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## Health care overhaul survives Supreme Court

■ *Chief Justice Roberts joins four liberal justices in voting to uphold most of law*

**MARK SHERMAN**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's historic health care overhaul, certain now to touch virtually every citizen's life, narrowly survived an election-year battle at the Supreme Court Thursday with the improbable help of conserva-

tive Chief Justice John Roberts. But the ruling, by a 5-4 vote, also gave Republicans unexpected ammunition to energize supporters for the fall campaign against President Barack Obama, the bill's champion — and for next year's vigorous efforts to repeal the law as a new federal tax. Roberts' vote, along with those of

the court's four liberal justices, preserved the largest expansion of the nation's social safety net in more than 45 years, including the hotly debated core requirement that nearly everyone have health insurance or pay a penalty. The aim is to extend coverage to more than 30 million people who now are uninsured. The decision meant the huge overhaul, still taking effect, could proceed and pick up momentum over the next several years, with an impact on the way that countless Americans receive and pay for their personal medical care.

The ruling handed Obama a campaign-season victory in rejecting arguments that Congress went too far in approving the plan. However, Republicans quickly indicated they would try to use the decision against him. At the White House, Obama declared, "Whatever the politics, today's decision was a victory for people all over this country." Blocks away, GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney renewed his criticism of the overhaul, calling it "bad law" and promising to work to repeal it if elected in November. **HEALTH** cont. on page 9

## GRASS FIRE CONTAINED

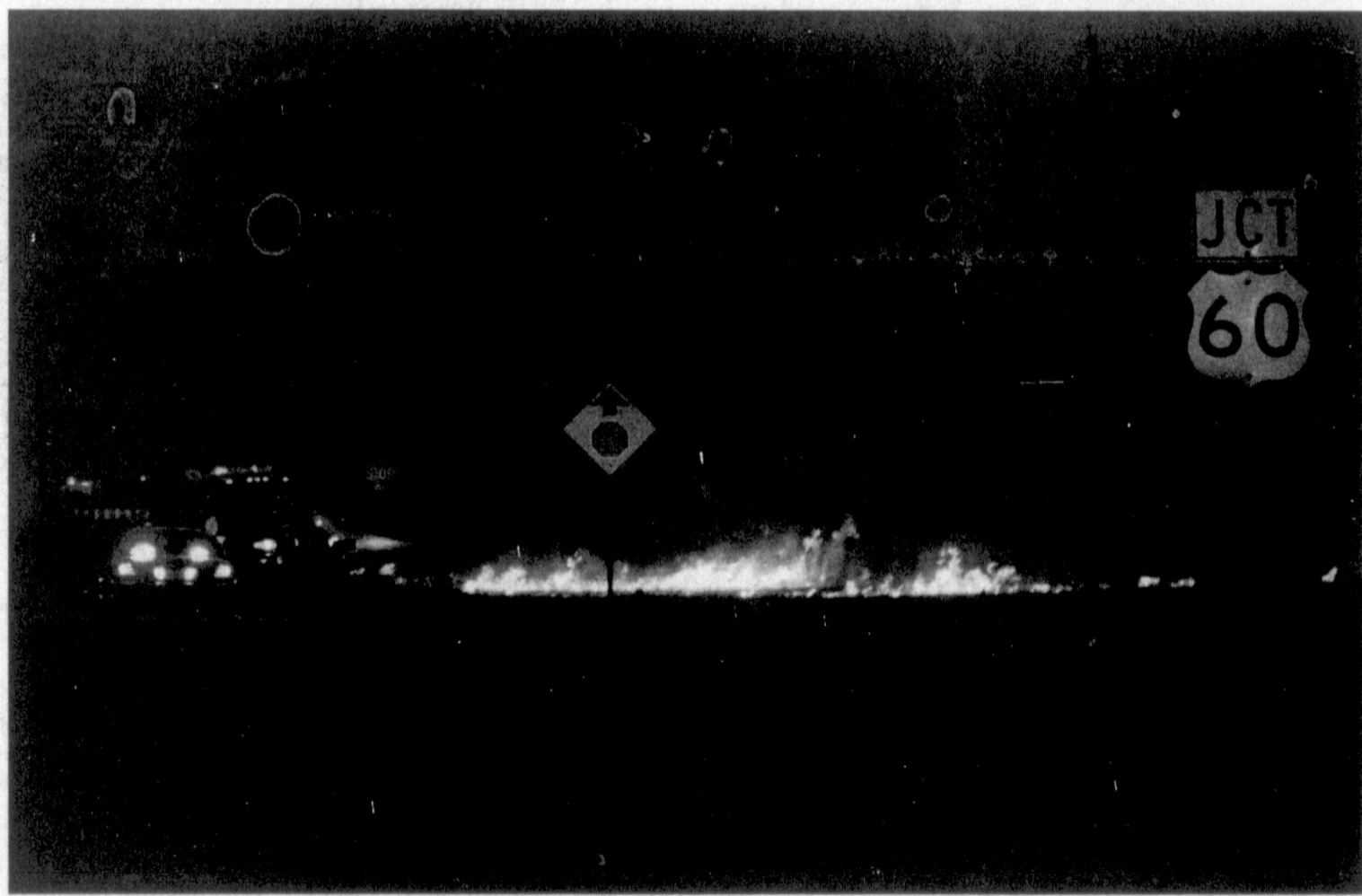


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Authorities work to contain a grass fire at the junction of McCullough and U.S. Hwy. 60 around Pampa at approximately 8:40 p.m. on Thursday evening.

## Fulton wins recount for Precinct 3

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The results are in from a recount of votes in the primary elections for the position of Precinct 3 Gray County Commissioner, sealing Neil Fulton's win over incumbent John Mark Baggerman. In a close 260 to 250 race, Fulton won, garnering one additional vote in the recount. Fulton said he felt relieved following "an honest recount of the votes." "I'm ready to work for the public who I represent, and will do the best of my ability," he said. Doug Ware, Gray County GOP chairman, said ballots are counted more accurately in modern voting procedures that use machines, rather than paper ballots. "Generally speaking, when a race is that close, people ask for a recount," he said. "In today's world, chances it's wrong are slim." With his victory solidified, Fulton is ready to get to business. "I appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of Gray County," he said.

## DPS to increase DWI enforcement next week

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From Saturday, June 30 to Sunday, July 8, DPS troopers will increase DWI patrols at high-risk locations. This nine-day period will include the Fourth of July, which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ranks as the number one time for alcohol-related crashes. DPS Director Steven McCraw recommends planning ahead to avoid drinking and driving. "If you are drinking, make sure you have a designated driver or some other form of transportation," he said. "Otherwise, you

could be making a very expensive or even fatal mistake." During the previous Fourth of July, DPS troopers made over 1,400 DWI arrests, 575 of which were estimated to have resulted from increased patrols. During the same period, DPS troopers issued about 18,000 speeding citations, 3,390 seat belt and child safety seat citations, about 900 fugitive arrests and 656 felony arrests. "The goal of our enforcement effort is to save lives and make traveling in Texas safer for residents and visitors during the July Fourth holiday," said McCraw.

## PAMPA WELCOMES MORSE



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Brad Morse (left), CEO of Pampa Regional Medical Center, speaks with Jane Steele, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, and Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, at a Thursday reception for Morse and hospital employees.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 100 Low 68	High 99 Low 69	High 95 Low 69

**Today:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 99. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 95. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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# Texas approves electricity rate boost

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Public Utility Commission voted Thursday to raise the wholesale electricity price cap by 50 percent this summer in a move it hopes will spur construction of new power plants.

Texas officials say the state must boost generating capacity to meet growing demand in the next few years to help avoid rolling blackouts during peak periods such as hot summer days.

Supporters of the increase hope the lure of new profits will spur power

companies to build more power plants. But consumer groups warn it could raise costs by billions of dollars, leading to higher electric bills for Texas households with no guarantee of new construction.

The vote by the three-member commission, all appointed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry, raises the wholesale rate cap on Aug. 1 from the current \$3,000 per megawatt-hour to \$4,500. And there could be more to come. Commissioners are already considering tripling the price

to \$9,000 in 2013.

The commission approved the increase on a 2-0 vote with commissioners Donna Nelson and Rolando Pablos in support. Commissioner Ken Anderson, who said he agrees with raising the cap, abstained because of concerns that this summer is too soon for some electric providers to adjust.

The cap increase affects wholesale rates within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas grid, which covers **RATE** cont. on page 3

## Obituaries

### Kenneth D. Taylor, 71

LAKELAND, Fla.— Kenneth D. Taylor, 71, passed away Friday, June 22, 2012, at a hospice home in Fond du Lac, Wis.

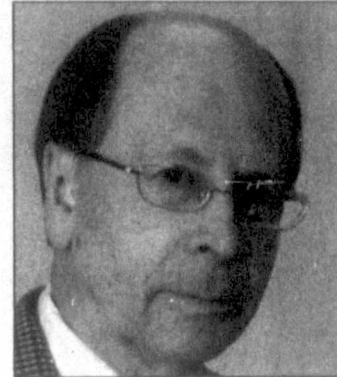
The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 29, 2012, in Greenwood Chapel in Ft. Worth. Interment will be at Greenwood Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m. Friday at Greenwood Funeral Home.

Memorials: expressions of sympathy may be made to Central Bible College, Scott Taylor Memorial Fund, 3000 N. Grant Ave., Springfield, MO, 65803.

Kenneth was born June 25, 1940, in Seminole, Okla. On Jan. 21, 1960, he was married to Betty Overall at First Assembly of God in Pampa. He retired from the U.S. Army as a Lt. Colonel after serving 20 years. Kenneth served two tours in Vietnam and received a Bronze Star.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Scott Taylor in 1989; one brother, Herman Leon Taylor; and one sister, Edith Green.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Overall Taylor; daughter, Kimberly (James) Cinnamon of Wisconsin; granddaughters, Cassandra (Emmanuel) House of Germany and Bethany Cinnamon of Wisconsin; grandson, Eric Cinnamon of Wisconsin; brother, James Taylor of Texas; sisters, Marline Nolan of Oklahoma and Linda Fugate of New York; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.



Taylor

the oil and gas industry for several years, working for Holman, Chase, and Unit Drilling. He enjoyed the outdoors where he liked to fish, but most of all, he loved to be with his children. Jesus had a great sense of humor.

Survivors include his wife, Ashtyn Quesada of the home; two sons, Raydon Quesada and Tayson Quesada, both of the home; his mother and stepfather, Norma and Lorenzo Solis of Pampa; his father, Eduardo Quesada of Mexico; his brother, Eduardo Quesada Jr. and wife Lucy of Pampa; three sisters, Norma Guerra and husband Aaron, Ashley Solis and Natalie Solis, all of Pampa; his mother-in-law, Heather Burks and husband Jimmy of Pampa; his father-in-law, Kyle Roberts of Pampa; and his grandparents, Eduardo and Carmen Quesada of Mexico. Jesus was preceded in death by his grandfather, Simon Muro.

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### Francisco Sotero Cruz, 35

Francisco Sotero Cruz, 35, died June 27, 2012, in Hemphill County.

Rosary will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 29, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 30, 2012, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with Rev. Arockia Raj, associate pastor, officiating.

Entombment will be at Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cruz was born June 22, 1977, in Groom and was reared in Pampa, attending Pampa schools. He married Deborah Ann Barbosa on January 11, 2007, in Pampa. He worked in the oilfield for several years and was currently working for Unit Drilling as a rig hand. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Cruz of the home; a daughter, Venicia Cruz of the home; a son, Anthony David Cruz of the home; a baby on the way, Thalia Cruz; his parents, Nemecio and Juanita Cruz of Pampa; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



Cruz

### Jesus Quesada, 20

Jesus Quesada, 20, died June 27, 2012, in Hemphill County.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2012, at Highland Baptist Church, with Rev. Paul Nachtigall, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Quesada was born August 1, 1991, in El Paso. He moved to Pampa as a young boy and attended Pampa schools. He worked in



Quesada

## For the record

### Police Department

The Pampa Police De-

partment reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, June 28 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 17

traffic-related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported nine animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department responded to five medical calls.

Wednesday, June 27

A theft occurred at the 200 block of North Gillespie.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2100 block of North Coffee and the 700 block of East Murphy.

An accident occurred at Highway 60.

An offense against family and children was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of Neel.

A theft occurred at the 1100 block of East Foster.

A suspicious person was reported at Frost and Foster.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 700 block of East Browning.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of Crane.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of Cinderella.

A suspicious person was reported at the 800 block of West Wilks.

Thursday, June 28  
Suspicious persons were reported at the 1800 block of North Hobart and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, June 28 at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, June 27  
Benjamin Griffin, 24, was arrested by police on charges of no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Savanah Nichole Hittshaw, 19, was arrested by police for theft of service in an amount greater than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

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## JetBlue pilot pleads not guilty

AMARILLO (AP) — A JetBlue Airways pilot who left the cockpit during a flight and screamed about religion and terrorists has pleaded not guilty to interfering with a flight crew.

Court records show Clayton F. Osbon entered the plea at his Thursday arraignment in federal court in Amarillo. U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled earlier this month that Osbon is mentally competent to stand trial. Her ruling followed a court-ordered psychiatric evaluation.

Osbon was indicted after a March 27 incident on flight from Las Vegas to New York. Passengers say they had to wrestle him to the floor after he left the cockpit mid-flight and ran through the plane's cabin yelling about Jesus and al-Qaida.

No trial date has been set. Osbon faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

## Lockheed Martin labor deal passes

FORT WORTH (AP) — Lockheed Martin machinists have approved a new labor deal that includes a \$2,000 bonus and annual pay increases starting at 3 percent the first year.

Members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers voted Thursday at Cowtown Coliseum in the Fort Worth Stockyards. Details of the vote weren't immediately available.

The four-year agreement doesn't change basic health care plans. But workers hired after July 2, the deadline for ratification, wouldn't get traditional pensions. Instead, they would have a retirement savings plan and contributions from Lockheed Martin.

Members of Machinists Local 776 went on strike April 23 after union members rejected an offer that would have raised health care costs and eliminated pensions for new hires. Local 776 represents about 3,600 striking workers.

## Four arrested for health care fraud

McALLEN (AP) — Four South Texans have been arrested on health care fraud charges over an alleged scheme that garnered more than \$7 million in fraudulent reimbursements from government programs.

Federal prosecutors announced the arrests Thursday of 39-year-old Marcello Herrera, owner of RGV DME, a durable medical goods supplier, and his wife, Carla Cantu Herrera, both of Mission. Two former employees also were arrested.

Prosecutors allege the now-defunct company submitted claims between 2004 and 2010 to Medicare and Texas Medicaid totaling \$11 million and received \$7.1 million in reimbursement.

The billings were for hospital beds, mattresses, wheelchairs and other goods. Prosecutors allege 80 to 90 percent of the billings involved supplies that were not needed, not delivered or not prescribed.

It was not immediately known if the couple had retained lawyers.

## Indictments in gun smuggling

PLANO (AP) — Investigators say 11 people from the Dallas area have been indicted in a federal firearms smuggling investigation.

Prosecutors in North Texas late Wednesday announced the June 13 indictment involving gun purchases for other people.

The defendants went before a magistrate in Plano this week on charges of conspiracy to acquire firearms.

Several suspects are also accused of structuring payments for the firearms by purchasing money orders at various post offices. Two suspects are charged with conspiring to smuggle firearms from the U.S. to Mexico.

## Rate

most of the state.

Texas AARP and other consumer and conservation groups say the commission hasn't studied the impact the rate increase could have on Texas households. Texas Industrial Energy Consumers, which includes refineries and chemical manufacturers, warned that a rate increase could create instability in pricing and drive smaller retail power providers out of business.

"Raising the cap this August will raise energy prices on home and business owners," said Cyrus Reed, conservation director for the Lone Chapter, Sierra Club. "It makes no sense to raise energy prices today when new generation will not result until 2014 anyway. By doing so we are just giving over our checks to electric utilities."

Pablos dismissed the warnings of sky-

rocketing household electric bills as "alarmist rhetoric."

"It's very clear a lot of the public don't understand the structure of the market and what we do here," Pablos said. "Energy prosperity leads to economic prosperity. We're doing this for the purpose of ensuring we have a higher quality of life for our citizens. A robust and reliable electric system will help us get there."

Although electric providers typically sign long-term contracts for electricity at a set price, they often fill in gaps on high-usage days buying wholesale on the "spot market" where prices are set several times an hour. That market can be compared to buying and selling on the stock market, where prices can be determined by sharp increases in demand and shortages.

# Keep door from rubbing on carpeting

Dear Pat: We had a home built and installed a fiberglass front door. When we open it, it hits the oriental carpet on the tile floor. How did this happen, and what can we do other than cut off the bottom? — Melody H.

Dear Melody: Unfortunately, the problem you are experiencing is all too common in new homes. The weatherstripping on the bottom of a door is generally either vinyl or other rubbery compound. It will not take long for it to permanently discolor and wear the section of the carpet it repeatedly rubs against.

Most front doors are a standard height and are delivered to a building site already hung in the door frame. They often have an adjustable threshold built into the bottom of the frame so it seals well against the weatherstripping on the bottom of the door. Some thresholds can be 1 inch high or more.

The subcontractor who installed the front door probably placed it directly on the subflooring. Had he checked the complete building plans first, he would have found you are having a thick tile floor installed and extra height was needed. It would have taken only five minutes more to add a piece of lumber under the door frame to raise it higher for more clearance.

Cutting off the bottom of the door may help, but often there is not much edge rail lumber along the bottom of a fiberglass door. If there is not enough, you will cut into the insulation and weaken the door. Contact the door manufacturer first, and ask about the maximum height you can remove.

Another limiting factor on how much you can remove is the threshold seal. If you cut off some of the door bottom, you will have to adjust the threshold upward so the weatherstripping still seals against it. Make sure the threshold will adjust up high enough to provide an airtight seal.

It is more work, but you may be able to cut some off of the top and the bottom of the door. This will allow you to reposition the door higher in the door frame, and it may then clear the carpet. With this method, you will have to drill new

## HOME HOW-TO

holes for the hinges and the latch, so it will take more time and careful measurements.

The most complicated method, but actually the best, is to remove the door frame. Increase the height of the rough opening and install a piece of support lumber over the subflooring as should have been done initially. This is not a terrible job on a house with siding, but with a brick or stone exterior, you will have a lot of extra work.

A quick and inexpensive fit, but

not necessarily the best or most attractive, is to remove the existing threshold seal and install a retractable one. This seal will mount on the interior lower edge of the door.

A small pin extends out on the side of the retractable threshold by the door hinge jamb. When the door is open, the threshold seal is in the up position so it will clear the carpet. When you close the door, the pin contacts the jamb and the seal drops down to seal on the threshold. Installing this is fairly simple do-it-yourself job, and fitting instructions are included.

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### Exterior Door

Door sills usually come with adequate clearance for most flooring, but when underlayments and additional flooring have been added, that space can disappear quickly. If your exterior door is dragging against your floor or carpet, most of the time you can raise the door frame for proper floor clearance.

#### TRIM REMOVAL

First, remove the interior door trim with a stiff putty knife. Then use a pry bar and a block of wood to remove the trim without damaging the wall.

#### REMOVE DOOR

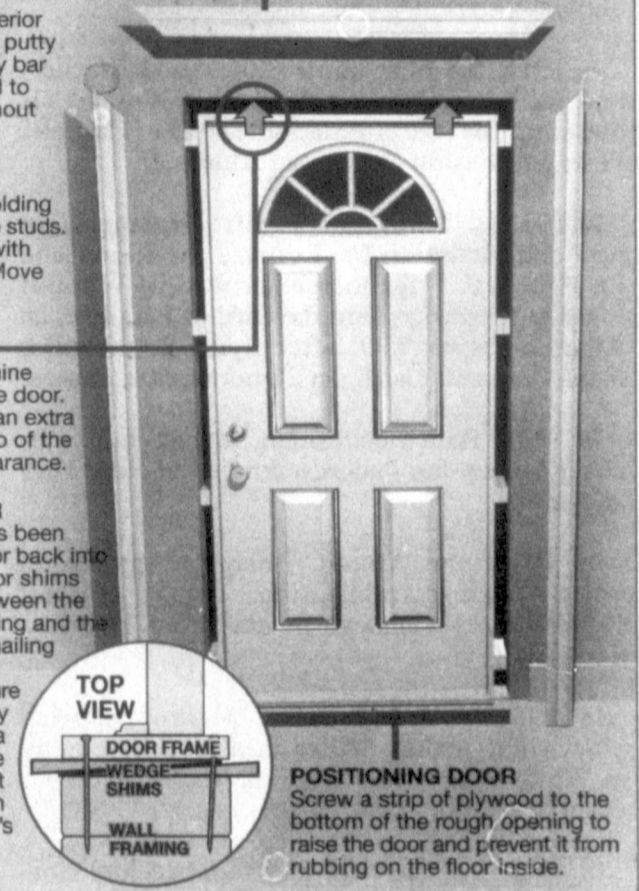
Remove the nails holding the door frame to the studs. Cut stubborn nails with reciprocating saw. Move door off to the side.

#### DOOR HEIGHT

The key is to determine how high to raise the door. Lift the door frame an extra 1/2 inch from the top of the tile or carpet for clearance.

#### INSTALLING DOOR

After door height has been increased, install door back into the frame. Insert door shims every 12 inches between the side of the wall framing and the doorjamb. Before nailing the jambs, it's very important to make sure the door fits squarely in the opening. Use a level to make sure the door is plumb. Adjust unlevelled doors with shims under the door's jambs.



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## Recount

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is that close, people ask for a recount," he said. "In today's world, chances it's wrong are slim."

With his victory solidified, Fulton is ready to get to business.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, June 29, the 181st day of 2012. There are 185 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Furman v. Georgia*, *Jackson v. Georgia* and *Branch v. Texas*, struck down a trio of death sentences, saying the way they had been imposed constituted cruel and unusual punishment. (The ruling prompted states to effectively impose a moratorium on executions until their capital punishment laws could be revised.)

### On this date:

In 1613, the original Globe Theatre in London was destroyed by a fire.

In 1767, Britain approved the Townshend Revenue Act, which imposed import duties on glass, paint, oil, lead, paper and tea shipped to the American colonies. (Colonists bitterly protested, prompting Parliament to repeal the duties — except for tea.)

In 1911, the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers had its beginnings as Pope Pius X gave his blessing for the formation of The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

In 1927, the first trans-Pacific airplane flight was completed as Lt. Lester J. Maitland and Lt. Albert F. Hegenberger arrived at Wheeler Field in Hawaii aboard the *Bird of Paradise*, an Atlantic-Fokker C-2, after flying 2,400 miles from Oakland, Calif., in 25 hours, 50 minutes.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski died in New York at age 80.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1956, actress Marilyn Monroe married playwright Arthur Miller in a civil ceremony in White Plains, N.Y. (the marriage lasted 4½ years).

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong (HY'-fahng).

In 1967, Jerusalem was re-united as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Morrison v. Olson*, upheld the independent counsel law in a 7-1 decision (the sole dissenter was Justice Antonin Scalia).

In 1992, the remains of Polish statesman Ignacy Jan Paderewski, interred for five decades in the United States, were returned to his homeland in keeping with his wish to be buried only in a free Poland.

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush transferred his presidential powers to Vice President Dick Cheney for more than two hours during a routine colon screening that ended in a clean bill of health. Singer Rosemary Clooney died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 74.

**Five years ago:** British police defused two car bombs left to blow up near packed nightclubs and pubs in central London. The first Apple iPhones went on sale. Death claimed movie critic Joel Siegel at age 63 and George McCorkle, a founding member of the Marshall Tucker Band.

**One year ago:** In the first ruling by a federal appeals court on President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, a panel in Cincinnati handed the administration a victory by agreeing that the government could require a minimum amount of insurance for Americans. Greece fended off bankruptcy as lawmakers backed austerity measures in the face of riots that left more than 100 injured.

**Today's Birthdays:** Movie producer Robert Evans is 82. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 72. Actor Gary Busey is 68. Comedian Richard Lewis is 65. Actor-turned-politican-turned-radio personality Fred Grandy is 64. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 64. Singer Don Dokken (Dokken) is 59. Rock singer Colin Hay (Men At Work) is 59. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 55. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 51. Actress Ananda Donohoe is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stedman Pearson (Five Star) is 48. Actress Kathleen Wilhoite is 48. Producer-writer Matthew Weiner is 47. Musician Dale Baker is 46. Actress Melora Hardin is 45. Rap DJ Shadow is 40. Country musician Todd Sansom (Marshall Dyllon) is 34. Singer Nicole Scherzinger is 34.

**Thought for Today:** "Words can sting like anything, but silence breaks the heart." — Phyllis McGinley, American poet and author (1905-1978).



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## Obama, Romney move to seize on ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Battling fiercely for the White House, President Barack Obama and Republican rival Mitt Romney implored voters to see the Supreme Court's health care ruling in different ways Thursday, with Obama appealing for people to move on with him and his challenger promising to rip up the law.

"Today's decision was a victory for people all over this country whose lives will be more secure," Obama declared after a divided high court upheld the law, including a requirement that people carry health insurance. "It's time for us to move forward."

Romney did just the opposite, pinning the court's decision to the election and asking voters to render their own ruling.

"If we want to get rid of Obamacare," he said, "we're going to have to replace President Obama."

Democrats and Republicans immediately launched fundraising appeals off the court's decision, underscoring the campaign ramifications of a judicial decision that is supposed to be devoid of politics. It was conservative Chief Justice John Roberts who cast the defining vote, upending the traditional lines of political attack and surprising many in the White House.

The outcome was a clear personal win for Obama, who has staked much of his presidency and legacy on the law. But Republicans were emboldened that it would cost him, given that the law as a whole remains unpopular and that the

insurance mandate was deemed by the court to be a tax — a term never popular in an election year.

Neither Obama nor Romney knew what the ruling would be.

So what unfolded was a dramatic, unscripted moment in a campaign that has had few of them.

At first, Obama thought the worst.

Watching a bank of television monitors outside the Oval Office, Obama saw urgent but erroneous cable news reports that the individual mandate has been shot down.

But the White House counsel, Kathryn Ruemmler, knew otherwise and flashed the president two thumbs up. After she explained the justices' bottom-line ruling, the president gave her a hug.

Across the White House, where anticipation had been intense, the mood was more relief and satisfaction than roaring celebration.

Obama sought to strike that tone as he spoke from a lectern in the East Room, trying to steer the conversation toward the ways he said the law is helping millions of Americans.

"I know there will be a lot of discussion today about the politics of all this — about who won and who lost," he said. "That's how these things tend to be viewed here in Washington. But that discussion completely misses the point."

Obama barely alluded to Romney.

The presumptive Republican presidential nominee, who had watched news of the ruling from his Washington hotel room, reacted

first. He set himself up with a TV backdrop of the Capitol to underscore his political message.

"What the court did not do on its last day in session, I will do on my first day if elected president of the United States," Romney said. "And that is I will act to repeal Obamacare."

His campaign said Thursday evening that it had raised \$2.5 million from 24,000 donors during the day, crediting a response to the court decision. But based on the sheer average of Romney's fundraising — a rate of more than \$2 million a day last month — it was unclear how much of Thursday's money was attributable to the health care opinion.

Meanwhile, the Obama campaign emailed a fundraising appeal over the president's name, citing the court's decision and Romney's pledge to repeal it. "While the Supreme Court's decision should put to rest the debate over health care," the email said, "Mitt Romney and the Republicans in Congress just can't take yes for an answer."

For all the political furor over the decision, Romney and Obama ultimately turned their comments to the economy, where they know the election will be decided. Shortly after Romney insisted the president's law was a "job-killer," Obama called for the debate over the health care law to finally end so everyone can "focus on the most urgent challenge of our time: putting people back to work."



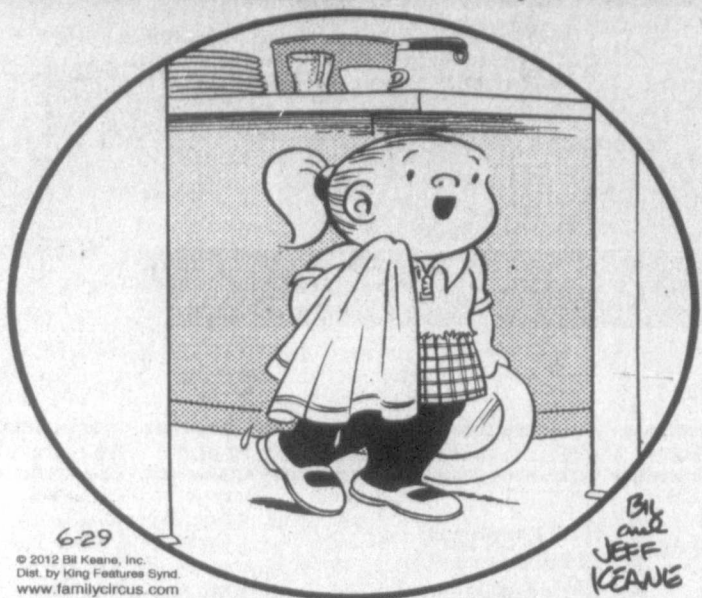
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"We've decided Billy will wash, I'll dry, and Jeffy will pick up the pieces."

Non Sequitur

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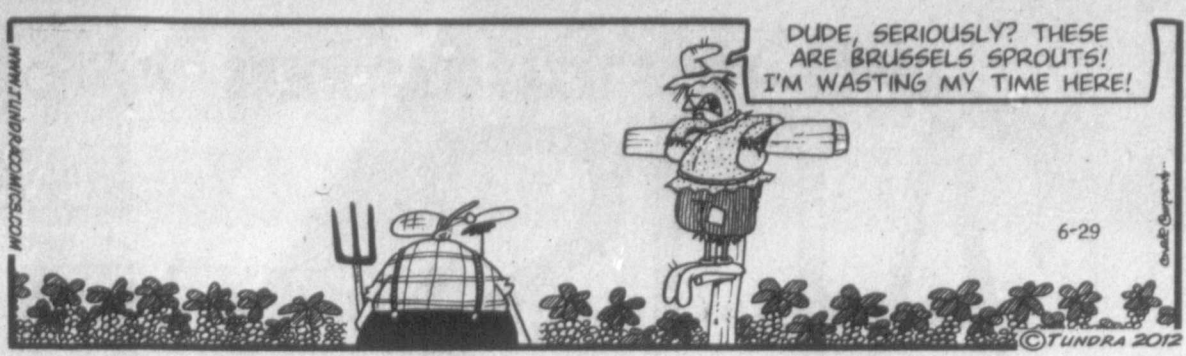


## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, June 30, 2012:  
 This year you fit in a substantial amount of time for enjoying loved ones and friends. You could be friskier than you have been in the past; however, you will need to juggle this wildness with your daily life. You want structure, plans and a routine for health and exercise. If you are single, try not to put a potential sweetie on a pedestal — your vision of this person is not realistic. You will not want to commit until a year from now. If you are attached, both of you exude a combination of mischief and fun. Spend more time together, and your bond will cement even more. **SAGITTARIUS** plays a key role in your days and weeks.  
 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 ★★★★★ Allow others to dominate a conversation. You are looking for some answers, and you will get them if you listen. Note what is not being said. Detach and give someone the benefit of the doubt. Tonight: Use your dreams as a source of ideas.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ Others command the ship today, no matter what. You might as well go along with the present trend; you cannot fight it. Someone close to you will want some personal time. You might misunderstand this person's message at first, but it will come through loud and clear if you listen carefully. Tonight: Sprinkle in some romance.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Complete a project or venture early on. You'll want to accept a suggestion or invitation that forces you out and about. Your immediate reaction might be to say no. Don't. It will be worth every single minute. Tonight: Go with a friend's suggestion.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Your creativity allows more spontaneity than is the norm. Don't allow yourself to be cornered into a situation or obligation. Play plans by ear, as you could be far more tired than you are aware. Make it OK not to always be in top form. Tonight: Know when enough is enough.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You might be slow to get going, but once you do, you could be quite a force to deal with. The unexpected occurs out of

the blue. Many different options mark your decisions. Tonight: Go with the flow.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Squeeze in an important get-together for brunch or early on. You will feel more upbeat as a result. A misunderstanding could become a problem if you do not remain easygoing. Give up being so picky. That behavior is only creating more distance between you and the other party. Tonight: Entertain from home.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ A purchase does not need to break the bank. Do some shopping around and a bit of research. Though you might be confused at first, a resolution will appear soon enough. Screen your calls if you feel overwhelmed. Tonight: Lots of people, lots of chatter, lots of fun.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max, as a misunderstanding could mar your evening. Do not allow it to become a big deal, or you could be sorry. What happens was not intended to be a slight. Tonight: Relish every moment.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Get your key errands done early on. You could be overtired and dragging. A nap also might not hurt. When you perk up, you engage others — especially your immediate circle — in a dynamic manner. You might be taken back by someone's offer. Tonight: Let your hair down.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ You waver between establishing your presence and becoming more detached. Others might not properly interpret these changes. Verbalize your thoughts and be as clear as possible. Step back and center yourself. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Interactions with friends and loved ones are best had before sundown, if not earlier. Still, you might hit a misunderstanding, as one word you use means something different to someone else. Detach and understand where this person is coming from. Tonight: Follow the music.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Others seek you out. Be flattered by all the attention rather than feel overwhelmed. You may have to sort through your priorities and make choices accordingly. Finally, a treasured loved one opens up. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.

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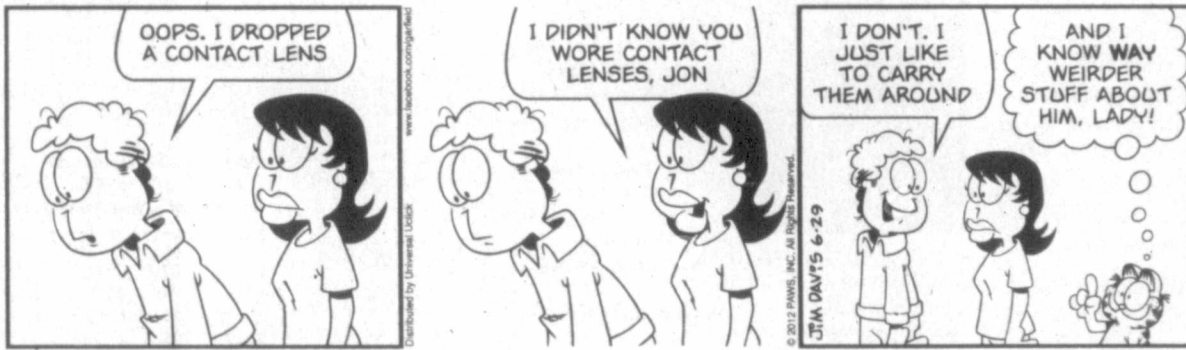
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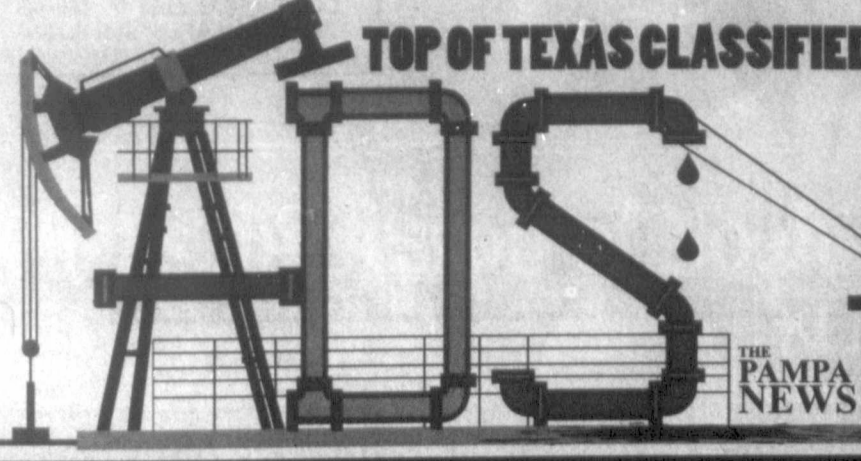


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Jay Johnson (left) presents the Evelyn & H.J. Johnson scholarship to Jacob Frost. The \$1000 scholarship in honor of Johnson's parents is awarded based on academics and extracurricular involvement.

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### GRADUATIONS

#### University of Texas

Katrina Jill Baggerman is a 2012 graduate of the University of Texas in Austin with a bachelor's in cultural anthropology and a minor in communications. While at UT, Baggerman participated in the leadership of campus ministries.

This fall, she will begin graduate school at United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan. She will be earning a master's degree in development, sustainability and peace. Jill has proposed her research project to be studying the ways that humanitarian aid can be used in the peacemaking process through things like protection of civilian neighborhoods or days of ceasefire so that doctors can immunize children (called "Days of Tranquility"). She hopes that humanitarian efforts can be used as a tactic for long term peace building.



Baggerman

### COLLEGE HONORS

#### Tarleton State University

Tarleton State University has released the Distinguished Students list for the spring 2012

semester. Students on the list include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio (GPR) and no grade lower than a 'C,' and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a 'C.' All must be in good standing with the university.

Kristin Bivins of Pampa, who is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Animal Science, has been named a Distinguished Student.

## School funding debate hinges on accountability

AUSTIN (AP) — A coalition of prominent Texas business executives are urging industry leaders to "vigorously oppose" further spending on public education, believing increased funding would be a waste if the state's accountability system is weakened.

Assembling at a Capitol news conference Wednesday, the Texas Coalition for a Competitive Workforce countered calls to reform the accountability system embodied by STAAR testing, which received strong backlash after concerns about the increased amount of testing and its power to determine whether students graduate.

Bill Hammond, CEO of the Texas Association of Business and Chairman Jim Windham of the Texas Institute for Education Reform were among a few influential leaders repre-

sented at the conference who backed the current accountability system and STAAR testing.

According to the coalition, the system has been the victim of "demonization" by superintendents "fanning the flames of concern and alarm while suing the state for more money for schools," said Bernie Francis, CEO of the Business Control Systems of Dallas.

"Instead of working with parents and teachers in dealing with legitimate issues at the higher bar, local bureaucrats are spreading panic," said Francis. "When you distill the movement (against STAAR) for what it is, it's one for more money and less accountability."

During the past decade Texas has raised general revenue spending on public education to \$51 billion, said James Golsan of the pro-business Texas Public Policy Foundation,

and an educated workforce will not happen unless Texas makes that money count by evaluating student progress.

"Texas is constitutionally obligated to provide education at a reasonable cost, and taxpayers have no way to knowing if they are getting their money's worth unless there's a strong accountability system in place," Golsan said. "Texas has sharply increased its education spending, but research has shown that there hasn't been a corresponding increase in student performance."

In a swift response to the group's statements, the Texas Association of School Administrators blamed an excess of accountability standards and declining spending on education as reasons for shortcomings.

"We cannot ask our children to pass a more rigorous standard of edu-

cation unless the state provides the resources they need," TASA President Rita Haecker said in a statement.

According to a Center for Public Policy Priorities state budget report, Texas education spending will fall to its lowest point in more than a decade in 2013 after being adjusted for inflation. This would mean \$1,000 per-pupil, said Eva DeLuna Castro, the report's author

"If you're a poor school district with a low amount of money per student and have all these standards being added on, you're not going to be able to meet them," DeLuna Castro said. There are currently six lawsuits against the state related to education funding. More than half the districts in the state, 545 school boards, have adopted resolutions criticizing an overemphasis on standardized testing.





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In July of 2012, Kathryn began having seizures. After testing, it was determined she suffers from epilepsy. For the past 8 months, doctors have tried numerous medicines to control her seizures and nothing has helped; the seizures became more frequent, up to ten a day, and lasted as long as nine minutes. As a last option, the decision was made to do surgery and remove part of her right frontal and right temporal lobes in an effort to control the seizures. Since surgery on May 8th, the seizures have spread to the left side of the brain, and the medicine is still not working. Kathryn's condition will continue to worsen and she needs a seizure dog to help alert her parents and to help prevent her from falling. Also, her family is facing extreme medical bills, and a move to a house without stairs, as stairs are a danger to Kathryn.

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# Texas' health care decisions pending after court ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas leaders were left licking their wounds and weighing their options Thursday after a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court upholding most of President Barack Obama's historic health care overhaul.

Gov. Rick Perry called the ruling a "stomach punch to the American economy," while state Attorney General Greg Abbott interpreted it as somewhat of a victory for states' rights. In the aftermath, it's unclear how Texas will address the creation of insurance markets, or whether the state will expand Medicaid after the ruling stated the federal government can't withhold states' entire Medicaid allotment if they don't expand the program.

Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed said the governor's office will work with Abbott and the appropriate state agencies to determine the effects of the court's decision. The governor gave few specifics, but did blast the ruling, saying that "freedom is under assault." "I kind of feel like I'm watching that old movie 'The Godfather' and the American people looked the Godfather in the face and he said, 'I'm going to make you an offer you can't refuse,'" Perry said on Fox News Channel. "And that offer is, 'You're going to buy my insurance, and if you don't, I'm going to tax you.' That is just unconscionable."

About 6.2 million Texans — a quarter of the state's population — are uninsured.

The state estimates about 2 million people would have been added to the Texas Medicaid rolls in the first two years under a Medicaid expansion. But with the Supreme Court giving Texas the leeway to hold off on that expansion without losing federal funds, the decision on whether to do so will be decided when the Legislature convenes in January.

"The state is going to have to consider several options. One is whether or not they want to expand the state Medicaid system consistent with the parameters set out in Obamacare, or if the state wants to exempt itself from that expansion," Abbott said on a conference call from Washington. "That will be a policy decision for the policymakers in Austin to make."

Texas Health and Human Services estimated that the Medicaid expansion would cost the state \$27 billion in the first 10 years.

Agency Commissioner Tom Suehs said he is pleased the court gave states the choice not to expand Medicaid, saying the law "put states in the no-win situation of losing all their Medicaid funding or expanding their programs knowing that they would face billions of

dollars in extra costs down the road."

Erin Daly, spokeswoman for Texas House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, said the speaker has charged the House Committees on Insurance and Public Health with monitoring implementation of the law, which will guide legislators' work once they are back in session next year.

Texas was one of more than two dozen states that sued, claiming Congress did not have the authority to enact the health care overhaul.

The attorney general said Texas was planning further legal action to stop the health care law. But health care advocates said it was time for the state to move toward implementing the changes called for in the act.

"Starting today, there's no real excuse for dragging your feet," said Bee Moorhead, executive director of Texas Impact, a statewide religious grassroots network with a focus that has included health care for all people. "It's time to go ahead and roll up your sleeves and get to work and stop thinking up a way to circumvent this ruling."

Texas has not yet implemented the exchange where individuals and small businesses can shop for private coverage from a range of competing insurers. States face Nov. 16 deadline to submit a plan to the federal government for an exchange. The federal government will implement the system by 2014 if Texas doesn't comply in time.

Abbott said a decision on creating an insurance market will be "hammered out in the coming weeks and months."

He said that even though the court's ruling went against Texas, it was still a victory for individual liberty and states' rights.

He said that "despite the outcome of this case, the federal government is more restrained than it was yesterday," noting that the court sided with Texas and other states that filed lawsuits claiming the law violated congressional powers under the federal Commerce Clause. But Abbott acknowledged losing the case because of the court's "novel application" of federal taxation authority.

Chief Justice John Roberts cast the deciding vote, and Abbott said that, upon close examination of dissenting Justice Anthony Kennedy's opinion, "it looks as though Chief Justice Roberts may have seemingly engaged in some judicial activism as opposed to strict construction in order to reach a result."

Roberts was "quite literally reaching to uphold the validity of the law," the attorney general said.

## Opinions from Texas officials

### GOV. RICK PERRY:

"This ruling will be a stomach punch to the American economy. It is a shocking disappointment to freedom-loving Americans desperate to get our country back on track."

### ATTORNEY GENERAL GREG ABBOTT

"Despite the outcome of this case, the federal government is more restrained than it was yesterday, and it's only because of (a) novel application of the facts that the court was able to conclude that Obamacare is a tax that Congress can impose ... This decision, in reality, marks a turning point in Constitutional history. ... The Supreme Court rebuked a runaway federal government that tried to hijack the Constitution."

### U.S. SEN. KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, R-TX

"The Supreme Court has declared the health care law constitutional, but that doesn't make it good policy. In fact, the majority said it was not ruling on fairness or wisdom of health care policy, but instead on the power of Congress to levy taxes."

### U.S. SEN. JOHN CORNYN, R-TX

"The Supreme Court made clear today that the American people will be the ultimate judge of Obamacare. As Republicans, we will redouble our efforts to repeal this job-killing law."

### LT. GOV. DAVID DEWHURT

"Obamacare has been a disaster since it was passed — increasing America's tax burden to cover the out of control costs. Obamacare has further weakened our economy."

### EX-TEXAS SOLICITOR GENERAL TED CRUZ

"This is a sad day for liberty. The Supreme Court has abdicated its responsibility to safeguard the Constitution, and it has rewritten Obamacare in an ill-advised attempt to save it."

### TEXAS HOUSE SPEAKER JOE STRAUS, R-SAN ANTONIO

"The Texas House will do its part during the next session by attempting to limit any negative impact the law might have on our state," Texas House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio.

### BECKY MOELLER, PRESIDENT, TEXAS AFL-CIO

"Working families in Texas have cause for historic celebration today."

## Health

Demonstrators for and against the law crowded the grounds outside the Supreme Court Building on Capitol Hill as Roberts, sitting at the center of the nine black-robed justices inside, announced the decision to a packed courtroom.

Breaking with the other conservative justices, Roberts wrote the judgment that allows the law to go forward. He explained at length the court's view of the insurance mandate as a valid exercise of Congress' authority to "lay and collect taxes." The administration estimates that roughly 4 million people will pay the penalty rather than buy insurance.

Roberts, appointed by Republican President George W. Bush, opposed by young Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and much-criticized by Democrats in recent years, sided with his court's liberals on a major case for the second time this week as the justices concluded their 2011-12 term.

On Monday, he had voted to invalidate parts of Arizona's tough crackdown on illegal immigrants.

In the health care case, Congress had referred to a penalty, not a tax, on people who don't obtain insurance. But Roberts said the court would not get hung up on labels. Among other indications it is a tax, Roberts said, "the payment is collected solely by the IRS through the normal means of taxation."

"Because the Constitution permits such a tax, it is not our role to forbid it, or to pass upon its wisdom or fairness," Roberts said.

Many Republicans oppose the law, arguing that it marks a government takeover of health care at the same time it curtails Medicare spending and raises taxes. They also point to studies that predict private employers will be forced to reduce or eliminate coverage and that the legislation will wind up costing far more than estimated, raising federal deficits as a result.

Stocks of hospital companies rose and some insurance companies fell after the ruling.

The decision should help hospitals by adding millions of people to the rolls of the insured, expanding the pool of health care consumers. But by the same reasoning, insurance companies will also gain millions of premium-paying customers.

The court found problems with the law's expansion of Medicaid, but even there it said the expansion could proceed as long as the federal government does not threaten to withhold states' entire Medicaid allotment if they don't take part.

Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor joined Roberts in the outcome.

Justices Samuel Alito, Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

Kennedy summarized the dissent in

the courtroom. "In our view, the act before us is invalid in its entirety," he said.

The dissenters said in a joint statement that the law "exceeds federal power both in mandating the purchase of health insurance and in denying non-consenting states all Medicaid funding."

The justices rejected two of the administration's three arguments in support of the insurance requirement. Roberts agreed with his conservative colleagues that Congress lacks the power under the Constitution's commerce clause to put the mandate in place.

"The federal government does not have the power to order people to buy health insurance," he said in a part of his opinion that the liberal justices did not join. But his crucial bottom line was: "The federal government does have the power to impose a tax on those without health insurance."

In all, the justices spelled out their views in six opinions totaling 187 pages. Roberts, Kennedy and Ginsburg spent 51 minutes summarizing their views in the courtroom.

The legislation passed Congress in early 2010 after a monumental struggle in which all Republicans voted against it. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said Thursday the House will vote July 11 on whether to repeal the law, though such efforts have virtually no chance in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said the health care law makes it harder for small businesses to hire workers. "Today's ruling underscores the urgency of repealing this harmful law in its entirety," he said.

But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., heaped praise on the court's decision, and the 2010 law, in a Senate speech. "Passing the Affordable Care Act was the greatest single step in generations toward ensuring access to affordable, quality health care for every American, regardless of where they live or how much money they make," he said.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi cast the decision as vindication for her work to secure passage of the far-reaching legislation.

"This decision is a victory for the American people. With this ruling, Americans will benefit from critical patient protections, lower costs for the middle class, more coverage for families, and greater accountability for the insurance industry," Pelosi said.

After the ruling, Republican campaign strategists said Romney will use it to continue campaigning against "Obamacare" — the name the GOP gave the plan in derision, though many Democrats now accept it — and in attacking the president's signature health care program as a tax increase.

"Obama might have his law, but the GOP has a cause," said veteran campaign adviser Terry Holt. "This prom-

ises to galvanize Republican support around a repeal of what could well be called the largest tax increase in American history."

Democrats said Romney, who backed an individual health insurance mandate when he was Massachusetts governor, will have a hard time exploiting the ruling.

"Mitt Romney is the intellectual godfather of Obamacare," said Democratic consultant Jim Manley. "The bigger issue is the rising cost of health care, and this bill is designed to deal with it."

Ginsburg, an appointee of Democratic President Bill Clinton, said in her opinion that "Congress followed Massachusetts' lead."

More than eight in 10 Americans already have health insurance. But for most of the 50 million who are uninsured, the ruling offers the promise of guaranteed coverage at affordable prices. Lower-income and many middle-class families will be eligible for subsidies to help pay premiums starting in 2014.

There's also an added safety net for all Americans, insured and uninsured. Starting in 2014, insurance companies will not be able to deny coverage for medical treatment, nor can they charge more to people with health problems. Those protections, now standard in most big employer plans, will be available to all, including people who get laid off, or leave a corporate job to launch their own small business.

Seniors also benefit from the law through better Medicare coverage for those with high prescription costs, and no copayments for preventive care. But hospitals, nursing homes, and many other service providers may struggle once the Medicare cuts used to finance the law really start to bite.

Illegal immigrants are not entitled to the new insurance coverage under the law, and will remain one of the biggest groups uninsured.

Obama's law is by no means the last word on health care. Experts expect costs to keep rising, meaning that lawmakers will have to revisit the issue perhaps as early as next year, when federal budget woes will force them to confront painful options for Medicare and Medicaid, the giant federal programs that cover seniors, the disabled, and low-income people.

The health care overhaul focus will now quickly shift from Washington to state capitals. Only 14 states, plus Washington, D.C., have adopted plans to set up the new health insurance markets called for under the law. Called exchanges, the new markets are supposed to be up and running on Jan. 1, 2014. People buying coverage individually, as well as small businesses, will be able to shop for private coverage from a range of competing insurers.

Most Republican-led states, including large ones such as Texas and Florida, have been counting on the law to be

overturned and have failed to do the considerable spade work needed to set up exchanges. There's a real question about whether they can meet the deadline, and if they don't, Washington will step in and run their exchanges for them.

In contrast to the states, health insurance companies, major employers, and big hospital systems are among the best prepared. Many of the changes called for in the law were already being demanded by employers trying to get better value for their private health insurance dollars.

"The main driver here is financial," said Dr. Toby Cosgrove, CEO of the Cleveland Clinic, which has pioneered some of the changes. "The factors driving health care reform are not new, and they are not going to go away."

The Medicaid expansion would cover an estimated 17 million people who earn too much to qualify for assistance but not enough to afford insurance. The federal and state governments share the cost, and Washington regularly imposes conditions on the states in exchange for money.

Roberts said Congress' ability to impose those conditions has its limits. "In this case, the financial 'inducement' Congress has chosen is much more than 'relatively mild encouragement' — it is a gun to the head," he said.

The law says the Health and Human Services Department can withhold a state's entire Medicaid allotment if the state doesn't comply with the health care law's Medicaid provisions.

Even while ruling out that level of coercion, however, Roberts said nothing prevents the federal government from offering money to accomplish the expansion and withholding that money from states that don't meet certain conditions.

"What Congress is not free to do is to penalize states that choose not to participate in that new program by taking away their existing Medicaid funding," he said.

Ginsburg said the court should have upheld the entire law as written without forcing any changes in the Medicaid provision. She said Congress' constitutional authority to regulate interstate commerce supports the individual mandate. She warned that the legal reasoning, even though the law was upheld, could cause trouble in future cases.

"So in the end, the Affordable Health Care Act survives largely unscathed. But the court's commerce clause and spending clause jurisprudence has been set awry. My expectation is that the setbacks will be temporary blips, not permanent obstructions," Ginsburg said in a statement she, too, read from the bench.

In the courtroom Thursday were retired Justice John Paul Stevens and the wives of Roberts, Alito, Breyer, Kennedy and Thomas.

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# Sports

## Pampa athletes prepare for challenges at collegiate level

JONATHAN POLASEK  
The Pampa News

The weight of expectations is just one of the challenges that high school athletes have to conquer to become a great college athlete, and it's a hurdle that many local athletes will face next year in their first year of college sports.

"My main expectations for myself and my family as a college athlete are to continue to lean on God

no matter what comes my way," said Pampa High School graduate Ramie Hutto, who will play volleyball next year at Frank Phillips College. "Also to not to play because I have to, but because of my love for the game."

Fellow PHS grad and volleyball player Kailyn Troxell, who will continue to play the game at Angelo State, said that she's already readying herself for the changes she feels that college ath-

letics will bring. "I'm preparing by getting in shape and trying to play as much as possible," Kailyn Troxell said. "The biggest change will be the speed of the game."

Garrett Ericson, who already has one year of collegiate athletics under his belt, is facing a different challenge. He has decided to switch from a baseball pitcher at McMurray University in Abilene to a basket-

ball player at Lubbock Christian University.

Ericson has seen the trials that freshman year sports throws your way, and offered some perspective on the pressure that the incoming collegiate athlete's will face.

"College athletics is more of a job that a pleasure. You're actually getting paid to play (through a scholarship)," Ericson said. "There is always someone waiting to take your spot."

Reid Miller, who just got finished being a three-sport athlete at PHS, will try and take the next step to become a college quarterback at Northwestern Oklahoma State next year.

Miller echoed Ericson's viewpoint.

"There is always somebody there gunning for your spot," Miller said. "I am preparing by just trying to get my mind wrapped around the fact that I am going to play

with grown men instead of kids my own age."

### ARMSTRONG INVESTIGATION

## Landis, Hamilton part of USADA case

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lance Armstrong's legal team says Floyd Landis and Tyler Hamilton, former Armstrong teammates who have admitted using performance-enhancing drugs, are part of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's efforts to prove the cyclist doped during his record-setting career.

A letter sent from Armstrong's attorneys to USADA on Wednesday said the agency's alleged evidence against Armstrong includes previously disclosed Landis emails and Hamilton's 2011 interview with "60 Minutes." Both men accused Armstrong of doping.

Armstrong says he's innocent and stresses that he's passed more than 500 drugs tests. USADA has said at least 10 former Armstrong teammates and associates will testify against him. The agency has said it would keep their names confidential to protect them from intimidation.

The letter was the first mention of specific names behind the allegations that Armstrong cheated while winning the Tour de France every year from 1999-2005.

In 2010, Landis wrote an email to USA Cycling chief Steve Johnson alleging he participated with Armstrong in a complex doping scheme when they were teammates. Hamilton's interview with "60 Minutes" aired in May 2011 during a federal criminal investigation into doping allegations against Armstrong. The two-year probe ended in February with no charges filed.

USADA's case against Armstrong is now before an agency review board to determine if there's enough evidence to charge him with violations that could result in a lifetime ban from the sport and strip him of his titles. Armstrong, 40, retired from cycling in 2011.

If USADA files charges, the case goes to an arbitration panel to determine Armstrong's guilt.

The latest letter from Armstrong attorney Robert Luskin questioned whether USADA has violated its own rules in presenting evidence and whether the agency's statute of limitations had passed.

### NBA DRAFT

## Baylor's Jones drops to OKC

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A year ago, Perry Jones III was considered a can't-miss NBA draft choice, a sure bet among the top five.

He fell a long way Thursday night, all the way to No. 28 overall. The good news is that the 6-foot-11 Baylor sophomore will join an Oklahoma City Thunder team that just completed an appearance in the NBA Finals.

"It wouldn't matter to me if they were a contender or not. They are somebody I could see myself playing with," Jones said at the draft site in New Jersey. "They like to run the floor real well, and they are one of the best teams, and I know I can learn from them."

"What's better than learning from one of the best teams? They were in the finals. They have great players, great coach. This is just an opportunity for me to grow."

Jones was particularly excited about the chance to play alongside Kevin Durant, who has won the last three NBA scoring titles.

"He's my favorite player," Jones said. "So therefore, for me to be under his wing is going to (do) wonders for me."

Jones averaged 13.5 points and 7.6 rebounds last season as a sophomore as Baylor made it to the round of eight

in the NCAA tournament. Those were remarkably similar numbers to his production from his freshman year, which ended with him deciding to return for another year with the Bears despite the potential to be an early first-round pick.

Part of his slide in the draft was attributed to reports that

Jones has an issue with the meniscus in one of his knees, and he was asked if his decision to stay in college may have cost him.

"Maybe it did. Maybe it didn't," Jones said on television after his selection. "I just know I'm going to play hard for the team I'm playing for right now."

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