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TITANIC TEETH



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Visitors take an up-close look at the Tyrannosaurus Rex replica on Friday at the Discover the Dinosaurs exhibit at the Hot Springs Convention Center. The event continues from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today. Admission is charged, except for children 2 years old and younger.

Senator calls for changes to laws over Stanley case

DON THOMASON

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State Sen. Alan Clark, R-District 13, has sent a seven-page letter to Gov. Asa Hutchinson regarding the Hal and Michelle Stanley case, suggesting that some of the laws applicable to the state custody of their children need to be changed.

The Stanleys' children were removed from their home by the Garland County Sheriff's Department in early January after responding to possible child abuse and neglect allegations that were made by two citizens to the Child Abuse Hotline.

The younger children were kept in custody of the Department of Human Services until being released back to the parents in mid May.

Clark said he began investigating the case shortly after the Stanley chil-

dren were removed from their home in January after being contacted by several constituents, as well as concerned citizens across the state and some legislators.

However, Clark said none of the findings from his investigation lets the Stanley family off the hook.

"If not for the Stanley family itself, there would have been no allegations. Without the Stanley family themselves and their actions, there would be no removal of the children from the home, no keeping them in DHS custody for months, and no intervening measures installed in the home. But dysfunction is not abuse.

"Some future flare ups in the home will no doubt be blamed on the authorities' intervention in the family's lives.

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Help coming soon for jails

DAVID SHOWERS

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Act 1201, passed during the 90th General Assembly, coupled with appropriations assigned the highest priority in the state's funding formula promise relief for counties holding state inmates.

Effective Oct. 1, the Arkansas Department of Correction will have to remit reimbursement payments within five business days of receiving counties' certified invoices that list the number of state prisoners held in a county detention center and the length of their stays.

The invoices originate with the ADC, which has software that tracks the length of time each inmate is in county custody. Sheriff's departments verify the invoices and return them to **JAILS, PAGE 3A**



The Associated Press

CROWN FOR A 'PHAROAH': Victor Espinoza reacts after crossing the finish line with American Pharoah (5) to win the 147th running of the Belmont Stakes Saturday at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y. American Pharoah is the first horse to win the Triple Crown since Affirmed won it in 1978.

Triple triumph

Multiple Oaklawn winner captures historic crown

BOB WISENER

Sports editor

American Pharoah became an Arkansas idol Saturday, his cheering section based locally at Oaklawn Park.

Winning the 147th Belmont Stakes at New York's Belmont Park, American Pharoah brought welcome publicity to the track that horse racing's 12th Triple Crown winner made his first two starts of the year.

"History was made today," said Oaklawn general manager Eric Jackson. "He did it with an exclamation point."

When American Pharoah crossed the finish line at Belmont Park 5 1/2 lengths ahead of second-place Frosted, racegoers in the Oaklawn grandstand reacted like Arkansas had beaten Texas in football.

It was American Pharoah Day both **PHAROAH, PAGE 5A**

School board filings open

JAY BELL

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Today is the first day candidates for local school boards who will file by petition for the September election can collect signatures.

The annual school elections will be held Sept. 15. Early voting will begin Sept. 8.

Candidate petitions must contain at least 20 registered voters who live in the school district. The county clerk cannot count signatures dated more than 100 days before the election. Signatures dated June 7, which is 100 days before the election, or after will count toward the requirement.

June 30, 77 days before the election, is the first day a candidate filing by petition can file a petition of candidacy, political practice pledge and the affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk. The filing period is open for one week until noon on July 7.

Write-in candidates can file a notice of intent to be a candidate during the same window. The deadline for write-in candidates is also noon on July 7.

All seven public school districts in Garland County will see terms end for at least one seat per board.

The three-year term for an at-large position on the Fountain Lake School Board expires this year. Former board member Becky Furnas resigned from the position in May.

The board has called a special meeting

for Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the district administration building, 4207 Park Ave. Candidates for the vacancy will be interviewed by current members.

Positions 1 and 2 on the Jessieville School Board will be up for vote. The term for Position 1 will have four years remaining after September. The candidate voted into Position 2 will serve the full five-year term.

Position 2 was among the seats announced for the 2014 election, along with Positions 3 and 5, which were vacated during the 2013-14 school year. Board member Sonya Eisenhauer, Position 2, and Jack Wells both filed last summer to run for the seat.

It was later discovered the term for Position 1 expired in 2014 and the Position 2 term expires this September. Wells' candidacy for the school board election was disqualified.

Former board member Mike Semmler could have remained in Position 1 after the election because no candidates filed for the seat. He announced last August he would resign after the election.

Six candidates were publicly interviewed in October and David Morrow was appointed to the board. Morrow was elected president of the board at the next regular meeting.

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METERED PRACTICE



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Musician Bradley Loudis, of Birdsboro, Pa., rehearses on timpani for the percussion piece "Toccata," composed by Carlos Chavez, on Friday at Oaklawn Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School. Loudis is a student apprentice in this year's Hot Springs Music Festival, celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2015. The Festival Chamber Players concert to include Chavez's work will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Oaklawn School. Rehearsals and performances continue through June 13. See Page 2C for today's schedule and information on purchasing tickets.

Weather

MOSTLY SUNNY. HIGHS IN THE LOW 90S. LOWS IN THE LOW 70S.

SUNRISE: 6 A.M.
SUNSET: 8:22 P.M.

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MONDAY:
HIGH 91° LOW 73°
TUESDAY:
HIGH 87° LOW 70°

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Margaret Phillips,
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