

House of Representatives race an interesting race

We're just about two weeks out from the primary election, and there is one race that will be particularly interesting to watch: the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Norton Telegram is in the enviable position of having interviewed and printed stories about almost all of the candidates. We have not been fortunate enough to have any kind of a candidate forum here, but the stories give our readers what we hope is a good picture of who is in this race.

The most recent poll puts candidate Marck Cobb dead last, with Sue Boldra, a Fort Hays State civics professor, also in single digits.

Cobb and Boldra, have both staked their candidacy on trying to prove you can win a seat without raising the most money. Cobb drives himself around the district in a high gas-mileage car. Boldra said she only takes individual donations as a civics experiment.

Unfortunately it doesn't seem to be paying off.

Rob Wasinger, a former aide of Rep. Jerry Moran, is at 10 percent. Tim Huelskamp, a state senator from Fowler, was a front runner but has had to go on the offensive recently since he slipped to third place. Huelskamp was in the area this week, holding poorly-attended meet-and-greets in Colby, Norton, Oberlin and others. Huelskamp is one of only two candidates in the race who does have a voting record, which he says is far more consistently conservative than Jim Barnett, also a state senator from Emporia.

Locally, the best thing Huelskamp has going for him is the endorsement of our state Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, with whom he shares an office in Topeka. Barnett has not been through the area much recently.

The real surprise of this campaign has been the Mann Surge. Tracey Mann was an unknown, having never run for political office. But he has scored big with effective communication and clever slogans, not to mention a big door to door push by both the candidate and his volunteers. He has drawn criticism by underdog candidates like Cobb for farming his campaign management to out-of-state firms, but if his numbers are any indication, they must be doing something right.

And through it all is Democrat Alan Jilka, former Salina mayor, who has been waiting quietly for whomever will emerge as his actual opposition.

Polls are tricky, especially in "smaller" races. It's a big district, but this isn't New York City where you can't swing a dead cat without hitting a political action committee with their own polling numbers - this is rural Kansas. We get pretty much the one poll, and we have to take it with a very large grain of salt. The poll sampled 516 likely voters out of 1,315 registered voters. Who knows where they are from, and who knows if that would really represent our area.

We think there are far more undecideds than the KWCH poll indicates, particularly in this region of the state, where none of the candidates had great amounts of name recognition before the election. That number is shrinking, however, and will continue to do so before the election.

In any case, the only stats that really matter will be released on Wednesday, Aug. 4.

— Kevin Bottrell



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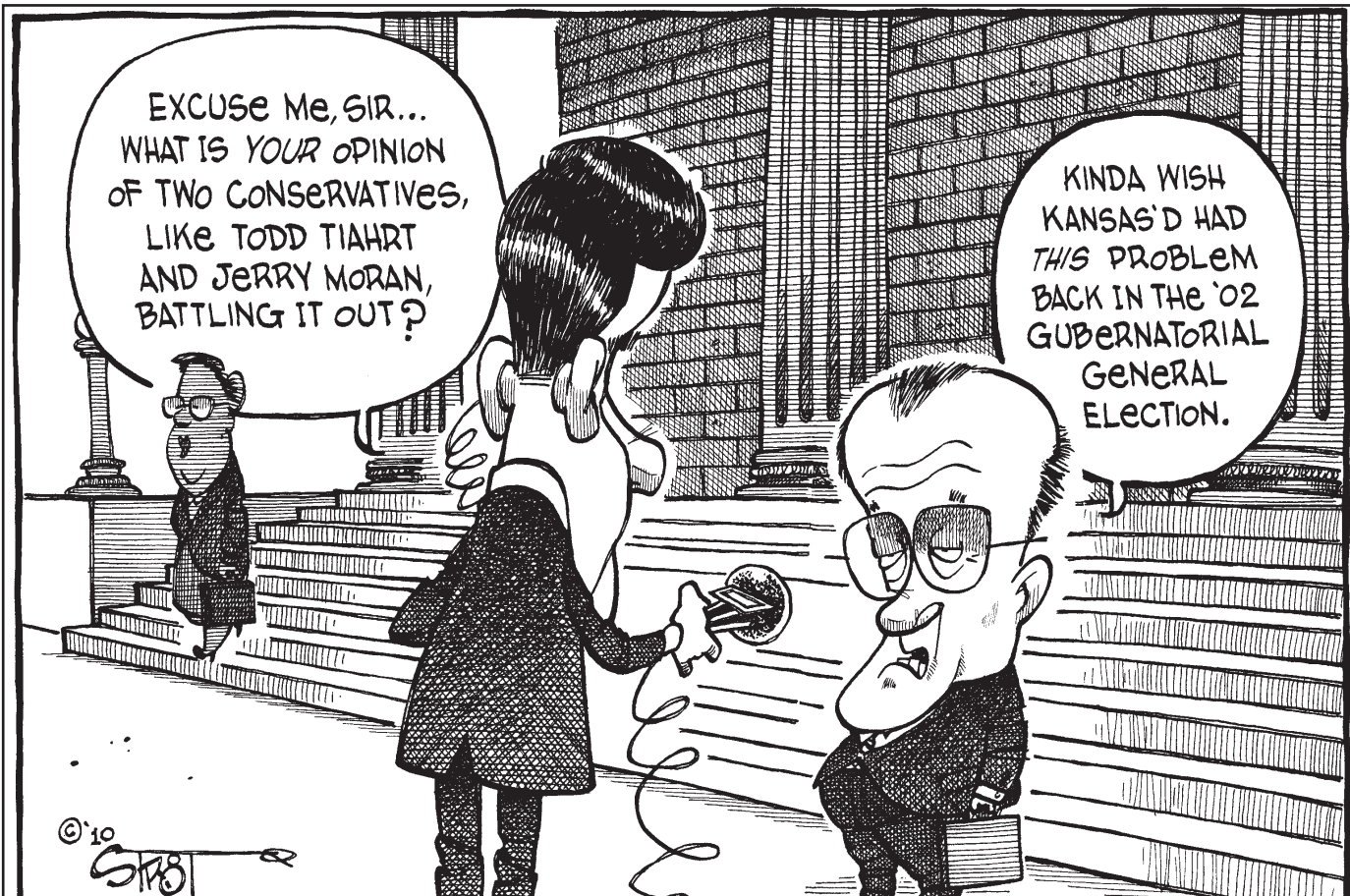
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treatments do not last longer than 7 days.

Over the counter products are not waterproof and can be washed off. Frontline has a broad safety margin level past the normal dose. It is also waterproof after 24 hours, and continues to work for up to a month after application. Of the dogs we see every year, the average doses of Frontline sold is 1.5. We recommend this yearly, or nine times a year for the best protection. So at nine doses a year, our clients are 17 percent compliant on giving their dog his flea and tick treatments. "Well I saw more fleas with the Frontline than before I put it on." The Frontline attacks the fleas nervous system so they move faster as they die. What you are actually seeing is what they call the "death dance." You are seeing more because they are dying, instead of hiding. It takes up to three doses over a course of three months to break the continuous life cycle of the flea. If you continue to see more fleas, you may need to check your carpets, or for a opossum or skunk under your home. They can live under your porch and spread more fleas to your home.

"Why did you give me so many days of pain medicine for my dog after the spay? I don't think she needs it." Pain medicine is required after all surgeries in the state of Kansas. Also, would you want pain medicine if your ovaries were taken out? Pain medicine is given to reduce pain and any inflammation associated with the surgery. Human pain medication is not safe for animals and can cause kidney failure. Animal pain medication is formulated especially for pets, because they metabolize medicine differently than we do. With less pain and inflammation, the pet will heal faster. Pain medicine will also prevent him from wanting to lick the area. The animal will

also act better and not mope around for several days because they hurt. I know if I had any major surgery I would want pain medication.

"This fecal thing is expensive, why don't you just deworm my dog and save my wallet?" There are several different kinds of parasites that take different kinds of dewormers. So we can deworm him, but it may not kill the particular worms he has. In 2008 and 2009, out of all the fecals run, 30 percent of the dogs in the Norton area had parasites. That's a big number considering the population of dogs in our county. When we run the fecal, if your pet has worms we will treat him for that particular worm. Also, we are able to discover if they are a type of worm that people can get as well. The fecal is meant to screen your pet and to make sure both you and your animal are safe from parasite infestation.

"You neutered my dog and now he has a big hole, you must have done something wrong!" My question for you is, did you keep him from licking the area? Did you keep the lampshade collar on him all the time? Did you keep him from jumping on furniture and keep him in a clean area? All of these factors are vital to the incision healing properly. In some cases, the animal can have a reaction to the suture. Most of the problem is, because owners feel sorry for their pet, they don't follow through with the veterinarian's instructions. Possibly, another pet licks the incision. We don't give instructions to tell you a story, but to ensure that you know how to best care for your dog.

The most important thing to take from this article is that we are here to do what's best for your pet. Simple instructions are not meant to be ignored. Medication and treatments are not meant to be skipped. We only carry items that are the safest and most reliable for your pet. We are here to serve you, our client, and the pets in your life.

If any of our instructions are unclear, just ask. That's what we're here for. So when it comes to that thought of Fido's medication you forgot this morning, well, maybe you should've had a V8!

Little to no knowledge of the Cold War

Phase II

Mary Kay

Woodyard



complex as well.

Spies are not new. As one source says, as long as there have been countries, there have been spies. It is estimated by a former KGB deputy, since defected, there are probably 50-60 Russian couples, mostly illegals, posing as U.S. citizens. And those are just the Russian spies. No one knows how many Israeli spies walk in our midst. The general consensus is there are more spies in the U.S. from China than from any other country.

We usually think of spies gathering government data and although the 11 arrested recently were interested in

government operations there are other items of interest as well. The arrest of spy number 12 (not associated with the others) at Microsoft reveals how espionage permeates many aspects of our daily lives. An attack on the electrical grid in 2009 is suspected of being the work of Russian and Chinese agents, with possible involvement from other nations as well. Enough was left behind to indicate these groups have the capability of shutting down our electrical grid.

Our enemy of recent times is more vague. The war on terror lacks location and we lack the goal which brings out the best in us. Our focus is more on suspicion and fear than on winning and competition.

As much as we hated the Cold War, it also brought about the strength and courage to propel us into discoveries which have made life in today's world so much easier.