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Laptop Lessons

Teachers share their plans for PHS' ThinkPads

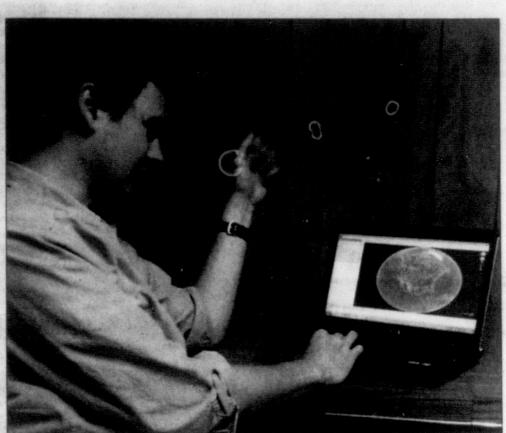
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With every student set to receive a new laptop in the fall, teachers from Pampa High School are preparing ways to integrate this technology into their lesson plans for the upcoming semester.

With the laptops set to broaden their teaching environment both in and out of the classroom, educators have many new options to consider. The PHS teachers' new arsenal of learning tools includes e-flashcards, social media, chat integration, Skype and information sharing programs like Epsilen and Project Share that will allow teachers and students to interact online. They also may use Smartboards, giant hecreens that can be used like interactive, futuristic chalkboards.

Pampa's educators are spending their summers formulating ways to use the new technology to their advantage

"Summer's always a time for adjustment, but this is definitely a different kind of teaching altogether, really," said Greg Easley, a social studies teacher at Pampa High. "It takes a lot of browsing around and experimenting, trying to figure out the most polished way to pull a certain assign-



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

PHS social studies teacher Greg Easley demonstrates the features of Google Earth, one of the programs pre-loaded on Pampa High School students' new laptops. Easley expects to use Google Earth extensively in his classroom next year.

Easley has a lot to think about, and he wants his students to apply what they learn in the classroom to their future professions. He also believes students will be able to create blogs, slideshow presentations, and participate in online discussions that reflect what they've accomplished during lessons.

"What will they create to demonstrate that they have learned what I wanted them to learn?" said Easley. "That's where the

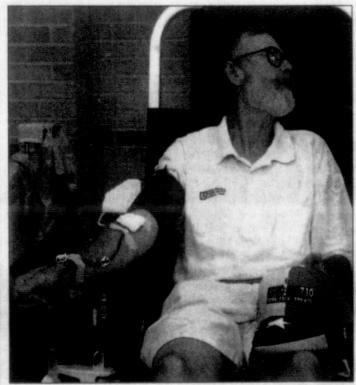
limits are disappearing. Jansen Hancock, a PHS math teacher, agrees that using the laptops will take crucial steps toward improved evaluation of student understanding. He plans to assign students online quizzes during his lessons to gauge how well they are absorbing infor-

We can take the quiz, and then check the data right then in class. As teachers, we always try to check understanding, and it will be powerful to have that data immediately, without having to wait," he said.

Hancock sees the new laptops as an important way to identify problem areas for students. "The good thing (about the laptops) is instant results and feedback on how they're doing. If kids are struggling, we'll know it sooner," he said.

Interactive programs will be another way to innovate within classrooms as students work with new material. Senior AP English LAPTOPS cont. on page 3

BLOOD DRIVE AT CLARENDON COLLEGE COFFEE BREAK



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Bob Marx waits patiently as he gives blood at the Coffee Memorial Blood Drive at Clarendon College on Wednesday. Marx is a member of Pampa's Blood Council, which promotes the ongoing need for blood collection in Gray County.

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Lynn and Tim Tuggle pass through Gray County during their cross country horseback trip. Not pictured is their travel companion and dog, Chico.

Calif. couple's mission takes them through Gray County

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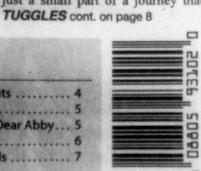
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If you happen to see a man, woman and dog on horseback along the highway over the next couple of days, give them a wave. It's probably California's Tim and Lynn Tuggle, on the way to fulfilling

their mission. The Bakersfield couple - along with their faithful dog, Chico were traveling along Highway 60 on their way to Miami on Wednesday, just a small part of a journey that

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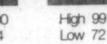


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Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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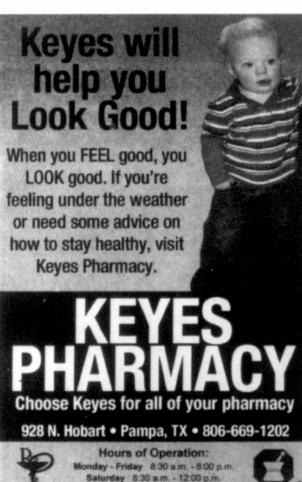


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Dogs have fits and phobias, too

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I spend a lot of time writing about dog aggression - partly because it's a big problem that keeps getting bigger and partly because there is such an air of confusion to it. At times, aggression seems to suddenly appear out of the blue. Take the following letter from a reader:

"I recently moved from Arkansas to Washington State with my 2-year-old puggle, Tankeray. I have had him since he was 4 weeks old. He has never shown any signs of aggression toward little children before, but since moving up here with him, he has tried to attack my 1-year-old niece numerous times. He has not been around a lot of children or other animals and has been going into hunching fits when confronted with them. I don't want to get rid of him, as I have had him since he was a baby and he is my buddy. He has spent his entire life with only me and my boyfriend. I need help to figure out what could be going on with him before he actually bites someone."

Reading between the lines, it sounds like Tankeray was never properly socialized. He spent two hurt himself. A dog with a fear blissful years with his owner and her boyfriend, each day reinforcing that small

unit and Tankeray's comfort zone within it. New adults might not be so scary, as they at least appear in a familiar form. Little children are another

This is why full and proper socialization is so important. This is the process of introducing your dog, in a safe and friendly way, to all kinds of external stimuli - big dogs, small dogs, big people, small people, bicycles, vacuum cleaners, cars, the noises of traffic, the noises of your home, the noises of life. By making these introductions and positively reinforcing to him that he is safe in the midst of all kinds of chaos, you are eliminating the kind of fear that, over time, breeds aggression.

Fear is often the culprit. Some fears can be mitigated; many are irrational. Not all fear becomes aggression toward people or other animals; sometimes the dog turns his fear on himself.

Like people, dogs suffer from phobias - fear of thunder and lightning, fear of air compressors in the garage, fear of water, fear of shiny surfaces, fear of being alone, fear of women in hats, fear of men with beards. I could go on.

If you have a dog who suffers from a phobia, beware that he may

of thunder left alone in an empty house might panic and hurl himself t'irough a glass window or attempt to chew his way through a door or wall. Either way, he will seriously injure himself in the process.

As the owner of a dog with a phobia, you have options. You could research the phobia and attempt to gradually desensitize the dog to that particular frightening stimulation. You could contact an animal behavior specialist for advice and assistance. At the very least, you could make sure he is safe and contained when you know he will be confronted with a situation he finds scary. This is why crate training is , so effective. Your dog has a safe, comfy place that he loves and that is all his, and you can secure him inside when a storm's brewing, so to speak.

When a dog turns his fear toward other people or animals, your best bet is to bring in a pro. Contact a professional dog trainer to work with you to better socialize your dog and determine whether he is trustworthy around strangers. If not, you'll need to work out ways to keep him away from his triggers. This will keep you, your dog and everyone else safe.

Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

Cartel issues guidebooks for proper conduct

organized crime group calling itself the Knights Templar is distributing booklets saying it is fighting a war against poverty, tyranny and injustice, publicly appealing to hearts and minds in a part of Mexico where the government claims it has largely taken down the major drug traffickers.

Federal police said they seized Counter-tops, Floors, Tub Becky will be in Pampa, Sat. copies of the cartel's "code of conduct" booklet during an arrest of cartel members in the western state of Michoacan last week, but refused to release its contents Tuesday, saying they didn't want fan the flames of the quasi-religious movement.

> But a copy of the 22-page Ine Code of the Knights Templar of Michoacan," illustrated with knights on horseback bearing lances and crosses, was obtained by The Associated Press this week. It says the group will begin a challenging ideological battle to defend the values of a society based on ethics."

The Knights Templar have been blamed for murders, extortion, drug trafficking and attacks on police. Analysts say the propaganda is part of an effort to transform a drug cartel into a social movement, along the lines of what right-wing paramilitary groups did in Colombia in the 1990s against leftist rebels — a fight in which both sides used the drug trade to finance their causes.

"I think the main intent is to create a social base in Michoacan ... and that way they are different from other criminal organizations," said

MORELIA, Mexico (AP) — An Jorge Chabat, a veteran analyst of the drug trade in Mexico. "They say they are defending the people against attacks. In the case of Colombia it was the guerrillas; here it is against who knows what."

> The Knights Templar was founded in March, according to the booklet, whose illustrations were lifted from an artist, a website of a company that sells swords and another promoting the 2007 Swedish film "Arn: The Knight Templar," according to an AP image search.

Named for a medieval Roman Catholic order of religious warriors who fought Muslim armies for control of Jerusalem, Knights Templar is a splinter group of La Familia, another cult-like cartel whose leader, Nazario Moreno Gonzalez, published a motivational pamphlet called "The Sayings of the Craziest

While La Familia claimed strict codes of conduct among its members, including prohibiting using or selling drugs within Mexican territory, it didn't distribute its booklets publicly. The contents of its "bible," reportedly based on the teachings of U.S. evangelist John Eldredge, have never been revealed by authorities. The cartel became one of Mexico's major sources of methamphetamine.

The Mexican government claims to have all but dismantled La Familia since Moreno was killed in a shootout with federal police last December and another founder, Jose de Jesus Mendez Vargas, was arrested

But the mayhem and killing has continued in Michoacan as Knights Templar gunmen battle both the Zetas cartel and remnants of La Familia seeking to control President Felipe Calderon's home state more than 41/2 years after Calderon launched his crackdown on organized crime here More than 35,000 people have

died in drug violence across Mexico since then, according to government figures, and some groups put the number at more than 40,000.

Calderon has said he took on the cartels to prevent organized crime from spreading to the roots of Mexican society.

Like La Familia, Knights Templar claims to be highly religious, but unlike La Familia, the new cartel has sought to distribute its teachings to the general public with kitschy but florid posters, banners, emblems and even medieval robes.

"God is the truth and there is no truth without God," reads one passage in the booklet.

The person who gave the AP the professionally printed, pocket-size booklet said it was distributed earlier this month by two men in regular clothing aboard a bus traveling in rural Michoacan. He said the men handing out the material then sat down among the other passengers and, without saying a word, got off at the next stop. He asked that his name not be used for fear of retali-

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, July 9 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control reported 3 animal related incidents. EMS and the Pampa Fire

Department responded to 7 medical calls.

Police reported 35 traffic related incidents.

Monday, July 18

Police reported escorts at the 500 block of South Cuyler and the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A theft was reported at the 1000 block of North Sum-

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A runaway was reported at the 300 block of Sunset. Pampa FD responded to a grass fire.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 1400 block of at the 2800 block of North North Sumner and the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Police reported a suspicious person. An escort was reported

at the 200 block of West Kingsmill. A theft was reported at the

200 block of West Kings-Police responded to an

West Foster. reported at the 800 block of

East Frederic. Police investigated a welfare check at the 2500 block

of Perryton. at the 900 block of South

Banks. Disorderly conduct was

reported at the 2100 block of North Nelson. Phone harassment occurred at the 200 block of

West Kingsmill. A suspicious person was reported at the 2400 block

of North Fir.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

A hit and run occurred

Pampa FD responded to a structural fire.

A missing person was reported at the 1400 block of North Sumner.

A narcotics violation was reported at the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of alarm at the 300 block of North Wells. A burglary of a motor ve-

A suspicious person was hicle was reported at the 400 block of North Somerville. A domestic disturbance

occurred at the 500 block of individual driving

An accident was reported while intoxicated was reported at the 1400 block of North Hobart. Tuesday, July 19

> conduct at the 1300 block of North Coffee. Police responded to an alarm at the 1000 block of North Price.

Police reported disorderly

Sheriff's Office

The following arrests took place over the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, July 19 at 7 a.m.

Monday, July 18

Manuel Rizo Alvarez, 45, was arrested by deputies for an outstanding warrant of intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance greater than four grams and less than 200 grams.

Kristen Lynn Knoop, 17, was arrested by police for charges of minor in possession and not having a valid driver's license.

Robert Lee Meeks, 43, was arrested by DPS agents for an outstanding warrants in Potter County of theft by check in an amount greater than \$20 and less than \$500 and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Lonnie Remond Mills, 43, was arrested by police on charges of assault.

Tuesday, July 19 Cody Allen Hollon, 21, was arrested by deputies for a warrant for theft of property greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

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AFTERNOONRUSH Laptops

Kansas views dwindling aquifer teacher Barry Cochran is

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - In the parched fields of western Kansas, the fate of the region's economic future lies deep underground in the dwindling Ogallala aquifer.

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On Thursday, farmers and politicians gather in Colby for an economic forum hosted by Gov. Sam Brownback on how to extend the aquifer's life.

Roughly 94 percent of the groundwater is used for irrigation, which supports livestock, meatpacking, ethanol and other agricultural industries.

The aquifer's decline had slowed since the 1960s. But it accelerated again after 2000 when another drought cycle hit western Kansas. Farmers began pumping more out.

In southwest Kansas, tests in January showed the aquifer had dropped more than 5 feet in some places in a single year. But the aquifer generally recharges only a half-inch a year.

Construction begins on crossing

TORNILLO (AP) - Officials say they expect relief for the congested West Texas border crossings into Mexico by June 2013.

Construction began Wednesday for a 117-acre port of entry in Tornillo, about 40 miles southeast of El Paso. The facility will join three other area crossings that process more than 10 million cars and 700,000 commercial trucks each year.

Wait times of two hours and longer are common at border crossings in El Paso.

The six-lane crossing will replace a wooden 1920s bridge that is limited to cars and pedestrians. The \$96 million project will be managed by the U.S. General Services Administration for U.S. Customs and Border

Marine earns Medal of Honor

WASHINGTON (AP) - Pentagon officials say President Barack Obama will present the Medal of Honor to a Marine who braved enemy fire in Afghanistan in a bid to find and retrieve three missing Marines and a Navy corpsman.

Dakota Meyer, who left active duty in June 2010, they lose them, and most will be the first living Marine in 41 years to receive the nation's highest award for valor.

Only two living recipients - Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta and Army Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry - have received the award for actions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The decision to present the award to Meyer was first reported Tuesday by Leatherneck, a Marine Corps Association publication, and by the Marine Corps Times, an independent newspaper. Both said Obama called Meyer on Monday to break the news.

Candidates in Twitter debate

WASHINGTON (AP) - Six Republican presidential hopefuls participated in the first presidential debate conducted through Twitter, outlining their agendas 140 characters at a time.

Wednesday's debate was sponsored by TheTeaParty. net and allowed people to submit questions to the presidential candidates through the popular social media tion. service.

The online forum included former House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, Michigan Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Georgia businessman Herman

Suspect accepts military lawyers

FORT HOOD (AP) - The Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly 2009 rampage at Fort Hood says he will be represented by three military lawyers.

Maj. Nidal Hasan told a judge Wednesday he had released his civilian defense attorney.

The attorney, John Galligan, was not in court, but told The Associated Press earlier that he was stepping down temporarily. Galligan wouldn't say why, but said he was willing to "resume an active role" in the case.

Hasan did not enter a plea during the arraignment hearing at the Texas Army post. He is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder. The judge set a March trial date.

Bill would abolish visa lottery

WASHINGTON (AP) - Every year millions of wouldbe immigrants take a gamble and submit their names for the U.S. government's annual visa lottery. The odds of getting permission to move to the United States are slim at best - nearly 15 million people applied in 2010 for 55,000 visas - and could get slimmer.

A bill to abolish the annual lottery was referred by the Judiciary Committee to the full House Wednesday.

Republicans who supported the bill introduced by Virginia Republican Bob Goodlatte argued that problems of fraud and the potential for the program to be exploited by terrorists make it a threat to national security.

"It's an open invitation for fraud and a jackpot for terrorists," committee Chairman Lamar Smith said. The Texas Republican added that the goal of the program, to increase the diversity of immigrants coming into the country, has already been met with the more than 785,000 visas issued as part of the program since 1995.

Democratic opponents, including Michigan Democrat John Conyers, countered that eliminating the visa lottery would essentially end legal immigration from African nations and reduce the overall number of visas available

to all immigrants. "The diversity program has always been an important part of our immigration system," Conyers said. "I'm looking to improve it. It provides a legal option for qualified individuals. Without this program our immigration system would look very different, and not in a good

Texas Democrat Sheila Jackson Lee tried to amend the bill to ask the Department of Homeland Security to review the program and make recommendations to fix any flaws, but was rebuffed by Republicans who argued the program has been studied before and each audit revealed significant problems.

excited to use NOOKstudy, an application that allows students to highlight and annotate text with a computer, similar to the way they could with a book.

Hancock also plans to experiment with an interactive web program called GeoGebra.

'Students can make things like perpendicular lines, and move them around to show angles and how they're changing," he said. "It will be fun to play

Teachers and students will be able to participate in online video conferences using Skype, which will be especially helpful for Cochran, who also coaches the speech and debate teams. "I live in Amarillo, so I can't always make it to the teams' evening practices. I'm excited about using Skype, so I can see the kids' speeches and debates while I'm in Amarillo," said Cochran.

For music students, the laptops will facilitate practicing their craft from home, as choir teacher Brianna Bailey plans to arm her students' laptops with rehearsal tracks.

"We have kids who learn solos by themselves for competition, and we've used CDs for a long time," she said. "But sometimes the CDs get scratched, or of the kids are using iPods anyway. This way if they want to practice at home, they can.

Bailey also plans to use Epsilen and Project Share to post rehearsal schedules, sight reading lessons, and sheet music. Students can then easily access these resources from anywhere.

The computers will also be a vehicle to help less vocal students have their say in class, as some teachers are looking to incorporate social media and chat programs into lessons to encourage class participa-

"Some kids contribute, while some are more shy, so I am going to accept electronic comments during class," said Cochran. "If students don't want to verbally contribute, they could still contribute in other ways."

Pampa High School teachers anticipate that the laptops will benefit their classes, while making learning more fun and interactive.

"It will take a while to get the technology fully integrated, and it will be a learning process the first year or two, but here at the high school, we're all really excited," said Hancock.

While complete integration is the goal, teachers and students at Pampa High have been using computers and the Internet for a while in their classrooms, so they won't have to start from square one.

'We're not throwing out the baby with the bathwater with what we're doing. We're focusing on what we were already doing that worked, and how this technology is going to make it more engaging and more effective," said Easley.

As teachers segue into a technology integrated classroom, many hope the transition will have an impact down the line.

"Just think," Easley said, "about how much in the last twenty years technology, and specifically the internet, have changed the way

that a lot of professionals are doing their jobs - and how many professionals today are doing their jobs

exactly the same way they were doing them in 1990? However much technology has changed those careers,

education needs to catch up, and if we fall behind. the students fall behind."

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 21, the 202nd day of 2011. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 21, 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

On this date:

In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill.; poet Hart Crane was born in Garrettsville, Ohio.

In 1911, Canadian communications theorist Marshall McLuhan, who coined such expressions as "The medium is the message," was born in

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration (later the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty

In 1959, the NS Savannah, the first nuclearpowered merchant ship, was christened by first lady Mamie Eisenhower at Camden, N.J.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

Ten years ago: Street battles raged for a second day in Genoa, Italy, site of a Group of Eight meeting, despite pleas for calm from protest leaders and global summit leaders alike.

Five years ago: Israel massed tanks and troops on its northern border, called up reserves and warned civilians to flee Hezbollah-controlled southern Lebanon as it prepared for a ground invasion.

One year ago: A triumphant President Barack Obama signed into law the most sweeping overhaul of U.S. lending and high finance rules since the 1930s.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Kay Starr is 89. Movie director Norman Jewison is 85. Actress Patricia Elliott is 69. Actor David Downing is 68. Actor Edward Herrmann is 68. Actor Leigh Lawson is 66. Actor Wendell Burton is 64. Actor Art Hindle is 63. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 63. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 63. Comedian-actor Robin Williams is 60. Actor Jamey Sheridan is 60. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 54. Actor Lance Guest is 51. Actor Matt Mulhern is 51. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 48. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 42. Country singer Paul Brandt is 39. Actress Ali Landry is 38. Actor Justin Bartha is 33. Actor Josh Hartnett is 33. Actress Sprague Grayden is 33. Reggae singer Damian Marley is 33. Actress Vanessa Lengies is 26. Actor Jamie Waylett ("Harry Potter" films) is 22.

Thought for Today: "We have too many highsounding words, and too few actions that correspond with them." - Abigail Adams, American first lady (1744-1818)



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Texas ed board to rekindle evolution debate

JIM VERTUNO Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas State Board of Education meets this week for the first time under its conservative new chairwoman appointed by Gov. Rick Perry and is expected to rekindle the debate over teaching evolution and the origin of life in public schools.

Perry, who is considering a run for president and has embraced social conservatives in Texas, named Barbara Cargill chairwoman earlier this month. Cargill, a biology teacher considered to be one of the more conservative board members, disputes the theory of evolution and voted to require that the theory's weaknesses be taught in classrooms.

An intense fight over evolution and intelligent design theory in science curriculum put a national spotlight on the 15-member elected board in 2009 when it adopted standards that encourage public schools to scrutinize "all sides" of scientific theory

The board is now considering supplemental online instructional materials that fit under those standards and could be used as early as August when classes resume. The new materials are necessary because the state could not afford to buy new textbooks this year, leaving students to use some that are several years old.

One group, Texans for a Better Science Education, has put out a call to pack Thursday's public hearing with testimony urging board members to adopt materials that question Charles Darwin's theory on the origin of life. A vote is scheduled Friday

Board member Thomas Ratliff suggests anti-evolution groups will find it difficult to rally votes to

their side.

"The young-earth, creationist crowd lost a vote in the last election, now they are looking for two votes," The supplement materials submit-

ted for consideration include a high school biology e-book that promotes intelligent design despite federal court rulings against teaching the theory that life on Earth is so complex that it must have come from an intelligent higher power.

Supplemental materials that are approved will have the advantage of being on the state's recommended list, but school districts can still buy other materials they chose.

Kathy Miller, president of the Texas Freedom Network, a group that advocates religious freedom and sides with mainstream science teachers on evolution, said she has been expecting another round of debate over evolution.

"The right-wing faction of the State Board of Education will make every effort to put their personal and political beliefs in science instruction," Miller said. "The strategy is to use junk science to undermine evolution."

The board has been known to make controversial moves. It adopted a social studies and history curriculum last year that amended or watered down the teaching of religious freedoms, the civil rights movement, America's relationship with the United Nations and hundreds of other items.

In one of the most significant changes, the board diluted the rationale for the separation of church and state in a high school government class. The ideological debate over the guidelines drew intense scrutiny beyond Texas.

Cargill was elected to the board

in 2004 and is up for re-election in 2012. Her tenure is already off to a rocky start with some of her fellow Republicans after her comments earlier this month that the board has only six "true" conservative Christians. There are 11 Republicans on the board.

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"Right now, there are six true conservative Christians on the board, so we have to fight for two votes. In previous years, we had to fight for one vote to get a majority," Cargill said during a July 7 meeting of the conservative group Texas Eagle

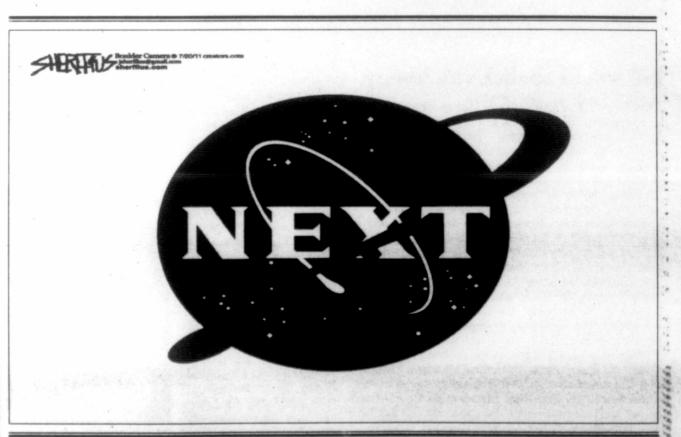
She told the Dallas Morning News, the Houston Chronicle and the San Antonio Express-News her comments were meant for a particular audience and "were not intended to be divisive."

Cargill, through a spokeswoman at the Texas Education Agency, declined an interview request from The Associated Press.

"It's an unfortunate start to her tenure," said board member Ratliff, who is considered one of the moderate Republicans on the board. "To continue to draw battle lines, I don't think it's moving in the right direction to restore the public's confidence in the board.'

He dismissed Cargill's comments. To be honest I could care less if she thinks I'm a conservative or a Christian," Ratliff told the AP. "I don't do either one for her."

Cargill isn't the first board leader to be involved in controversy. After the evolution debate in 2009, the Texas Senate rejected former chairman Don McLeroy's appointment amid complaints that the conservative advocated teaching creationism in public schools. The move was a rare rebuke of Perry's appointment



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

I go out to eat with my lationship - but when it unavoidable divorce, is girlfriends, I usually enjoy myself until it comes time for dessert. Then I get grief cuddle all night. I always church, take classes, and if I don't order any and end up trying to push him socialize with women and they do. They'll say, "Oh, you're so tiny. You can eat it." Conversely, if I do order something, they tell me, "Well, I'd love some but my metabolism isn't as high as yours."

I have never made comments to them about calorie counting, needing to work out or concern about my weight. I feel fitness is a private matter, and I'm not stick it out for his sake? comfortable with mine being the topic of discussion. Is there any way to respectfully and tactfully respond MY SPACE IN WEST to their comments or redirect the conversation? -TAKES THE CAKE IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.

the topic of discussion." Either state it when they comment on what you have ordered, or say it are friends, they'll respect your feelings.

DEAR ABBY: Is it weird to not want to sleep solution. in the same bed with my

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sleep! He's always on my side and I can't move. It bothers me so much I end up sleeping on the couch.

our marriage? Should I just Our marriage is pretty close to perfect except for this one thing. - NEEDS VALLEY, UTAH

DEAR NEEDS YOUR SPACE: If you haven't already done it, you and DEAR TAKES THE your husband should MING CAKE: The way you said have a calm discussion it in your letter is perfect: about this when you're "I feel fitness is a private both wide awake and matter and I'm not com- rested. Sleep deprivation many of them in our fortable with mine being can cause any number of problems - slow reaction time behind the wheel of a car, inefficiency at work, and serious privately to each of your health problems. If your are younger than their friends when you're away marriage is amazing, carfrom a restaurant. If they ing, fun and sexually satthen sleeping separately isn't a "bad sign." It's the

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DEAR ABBY: When amazing, caring, fun re- after a long marriage and comes to sleep, I need my ready to date. I work out daily, am active in my over to his side, or telling married couples. I'm in excellent shape and am told I'm attractive and fun. There are few available men my age (or a little with him I hardly get any younger or older) and almost all of them seem to be looking for women in their

> Why are men my age so Is this a bad sign for unwilling to date women their age? We're past the drama years, are secure in who we are, and have a lot to offer. Am I destined to spend my life without romance? I'm an upbeat person but have lately started feeling angry at how I'm being marginalized. MISSING OUT IN WYO-

40s, 30s or even 20s.

DEAR **MISSING** OUT: I can't speak for "all" older men, but youth-obsessed culture look for women considerably younger because it helps them fool themselves into thinking they years. You are physically, socially and intellectually isfying for both of you, active, so stop allowing yourself to be marginalized and consider dating men who are younger. It worked for Demi Moore.

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"Stay on the red line, PJ! If you fall off you hafta go back to 'start.""

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Nest Heads



HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 21, 2011:

This year, you greet many new possibilities professionally. However, putting so much effort into work or community commitments will take away from your personal life. A family member could feel sad and neglected. Do your best to juggle your time and attention. You also might decide to set up a home office to help. Some of you will be investing in real estate as well. If you are single, you meet people easily, as you have a high profile. In such a changeable period, the person you choose today could be different from the one you would choose later. If you are attached, do your best to bring your sweetie into your outside activities. ARIES knows how to get you motivated.

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)

**** If someone rains on your parade, it might not be intentional. Fatigue could mark your decisions early on. Go for a walk, have a cup of coffee or whatever you need to perk up. Tonight: On a roll.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Your instinct might be to cocoon.

Actually, if you can afford to take some much-needed time off, by all means, do so. Look to reorganizing what needs to be done. Simplify, please. Tonight: Easy continues to work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Know where you want to go. Choose your companions with care, as there could be some fallout. Examine your goals during a meeting of associates. Are you able to do what you want? Expand your circle of friends. Tonight: Think "early weekend."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Take a stand and do whatever is needed. Fatigue surrounds a domestic issue. You simply might not want to hear about it anymore, or at least until you see a resolution ahead. Assume responsibility gracefully. Tonight: Could go late. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You might want to open up and explore other options. When you hit an obstacle, turn around and look for a different path. Creativity opens up many doors that you normally would not try to open. Try

detaching to get a complete perspective. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to re-evaluate a situation more carefully involving a key partnership and/or funds. No matter how sure you are that you have looked at all the risks and outcomes, you haven't. Events will let you know otherwise. Tonight: Togetherness

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You could be inadvertently raining on someone's parade. It could be your attitude, and it will have long-term implications that you really don't want. Allow others with a better attitude to take the lead. Tonight: Say "yes" to a suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Understand what you are saying and what you mean. Someone you like to work with could be so enthusiastic that you cannot seem to get a suggestion in. Let this person go ahead. Go off and do something different. Tonight: Put your feet up

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** One person might say "yes' while another says "no." In a situation like this, you might want to look at the common thread between these two, or go off and do what you want. Tonight: Brainstorm with a Peanuts loved one. Make weekend plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Realize you can say what you want, but know that ultimately your attitude could define a situation far more than you think. You might not be able to put off dealing with an emotional issue or a situation around your home much longer. Tonight: Head home. Get some rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Breeze through your moming, making sure to take that extra moment or two to check in and find out how others are. News from a distance might not be forthcoming. Keep trying to get more information, and refuse to jump to conclu-

sions. Tonight: Hang out. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** A partner definitely nixes an idea, which might leave you in limbo. You have strong feelings about directions and choices. You might want to proceed anyway if you feel that strongly. Could there be a midpoint of agreement? Tonight: Buy a small gift for a loved one on the way home.

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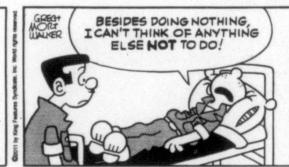
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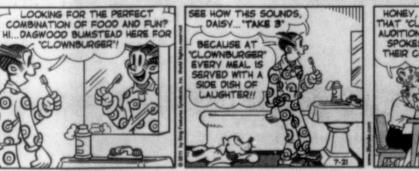


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will eventually see them go from California all the way to New Bern, North Carolina, where their son, Justin, is stationed as a Marine.

Their trip is a labor of love; a little over a year ago, the two felt a calling to minister to people across the country on horseback. A line from their pamphlet best describes their mission: "By riding on the animals that God created through His Creation, we seek to exhibit God's mighty power and grace and encourage people in the United States that 'the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in Him.'

"We actually just felt like we were being called to do a little missionary trip here in the United States," Lynn said. "A lot of people go outside the United States, but we need to focus here on our country. We're praying for our country, we're praying for our leaders, we're praying for our friends and we're even praying for our enemies, because that's what we're supposed to do.'

The couple held a three-day sale to sell everything they owned, trading in their furniture and housewares for about a few pairs of blue jeans and shirts, horse tack, camping gear and a cooler full of ice. They set off from Ft. Bragg on Aug. 10 of last year and have been making their way across the southwestern U.S. since.

"It's been interesting to say the least," said Tim. "We've

crossed through from Ft. Bragg, Calif., through the red-

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wood forest and into Nevada, through Utah, wintered in New Mexico. Now, here we are in Texas."

Along the way, they're lending their occupational gifts to the less fortunate.

"I've been a nurse for 32 years and my husband is a very gifted carpenter," Lynn said, "so we've been able to help those who can't afford those type of services on our trip.

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