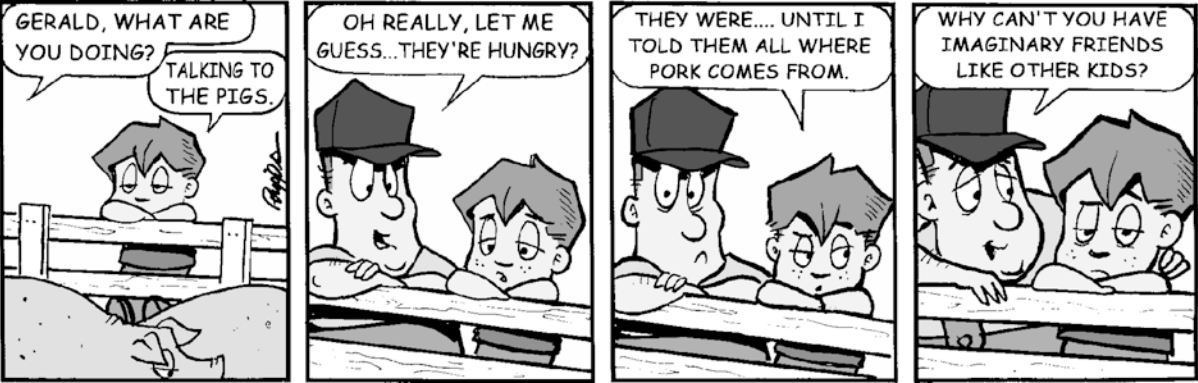
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Criminals need to communicate

By Don Flood

The following item, verbatim and reprinted in its entirety, comes from the Skagway (Alaska) News police blotter:

“Officers responded to a complaint of an intoxicated foul-mouthed person in the downtown area. It turned out the caller was the intoxicated foul-mouthed person. She was given a ride home.”

While I deplore the actions of the hardened criminals behind the crime wave that grips Skagway, I do applaud their participation in the town’s Self-Reporting Lawbreakers Program, which should be a model for the nation.

Here’s how it works:
CROOK: I’d like to report a burglary in progress.

POLICE: Are you sure?

CROOK: Well, I guess so, seeing as how I’m the one committing the burglary.

POLICE: No need to get sarcastic. We just need to check before we send out an officer.

CROOK: I know, but you said it like you don’t believe me. Just because I’m a burglar doesn’t mean I’m not a good citizen.

POLICE: OK, sorry. Where are you?

CROOK: I’m on Main Street.

POLICE: Where on Main Street?

CROOK: Oh, shoot. I forget to check before I broke in. Hold on a minute.

POLICE: Oh, come on. Don’t you know to at least check the address before you call the police?

CROOK: It’s my first one, all right? I’ve got a lot on my mind... um, let’s see, yeah, I’m at 322 South Main Street.

POLICE: OK, we’ll swing by to pick you up.

CROOK: Wait, I plan to make a

run for it. I’m allowed to do that and still participate in the program, right?

POLICE: Yes, of course. So where you headed?

CROOK: I’m going to go down Main Street, then cut through the Smiths’ yard over to State Street.

POLICE: Well, you could, I suppose, but the Smiths have a pretty high fence in back and they have a dog. You’d be better off cutting through the Robinsons’.

CROOK: Good point. OK, so I’ll cut through the Robinsons’ and then, oh I don’t know, I’ll probably just panic and run around in circles.

POLICE: Sounds like a plan. We’ll see you soon.

See how easy that is? Too often, in towns large and small, we have a failure to communicate between police and the criminals. There’s a lot of mistrust on both sides.

The idea is to start small. Meet with some of the town’s troublemakers and invite them to self-report their drunken, obnoxious behavior.

Once that part of the program is up and running smoothly, towns can meet with more serious criminals, such as bank robbers.

Not that this program is a panacea. Another item in the Skagway police blotter that week reads, “A man reported that person(s) unknown had kicked his truck and left dents.”

Apparently, in this case, the miscreant failed to report his offense, which — when he is caught — could get him kicked out of the town’s Self-Reporting Lawbreakers Program.

And if I were on the Skagway police force, I wouldn’t even give him a ride home.

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- 1 Move like a mouse
- 5 Neighbor of Java
- 9 " _ Medicine" ('88 hit)
- 12 Corpulent
- 15 Early computer
- 17 TV's "- Heroes"
- 19 Campbell of UB40
- 20 Poorly
- 21 Restaurant critic's zine?
- 23 Librarian's journal?
- 25 Explosive initials
- 26 Column
- 27 Max _Sydow
- 29 Bunch of ballplayers
- 30 Solidify
- 31 Weber's " _ Freischutz"
- 32 Prepared to drive
- 33 Let up
- 36 Arthur or Pons
- 38 _ carrier
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- 45 Strained
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- 49 Gardener's monthly?
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- 58 Digression
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- 61 _ River, NJ
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- 64 Like Simon
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- 69 Stephen King book
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- 73 Byzantine art form
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- 92 104 Down, e.g.
- 94 Broadway arrangement
- 96 Kennel feature
- 97 Kitten gear?
- 99 Petite pie
- 100 Sprite
- 102 " _ Buttermilk Sky" ('46 song)
- 103 Classify
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- 107 "Electric -" ('83 hit)

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- 116 Depression era magazine?
- 119 Icelandic epic
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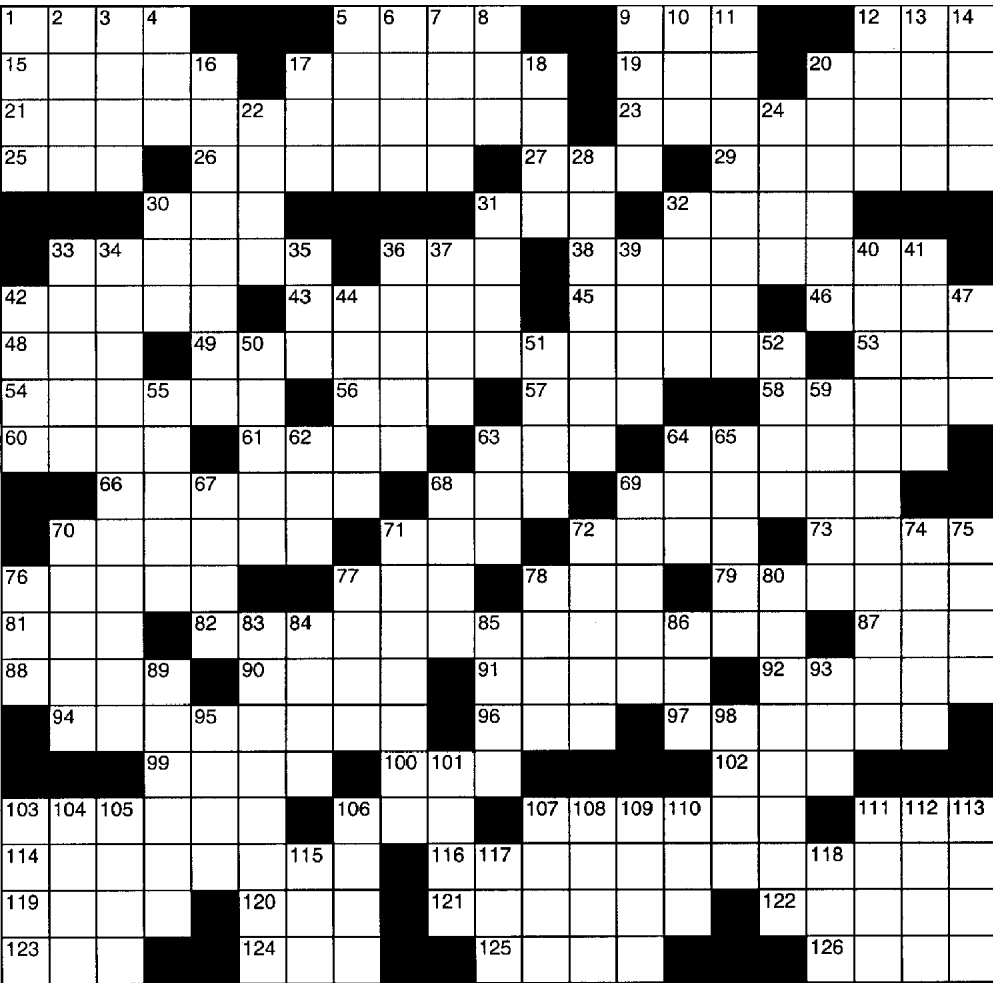
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- 4 Lincoln son
- 5 Pipe part
- 6 Turkish title
- 7 Den
- 8 "Newhart" setting
- 9 Holstein's home
- 10 Flagon filler
- 11 Patois
- 12 Beat
- 13 Felipe, Jesus, or Matty
- 14 Little one
- 16 South African port
- 17 Cholesterol letters
- 18 Golfer Ballesteros
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- 24 Forest ruminant
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- 30 "GoodFellas" gun

- 31 Place to pontificate
- 32 Correct
- 33 Forward
- 34 Rover's review?
- 35 Presidential monogram
- 36 Sanctify
- 37 Tombstone lawman
- 39 Shakespearean heavy
- 40 Wholesome biker's publication?
- 41 Carpentry or printing
- 42 Monsieur Le Pew
- 44 Patriot Samuel
- 47 "Evita" character
- 50 _ Park, CO
- 51 Uninteresting
- 52 Subdue Simba
- 55 Pavarotti's love
- 59 Bit of parsley
- 62 Northwestern st.
- 63 Mouth piece?
- 64 Anger or envy
- 65 Composer Albeniz
- 67 Slender trace
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- 69 French impressionist
- 70 Chingachgook's son
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- 72 Boitano or Blessed
- 74 New York city

- 75 Require
- 76 The Kit _ Club
- 77 In addition
- 78 Stocking shade
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- 83 Opera feature
- 84 Future of the present
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- 89 One of the Jacksons
- 93 Gobbled up
- 95 Apparel
- 98 Debtors' letters
- 101 Stud site
- 103 Lhasa _
- 104 Cabbage concoction
- 105 Philosopher
- 106 Bronte heroine
- 107 Where to find an onager
- 108 "Veni, vidi, -"
- 109 Markey or Bagnold
- 110 Fisherman's snare
- 111 Chalky cheese
- 112 Skates
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- 115 Absent
- 117 City on the Danube
- 118 Ashen

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Estimate your future Social Security benefits online

This month Social Security introduces a new “Retirement Estimator” at www.socialsecurity.gov. Getting a personalized online estimate of your future retirement benefits is now easier than ever before.

The online Retirement Estimator is a convenient, secure and quick financial planning tool that lets workers calculate how much they might expect to receive in Social Security benefits when they retire. The attractive new feature of this calculator is that it eliminates the need to manually key in years of earnings information. It’s so easy to use.

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