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A View from Below the Texas Health and Human Services Enterprize System

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E.C. TRAYLOR FACES FIRST MAJOR CHALLENGE

It was the Texas Sunset Commission that originally pushed for the change, and now it has become the first major issue that Chris Traylor will address in his new role as Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner.

Exiting from a high-level strategy session, the EC was resolute. "See this?" he said, displaying his steely Bonaparte-like mien. "This is the game face of the Enterprize. We can do this. We **will** do this."



Despite his best efforts however, onlookers detected an understated melancholy and thought perhaps that Traylor had been re-watching that Downton Abbey episode



where Matthew dies in an untimely car crash on day of his son's birth, leaving Lady Mary despondent.

However, summoning his inner-Napoléon, the Commissioner made the long-awaited announcement: "The Texas Legislature has spoken and we are duty-bound to bring to fruition the wisdom and foresight of that august body. As of October 1, 2015, the Texas Health and Human Services Enterprize will change its official font from Times New Roman to Helvetica."

The scene erupted into cheering from the Helvetica-ists in the crowd, only to be drowned out by an uncharacteristically loud faction of Times New Romans crying out for justice and demanding another study.



"This is ridiculous," said a government efficiency expert and leader of the Times Romans. "On average, one page of an Enterprize document can include 7.5 more characters written in Times New Roman than it can in Helvetica. With the average legislative study running at 835 pages, that's a savings of 1.45 pages per tome. My god, it's a no brainer!"

As the Enterprize font-change implementation plan is developed, Executive Commissioner Traylor and commissioners from the ~~three~~ six four (?) other HHS agencies will embark on a grueling six-month schedule of public hearings across the state. The first will be held in the high plains Texas town of Muleshoe, situated on the New Mexico border. DPS will provide enhanced security because of disturbing reports about a Fontwa issued by the radical clerk of a notorious sect of Calibri Light separatists.

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Attorney General Paxton to prosecute himself.

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No new DOJ lawsuits against DADS...oh, wait a minute.

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The Man and the Image

After only seven weeks of focus groups, smile coaching and some modest man-scaping we assume, HHSC Executive Commissioner Traylor’s handlers have settled on this stunning image of the man.



It features a closed-mouth smile with a Bush-like half grin that conveys the inner struggle of a man burdened with colossal challenges or perhaps too much cabbage last night.

The four faces of the fashionable design represent the State of Texas, the 84th Legislature, anybody not on a waiting list and every Texan who has insurance. All of them move with adoration toward the commissioner, hoping to plant a little kiss on his rosy cheek.

Enterprize Time Warp



Since January 2015, Texas HHS agencies have been using software that causes Enterprize computers, clocks and phones to subtract one second of every minute, resulting in each employee working an extra eight minutes per day.

During the hours from midnight to 8 a.m., the minutes are added back to the clocks, leaving no one the wiser.

Every day at 5 p.m. 47,000 Enterprize employees think it’s time to go home... but that was actually eight minutes ago. The net effect is that Enterprize employees work an extra eight minutes a day, or 32 unpaid hours each year. Making matters worse, they’re all chronically late for dinner or happy hour.

“It’s impacting the Texas economy and it’s not right,” according to a spokesperson from the Texas State Employees Union which is called a union but isn’t any such thing because we don’t do

that in Texas and even if we did we certainly wouldn’t allow state employees to organize.

“It’s not about saving money,” said John Scott, HHS Chief Operating Officer. “It’s about getting more work done. The Enterprize has too many federal and state mandates over the next biennium. Something has to give.”

Scott, who also serves as the executive sponsor of the Employees with Two First Names Workgroup, further explained, “it’s only one second every minute.”



“It’s not that bad,” he continued, “what’s the problem? Hell, the North Koreans made up their own time zone and nobody’s screamin’ about that!”

Enterprize staff have been advised they may have to work overtime to develop some alternatives to the time-warping software in order to meet the avalanche of legislative mandates.

In a related development, Up The Enterprize has learned that Attorney General Paxton has invested in a company developing software that will secretly remove six hours from every day, effectively making each month only 23 days.

Everyone is hoping the software will be ready for deployment in time for the 85th Texas Legislature.

For Paxton, it could reduce by 25 percent any upcoming visits to Huntsville he may have planned with some friends.



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Yogi Bear resigns top post amid honey pot scandal

AUSTIN — Nearly six months after a scandal over the disappearance of 110 million pots of honey rocked Jellystone Park, Ranger Smith said Friday that Yogi Bear, would resign July 1. As everyone knows, Yogi Bear is smarter than the average bear.

Former second-in-command Boo Boo bear, will take over Jellystone Park which oversees an inventory of over 35 billion picnic baskets and honey pots.



"I thank Yogi Bear for his years of dedication and service to the Jellystone," Ranger Brown said in

a news release. "I look forward to working with Boo Boo to make needed reforms to ensure that the millions of campers who rely on park services are able to have the utmost trust in the park."

Yogi Bear told reporters the decision to resign was his and was unrelated to the honey scandal. Asked if he felt any pressure from the Ranger's Office, he said, "None."

"History will show this job has a shelf life," said the 57-year-old bear. Nobody knew what the hell that meant, but they would all miss Yogi's ability to hibernate, ignore stuff, and just put everything out of his mind.

Boo Boo has long been seen as potential pick for the top job. A longtime forest second banana, he was seen as more of Yogi's "little buddy" than deputy commissioner ever since the two were Perro Grande. Perhaps most importantly, Boo Boo had avoided any blame for the honey scandal, having licked his paws clean of any sign of the sweet nectar. The scandal has caused a criminal

investigation, calls by several lawmakers for Yogi to step down, and the resignations of two high-ranking forest rats, a donkey and an ass.

ETHICS IN ACTION: VOLUNTEERING

This occasional column features the advice of Enterprize ethics attorneys because tax payers were fleeced last year through multiple no-bid contracts awarded by corrupt HHSC executives to companies offering kick-backs. We hope that it helps guide you, the employee, on how to deal with troubling issues that arise in your workplace.

From an Enterprize employee: *I am a DFPS caseworker and my job involves interacting with children regularly. I am interested in volunteering with a nonprofit organization to serve as an advocate for children involved in the court system. I do not trust myself to decide if this position might involve a conflict of interest because I am not as smart or ethical as an Enterprize executive or attorney. Please tell me exactly what to do.*

Dear DFPS: *Volunteering in the community is a fine thing, we assume. Please don't feel bad about not being an Enterprize executive or attorney; you are clearly not cut out for either of these positions. That said, we advise you to pretend like you are an executive or attorney and ask yourself these simple questions:*

- *If I am accused of illegal activity can I lie my way out of it, blame it on someone else, or sue my accuser for defamation?*
- *If arrested, do I have enough money to make bail and then flee to Grenada?*

If the answer to both questions is YES, then this activity - and anything else, pretty much - is right for you!

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DADS data donation delivers dividends

AUSTIN – The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has announced that in 2016, the agency will continue to give away the Social Security numbers and other personal information of some 6,600 Medicaid recipients receiving services from DADS.

The information, which also includes dates of birth, mailing addresses and medical diagnoses, is now accessible on a web application that had been meant for internal use only.

“We fixed that,” said Cecilia Cavuto, DADS spokesperson. “Now all that stuff is available to anyone who needs it. DADS has notified the Medicaid recipients and given them free credit protection and identity restoration services for one year. This is a win-win.”

Relax. We've got this.

The state is investigating to determine the origins of this innovative approach with the goal of replicating the effort in other soon-to-be-abolished state agencies. DADS and the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services will be abolished as of September 2016 as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 200.

“Yeah, we got a lot of junk around here and it's time to clean house,” said DADS Commissioner Weizenbaum to a crowded press conference. “It's so cumbersome to actually sell stuff, so we're giving it all away,” he said, taking his shirt off.

“Some of the buildings may be a problem though. The bathrooms in the Winters Building still don't work.” he said, pausing to throw his pants over the podium. “And I don't think we could even pay somebody to take the Austin State Supported Living Center off our hands.”

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A Chris Adams named Enterprize Transformation Czar

ROSANKY - Shiny new HHSC Executive Commissioner Chris Traylor has named former DADS Deputy Commissioner Chris Adams the Chief Amazing HHSC Transformation Czar. He will direct the over-mauling of the entire Texas Health and Human Services Enterprize mandated by the Texas 84th Legislature.



Adams, no relation to the other 2.5 million Americans named Chris Adams including HHSC HR Director Chris Adams or Mr. Chris Adams of 5491 Gunpowder Drive, Hickory S.C. who was charged with one misdemeanor count of carrying a concealed handgun while consuming alcohol last year.



The entire matter has given rise to the constipation of DADS Commissioner Jon Weizenbaum who was once Adams' boss and champion, because sooner or later Chris is going to be Jon's boss and it's really not fair even though Jon named Chris Assistant Commissioner for State Supported Living Centers in 2009 and then Chris totally screwed up the U.S. Department of Justice lawsuit against DADS because of all the people in the state supported living centers who kept being abused and neglected for years after the lawsuit and blah, blah, blah.

Then there was a whole bunch of yelling from the DADS sixth floor executive suite in 2013 that sounded like: “DOJ's not gonna pin this on me!”

So anyway, Chief Amazing HHSC Transformation Czar Adams spent three decades as a social worker, administrator and executive in Texas' residential facilities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In 2000 he moved to Austin from somewhere else to be the assistant director for something important we're sure. Adams has a bachelor's degree in social work from Baylor University that is building a great new football stadium, and a master's in health care administration from Trinity College which has a fine soccer team. Our Mr. Adams began his new duties on July 1 while no one was looking.



SCOTUS REPORT

Texas officials analyze mysterious health care legislation after SCOTUS ruling

WASHINGTON – Moments after the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) upheld a key element of the President Obama’s signature health law, Texas Health officials announced they would be working very hard to analyze the new-fangled “Affordable Care Act” and its impacts on the State of Texas.

In his first press conference, newly-minted HHSC Communications Director Enrique Marquez, said “we understand that the high court’s decision evidently means that more than 800,000 low- and middle-income Texans will continue to receive the financial assistance that helps offset the cost of their health plans and, uh.... I guess they’ll be getting health care.

“And that’s not a bad thing, necessarily, but Governor Abbott says that Texans don’t like this kind of health care. It is our understanding that Alex Jones has confirmed that the new world order is behind all of this.”

When asked if he thinks that the Indian and the Cowboy were the only gay members of the Village People, Mr. Marquez said, “yes, that is our understanding at this time. We will of course be seeking guidance from the Office of the Governor on this issue as well.”



SCOTUS to hear Texas case on “overly-festive straight marriages”

PAINT CREEK, TEXAS - Following its landmark decision legalizing same-sex marriage nationwide, the U.S. Supreme Court today announced it will hear a court case testing the legality of “overly-festive straight marriages.” The Texas case involves the heterosexual marriage of the daughter of a wealthy Texas oil magnate to her high school sweetheart in Paint Creek, Texas.



“Daddy wanted us to have the most beautiful wedding in Texas, so he went to the best Dallas gays he could find and said, ‘make my daughter happy. It don’t matter what it costs!’”

And did they ever! Robert and His Friend Wedding Designers of Dallas, Inc. planned the most fabulous wedding experience ever. Among the thousands of delightful nuptial-icious details arranged by Robert (and his friend) were:

- Elie Saab Lacerta wedding dress adorned with intricate orgazma flowers.
- To-die-for orange blossom hair fashions by La'Barbarella Cosa Nostra Dallas Makeup.
- House of Fabergé miniature jewel box with a slice of wedding cake served to each guest.
- Dallas Men’s Choir performance of *You So Go, Girl*.

Appellate court briefs document that two days before the June 28, 2014 wedding, Pastor H.E. Tero of the Paint Creek Baptist Church learned of the very festive gala and refused to allow the wedding to take place in his church. Robert and His Friend sued the church for breach of contract.

“If these festive heterosexuals think they can have any kind wedding they want in my church, they got another thing coming,” said Pastor Tero.

After multiple lower court rulings and appeals over the last year, the Supreme Court as agreed to hear Robert and Friends v. H .E. Tero during its 2016 session.