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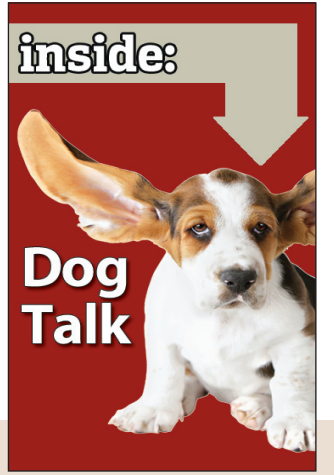



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PISD students scored below state average on tests

■ New superintendent Young says results are starting point for moving forward

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At the Pampa Independent School District's (PISD) board meeting Tuesday evening, superintendent David Young

reported on the 2011-2012 school year's standardized test scores, which span the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) exam series. PISD students

generally scored below the state average on the TAKS and STAAR end of course exams, with the exception of eleventh grade social studies in TAKS and the end of course world geography and geometry exams.

Young, who started as superintendent this summer, looks at the results as a starting point for moving forward successfully. "This obviously is data that clearly lays out what our course needs to be to improve," he said. "We have to start with

the most basic and fundamental thing, which is number one, knowing exactly what standards to teach, in what order, and at what level of depth and complexity. That sounds like an easy thing, but that's a big deal."

"Then, we have to design instructional activities that engage kids and help them to attach relevance for postsecondary experience to that instructional activity," he added. "To me, it's about **PISD** cont. on page 3A

EARLY VOTING



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Joyce Moler, Democratic judge, and **Nancy Whitten**, election official, man their post during early voting at the Gray County Courthouse.

Girl Scouts look to add 100 girls

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The Girl Scouts of the Texas Oklahoma Plains wants to recruit 100 new girls into scouting in Pampa as the organization turns 100 years old, and a series of events at the Lovett Memorial Library will give girls a chance to learn what Girl Scouts is all about. Girls interested in attending don't have to currently be members, and the program can help them start a new troop or place them in an existing troop.

A program called Amaze will run from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on August 6, 9 and 13 for girls in fourth through sixth grade, and will focus on friendship, with art and games.

"The Amaze series is all about building healthy relationships and a positive self esteem," said Marley Hoggatt of Girl Scouts of the Texas Oklahoma Plains. "We talk about how to have a positive self image and how girls can face issues like cliques and bullying."

"We're going to talk about internet safety and the importance having accountability with an adult when it comes to the internet," she added.

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Higdons are Pampa's new captains of Salvation Army

■ Couple comes from Temple to succeed Mark and Laura Martin

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Since last month, Frankco and Martha Higdon have served as captains at Pampa's Salvation Army. The couple, which most recently were with Temple's Salvation Army, were initially drawn into the church while they were growing up.

"We didn't live far from the pastor at the Salvation Army, so they invited us to youth programs," said Martha Higdon. "That's what started my journey through the

Salvation Army, and through that, the Lord called me into the ministry."

"My sister got us going to youth programs," said Frankco Higdon. "We went to the Boys and Girls Club after school just to keep us out of trouble and give us something to do."

"It was a good foundation-builder for me," he added.

For kids, the Salvation Army offers the Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts, and character building, which is similar to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

"It's a Salvation Army program where they earn badges and go camping the same way," said Martha Higdon.

Pampa's Salvation Army focuses on providing homeless prevention services, which include assistance with rent, utilities or prescriptions.

"It's a whole lot cheaper to keep someone in a home than it is to try to get them back into a home," said Martha Higdon.

During the holiday season, the ministry is also very busy to ensure that no child goes without Christmas.

"We're already working on Christmas, even though we're in the heat of summer," said Martha Higdon.



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Martha and Frankco Higdon are Pampa's new Salvation Army captains.

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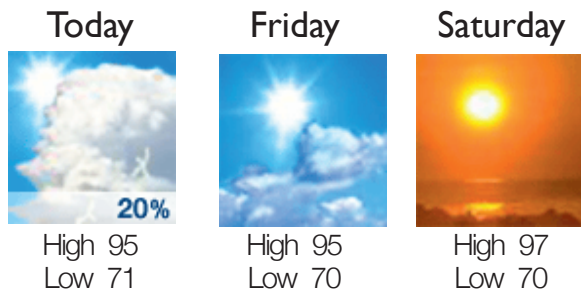
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PAMPA FORECAST



Today: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 95. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. North-northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east-southeast in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Tea Party cavalry rides in to support Cruz

AUSTIN (AP) — Tea Party superstars from across the country are converging on Texas in hopes of helping grassroots darling and U.S. Senate hopeful Ted Cruz pull off an upset that had long seemed unthinkable against the mainstream Republican choice Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint are headlining a get-out-the-vote rally Friday night in suburban Houston. That will come a day after fellow tea party favorites, U.S. Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Utah's Mike Lee, appear at a basketball arena in Dallas on Cruz's behalf. Paul and Lee will be joined by radio host Glenn Beck and former Texas Rep. Dick Arme, who's now chairman of the conservative organization FreedomWorks.

Cruz, who's Cuban-American and the former Texas solicitor general, is locked in a fierce battle with Dewhurst for the Republican nomination to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. Dewhurst has overseen the state Senate from the powerful lieutenant governor's post since 2003.

Dewhurst won the May 29 Texas primary by 10 percentage points but fell short of an outright majority in a nine-candidate GOP field. He and Cruz square off Tuesday in a runoff, with the winner seen as the overwhelming favorite to win November's general election.

While he has overseen decidedly conservative Legislatures, Dewhurst has also been unapologetic about occasionally compromising with Democratic lawmakers to ensure key legislation is passed. That has made him a tea party tar-

get. In Dewhurst's corner is Gov. Rick Perry, a former GOP presidential candidate who remains popular with conservatives back home. Many Republican state lawmakers also support him, but it may not be enough to mobilize voters during the summer doldrums — when Cruz supporters have promised to turn out in droves but many other Texans could be more worried about staying cool than casting ballots.

Cruz spokesman James Bernsen said he wouldn't characterize the back-to-back rallies as the tea party cavalry riding to Cruz's rescue since Palin had previously recorded a phone message to voters on Cruz's behalf. Paul also spoke at a May rally with Cruz in Austin, and FreedomWorks has spent months mobilizing Cruz volunteers.

"For a long time, people have been watching this race around the country and realizing this is the most important test for the tea party in America," Bernsen said. "This is ground zero for the debate between whether we're going to have a tea party candidate or an establishment, moderate candidate."

Some polls have given Cruz a slight advantage in the runoff due to his high favorability with those who identify as likely voters. He also has slightly outtraised Dewhurst in recent weeks. Dewhurst, who owns an energy firm, has lent his campaign more than \$10 million. But Cruz has gotten millions from DeMint's Senate Conservatives Fund, as well as the anti-tax Club for Growth based in Washington.

In an interview Wednesday as he traveled to a campaign stop in McAllen along the U.S.-Mexico border, Dewhurst said Cruz was "beholden to" outside groups that have given him so much money, adding, "That, to me, is of concern for Texans."

"I'm not at all surprised that Mr. Cruz has support from different people around the country. I've never gone to any of these people and asked them for their support," Dewhurst told The Associated Press. "I've been focused on Texans. My focus is Texas, not Washington and all of these people from other states that Mr. Cruz seems to want or need to come in and embrace him."

It's a contrast Dewhurst has tried to hammer home in recent weeks, flooding the airwaves with advertising. In a new television commercial dubbed "Texas vs. Washington" and unveiled Wednesday, the lieutenant governor touts his business experience and his overseeing of tax and spending cuts in the Texas Legislature — while dismissing Cruz as a "lawyer trained in Washington."

In the interview, Dewhurst also fired back specifically at DeMint, Paul and Lee, as well as former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, who has previously endorsed Cruz.

"These are senators from South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Utah and Kentucky. With all due respect, they are from states that don't have anywhere near the economy, state government and success that we have in Texas," he said. "And he's aligning himself with them over the work we've done here."

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, July 25 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control and Pampa PD reported 14 animal-related incidents.

Pampa PD reported four traffic-related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to two medical calls. Tuesday, July 24

A theft was reported at the 400 block of North Ballard.

An accident occurred at Highway 273 and Loop 171.

A prowler was reported at the 400 block of South Barnes.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of South Naida.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1500 block of North Banks.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1500 block of North Dwight.

A theft occurred at the 2100 block of North Nelson.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 400 block of West Montagu.

A theft occurred at the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

An accident occurred at the 200 block of West 28th.

Criminal trespassing was reported at the 100 block of East Craven.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1500 block of North Nelson.

A theft was reported. An assault was reported at the 800 block of West McCullough.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1200 block of East Frederic.

An assault occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 400 block of

East Browning.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of East Harvester.

Harassment was reported at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Wednesday, July 25 Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1600 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of South Miami.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of Huff.

Burglaries occurred at the 130 block of East Francis and the 500 block of Doucette.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, July 25 at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, July 24 Andrew Lane Brokenbek, 37, was arrested by deputies for possession of marijuana, in an amount less than two ounces.

Jeffery Lynn Kingston, 49, was arrested by police for assault causing bodily injury.

William Rafael Maas Carrillo, 41, was arrested by deputies on a bond forfeiture.

Kymerlee Sue Smith, 51, was arrested by police for theft of property.

Adam Jared Robertson, 24, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

Justin Mark Welch, 32, was arrested by police for possession of a controlled substance.

Wednesday, July 25 Michael Lane Hall, 19, was arrested by police for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Norman William Rodgers, 21, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants.



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UT fracking study to be reviewed

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Texas will independently review a study that found no link between hydraulic fracturing and water contamination after learning the lead author is a paid board member of a company that uses the drilling method.

Charles “Chip” Groat, a professor of geologic sciences and associate director of the university’s Energy Institute, is also a board member of Plains Exploration and Production Co.

Plains, like many other companies, uses hydraulic fracturing to drill into impermeable layers of rock to extract natural gas and oil. Groat received from Plains more than \$413,000 in cash and stock in 2011. Groat did not disclose his position with Plains to supervisors or in the study.

Critics of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, believe it harms the environment. Industry leaders insist it is safe.

Judge blocks air permit for plant

AUSTIN (AP) — A state judge has struck down a state air permit for a planned coal-fired power plant on the Texas coast.

State District Judge Stephen Yelenosky ruled in Austin on Wednesday that the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality failed to require proponents of the Las Brisas Energy Center to show that it would meet standards aimed at easing air pollution.

In a statement, TCEQ spokesman Terry Clawson says the agency believes the permit is sufficiently protective. He says the agency is considering its next move.

Last May, Yelenosky rejected a previous TCEQ permit, saying the regulatory agency used models in granting its approval that failed to meet national air quality standards.

Environmental groups have raised air quality concerns about the unit planned for Corpus Christi’s inner harbor.

Former health care chief freed

HOUSTON (AP) — Disgraced former health care executive Richard Scrushy has been released from federal custody after nearly six years.

Federal Bureau of Prisons spokesman Chris Burke says the former multimillionaire HealthSouth Corp. founder and CEO was freed Wednesday from home confinement in Houston, the final step as he begins three years of supervised release.

Scrushy was acquitted on multiple criminal charges in an accounting scheme in 2005 but was sentenced to almost eight years in prison for a bribery conspiracy involving former Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman. The term later was trimmed to 70 months.

He served time in a federal prison in Beaumont, then was moved to a halfway house and to home confinement.

Scrushy still faces a \$2.9 billion judgment from a separate Alabama civil suit related to the accounting scheme.

Man accused of gang-related crime

ALICE (AP) — A South Texas man has been accused in what police call a gang-related attack that left four people dead.

Alice police on Tuesday night arrested 23-year-old Andrew Garcia of Alice. Garcia is charged with murder and remained in the Jim Wells County Jail on Wednesday with bond set at \$1 million.

Jail officials did not list an attorney for Garcia, who is charged in Sunday’s fatal shooting of 18-year-old Isaac Vela.

Police Chief Daniel Bueno says Vela was shot in the head while waiting along a street for a ride. The gunfire was part of an exchange between people in an SUV and another vehicle.

Police say the SUV later wrecked and three men who were inside died. Investigators say one man suffered head trauma. The other two were shot.

New license plates have old look

AUSTIN (AP) — New Texas license plates will look a lot like the black-and-white versions from the 1960s.

The Department of Motor Vehicles says the state’s 254 counties must exhaust current supplies before getting the new “Texas Classic” plate.

The agency, on its website Wednesday, said the plate issued this month is designed for the highest public safety protection.

The current license plate, from 2009, is colorful with a blue mountain range and a Texas map.

The new plate is black and white with vertical-running security threads in the sheeting. The threads will help law officers better identify a legitimate plate from a distance.

Letters and numbers will be an inch wide and slightly taller. The new plates will also feature three letters followed by four numbers, instead of the current mix.

Missing man found dead in Texas

PRYOR, Okla. (AP) — Mayes County authorities say a missing 85-year-old man has been found dead inside his crashed car in north Texas.

County Sheriff Frank Cantey told reporters that the body of Ralph Smith was found Wednesday morning inside the car in Grayson County, Texas, — near Sherman, Texas.

Cantey says authorities are trying to determine how Smith wound up in northern Texas.

Texas parks seek corporate partners

HOUSTON (AP) — Struggling with debilitating budget cuts and devastating droughts and wildfires, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced Wednesday it is seeking official corporate partners, allowing banks, hotels or other large businesses to use the agency’s well-known logo and brand in exchange for cold, hard cash.

While other state park agencies have dabbled with similar ideas or struck corporate sponsorship deals for specific projects, industry officials believe this could be the first time a department that oversees a state’s natural resources actively seeks contract-based partnerships.

It is, as they say, a sign of the times.

“Every political entity ... is experiencing some difficult budget times and they’re needing to come up with different approaches to maintain the services, and the state parks are no different,” said Phil McKnelly, executive director of the National Association of

State Park Directors.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, responsible for overseeing and maintaining more than 90 parks, as well as issuing hunting and fishing licenses, had its budget cut by \$114 million or 17.6 percent in the biannual 2010-12 budget, said Darcy Bontempo, the agency’s marketing director. Concurrently, a historic drought parched the state and massive wildfires destroyed thousands of acres of parkland, further sapping revenue.

But when the Legislature cut the department’s budget, it also passed a bill allowing the agency for the first time to strike partnerships with corporations. Until now, Bontempo said, corporations donated to or made small, targeted deals with the agency’s nonprofit foundation.

Bontempo envisions something far broader. For example, a bank could offer customers a credit card, a cooler could be branded with the TPWD logo or a hotel could become the parks’ official hotels, possibly

offering discounts to visitors — and all would give a certain percentage to the agency.

“Someone’s not going to come hand us money if we can’t offer them something that benefits them as much as it benefits us,” Bontempo said. “They’re going to have to tell us what they think they can execute and what is feasible.”

The TPWD’s request for proposals targets 10 business areas from banks and insurance companies to hotels and cell-phones. Any corporate partner will have to give a minimum of \$100,000 to use the agency’s brand and logo. From there, each deal will differ, Bontempo said. At the least, if the agency strikes a deal with one business in each category, it will

bring in \$1 million.

“We’d be very happy about that,” Bontempo said.

Shari Boyer, CEO of Good Solutions Group, a Pasadena, Calif.-based agency that works with state park agencies and large cities to create partnerships and sponsorship opportunities, said since departments are not authorized to strike deals, most are funneled through a foundation. The Texas Legislature’s decision to give the department the authority to do this is already groundbreaking, she said.

Similar partnerships have been struck in some big cities — including San Diego and Chicago — but not with a state agency, Boyer said. TPWD has a successful **PARKS** cont. on page 7A

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returning to the foundational pieces, and doing those main things very, very well.”

The most recent school year began a transition in the STAAR exam from TAKS, which high school sophomores, juniors and seniors still took in the spring. The state is still working out the kinks with the STAAR exam, and school districts won’t know how well their students in third through eighth grade performed until next January, when passing standards will be released.

The STAAR exam system has been touted as more rigorous than previous standardized tests in the state, and will eventually count for 15 percent of a student’s final course grade. However, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) allowed school districts to defer this rule during the 2011-2012 school year, and PISD, along with most school districts in the state, opted to waive the 15 percent requirement.

Across the state, students had the highest passing rate on geometry (98 percent) and biology (87 percent), and the lowest on reading and writing end of course exams, with 68 percent in reading and 55 percent in writing. PISD students mirrored this with 100 percent passing geometry, 80 percent in biology, 57 percent in reading and 47 percent passing writing. While the passing rate for writing has caught statewide media attention, Young pointed out that the passing standards were set higher for the writing exam than math or science. However, he also emphasized that PISD has work to do in this area.

“We have a major literacy initiative in Pampa ISD that we’re defining for next year that will just ensure that we are, in the most student-centered way possible, doing our literacy instruction that allows kids to progress at the appropriate level,” he said. “We’ve tweaked that and kind of changed the formula of that. That will pay dividends as those kids go forward.”

“Reading is the most important skill on the planet, period,” he added. “Reading is also where we see more variation developmentally than in other content areas in kids

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at the primary level. We will continue to allocate a great deal of resources to reading instruction, both in the regular and support classroom. We’ve got active reading recovery teachers and literacy specialists on our campuses to continue to strive for our reading instruction to have our kids where they need to be.”

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 26, the 208th day of 2012. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On July 26, 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33. King Farouk I of Egypt abdicated in the wake of a coup led by Gamal Abdel Nasser.

On this date:

In 1775, Benjamin Franklin became America's first postmaster general.

In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1882, the Richard Wagner opera "Parsifal" premiered in Bayreuth, Germany.

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte ordered creation of a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1912, the Edison Studios production "What Happened to Mary," one of the first, if not very first, movie serials, was released with Mary Fuller in the title role.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which established the National Military Establishment (later renamed the Department of Defense).

In 1953, Fidel Castro began his revolt against Fulgencio Batista (fool-HEN'-see-oh bah-TEES'-tah) with an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba. (Castro ousted Batista in 1959.)

In 1962, the pilot episode of "The French Chef" starring Julia Child aired on WGBH-TV in Boston.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America's fourth manned mission to the moon. Photographer Diane Arbus died in New York at age 48.

In 1986, kidnappers in Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months. American statesman W. Averell Harriman died in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., at age 94.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

In 1992, singer Mary Wells died in Los Angeles at age 49.

Ten years ago: The Republican-led House voted, 295-132, to create an enormous Homeland Security Department in the biggest government reorganization in decades. Six-year-old Cassandra Williamson vanished from a suburban St. Louis home; her body was found hours later at an abandoned glass factory. (An acquaintance of Cassandra's father, Johnny Johnson, was later convicted of murder, kidnapping and attempted rape, and was sentenced to death.)

Five years ago: The Senate passed, 85-8, a measure intensifying anti-terror efforts in the U.S. Wall Street suffered one of its worst losses of 2007, closing down more than 310 points.

One year ago: The White House threatened to veto emergency House legislation that aimed to avert a threatened national default. Democratic Rep. David Wu of Oregon announced he would resign amid the political fallout from an 18-year-old woman's allegations of an unwanted sexual encounter with him.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Marjorie Lord is 94. Actor James Best is 86. Actress-singer Darlene Love is 71. Singer Brenton Wood is 71. Rock star Mick Jagger is 69. Movie director Peter Hyams is 69. Actress Helen Mirren is 67. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 63. Actress Susan George is 62. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 56. Actor Kevin Spacey is 53. Rock singer Gary Cherone (sher-OWN') is 51. Actress Sandra Bullock is 48. Rock singer Jim Lindberg (Pennywise) is 47. Actor Jeremy Piven is 47. Rapper-reggae singer Wayne Wonder is 46. Actor Jason Statham (STAY'-thum) is 45. Actor Cress Williams is 42. TV host Chris Harrison ("The Bachelor") is 41. Actress Kate Beckinsale is 39. Rock musician Dan Konopka (OK Go) is 38. Gospel/Contemporary Christian singer Rebecca St. James is 35. Actress Francia Raisa is 24. Christian rock musician Jamie Sharpe (Rush of Fools) is 23.

Thought for Today: "One brave deed makes no hero." — John Greenleaf Whittier, American poet and essayist (1807-1892).



Study: Medicaid expansion could be lifesaver

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — States that expand their Medicaid programs under President Barack Obama's health care law may end up saving thousands of lives, a medical journal report released Wednesday indicates.

Until now, the Medicaid debate has been about budgets and states' rights. But a statistical study by Harvard researchers in the New England Journal of Medicine found a 6 percent drop in the adult death rate in Arizona, Maine and New York, three states that have recently expanded coverage for low-income residents along the general lines of the federal health care law.

The study found that for every 176 adults covered under expanded Medicaid, one death per year would be prevented.

"Policymakers should be aware that major changes in Medicaid — either expansions or reductions in coverage — may have significant effects on the health of vulnerable populations," wrote the researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Medicaid is a federal-state program for low-income and severely disabled people. It covers about 60 million people in the United States. The new law assigned Medicaid a major role in expanding coverage, accounting for about half the 30 million uninsured people expected to gain insurance as a result of the health overhaul.

But the Supreme Court last month ruled that states have the leeway to reject the law's Medicaid expansion, which is geared to reach mostly

uninsured adults without children and with annual incomes up to about \$15,400. As a consequence, the Congressional Budget Office projects 3 million fewer people will gain coverage. Although the CBO still expects most states will expand their programs to some degree, the agency's nonpartisan analysts project that it may take longer than a decade for some governors and legislatures to decide.

Some governors in Republican-led states, including Texas and Florida, have rejected the Medicaid expansion since the high court's ruling. Many remain on the fence, awaiting the outcome of the November elections and GOP promises to repeal the law. Although Washington will pay all of the cost of the expansion for the first three years, then scale back to a 90 percent share, Republican governors say Medicaid is already too costly and the Obama administration repeatedly has blocked their efforts to streamline the program.

The New England Journal study seems destined to be swept up immediately into the debate. Critics are certain to point out that its lead author, Dr. Benjamin Sommers, is on temporary assignment from Harvard working in a policy division of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, which is carrying out Obama's overhaul.

In an interview, Sommers said "HHS does not have anything to do with this paper." The research was under way before he began serving as an adviser to the department, and no federal money was used in the project, he said. Like other major medical publications, the journal rigorously reviews research prior to publication.

The study's findings counter a

widespread perception that having a Medicaid card is little better than being uninsured. Because Medicaid pays doctors far less than Medicare and private insurance, some experts have questioned it will be able to deliver the care that people need.

The study compared key health statistics in the three states that expanded Medicaid coverage with outcomes in neighboring states that did not, examining five years before the expansion and the five years after.

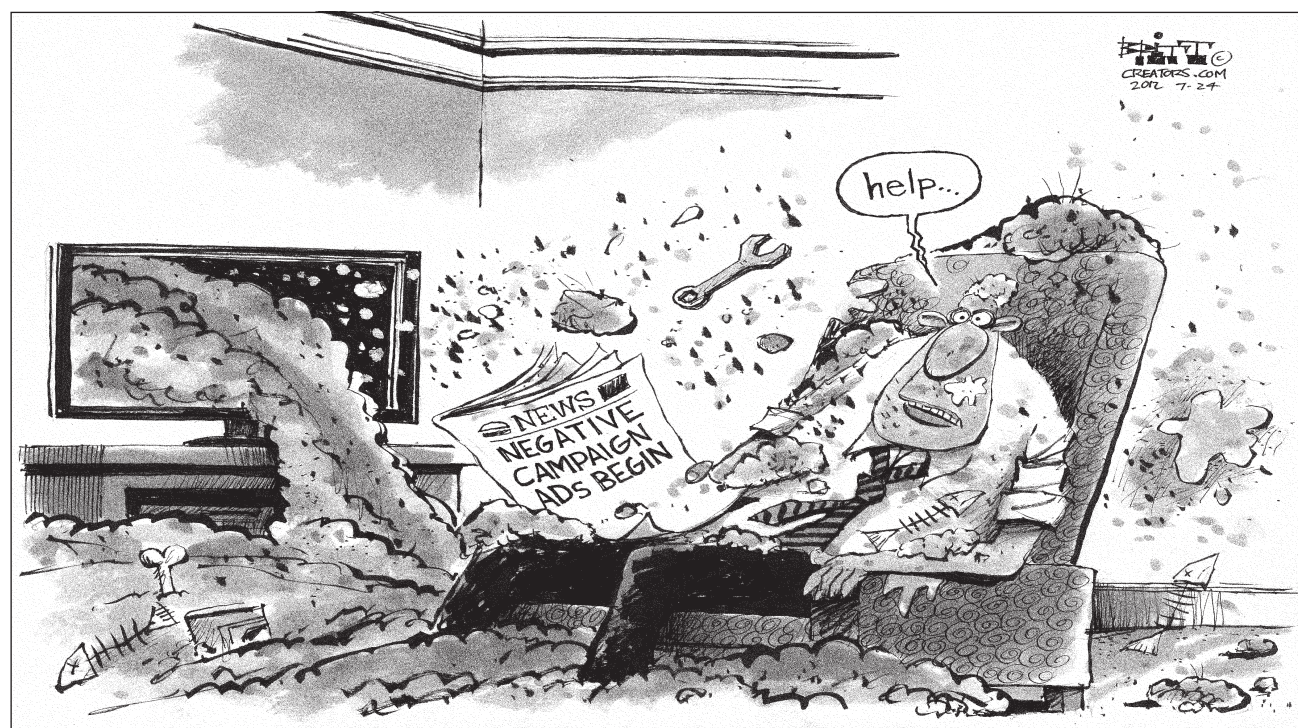
New York, Maine and Arizona have all expanded eligibility for adults since 2000, with New York's expansion by far the largest. States that did not expand and were used for the comparison included Pennsylvania (for New York), New Hampshire (for Maine), and Nevada and New Mexico (for Arizona.)

The study is not the gold standard for statistical research because subjects were not selected at random, but Sommers said the researchers cross-checked their results and are confident of the findings.

In addition to the drop in death rates among adults ages 20 to 64, the study found a 21 percent drop in delays getting care blamed on cost barriers.

It's the second recent study to document the benefits of Medicaid. A study of Oregonians published last year found that those with Medicaid were more far more likely to get regular medical care, including preventive screenings. The subjects of the Oregon study were randomly selected.

"Expanding Medicaid to low-income adults is associated with significant gains in health and survival," said Sommers.



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Judge says Fort Hood shooting suspect could be forcibly shaved

FORT HOOD (AP) — An Army psychiatrist charged with killing 13 people in a shooting rampage at Fort Hood will be forcibly shaved if he doesn't remove his beard himself, a judge said Wednesday.

Maj. Nidal Hasan appeared in court Wednesday sporting a beard as he did during a court appearance last month. The beard violates Army regulations, but Hasan said it is an expression of his Muslim faith.

The judge, Col. Gregory Gross, held Hasan in contempt of court for keeping the beard and fined him \$1,000. Fort Hood spokesman Chris Haug said Gross gave Hasan the choice to shave on his own or be forcibly shaved sometime before his court-martial begins Aug. 20.

Hasan again refused to shave and watched the rest of the day's hearing outside the courtroom.

Hasan, 41, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 massacre, the worst shooting incident on a U.S. military

post. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

Until last month, he had been clean-shaven every time he attended court.

But since Hasan grew a beard, he and one of his attorneys have watched the pretrial hearings on closed-circuit television in a trailer near the courthouse. He refuses to shave, and Gross has indicated that Hasan might have to watch the court-martial from the trailer as well.

But on Wednesday, Gross said he wanted Hasan in the courtroom to prevent a possible appeal on the issue if Hasan is convicted.

Hasan's defense attorneys argued that he had not shaved in observance of the holy Islamic month of Ramadan. Ramadan is expected to end just before the court-martial starts.

Also Wednesday, Gross said he would review a copy of a new FBI report on the shootings. The report, made public last week, includes emails Hasan sent to Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical Islamic cleric killed in Yemen last year by a drone strike.

The emails range from

rambling messages about supporting terrorists and U.S. soldiers killing comrades in the name of Islam to questions about whether al-Awlaki could help him find a suitable wife. The emails attracted the attention of FBI and anti-terrorism task force agents in December 2008.

But authorities did not pursue a case against Hasan, according to the report, due to a series of gaps and miscommunication errors.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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28 Almost forever
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30 Homer's neighbor
31 Write hastily
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Death row inmate found dead

HOUSTON (AP) — A man sent to death row for the slaying of his ex-girlfriend's mother at her home in Austin six years ago has died in prison, Texas corrections officials said Wednesday.

Selwyn Davis, 30, was found unresponsive on the floor of his death row cell at the Polunsky Unit outside Livingston during a security check last Friday night, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark said. When Davis couldn't be revived, he was taken to the prison infirmary and then to a hospital in Livingston where he was pronounced dead, Clark said.

The cause of Davis' death was not yet known. Autopsy results were pending and the prison agency's Office of Inspector General was investigating — a standard procedure, according to Clark.

Davis was convicted and sentenced to death by a Travis County jury in 2007 for the fatal stabbing of 57-year-old Regina Lara during a burglary. His trial was marked by an obscene gesture he made to Lara's relatives while a probation officer testified about his criminal record.

He did not yet have an execution date.

According to trial testimony, Davis also sexually assaulted a teenage girl related to Lara. The 15-year-old girl showed up after school Aug. 22, 2006, to find Lara's cat missing and Davis

in Lara's bedroom. She eventually would run to a nearby convenience store and call police.

Lara was strangled, had her skull fractured in a beating and was stabbed several times. The cat later was found wrapped in a pillowcase in a closet, and police said the stab wounds were consistent with the knife investigators determined was used to stab Lara.

Davis fled in Lara's van and was spotted in a store buying clothing to replace the bloody items he was wearing. He was

arrested in another store where he was trying to buy some electronics.

In 2008, Davis' lawyer, Ariel Payan, said his client wanted to waive most of his appeals to accelerate the legal path to execution. Payan did not immediately return a phone call Wednesday from The Associated Press.

Two years ago, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals upheld Davis' conviction and death sentence. There's no record of appeals for Davis in the federal courts.

Trust is nice, but instinct is king

Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
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When an animal gives you its trust, you feel like you have been given the most beautiful gift in the world. — Roy Horn

Last month, a zookeeper was killed by a pack of wolves in their enclosure in Sweden's Kolmarden Wildlife Park. "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin was killed by a stingray barb to the heart while filming off the Great Barrier Reef.

"Grizzly Man" Timothy Treadwell was killed by a grizzly bear in Alaska's Katmai National Park, where he had spent 13 summers living among the great bears.

Charla Nash required a face transplant after being attacked by her friend's 200-pound chimpanzee, Travis.

Veteran trainer Dawn Brancheau was killed by an orca during a live performance at Sea World Orlando.

Roy Horn, of Siegfried and Roy, was severely mauled by Montecore, the 7-year-old white tiger he essentially reared, in front of a live audience at The Mirage in Las Vegas.

This is not a list of rogue animals who attacked for no reason. It's a list of wild animals who acted on instinct.

An animal's trust is a beautiful gift. But we humans would be wise to remember that in the wild, instinct trumps trust. In the wild, instinct is king.

Wild animals are wild animals regardless of where they live. Some are lucky enough to live out their lives in the wild as nature intended. Others are tagged and tracked but otherwise left alone as protected species. The less fortunate live in captivity —

as performers, as exhibits, as laboratory tools, even as pets — sometimes receiving excellent care, oftentimes abused or neglected.

Call them tame, call them socialized, but don't call them trustworthy. They are not domesticated; they are wild. And a wild animal's worst enemy, bar none, is man.

Domesticated animals are those in which the evolutionary process has been influenced by humans to meet their needs. Dogs, cats, sheep, pigs, goats, donkeys and horses are primary examples of successful domestication. By and large, with domesticated animals, trust is possible because survival instincts in the wild sense have little if any value.

Additionally, through an unnatural process of artificial selection, the natural aversion to man has been bred out of domesticated animals. Our dogs are happy to see us come home. Our cats purr when we stroke them. Our horses stand by as we saddle and mount them. These are domesticated animals, bred over centuries to favor us, to work for us, to love us, to need us.

Last weekend, a surfer was killed by a great white shark in waters near Wedge Island in Western Australia.

Two weeks before that, a camper was attacked by a mountain lion in Nevada County, California.

Will we react in fear? Will we retaliate against nature? Will we hunt the great whites, trap the big cats? Or will we realize our place in the world and respect the fact that venturing into the wild invites awesome experiences and equally awesome risks?

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United States, Mexico disagree over border fence proposal

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — An agency that monitors the U.S.-Mexico boundary is agreeing to a U.S. proposal to build border fence segments in a South Texas flood plain, a move Mexico opposes.

The decision by the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission comes despite objections from its Mexican counterpart. Mexico argues the fence would deflect floodwaters to its side of the Rio Grande and violate a bi-national treaty.

The Associated Press on Tuesday obtained a letter the commission sent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection noting it will not oppose the project. The commission says its analysis found that the fence proposed for three areas in South Texas would not be a significant obstruction to river waters. Half of the 14 miles proposed would be in the flood plain.

"When it comes right down to it, the scientific analysis is what we have to fall back on," John Merino, principal engineer with the U.S. commission, said Tuesday.

In his February letter, Merino wrote that after a thorough review, the agency concluded that the project "will not cause significant deflection or obstruction of the normal or flood flows of the Rio Grande" and is consistent with the treaty.

Jenny Burke, a spokeswoman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said that one of the segments, in Los Ebanos, is no longer considered necessary and more funding is needed to build the other two in Rio Grande City and Roma. Merino also pointed out that the government would have to bring back detailed construction drawings of the fence for approval before proceeding.

Still, the green light for a permanent fence made of spaced vertical steel tubes is a significant reversal for an agency that expressed concerns when the government was still proposing a "moveable" fence in 2008.

A 1970 treaty between the United States and Mexico called on both countries to prohibit the building of anything that "may cause deflection or obstruction of the normal flow of the river or of its flood flows."

In July 2008, Al Riera, then the principal operations engineer for the U.S. boundary commission, told a citizens forum, "If they (Department of Homeland

Security) don't show us they have something in place to guarantee removal of the (fence) panels ... the commission would never agree to something like that."

That movable fence was planned to involve a base of concrete barriers topped with about 15 feet of tightly woven steel fencing that could be removed in advance of floodwaters.

Merino said the project had not been analyzed when Riera made those comments. Riera is no longer with the commission.

But a letter from a Mexican engineer to Merino in December 2011 said the project represented a serious obstruction.

"The location, alignment and design of the proposed fence represent a clear obstruction of the Rio Grande hydraulic area, since in the towns of Rio Grande City and Roma, (Texas), the fence would occupy nearly all of the hydraulic area on the U.S. side, causing the deflection of flows towards the Mexican side," wrote principal engineer Luis Antonio Rascon Mendoza.

Jesus Luevano, secretary of the commission's Mexican section, said in an email Tuesday that Mexico's position is that the "wall constitutes an obstruction of the normal current ... in terms of the 1970 Boundary Treaty, therefore we continue fighting its placement with respect to the Rio Grande flood zone."

He added that Mexico recognizes the border fence is a unilateral endeavor, but said it wasn't improving relations between the neighbors.

The U.S. has built about 650 miles of border barriers along the 1,954-mile U.S.-Mexico boundary. In Texas, the fence segments have been built more than a mile away from the river in some rural areas, but the three segments recently reviewed by the commission would be built closer because all three communities abut the river. In 2008, the Department of Homeland Security waived a host of environmental regulations to allow speedy construction.

Merino said the disagreement stems from differing assumptions. He said Mexico looks at the fence as a solid barrier like a dam that would not allow water to pass through. U.S. engineers believe water will pass through it as long as it's kept free of debris.

Jeffrey Ruch, executive director of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, or PEER, said he will send a letter to the commission Wednesday demanding an explanation for the agency's new position. He noted that the proposed fencing would cut through a national wildlife refuge.

"We don't know the reason that all of these concerns evaporated," Ruch said Tuesday.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am planning a trip to Thailand next year and would like to find a traveling partner. I don't care whether the person is male or female. My plan is to visit the country and rent a cabin for a month. My interest is solely to share expenses and have a platonic relationship with my travelmate because going alone is very expensive. Thanks for whatever input you can give me. — TRAVELER FROM KANSAS CITY

DEAR TRAVELER: You're welcome. My "input" is to urge you to rethink this. I do NOT recommend that you go to a foreign country and rent a cabin in the middle of nowhere with someone you don't know because it could be dangerous. What if there is a medical emergency or your companion has misrepresented him- or herself?

Traveling, even with someone you DO know, can present problems unless you have a high degree of compatibility and similar habits. Low-budget tours are available, and I urge you to research them.

DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago my husband and I were having an argument. He stormed out of the house and was killed in a wreck while talking to his brother on his cellphone.

His family blames me for arguing with him. While I feel sad that the last thing we did was argue, I feel his brother should shoulder some of the blame because he was on the cellphone with him, which is illegal in our state.

Luckily, no one else was hurt in the crash, but I am very hurt that "John's" family is so angry at me. Please remind folks not to drive while on a cellphone. — IDAHO WIDOW

DEAR WIDOW: Please accept my sympathy for the tragic loss of your husband.

It is important you understand that your former in-laws are angry at the fact that he is dead, and are looking for someone other than him to blame for their pain. If your brother-in-law knew John was on his cellphone while driving, then I'm sure he carries some guilt about it. But the fault lies with your husband, rest his angry soul.

P.S. If your letter serves as a reminder to readers not to use a cellphone — or text — while driving, his death will not have been in vain.

DEAR ABBY: I am dating a recently divorced man who was married to a very controlling woman for 31 years. I love him very much and see myself with him in the future. However, at the age of 53, he is interested in pursuing a singing career.

I dated a musician for 16 years and I do not want a relationship with another one. I'm pretending to be supportive because I don't want to be another woman telling him what to do or stifling his dreams. Inside I am dreading it. I become physically ill when I think of losing another man to music.

On the other hand, I can't imagine my life without him. Should I continue to pretend to support him and hope he fails, or let him know that I don't want to be with a musician? — OUT OF TUNE IN DAYTON, OHIO

DEAR OUT OF TUNE: It is in neither of your best interests for you to continue lying to him because the truth will come to light eventually. He is not the person you dated for 16 years, so let him pursue his dream. The odds of a 53-year-old man becoming an overnight national sensation are long, but after 31 years of misery with his ex, if he can enjoy some success on the local level, please don't begrudge him.

Sinaloa capo's kin placed on kingpin list

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The U.S. Treasury Department announced Tuesday that it has imposed sanctions on relatives of Sinaloa cartel drug lord Juan Jose Esparragoza who allegedly run gas stations, a shopping mall, a housing development and an industrial park in Mexico that invested or laundered drug money.

Six of the people named are wives or children of Esparragoza, alias "El Azul" or "The Blue One." The department said he had at least two wives.

Nine companies and four other individuals were also named under the U.S. Drug Kingpin act. The measure prohibits people in the U.S. from doing business with named people, whose U.S. assets are also frozen.

The department called Esparragoza a "godfather of Mexican narcotics" and said he had "kept a low profile in hopes of avoiding scrutiny."

Esparragoza himself was already named on the list.

The sales manager for the housing development mentioned in

the Treasury Department report, Provenza Residencial, denied that the business had any links to Esparragoza or his family.

"This is a myth that our competitors have come up with," sales manager Jorge Romero said. "The owners (of the development) are two companies that have got nothing to do with this."

Romero said the accusations may have arisen because part of the land where the development was built may have once been owned by Esparragoza.

Romero said Mexican investigators had looked into the project when the two companies began building it in the mid-2000s. "We opened up everything ... and they didn't find anything at all," Romero said.

Mexican investigators have expressed some frustration about U.S. public announcements of kingpin designations, because U.S. officials usually do not provide the evidence Mexican prosecutors need to bring charges against the suspected cartel associates in Mexican courts.

Authorities believe Esparragoza is an ally of the Sinaloa drug cartel, led by Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, one of the world's most-wanted men.

The Sinaloa cartel is locked in a fight for smuggling routes against the Zetas drug gang that has left thousands dead.

One of the fiercest battles among the two gangs is being fought in the border state of Nuevo Leon, where a shootout among gunmen on Tuesday left seven people dead in a residential area of the Monterrey suburb of Juarez.

Four people were found inside a house in the Monteverde neighborhood, two on the street and one inside a car, said a state police official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case.

Police also found the body of a woman who had been shot in the head several times, the official said.

The official said police are still trying to determine if the killing of the woman is related to the killings in Juarez.

Parks

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marketing campaign with Geico to market its RV parks, Boyer said.

"Given all the financial struggles that parks are dealing with, partnerships are a smart way to try to make up some of the downfall," she said. "This is not putting up billboards in parks, this is not renaming parks, this is finding ways to find a win-win ... that ultimately benefits the visitors."

Already, the Texas parks department has strict guidelines, including not allowing a state park to carry the name of a corporation, Bontempo said.

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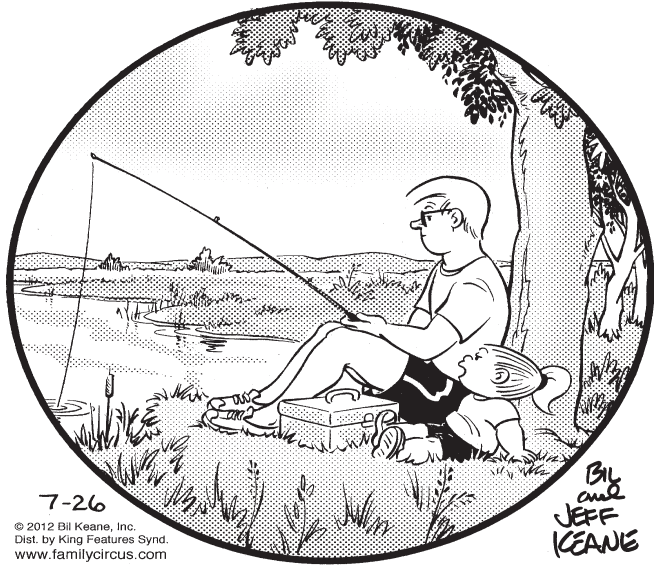


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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 27, 2012:

This year others often think of you as the personality among your crowd. What they miss is your depth. That quality will become more dominant as time goes on. You often share profound ideas. If you are single, meeting your match takes some talent, and you have some interesting adventures ahead this year. If you are attached, remember how important a friendship is to your bond. Nurture this quality, too. SCORPIO can trigger you more than many other signs.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are intense about one issue after another. Anything you do you will have to do again, in some form. You are best off doing something that is naturally repetitive, like cleaning the house or getting your hair trimmed. Tonight: Only with a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might wonder why someone is so pushy. Think again with detachment, and the answer will become evident. With your inner strength and endurance, you are like a freight train coming down the track when you want something. Tonight: Add more spice to your relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Fortunately, you are efficient and quick. Several people might ask you to pitch in here and there. You could feel as if you have no choice but to say "yes." Understand that you really need to establish better boundaries. Consider doing so in the near future. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You have a natural charm that carries you through the most difficult of situations; however, you make a present episode harder because of your emotional connection to it. You might want to trust that you will land on your feet like a cat with nine lives, because you will. Tonight: Don't make it a late night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to lay low once more. You want to be in prime shape and full of energy for the weekend. A child or loved one plays into your plans. Center yourself and complete anything you need to. You will relax and enjoy yourself much

more as a result. Tonight: Romp the night away!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Remain clear about what you want, and ask for just that. In a problematic relationship, you might feel as if a talk heals the situation. Do not be surprised in the near future if you feel you need to repeat this conversation. Tonight: Make it early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Balance the books to prevent a problem in the near future. You want a checking account on the high-plus side. Suddenly, a spending spree feels like the right thing to do. Be aware of how much you offer or bring to the table. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Understand what needs to happen for you to finish a project before you relax. Do not hesitate to follow through and complete several other pending matters. Once you are done, you will feel much freer. Make time for a late lunch with a friend. Tonight: Treat a pal to munchies.

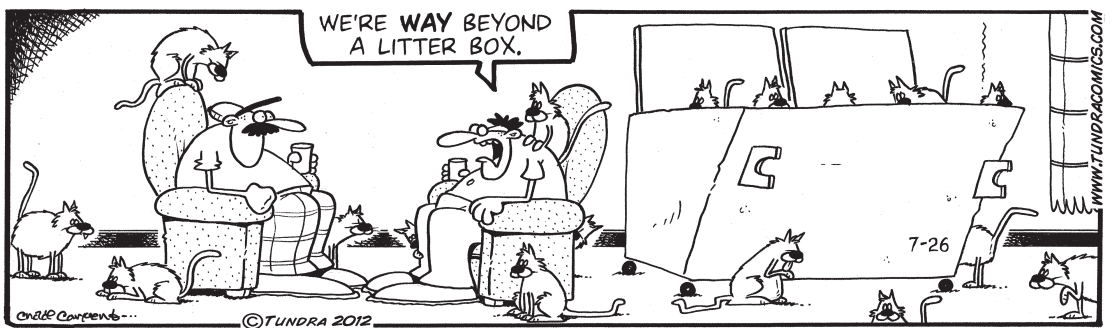
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might not want to reveal what is on your mind. Perhaps you are not exactly sure of your thoughts and need to give yourself time to process them. In some cases, new information might be forthcoming. Still, others note that something is going on with you. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You could have a very different opinion from many of the people around you. Of course, this variation is not surprising when you consider how very different you are from most of the people you meet. Tonight: Happy to head home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Pressure to perform at your highest ability could be more of a challenge than the activity itself. Let go of any worry and stress. Give 125 percent. A parent, boss or other authority figure could be demanding. Tonight: Dance out the door. Get ready to paint the town red.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Notice what someone might not be talking about. If you think about it, this omission has been fairly regular. Bluntly ask what is going on, but be as sensitive as possible. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

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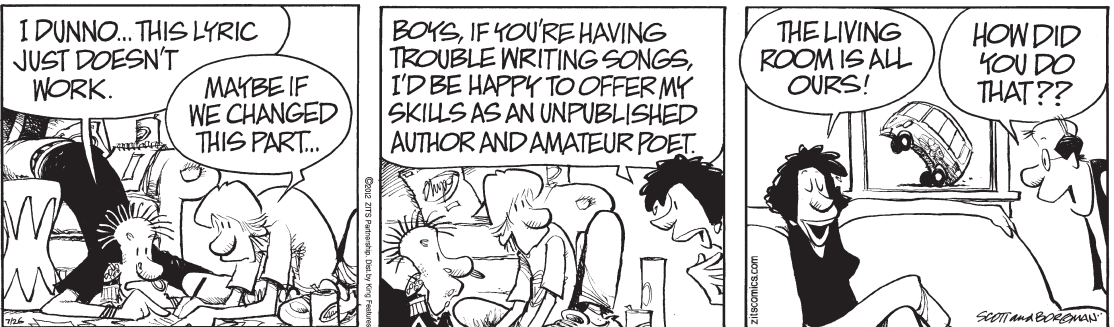
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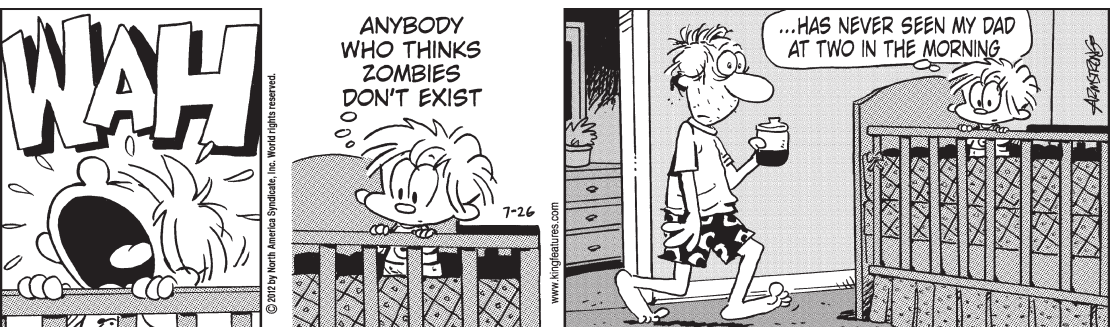
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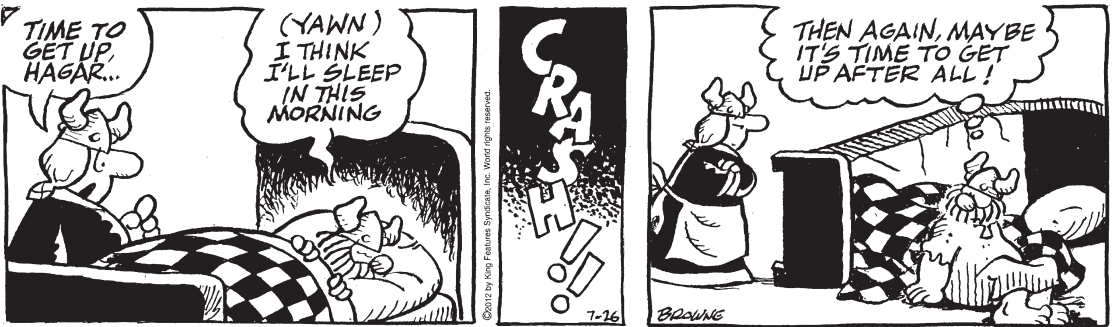
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Trio of runoffs set in Texas Board of Education races

DALLAS (AP) — Republican Geraldine “Tincy” Miller is trying to reclaim a position she held on the Texas State Board of Education for 26 years after being ousted in the primary two years ago.

Miller faces social conservative candidate Gail Spurlock in one of three July 31 runoff races for the board, which has drawn attention in recent years for its battles over teaching evolution and attempts to elevate conservative figures in history lessons.

All 15 board seats are up for re-election following redistricting last year. Currently, there are four Democrats and 11 Republicans on the board, with six Republicans considered part of a social conservative voting bloc. The May primary effectively had no effect on the makeup of the board, which establishes the public school curriculum, approves textbooks and manages the state’s permanent school fund.

“We would really like the State Board of Education to look like a body that is less politicized — is all about the business of public education,” said Monty Exter, a lobbyist with the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

The winner of the Miller-Spurlock runoff will face Democrat Lois Parrott in the November election for District 12, which includes North Texas’ Collin County and part of Dallas County.

Miller, of Dallas, is vice chairman of a commercial real estate company and has worked as a reading specialist focusing on dyslexia. She said three things set her apart: “my experience, my education and my credible conservative values.”

“I would vote my conscience and my conservative beliefs,” she said. Miller said that during her tenure on the board, she helped implement the first phonics-based state curriculum and was a watchdog for textbooks’ content.

Miller also pointed out that she has a master’s degree, while her opponent does not have a college degree.

Spurlock, of Richardson, countered that she has succeeded — without a degree — in a career as an information technology consultant.

“The problem is that academicians have been directing education,” Spurlock said. “They’ve done their personal preferences and their ideas and their theories for 20 years. They started with ‘Oh, we have to make children feel better about themselves. They’re going to get better grades.’ Twenty years later, maybe two-and-a-half generations of children going through the school system, ‘Oops, that didn’t work.’”

Spurlock said she would expect to vote “the vast majority of the time” with the social conservative bloc.

Earlier this year, Spurlock raised eyebrows she said the pilgrims were “required to be communist.” She elaborated this month to The Associated Press that her point was communism was an old system: “At that time communism was just an economic system. It wasn’t the ideology that it became under Karl Marx.”

The board has become a little less political since the departure of Don McLeroy, the former board chairman who believed the Earth was only 6,000 years old. He was defeated in 2010 by a moderate Republican.

“We prefer a state board that listens to teachers and scholars rather than mocks them,” said Dan Quinn, communications director for the Texas Freedom Network, a watchdog of the far right. He added that the board has gotten “marginally” better in recent years.

In Central Texas’ District 10, the candidates in the Republican runoff are Tom Maynard, of Florence, executive director of the Texas FFA Association, and Rebecca Osborne, of Austin, a high school speech teacher in the Round Rock district. The winner will face Democrat Judy Jennings.

Maynard, who taught agricultural education for more than a decade, said he expects there will be times he’ll vote with the social conservative bloc and others when he won’t.

“The only thing that really matters is to represent the people who sent you there,” Maynard said.

Osborne said she’s running “to make decisions that are in the best interest of children and I don’t always think that happens,” adding, “I’m not running to be part of any alliance.”

In the Democratic runoff for the District 2 spot in South Texas, Celeste Zepeda Sanchez, an assistant superintendent for curriculum with the San Benito school district, is running against Brownsville businessman Ruben Cortez Jr. The winner will face Republican Laurie Turner.

Cortez, a partner in a management firm, said on his website that he advocates keeping politics out of the classroom and that “decreeing that a conservative agenda be taught to our children” is not the role of the board.

Sanchez said the board needs to listen to “the experts, the historians, and the teachers about what should be in textbooks.”

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A second event, called the Daisy Flower Garden, will run on Thursday, August 16 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and will be open to girls in kindergarten through third grade. Girls will play games and make arts and crafts, while learning how to change the world around them through positive actions.

“If parents would like to come and see what we’re all about, we’re trying to start new troops for Daisy

Girl Scouts, which is kindergarten and first grade, and we would love to have some parents come and see what our program is all about, and see what an easy and positive investment it is to be a Girl Scout leader,” said Hoggatt.

Hoggatt looks forward to recruiting more girls into a program that she feels had a powerful impact in her own life growing up.

“The reason I feel Girl Scouts is so important in every girl’s life is it shows you how to form friendships based on common

interests, how to achieve goals and surround yourself with positive influences, and it also shows you ways to have experiences that you might never get,” she said. “Without Girl Scouts, I probably never would have gone camping on my own. I never would have learned to ride horses or rock climb. Those were things that terrified me, but through building relationships in Girl Scouting and having those opportunities, I was able to face some fears and grow as a person, and that’s an expe-

rience that’s invaluable for someone that young.”

People interested in more information or in volunteering during the Amaze series can call Hoggatt at 806-553-3181.

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Sister Texarkanas embroiled in cross-state sibling rivalry

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — The rivalry between two sister cities on the Texas-Arkansas border used to play out between high school football teams and fans who delighted in taunting the opposing side.

Lately, the competition between Texarkana, Ark., and Texarkana, Texas, has widened beyond the gridiron into everyday life.

City leaders on either side of the state line have been squabbling over tourism dollars, sewage treatment and other issues that probably could be resolved with little fuss in many other parts of the country.

The rivalry seems to know no bounds. When a developer decided to build a convention center in one town, the other side made plans to erect one, too — even though the two facilities will be just a few miles apart.

“It can kind of be harmless from the perspective of the football game or just some petty bickering,” said geographer Michael Glass, who lectures about urban studies at the University of Pittsburgh. “But when it comes to putting tax dollars on the line by trying to have competing convention centers, you’ve got to ask yourself, ‘Has it gone too far?’”

The two Texarkanas — with names forged from Texas, Arkansas and nearby Louisiana — have managed to work together over the years, even though they function as separate cities. They have their own police forces and fire departments, but they share an airport, a federal building and wastewater treatment plants. Residents of both towns cross into the other every day for work, school and shopping.

Of course, the two cities have had disagreements in the past. “But they always worked them out in fairly short order,” said Bill King, the water utility’s executive director.

That began to change a few years ago. Personalities clashed after former Superintendent Larry Sullivan took over as Texas’ city manager in 2007 and rubbed folks on the Arkansas side the wrong way with a leadership style some saw as controlling.

The current mayor, N. Wayne Smith, said he won’t even sit down with Sullivan. “If no one’s willing to sit down and talk with you about how to solve a problem, it’s next to impossible to be able to come to any kind of agreement,” said Sullivan, who is retiring at the end of the month.

As if to fit a stereotype, the Texas side is slightly bigger, with some 36,000 residents, compared with 30,000 on the Arkansas side. The Texas city also is more developed, offering strip malls, chain restaurants and car dealerships — advantages that lead some people on the Lone Star side to downplay the competition with their Arkansas neighbors, much as an older sister would insist there’s no rivalry with her younger sibling.

“I don’t see the competitiveness of the Arkansas side,” said Skipper Lumpkin, a retired first grade teacher on the Texas side. “Texas’ side is the one that’s got all the shops and all. About all Arkansas’ side has is Walmart.”

Texarkana, Ark., also has something of an inferiority complex. The Texas side

has a Starbucks and Target.

“People perceive that Arkansas is the stepchild of the Texas side,” Smith said.

Smith and others on the Arkansas side want to change that. After a developer chose to build a convention center on the Texas side, which chipped in millions of dollars toward the project, leaders on the Arkansas side decided they weren’t going to be outdone.

They found a different developer willing to construct another multimillion dollar convention center. And they raised the ante with Texas by including a water park in the hopes of attracting tourists to a region not exactly known as a vacation destination.

“Whatever it is I can do, I’m going to do that to make sure that Texarkana, Ark., gets the tourism dollars,” Smith said. “If that means that we’re competing heads up with Texas, then we’re competing heads up.”

Smith has met with the Texas side’s new mayor, Bob Bruggeman, who says he wants to improve the cities’ relationship.

“My campaign slogan was: Unite Texarkana,” Bruggeman said.

That’s a tall order since the cities have been locked in a legal battle for years, quibbling over the water utility that has served them both for decades.

Texas, where a water tower proclaims “Texarkana is twice as nice,” argued the utility really is a department of its city. Arkansas, not wanting to concede any ground, disagreed.

“It is a control issue,” said King, the utility’s executive director.

A federal judge in Arkansas agreed, scolding the cities earlier this month for what he called political posturing.

“Both parties have undoubtedly spent countless hours and countless taxpayer dollars litigating this issue,” Judge P.K. Holmes III wrote.

Their back-and-forth bickering likely will mean a higher price tag on a stalled multimillion dollar upgrade for a wastewater treatment plant.

“Just waiting close to two years on it, certainly the construction prices have risen,” King said.

So, for now, both cities are shifting their attention to an issue where they have a shot at resolving something: the football stadium.

“It’s not just two teams in town,” Texas head coach Barry Norton said. “We’re representing Texas, and they’re representing Arkansas.”

Their pregame rituals are telling. Texas fans fry up bacon before the big game against the Razorbacks, whose symbol is a huge red pig with tusks. Arkansas fans drink orange Gatorade and sometimes cook up steaks as they try to trounce the Tigers.

“You can’t eat a tiger or a cat,” Smith explained.

Texas High has won the big game and bragging rights for several years now, but that hasn’t dashed Arkansas’ hopes for next month.

“We always think we can beat Texas,” Arkansas’ defensive coordinator Denny Burdine said. “You can’t think any other way.”

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On eve of Olympics, Blair justifies cost of games

LONDON (AP) — Two days from the start of the Olympics, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair has defended his decision to deliver the games to London, maintaining Wednesday that the event will be value for money as austerity hits other public projects.

Blair helped to deliver the world's biggest sporting showpiece to London in 2005, landing Britain with a 9.3 billion pounds (\$14.4 billion) bill for a project taxpayers had to foot as the economic crisis took hold after he left office in 2007.

"Even though it's a lot of money, 9 billion pounds, we have regenerated a whole part of the East End of London," Blair said Wednesday in an interview with The Associated Press. He pointed to the "great sporting facilities" now in place, and "the excess of 9 billion" the country stood to make.

"If you were to pose the question to (fellow bidders) Paris or Madrid or New York ... 'Would you prefer to be putting on the Olympics right now?' I'm sure they would say 'Yes'," he said.

On securing the Olympics in 2005, a then prosperous Britain predicted it would cost 2.4 billion pounds. But since then the country has plunged into recession, and costs have spiraled as a former east London industrial wasteland was turned into a 226-hectare (560-acre) urban park with the Olympic Stadium at its heart.

Blair said when he left government after a decade in power in 2007 the economy was strong and unemployment was low. "Post the financial crisis, everything looks harder and tougher for Britain," he said. "The question is how we get out of it?"

Blair — appearing at a conference in

London organized by Beyond Sport, a group that uses sports to promote social development — described the games as "an opportunity to showcase modern Britain, modern London," to the world. "It'll be a great opportunity for us, which I'm sure we will seize with both hands."

He also described the games as a rare opportunity to unite countries with troubled relations.

"It's really hard to think of an another event that like the Olympics that can bring people together — even if they've got the most profound political disagreements and even if their countries are going through turmoil," said Blair, who serves as special envoy for the Quartet on the Middle East, a diplomatic peace initiative.

He highlighted the participation of female Saudi athletes for the first time,

alongside Israelis and people from all over the Middle East. The Olympics is "a fantastic celebration of the fact that it is possible for sport to bring people together in a way that nothing else does," he said.

Blair said that the opportunity must not be squandered to use the games to perform lives beyond the Olympic Park.

"The important thing for us ... is to use the Olympics to build a legacy in the country," Blair said. "And that legacy has got to be around sport, what it can do, how it can change people's lives because I think sport for me is a really important part of modern policy."

"It's a great anti-crime policy, social policy, education policy, health policy — it's not just about the pleasure of playing sport."

Munich widows call for ceremony protest

LONDON (AP) — The widows of two Israeli Olympians killed by Palestinian gunmen at the 1972 Munich Olympics are urging spectators to stage a silent protest during Friday's opening ceremony for the London Games.

Ankie Spitzer and Ilana Romano are demanding that London organizers recognize their husbands' deaths and honor them at Olympic Stadium 40 years after the slayings.

The two women have asked audience members to stand in silence when International Olympic Committee chief Jacques Rogge rises to speak at Friday's ceremony. Since Olympic organizers have rejected a moment of silence for the 11 slain Israeli athletes and coaches, the widows say the silent protest will be a victory in their fight to have the men remembered at the proper place and time.

"They were not accidental tourists," Spitzer told reporters Wednesday, her hoarse voice rising with indignation. "They came with dreams and came home in coffins."

The 1972 Munich Olympics were the first held in Germany since the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, and was designed to blot out the tainted images of competition in Nazi Germany. But in the second week, the Black September militant group penetrated the laxly secured village and took Israeli team members hostage. Within a day of Sept. 5, 11 died.

The games were briefly suspended, but the Olympics were forever changed. Security costs soared and just kept rising with every games.

For Spitzer and Romano, it was a simpler time. Ankie Spitzer and her fencing coach husband, Andrei, had just had a daughter, Anouk, who is also pressing the fight for the silent protest. They say Andrei was thrilled to be an Olympian and firmly believed in the higher goals of the games.

Ilana Romano, meanwhile, had had a bad feeling about her husband Yossef's trip to the games. Romano, Israel's middleweight weightlifting champion, had injured his knee and dropped out after the clean-and-jerk event. He was set to return to Israel on Sept. 6 for an operation.

Romano tried to escape during the siege. Although injured and using crutches, Romano lunged at one of his captors, slashing him with a paring knife and grabbing his gun. Another militant shot him, and he was left to bleed to death in front of his bound teammates.

The widows took their message to the public in a news conference Wednesday, saying they were tired of hearing about how the hands of the IOC are tied by protocol. They hope that the IOC notices — and decides to act.

Nor were they moved by a tribute Monday at the athletes' village, when Rogge in a surprise move led a solemn minute of silence. They are also not satisfied

by the plan to honor the slain at a private reception in London on Aug. 6.

The IOC says the opening ceremony is not an appropriate arena to remember the dead, despite pressure from politicians in the United States, Israel and Germany. A committee started by a Jewish organization in Rockland, New York, has gathered more than 100,000 signatures for the moment of silence and count President Barack Obama among their supporters.

IOC spokesman Mark Adams defended the organization and Rogge, saying that it recognizes the deaths as a dark time for the Olympics.

"We are marking the moment in a number of ways that we think are the most appropriate," Adams told The Associated Press. "The President made a moving speech in the village, there will be a ceremony next week in cooperation with the Israeli NOC where the president will speak and we will mark the exact anniversary in Munich The IOC will mark and will continue to mark the darkest moment in its history."

The families flatly reject the official reasons they've been given over the years for why this cannot happen. At Montreal, they said they were told the reason was that the Arabs would leave. At Barcelona, it was about an unwillingness to bring politics to the games. At Atlanta, the reason was protocol. At Athens, organizers said it was not the appropriate time.

The widows ask: Would they face the same problem if the athletes were the U.S. Dream Team? Or any other country?

"They came from the wrong country and the wrong religion," Spitzer said at the news conference.

Now is the time, they say. And they promise that if the IOC keeps saying no, they will keep fighting, to the next generation if necessary. They met with Rogge later Wednesday to present the petition.

"We are outraged, we are angry, we are sad," Spitzer said of Rogge's refusal of their request.

Romano and Spritzer say the years have only strengthened their resolve. They note that organizers in Vancouver held a moment of silence at the opening ceremony for Nodar Kumaritashvili, a Georgian luger killed during a high-speed training run in Whistler just hours before the opening of the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

The families say the circumstances may be different but the principle is the same. The Olympics should honor their own, the members of the so-called "Olympic Family." They say the Olympics are just not like anything else — they are about sportsmanship, peace, goodwill. And when the Israeli athletes were attacked, the entire Olympic movement was too.

"It is not just a competition," Spitzer said. "It is an idea."

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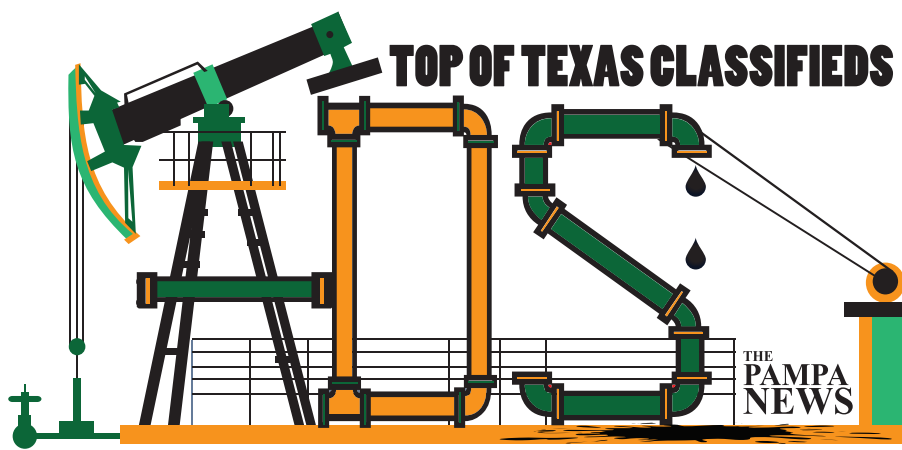
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBERS: 40088 AND PSDTX937MI APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Cabot Corporation, PO Box 5001, Pampa, Texas 79066-5001, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit 40088 and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX934MI, which would authorize modification to the Carbon Black Plant at 11561 US Highway 60 Pampa, Texas 79065. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 17, 2010. The existing facility will

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emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount: nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, hydrogen sulfide and total reduced sulfur compounds. In addition, the facility will emit the following air contaminants: carbonyl sulfide, carbon disulfide, ammonia, and hydrogen cyanide. The degree of PSD increment predicted to be consumed by the proposed facility and other increment-consuming sources in the area is as follows:
Sulfur Dioxide
Maximum Averaging Time Annual Maximum Increment Consumed (ug/m3) 13
Allowable Increment (ug/m3) 20

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director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, if requested person, or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below. After the deadline for public comment, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all public comment. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

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electronically to the CID. If any timely hearing requests are received and not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission meeting.

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El director ejecutivo de la TCEQ a determinado que la emision de contaminantes atmosfericos de la facilidad propuesta que son sujetos a evaluacion de PSD no violaran ninguna ley federal o estatal de la de Calidad de Aire y no tendran ningun impacto significativo sobre el suelo, la vegetacion o la visibilidad.

Todos los contaminantes han sido evaluados y la mejor tecnologia de control disponible sera usada para el control de estos contaminantes.

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Texas teen follows motorsports dream into Victory Lane

SAN MARCOS (AP) — Deriann Taylor isn't your usual racer. Most of them are second or even third generation drivers who got into the sport because dad or uncle Joe or whoever was a racer.

Taylor got interested in racing because she admired NASCAR's Terry Labonte. Neither of her parents knew anything about racing and they tried to discourage her. She was only six-years old, but persistent. Taylor kept saying she wanted to race, and eventually they bought her a racing go-kart. She was Rookie of the Year at seven and in the next seven seasons won eight championships, including one national title in a wickedly quick shifter kart.

Karts are the primary training ground for many young racers, but we aren't talking about the "yard karts" some people buy their kids. Racing Karts are very fast and everything happens in a hurry.

Now Taylor has taken on a new challenge, moving from karts to full-sized cars, jumping into a Spec Miata to race with the big kids at Texas World Speedway in College Station as well as Hallett, Okla. and North Texas and Cresson Motorsports Ranch in the National Auto Sport Association's NASA Texas Series.

The Spec Miata Series races Mazda MX5 Miatas on road courses. (Miatas, as it happens, are the most-raced production cars worldwide and there are more than 2,000 race prepared Miatas in the United States.)

Taylor went to Cresson in March as an untried rookie and came away having qualified and raced in the top half of the field both days. (She said before the season she just wanted to get into the top half of what often, in Spec Miata, are 40-car fields) Of course, she was lying. She wanted to win, or at least finish in the top ten.

At Texas World Speedway she finished 31st in the first race and was running well until another car spun into her. Her first thought?

"I thought it would have been better if I had broken my arm."

"Why?"

"I can drive with my arm in a cast, but we'll have to fix the car before we can race again."

For someone only 16, Taylor already has a history of stories. Like the time they went to a kart race and found out they didn't have the approved tire for that track. As they were only going to run one race, Rick Taylor,

her dad, didn't want to spend the money for tires they couldn't use anywhere else. Then he spotted a set of tires in a dumpster that someone had taken off, and mounted those on Deriann's kart.

Of course, she won. Otherwise there would be no story.

Another time they went to a track she had never raced on, and Rick noticed she was taking a much different "line" around the track than the other racers and asked her why.

"Because that's the line," she said.
 "But everyone else is taking the other line."
 "I can't help that. I'm driving the right line."

She won that race, too and by the end of the day, everyone was running her line. (Otherwise, there's no story.) When she left Karts she held five track records.

One of the hurdles Taylor faced in making the move to big cars was getting enough time on a racetrack to get used to the feel of a big car. Miatas aren't very big, but they are a lot bigger (and heavier) than karts. She couldn't practice on the street because it would have been dumb and besides she doesn't have a driver's license.

David Johnson works for Roger Beasley Mazda in

Austin and owns a race-prepared Miata, which he keeps at Harris Hill Raceway, a private road course near San Marcos.

Johnson volunteered the car and Harris Hill operator Bo Rivers offered track time, so Taylor has been getting experience at Harris Hill since last year.

As a race team that almost redefines "low-budget racer," Taylor Motorsports is getting by with the help of their friends. A body shop in Pflugerville replaced the whole left side of the car after the TWS crash and Deriann was able to race at Hallett in early June.

She qualified tenth for the first race on a track she'd never seen before and was running tenth when the transmission locked up, leaving her in 22nd. Starting nearly last due to the 22nd-place finish in the first race, Deriann drove through the field to finish 12th and would have started the third race in 12th, but the engine (which had 160,000 miles on it) broke and she was done.

But, in just four weekends and a total of ten races, Taylor moved from the back of the 35-car fields to take a 12th place and put herself in position for a top-ten finish in the NASA Texas Series. That, too, would be a story.

Rangers need to strengthen rotation

ARLINGTON (AP) — The news Monday that Colby Lewis won't pitch again this season after tearing a flexor tendon in his right arm is more crushing than some realize.

Texas could probably win the AL West without Lewis if Neftali Feliz returns soon and Derek Holland regains his consistency. With everyone back, Texas still has five proven arms to fill out a rotation.

Even if the Rangers fall behind the Angels, they'd be almost guaranteed one of the two AL Wild Card berths barring a total collapse.

But who would start Game 1 of a playoff series — or even more important, a do-or-die wild card play-in game? That's where Lewis' absence would be felt the most.

He doesn't have the best stuff or the biggest contract, but Lewis was the most dependable during crunch time. That he owns a 4-1 record and 2.34 ERA in eight post-season starts speaks for itself.

You can't replace a guy like Lewis from within the organization. Maybe his stats, but not his leadership and reliability.

Rangers GM Jon Daniels has been mum on how losing Lewis changes the team's plans before next week's trade deadline.

Daniels has taken two different approaches the past two deadlines and both paid off, helping result in back-to-back World Series appearances.

In 2010, Texas snagged Cliff Lee from the Mariners in a high-profile deal and then watched the lefthander pitch brilliantly in the first two rounds of the playoffs.

More subtle moves were made last year, but Mike Adams was an addition that helped bolster the bullpen.

I expect another pitcher to be added soon only because an injury-riddled rotation can't be counted on right now. What if Roy Oswalt's balky back gives out? What if Feliz's elbow injury lingers or creates more arm problems?

The Rangers undoubtedly have a deep farm system that could reel in a quality starter.

And there are plenty of big names being dangled by teams looking at the long term. If the Phillies don't believe they can ink Cole Hamels to a long-term deal, then Philadelphia will make the 2008 World Series MVP available.

Milwaukee's Zack Greinke, Chicago's Matt Garza and Minnesota's Francisco Liriano all can be had at the right price. Another option — Tampa Bay's James Shields — is reportedly being targeted by the Angels.

While Hamels would be the best addition, he'd probably only be a rental like Lee and would prove costly. Garza is inconsistent but can be dominant, plus he's not eligible for free agency until after 2013.

I'd still rather have Lewis than Garza take the mound, but that's not an option.

Daniels has pulled the right strings the past two seasons. He'll need to continue that trend in the upcoming days to strengthen the Rangers' title hopes in what likely is Josh Hamilton's final year in Texas.

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