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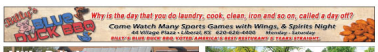
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Liberal man dies in early Sunday morning wreck

By JOHN PHILLIPS
Guide & Tour

A Liberal man died Sunday morning when his vehicle went off the road and banded into the railroad embankment, according to a report from the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Lloyd Andrew Jolly, 35, was travelling southwest on U.S. Highway 54 near the Western Avenue intersection around 2:40 a.m. Sunday when he 2014 Ford Mustang Cobra and entered the west ditch and "ventilated into the railroad embankment," according to the report.

The vice presidential dated at the scene and his body was transported to Miller Mortuary.

He was not wearing a seat belt, the report added.

Maine woman, 80, goes skydiving on Mother's Day

WASHFIELD, Maine (AP) — An 80-year-old mother of seven from Waterville has fulfilled a nearly 80-year-old wish to fly on Mother's Day.

Marjorie Bell hopped out of an airplane and with the help of a tandem skydiver floated 10,000 feet to the ground in Mother's Day, one day after her birthday.

Bell tells the Morning Sentinel that she "never felt so far."

The way is completed on the jump by several family members, including a daughter, a brother and two grandchildren.

Bell, a grandmother and great-grandmother, had wanted to jump out of a plane since she was interrupted by diphtheria on a trip to Florida 70 years ago.

Bell already has plans for her 81st birthday. She wants to go to Mount Cranmore Ski Area in Mount New Hampshire.

Family tests Kan. water law, claims impairment

SUBLETTE (AP) — A western Kansas family concerned about the future of the Ogallala aquifer is testing a state water law that allows senior water rights holders to force junior rights holders to reduce pumping to the rate of recharge.

Fifth generation farmer Joe Garrison and his brother Jim Bell filed an impairment claim in 2010 in Finland Ground Water Basin, a 1,000-square-mile tract of Sublette and Stanton Kan. Kan. Garrison.

The Hutchinson News reports the brothers filed another impairment claim in 2011.

Last week a judge issued a temporary injunction against a plaintiff including him from pumping water. Bell is a plaintiff in the Finland Basin.

Kan. Sen. Bruce Kelly administers a law and the state's water resources could be totally exhausted in 50 years if pumping continues at the current pace.

Saints salute class of 2014 graduates

Students of the graduating class of 2014 at Seward County Community Colleges/Area Technical School Kansas to the speeches given during the commencement ceremony. The special speaker for the ceremony was SCCCATS alumna Patricia Rodriguez-Baez, who shared her own experiences from school. (AP Journal Photo)

Kansas considers revised permit for coal plant

By JOHN HANNA
AP Business Writer

TOPEKA — The state's top sources of energy-sector regulation is a fine line to clear the way again for a new coal-fired power plant in southwest Kansas, but a commonly-mentioned Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's administration is taking about one to ensure that the Kansas Supreme Court is not a "Goldilocks" plant.

Southwest Kansas Power Corp. needs a pollution-control permit from the state Department of Health and Environment for its proposed 895-megawatt plant near Holcomb in Finney County, where the Hutchinson-wide should has another coal-fired plant. It obtained a permit in December 2010, but eight months ago, the Kansas Supreme Court ordered the department to reviews its original brighter-on-quality standards.

Secretary Robert Moser is reviewing a proposed amendment drafted by the department and, and he approved tweaks after Southwest to go forward with the project.

But the Sierra Club and Earthquake, national environmental groups, are in the lawsuit prompting the coal-fire decision, argue the department should have a stricter rule, and the Kansas Supreme Court ordered the agency to reviews the state's rule to ensure the project and the state's agreement to improve tweaks and rules.

"They are once again trying to take shortcuts," said Amanda Gentile, an attorney for Earthquake, which represented the Sierra Club in the lawsuit over the 2010 permit. "It really has been whatever they can do to ensure that the Sierra Club is not a plaintiff."

Department officials declined to discuss the proposed amendment to the Southwest Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback still reviewing it. The agency does not, saying when Moser will decide.

The Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback permit amendment proposed under the rules the department's staff and environmental working dates for Southwest in 2010 showed its new coal plant would

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