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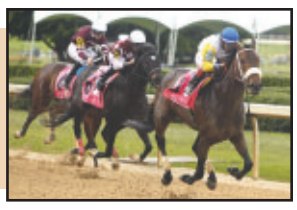

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Clark: Proposal could end Medicaid impasse

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State Sen. Alan Clark, R-District 13, said lawmakers blocking funding of the Medicaid expansion modified during last week's special legislative session have proposed allowing those currently insured through the program to continue receiving coverage.

Clark said the plan grandfathers current enrollees but wouldn't allow new people to receive private insurance purchased with federal Medicaid money, the cornerstone of the program known as the private option. He said the rolls would shrink over time as the changing circumstances of enrollees would place them outside eligibility requirements.

Clark was one of 10 senators to vote against the spending bill during the fiscal session that convened Wednesday. Appropriation bills have to be approved by a three-fourths majority in the House and Senate, meaning two senators in addition to the 25 who voted in favor of the spending measure have to switch their vote for the bill to pass.

The private option uses federal money to buy coverage on the state's federally run insurance exchange for people with incomes of up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level: $16,243

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80th running of the Arkansas Derby

Grade 1 Arkansas Derby

Race 11
Purse: $1 million
3-year-olds, 9 furlongs
Starting time: 6:18 p.m.

Last year's winner:
American Pharoah

Derby main course on season's last card

BOB WISENER
Sports editor

With eight races worth $561,000, the Arkansas Derby undercard today at Oaklawn Park can stand on its own merits.

Appetizers all, surrounding a main course unlike any served in the track's history.

The Arkansas Derby remains $1 million, more important than ever as a Triple Crown prep race after American Pharoah's sweep of the spring classics last year. Three Hall of Fame trainers and two sure for future induction entered horses in the 80th installment of Oaklawn's oldest (since 1936) and richest race.

The Oaklawn Handicap, overshadowed in recent years by richer events, is back to $750,000 for the first time since 1999. In return, the track's premier race for older horses has attracted one of its strongest fields in recent years. Carded two races before the Arkansas Derby, the 70th Oaklawn Handicap is quite a supporting feature.

The salad course, so to speak, consists of two stakes for 3-year-olds a notch below the males starting in the Arkansas Derby and fillies contesting last week's Fantasy. The Northern Spur and Instant Racing, respectively, had their purses bumped recently to $150,000 for 19th and 14th runnings. Fillies go six furlongs in race 7 and males one mile in race 8, the first two legs of a pick-four wager that includes the Oaklawn Handicap.

The Oaklawn Handicap, race 9, launches another pick-four that includes the popular Trail's End mile-and-three-quarter marathon. A glorified starter allowance, now worth $60,000, drew 14 horses that have raced for a claiming price of $7,500 or less in 2016. During the post parade, jockeys stop in front of the grandstand and salute the meeting's biggest crowd to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne." Fans cheer as horses cross the finish line, only to learn that they must go around the track again.

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10. Cupid (2-1 favorite)

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Dinosaurs, gun show offer weekend activities

COLBIE MCCLOUD
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There's plenty of action in Hot Springs this weekend in addition to the Arkansas Derby, as Hot Springs National Park celebrates National Park Week and the Hot Springs Convention Center hosts Discover the Dinosaurs and the Hot Springs Gun and Knife Show today and Sunday.

Children will be able to walk among the dinosaurs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Sunday in Bank of the Ozarks Arena. Admission is $17 for adults; $21 for children, which includes additional activities; and $14 for seniors. Tickets can be purchased at http://www.discoverthedinosaurs.com, at the arena box office or online at Ticketmaster.

Children will get to see animatronic dinosaurs that roar, dig up fossils and enjoy other fun activities, the organizer says.

"We have the museum side of it where you can touch the dinosaurs and learn all the basic information about them," said Chris White, company manager of Discover the Dinosaurs. "There is also a gift shop where you can purchase dinosaur books, stuffed toys and more."

The price of the children's admission includes the dinosaur exhibit, Dino Dig, Dino Den, Dino Theater, Dino Coloring Station, Scavenger Hunt, unlimited dinosaurs rides, miniature golf and inflatables. Scavenger hunt participants will be given a sheet upon entry and will be required to answer questions at each exhibit to win a free prize at the end of their visit.

Additional activities such as gem and fossil mining and face painting cost $2 a ticket, or 12 tickets for $20.

"This is for all ages and we encourage people to make sure that they learn and have fun," White said. "It typically takes half a day or so to go through all the activities. It's a 'walk at your own pace' exhibit."

Adjacent to the arena, in the Hot Springs Convention Center's exhibit hall, around 100 dealers and private sellers with more than 350 tables will have various firearms and knives displayed for purchase in halls C and D from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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DONATE, INCUBATE, EDUCATE

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Mandi Krauss, right, senior vice president of business development at Bank of the Ozarks, pets a baby duckling during a class presentation Friday at Cutter Morning Star Elementary School. Bank of the Ozarks donated $300 for the class to purchase an incubator for duck eggs. The class conducted research to learn about eggs and how to care for the ducks after they hatched. Students, from left, Sierra Rowton, Anne Claire Richardson, Jonan Martinez and the rest of Kachera Felts' second-grade class greeted bank employees Friday morning with the ducks. They hatched eight eggs and plan to release the ducklings back into nature next month.

Goodwill celebrates Earth Day with electronics donations

COLBIE MCCLOUD
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Instead of leaving unused and possibly broken electronics to collect dust on a shelf, Goodwill says it can recycle, refurbish and find a new home for the discarded devices.

"Electronic waste is becoming a major concern in our state," Brian Itzkowitz, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, recently said in a news release. "Earth Day is Friday, April 22, and Goodwill's e-waste program offers a safe and easy way for people, businesses and organizations in Hot Springs to celebrate this day and dispose of unwanted electronics at Goodwill at 631 E. Grand Ave. and 205 Garrison St."

Items that can be recycled

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Weather

MOSTLY CLOUDY. HIGHS IN THE LOW 70S. LOWS IN THE HIGH 50S.

SUNRISE: 6:39 A.M.
SUNSET: 7:45 P.M.

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