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FIFTH CIRCUIT UPHOLDS HB2 LAW

Admitting privileges, RU-485 constitutional—Becca Aaronson, *The Texas Tribune*

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday upheld the new abortion regulations that were passed in July by the Republican-led Texas Legislature. The plaintiffs, who represent the majority of abortion providers in Texas, including four Planned Parenthood affiliates, Whole Woman's Health and other independent abortion providers, challenged the constitutionality of two requirements that the state implemented.

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JUDGE ORDERS THE STATE TO REVEAL DEATH DRUG SOURCES A PRIVATE BULLET TRAIN IS PROPOSED OUT OF HOUSTON

But the State appeals—Aamena Ahmed, *The Texas Tribune*

Houston to Dallas in 90 minutes—Nicholas Sakelaris, *The Dallas Morning News*

Amid national debate over the disclosure of information about drugs used in executions, Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials said Thursday that they will appeal a judge's order to disclose the supplier of a new batch of its execution drugs.

"We are disappointed in the district court's decision and will be appealing the ruling to a higher court," TDCJ spokesman Jason Clark said in an email.

TDCJ officials have argued that the identity of execution drug suppliers should be protected based on threats the companies have received in the past.

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Mayors from Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston all expressed support for the Texas Central High-Speed Railways project that could be whisking passengers between the cities at more than 200 mph by 2021. The trip would take about 90 minutes. The Texas Central Railway project would be privately funded, meaning no tax subsidies.

"This innovative project is a game changer for transportation between the two engines that drive job creation throughout Texas," Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said. "Not only will high-speed rail significantly reduce travel times and traffic congestion for Dallas and Houston area residents, but it will also create high-paying jobs and stimulate economic growth."

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PORT OF HOUSTON RESUMES OPERATIONS AFTER OIL SPILL

But Matagorda Island hit hard—[Houston Chronicle](#)

The Port of Houston returned Thursday to around-the-clock operations, five days after a collision spilled thousands of gallons of oil into the Galveston Bay. Operations at the port had been on a shortened schedule for two days and fog could force pilots to close the waterway to traffic Thursday evening, a common occurrence in the spring, said Capt. Clint Winegar, vice president of the Houston Pilots.

Late Thursday, authorities announced that the port is open to all marine vessels, commercial and recreational. And while swimming is now allowed, state health officials are advising people not to swim in areas where they can see oil. Some of the spilled oil from the ship-barge collision in Galveston Bay reached Matagorda Island on Thursday, officials said.

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JOAQUIN CASTRO AND DAN PATRICK WILL DEBATE APR 15

Will discuss immigration—[Kolten Parker, San Antonio Express-News](#)

Mayor Julián Castro and state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, have finalized their long talked-about debate on immigration for next month on the mayor's home turf. The two rivals, who have sparred online and in the news for nearly two months, agreed to debate the issue of border security and immigration on April 15 at the Univision studio in San Antonio, according to the Texas Tribune.

The event will be broadcast by Univision and open to media only, according to the San Antonio Current. Patrick, an outspoken conservative and tea party favorite, is in a heated runoff election for lieutenant governor with incumbent David Dewhurst. Castro, a Democrat, sent a missive via Twitter in January.

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TEXAS EXECUTES A FOURTH PERSON THIS YEAR THUS FAR

Anthony Doyle killed woman in 2003—[Michael Graczyk, Associated Press](#)

A Dallas-area man was executed Thursday evening in Texas for the robbery and slaying of a woman who was attacked while delivering food to his parents' home 11 years ago. Anthony Doyle, 29, was given a lethal injection for the 2003 death of Hyun Mi Cho, who was beaten with a baseball bat, then robbed of her car, cellphone and credit cards. Evidence showed Doyle ordered the doughnuts and breakfast tacos that the 37-year-old Cho delivered. He shared the food with friends after stuffing the woman's body in a neighbor's trash can in an alley behind the home in Rowlett, a suburb just east of Dallas.

Doyle shook his head and said nothing inside the death chamber in Huntsville when a warden asked if he had a statement to make.

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GREGG COSTA WELL ON THE WAY TO FULL CONFIRMATION

Is nominee for Fifth Circuit—[Ben Kamisar, The Dallas Morning News](#)

The Senate Judiciary swiftly approved the nomination of Texas Judge Gregg Costa Thursday, sending his fate to the hands of the full Senate. Costa, a federal district judge in Galveston, is up for a seat on the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. He passed the committee with a voice vote and no senators voiced opposition.

Now that Costa has passed through the committee, he's cleared the first main procedural hurdle towards his nomination. It's up to the full Senate to confirm his nomination, but there's no immediate timeframe for that vote. Texas Republican Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz recommended Costa's nomination to President Barack Obama, and both have declared their strong support for Costa.

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AMERICA'S NEW POWER POLITICS

Regarding Putin, that is —Fareed Zakaria, The Washington Post

The Houston New Post is an exclusive service of Russia's invasion of Ukraine has brought to the fore an important debate about what kind of world we live in. *Texpatriate* (www.texpate.com). We strive to bring Many critics charge that the Obama administration has been blind to its harsh realities because it believes, as you the biggest news, from around the State, every the Wall Street Journal opined, in "a fantasy world of international rules." John McCain declared that "this is business day. Articles are property of the individualthe most naive president in history." The Post's editorial board worried that President Obama misunderstands author and publication, not of the Post. Any opinions"the nature of the century we're living in."

expressed are similarly those of only the author.

While *Texpatriate* will offer editorials andAlmost all of these critics have ridiculed Secretary of State John Kerry's assertion that changing borders by endorsements, the Post will never take sides in anforce, as Russia did, is 19th-century behavior in the 21st century. Well, here are the facts. Scholar Mark ongoing dispute or take political positions. Zacher has tallied up changes of borders by force, something that was once quite common. Since World War

I, he notes, that practice has sharply declined, and in recent decades, that decline has accelerated. Before

Presented by: *Sophia Arena, Olivia Arena, George* 1950, wars between nations resulted in border changes (annexations) about 80 percent of the time.

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