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## Man dies after injuries incurred in Monday wreck

## Oklahoma truck driver Steven Box, 45, pronounced dead in Amarillo on Tuesday

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\$1.50 weekend

A man died Tuesday following injuries incurred during a Gray County accident that happened Monday morning and killed two other people.

The three-vehicle accident occurred on I-40, near the 142 mile marker.

Around 8:30 a.m. on Monday, a 2000

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Ford F550 pickup was traveling eastbound on I-40, when a front tire blew out of the vehicle, causing it to cross the center median and travel into the west bound lanes of traffic.

The pickup struck a semi-trailer truck and a 2010 Dodge Avenger.

The driver of the pickup, Jimmy Franco, 25, of Bigfork, Minn., was ejected from the vehicle. Franco was not wearing a seat belt.

Franco and the driver of the Avenger, Barbara Seibert, 84, of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, were both pronounced dead on the scene at 11 a.m.

The semi driver, Steven Box, 45, of Edmond, Oklahoma, was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo with blunt force trauma. He was pronounced dead at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

Seibert and Box were both wearing seat belts.

## Trip across U.S. to stop in Pampa

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On Saturday, Scot King, a former Marine who is cycling across the country to raise awareness for combat wounded veterans, will stop through Pampa on his way towards Salem, Oregon. Pampa is part of the veteran's second leg of the cross-country trip, which began in Annapolis, Maryland.

"He's very passionate about serving veterans and the families of veterans," said Danny Martin of the local VFW Post. "He decided to ride and raise awareness to help wounded veterans." Through the "Remember the



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**Dolores Perez** walks with six-month-old Saved Perez through Central Park.

## PAWS Chip and Dip event set for Saturday

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Facing a summer when fleas and ticks have come out in force, the Pampa Animal Welfare Society will be hosting its first "Chip and Dip."

From 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 at Pampa's animal shelter, PAWS will dip dogs for fleas and ticks for free, and also microchip dogs for \$20.

"Fleas and ticks have been horrendous this year," said Kadda Schale, a PAWS board member. "There are lots of diseases, and some animals have lost so much blood to insects



that they had to be put down. They've had pale gums, and just lost an excessive amount of blood to parasites."

"Animals can also bring insects into the house, where they can breed," she added.

Schale said that microchips, on the other side of the "Chip and Dip," help lost animals get back home.

"Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice," she said. "They are inserted under a dog's skin between the shoulder blades. If a dog gets picked up, vets have the capability of scanning the chip to get the dog back to its owner."

"Dogs can lose collars, but a microchip is permanent CHIP cont. on page 3

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## GCSO nabs Pampa man for cocaine

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A man was arrested by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for dealing drugs, following a search of a Pampa home on Tuesday evening.



Around 8:50 depup.m., ties conducted a search on the 800 block of Osborne, where they found about 104 grams of a substance believed to be cocaine, as well as

Sifuentes

items used in the packaging and sale of a controlled substance.

Natividad Sifuentes, 34, of Pampa, was arrested and transported to Gray County Jail, where he was charged with manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, in an amount more than four grams, but less than 200 grams.

Sifuentes remains in custody. His bond has not yet been set.



### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
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High 89 Low 68	High 94 Low 70	High 95 Low 70

#### Today:

Sunny and hot, with a high near 99. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

#### Tonight:

Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest after midnight.

#### Friday:

Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

#### Friday Night:

Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest after midnight.

#### Saturday:

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## Dewhurst, Cruz trade jabs in Senate debate

DALLAS (AP) — The Republicans vying to fill Texas' open U.S. Senate seat traded increasingly pointed attacks during a debate Tuesday night, as their already fiercely contested race enters its final two weeks.

But the best news of the night for Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst came moments after the debate, when former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert endorsed him over ex-state Solicitor General Ted Cruz. Leppert finished third behind Dewhurst and Cruz in the Republican primary on May 29, and had refused to back either.

It was a high point for Dewhurst who had struggled at times during the debate with Cruz. He said at one point that he believed the American health care system was deficient in many areas as compared to that of countries in Europe and elsewhere, allowing tea party favorite Cruz to pounce.

Cruz boasted that the U.S. has the finest medical care system in the world — though he concurred with Dewhurst in slamming the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that largely upheld the White House-backed health care reform.

But Cruz himself then struggled through an answer when he said he would support the federal government seizing some private property in order to build a fence stretching the entire length of the U.S.-Mexico border

When pressed that such a fence

could cost \$7.3 billion, Cruz insisted that such a large price tag was consistent with his tea party values of limited government. Dewhurst ducked a chance to attack then, saying he too was in favor of spending billions to triple the size of the U.S Border Patrol.

Still, the lieutenant governor kept the heat on his opponent in other areas, dismissing Cruz as a simple debater who had only argued cases for the state of Texas "when his bosses told him to.'

Cruz responded that Dewhurst had been too moderate for sometimes compromising with Democrats while overseeing the state Senate since 2003. Dewhurst shot back, "you won't find anyone at this table more firm or more of a fighter than me."

The debate, held at WFAA-TV studios in Dallas, featured the two candidates sitting across from one another to encourage a conversational style.

Dewhurst won the Texas primary by 10 percentage points but failed to capture a majority for the GOP nomination to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in a field that also featured Leppert and six other Republican candidates.

Dewhurst and Cruz will meet in a runoff election on July 31, and some public opinion polls have suggested Cruz may enjoy a slight lead.

The race is being watched nation-

ally as a test of the tea party against Dewhurst, who has won the support of Gov. Rick Perry and many mainstream, conservative state lawmakers. Things have become especially heated in recent days, with both campaigns accusing each other of lying and launching character attacks.

Dewhurst owns an energy company and has a personal wealth of more than \$200 million. He has lent his campaign more than \$10 million. But Cruz has received millions from national grassroots groups, including the Washingtonbased Club For Growth.

Cruz charged that Dewhurst once supported a guest worker program for illegal immigrants and said so in a 2007 speech that has since been removed from his official government website. Dewhurst said the removal was part of routine maintenance, and that he would make all archived information available to anyone who phoned to ask for it.

"To imply that there was anything improper done ... I'm not the one who was just fined by the Senate ethics committee," Dewhurst said, referring to a recent \$200 fine that the Cruz campaign paid for failing to file financial disclosure reports on time with the Federal Elections Commission.

When Dewhurst rehashed past criticisms of Cruz for his private, Houston-based law firm's representation

## Slain doctor's family knew of problems

LUBBOCK (AP) — The family of Dr. Joseph Sonnier III had gathered in Louisiana for his funeral when they heard the news: Police had accused another doctor of paying to have him killed.

The doctor, Thomas Michael Dixon, was arrested this week and is accused of paying a business associate in bars of silver to kill Sonnier, who was dating Dixon's ex-girlfriend.

Family members who spoke with Sonnier in recent weeks say they knew an ex-boyfriend of Sonnier's girlfriend was causing the couple problems. The family's focus now, according to Sonnier's sons, is to pursue justice.

"Although there were many tears shed, there was also a sense of hope that our father's murder has been solved," Sonnier's two sons, Joseph IV and James, said in an email.

Dixon and the business associate, David Neal Shepard, are jailed on \$10 million bail each.

Sonnier, 57, the chief pathologist for Covenant Health System in Lubbock, was found shot and stabbed July 11 inside his home in the West Texas city.

Five days later, police released an arrest warrant affidavit that accused Dixon — a well-known plastic surgeon in Amarillo, about 120 miles north of Lubbock - of paving Shepard three silver bars worth a total of \$9,000. Shepard's roommate told police that Shepard had confessed to the crime after a suicide attempt.

Dixon has been described as having some sort of business relationship with Shepard, though Lubbock Police Capt. Jon Caspell said he didn't think Shepard was working in Dixon's medical practice. Police believe Sonnier and Dixon may have known each other separate from the woman, though family members believe the two doctors did not.

Joseph Sonnier IV, one of Sonnier's sons, said in an email that none DOCTOR cont. on page 10

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Pampa and the people of Pampa. We need to fill the streets, especially in front of the VFW.

At 11 a.m., the public is welcome to meet with King at Recreation Coliseum. The flags will fly for Park, and ride with him into town. At noon at the VFW Post, there will be a ceremony for the veteran, with free sandwiches and cookies. Flags will be available to welcome King into town.

wounded veterans and their families, King will be raising money for programs like the Veterans and their Family Assistance Program, which helps veterans and their families on an individual basis.

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ences. He'll also stop in each state to collect its state flag, which will then be brought to Portland for a 2013 Veterans Day ceremony at the Portland Veterans Memorial





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ed veterans have a difficult time adjusting to civilian life, not just for themselves, but for their families, too," said Martin. "The program provides services not covered by other sources."

Along the way, King will interview combat wounded veterans for a series of books on their experione year.

King will be arriving in Pampa from Wheeler on 152, and Martin encourages cyclists, motorcyclists and anyone interested to join a group escorting the cyclist into town.

"I think it's a good deal for our post," said Martin. "My goal is to make sure he leaves remembering

"We're going to make some noise," said Martin. "I hope everybody comes out and supports this veteran."

## Fortherecord

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending

a.m. traffic-related incidents.

Pampa PD reported eight five animal-related incidents.

Tuesday, July 17

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of South Christy and the way 152. 1800 block of North Sumner.

occurred at the 800 block of West Harvester. of East Frederic.

Criminal trespassing was reported.

A burglary occurred at the 500 block of South Somerville.

Harassment was reported at the 900 block of South Nelson.

A theft occurred at the 1100 block of North Duncan.

Phone harassment was reported.

A structure fire occurred at the 1200 block of North Hamilton.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 700 block of East Murphy.

An offense against family and children was reported.

A burglary occurred at the 1500 block of West Buckler.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

A suspicious person was

reported at the 700 block of Animal Control reported East Murphy.

> Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A grass fire occurred at County Road 5 and High-

Wednesday, July 18

A suspicious person was A domestic disturbance reported at the 1400 block

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, July 18 at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, July 17

Bruce David Ellwanger, 27, was arrested by deputies on a motion to revoke probation.

Melanie Dawn Spencer, 30, was arrested by police for public intoxication.

Louis Ray Black, 55, was arrested by police for violation of a protective order.

Natividad Sifuentes, 34, was arrested by deputies on a charge of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, in an amount over four grams but less than 200 grams.

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### Sex scandal accuser left in tears

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman who the Air Force alleges was the victim of a basic training instructor's sexual misconduct broke into tears six minutes into an A 33-year-old man conintense cross-examination by an instructor's attorney.

The incident happened as the military trial of Staff Sgt. Luis Walker continued Wednesday at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

One of Walker's attorneys, Maj. Naomi Dennis, chamber pressed the woman about inconsistencies in her statements to male Air Force investigators. According to the San Antonio Express-News, the woman identified only as Victim 7 in court conceded that she gave a "watereddown version" of her sexual encounter with Walker.

Walker is accused of sexually assaulting 10 basic announced last week they trainees. If convicted, he could be sentenced to life were modifying a threeimprisonment.

### Cal-Maine to buy two Texas plants

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - Egg producer Cal-Maine cle relaxant pancuronium Foods says it will buy two Texas plants from Pilgrim's Pride Corp.

Terms were not disclosed. The sale is expected to close in August.

Mississippi-based Cal-Maine says it's the largest producer and distributor of shell eggs in the United States, doing business in 29 states.

Cal-Maine said the two egg plans near Pilgrim's Pride headquarters in Pittsburg, Texas, will add to Cal-Maine's Texas business. The plants can hold 1.4 million hens.

Egg production for grocers and foodservice users has been a sideline for Pilgrim's Pride, the second-largest U.S. chicken producer behind Tyson Foods. Brazil's JBS SA owns 75 percent of Pilgrim's Pride.

### Texas wants database for voters

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Secretary of State's office is requesting a federal database of legal immigrants to check against voter registration records.

Agency spokesman Rich Parsons said Wednesday that Texas wants access to the federal government's Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program. The Department of Homeland Security uses the database to keep track of non-citizens living in the United States.

After initially refusing to share the database, the federal government recently released the database to Florida, where state officials want to use it to make sure non-U.S. citizens living there legally are not registering to vote.

Secretary of State Hope Andrade is responsible for registering voters in Texas. Parsons said that now that his own car and drove him Florida is receiving the federal database, Texas also wants a copy to check against the state's voter rolls.

### Victim's daughter charged in death 10 times in the head.

HOUSTON (AP) — A 16-year-old girl who told investigators two men broke into their home and killed her mother has now been charged in the deadly attack of a Houston-area woman

A Wednesday statement from the Harris County Sheriff's Office said the girl and a 20-year-old man identified as Zein Ahmed have been charged with murder in the stabbing death of Mary Ann Murphy.

Officials did not immediately say what relationship Ahmed might have with the girl and or/the mother.

Ahmed is being held in the Harris County Jail. His stunting his neurological bond is \$100,000. An attorney for him was not listed in online records

Murphy's daughter is in juvenile probation office cus-

## Texas inmate to die after appeals denied

HUNTSVILLE (AP) victed of carjacking and fatally shooting a suburban Dallas stockbroker will head to the Texas death Wednesday. becoming the first person in the state executed with a single lethal drug.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials drug execution procedure used since 1982 because the state's supply of one of the drugs — the musbromide — has expired. Yokamon Hearn is to be executed using a single dose of the sedative pentobarbital.

Ohio, Arizona, Idaho and Washington have already adopted a singledrug procedure, and this week Georgia said it would do so, too.

Hearn was sentenced to death in the March 1998 slaving of Frank Meziere, 23. About  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours before Hearn's execution, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected appeals to halt it. None of the appeals addressed the change in the state's execution drug policy.

Evidence shows Meziere, of Plano, was cleaning his black convertible Mustang at a self-service car wash in Dallas when Hearn, then 19, and his friends approached. They forced Meziere at gunpoint into to an industrial area in a south Dallas neighborhood, where he was shot

Hearn, known to his friends as "Yogi," already had a lengthy record that included burglary, robbery, assault, sexual assault and weapons possession.

In one appeal, Hearn's lawyers argued that his mother drank alcohol when she was pregnant, development and leaving him with mental impairments that disqualify him from execution under Hearn's IQ is too high for him to be considered mentally impaired. In another, his appeals

attorneys who handled his initial appeals failed to investigate his background and uncover evidence of his alleged mental impairment and troubled childhood.

Before the Supreme Court rejected the appeals in two brief one-paragraph orders, Richard Burr, one of Hearn's lawyers, had acknowledged "a degree of hope, but still, it'll be tough.'

State attorneys contested both appeals, arguing information about Hearn's background and upbringing had been "thoroughly investigated and addressed at trial" and that the evidence "does not substantiate any scenario other than that of Hearn's guilt."

Georgette Oden, an assistant Texas attorney general, argued Hearn's latest appeal was improperly filed this week by circumventing lower courts and that it should have been filed years ago.

Hearn declined to speak with reporters in the weeks leading up to his scheduled punishment. In 2004, he avoided the death chamber when a federal court agreed his mental impairment claims should be reviewed and halted his execution less than an hour before its scheduled time.

Jason January, the former Dallas County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Hearn for capital murder, said to stop the punishment because of fetal alcohol syndrome "would be a free pass for anyone whose parents drank."

"No question he had a tough background, but a lot of people have tough backgrounds and work their way out and don't fill someone's head with 10 bullets," he said.

One of Hearn's accomplices received life in prison. Two others got 10-year sentences.

Hearn will be the sixth Texas prisoner executed this year and the 483rd since 1982. At least eight

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Deputies responding to a 911 call around 1 a.m. earlier Supreme Court Monday said they found a 48-year-old woman dead from rulings. Testing shows multiple stab wounds.

### Three dead in South Texas heat

EDINBURG (AP) - Border Patrol agents have found lawyers claimed the trial the bodies of three suspected illegal immigrants in hot, parched areas of South Texas.

The Border Patrol in Edinburg on Wednesday announced the deaths and warned about the dangers of extreme summer heat and rugged terrain.

Agents on Sunday discovered a body on a ranch near Falfurrias. The cause of death was related to the environment.

Other bodies were found Monday and Tuesday on Falfurrias-area ranches. Those causes of death are pending.

The Border Patrol says some suspected illegal immigrants were rescued Sunday after being attacked by bees near Hidalgo. A man and a woman from El Salvador come out, and make our were taken to a hospital for treatment of bee stings. Both face deportation when medically cleared to travel.

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identification," she added. Schale added that PAWS will accept donations at the event this weekend, but the dips will still be free to anyone who wants one.

We hope people will first Chip and Dip a success," she said.



other Texas prisoners have execution dates in the coming months, including three in August.





# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 19, the 201st day of 2012. There are 165 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 19, 1812, during the War of 1812, the First Battle of Sackets Harbor in Lake Ontario resulted in an American victory as U.S. naval forces repelled a British attack.

#### On this date:

In 1553, King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed Queen of England after pretender Lady Jane Grey was deposed.

In 1848, a pioneer women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

In 1870, the Franco-Prussian war began.

In 1943, allied air forces raided Rome during World War II.

In 1952, the Summer Olympics opened in Helsinki, Finland.

In 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing regularly scheduled in-flight movies as it presented "By Love Possessed" to first-class passengers.

In 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In 1979, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua fell to Sandinista guerrillas, two days after President Anastasio Somoza fled the country.

In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

In 1989, 111 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-10 crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 185 other people survived.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush joined former presidents Ronald Reagan, Gerald R. Ford and Richard M. Nixon at ceremonies dedicating the Nixon Library and Birthplace (since redesignated the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum) in Yorba Linda, Calif.

In 1992, anti-Mafia prosecutor Paolo Borsellino was killed along with five members of his security escort in a car bombing in Palermo, Sicily.

**Ten years ago:** The Dow Jones industrials dipped below their post-terrorist attack lows in a 390-point selloff. ConAgra Beef Co. of Colorado asked Americans to destroy 19 million pounds of hamburger meat because of E. coli concerns. Alejandro Avila was arrested in the slaying of 5-year-old Samantha Runnion of Stanton, Calif. (Avila was later convicted and sentenced to death.) Celebrated musicologist Alan Lomax died in Safety Harbor, Fla., at age 87.



## The downside to refusing Obamacare?

#### RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Gov. Rick Perry, saying "no" to the federal health care law could also mean turning away up to 1.3 million Texans, nearly half the uninsured people who could be newly eligible for coverage in his state.

Gov. Chris Christie not only would be saying "no" to President Barack Obama, but to as many as 245,000 uninsured New Jersey residents as well.

The Supreme Court's recent ruling gave governors new flexibility to reject what some Republicans deride as "Obamacare." But there's a downside, too.

States that reject the law's Medicaid expansion risk leaving behind many of their low-income uninsured residents in a coverage gap already being called the new "doughnut hole" — a reference to a Medicare gap faced by seniors.

Medicaid is a giant federal-state health insurance program for the poor, now mostly covering children, mothers and disabled people. The expansion in Obama's health care overhaul was originally expected to add roughly 15 million uninsured low-income people, mainly adults without children, who currently are not eligible in most states. Washington would pick up the entire cost for the first three years, with the federal share then dropping to 90 percent. The Medicaid expansion accounts for about half the total number of uninsured people projected to get coverage under the law. If every state were to reject that Medicaid expansion — as the Supreme Court ruling now allows — some low-income people would still be picked up by other coverage provisions meant to help the middle class. But nearly 11.5 million uninsured people below the federal poverty line would be left behind in a new coverage gap, according to recent estimates from the Urban Institute. That brings to mind the infamous "doughnut hole" in the Medicare prescription drug benefit, in which seniors with high drug costs find

themselves paying out of pocket much of the year.

Those who fall into the new gap would neither qualify for Medicaid in their states under current rules nor be eligible for subsidized private insurance in new state marketplaces that Obama's law calls exchanges.

Low-income children and mothers would continue to have insurance through Medicaid. Then, starting in 2014, millions of people over the poverty line would have subsidized private coverage through the new exchanges. "And then this group in the middle has nothing," said Matt Salo, executive director of the National Association of Medicaid Directors. His organization takes no position on what states should do.

Things only get trickier from there.

Many states might actually go along with the Medicaid expansion.

"This is a lot of federal dollars that will lead to a lot of people having health care," said Salo. That means federal taxes from states opting out would be helping to subsidize coverage elsewhere.

And hospitals in opt-out states would still get hit with cuts programmed in the law under the assumption that every state would take the Medicaid expansion and fewer uninsured people would be needing charity care.

"You are still paying for that coverage expansion but not getting the benefit of it." said Herb Kuhn. president of the Missouri Hospital Association. "So you as a state are exporting your dollars to another state. If you have some adjoining state that accepts (the Medicaid expansion) then you are basically sending your dollars to your neighbor." Kuhn's state is leaning against the expansion. Since the Supreme Court ruling last month, Republican leaders in at least 10 states have indicated they will reject or lean toward rejecting the Medicaid expansion. They cite a combination of reasons, including strained budgets, lack of confidence that Washington will honor its financial commitments in the long run and

years of frustration with Medicaid mandates that limit state choices and shift costs from the federal government.

But other state officials are saying they will study their options and wait until after the November elections to decide. If Republican Mitt Romney wins the White House and starts dismantling Obama's law, opt-out states might not have to face the Medicaid doughnut hole. But the whole calculation changes if Obama is re-elected and his overhaul starts looking more and more like a done deal.

If that happens, some experts expect that states now refusing will try to cut deals with the federal government, angling for concessions on the expansion itself or the rest of their Medicaid programs.

"One of the things that happens in cases like these is negotiated settlements with specific states," said Dan Mendelson, president of Avalere Health, an analytical firm serving health care industry and government clients. "What I expect to happen here is that the federal government is going to be more flexible and allow states to do the expansion in ways that suit them."

It's hard to see that happening now. Opponents of the health care law are as adamant as ever, even after the Supreme Court upheld most of it, including the mandate that most Americans carry health insurance or pay a fine.

"I will not be party to social-

**Five years ago:** A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit brought by former CIA operative Valerie Plame, who was demanding money from Bush administration officials she blamed for leaking her agency identity. Taliban gunmen abducted 23 South Koreans who worked at an aid organization in Kandahar, Afghanistan. (Two hostages were fatally shot; the rest were later freed.)

**One year ago:** Summoned by British lawmakers to answer for a phone hacking and bribery scandal at one of his tabloids, media mogul Rupert Murdoch said he was humbled and ashamed, but accepted no responsibility for wrongdoing.

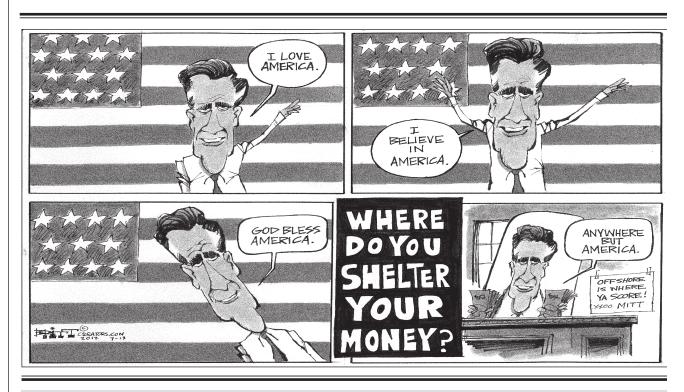
Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., is 90. Actress Helen Gallagher is 86. Country singer Sue Thompson is 86. Country singer George Hamilton IV is 75. Singer Vikki Čarr is 72. Country singermusician Commander Cody is 68. Actor George Dzundza is 67. Rock singer-musician Alan Gorrie (Average White Band) is 66. Rock musician Brian May is 65. Rock musician Bernie Leadon is 65. Actress Beverly Archer is 64. Movie director Abel Ferrara is 61. Actor Peter Barton is 56. Rock musician Kevin Haskins (Love and Rockets; Bauhaus) is 52. Movie director Atom Egoyan is 52. Actor Campbell Scott is 51. Actor Anthony Edwards is 50. Country singer Kelly Shiver is 49. Actress Clea Lewis is 47. Country musician Jeremy Patterson is 42. Classical singer Urs Buhler (Il Divo) is 41. Actor Andrew Kavovit is 41. Alt-country singer Elizabeth Cook is 40. Rock musician Jason McGerr (Death Cab for Cutie) is 38. Actor Benedict Cumberbatch is 36. Actor Jared Padalecki is 30. Actor Steven Anthony Lawrence is 22.

**Thought for Today:** "Ben Franklin may have discovered electricity, but it is the man who invented the meter who made the money." — Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States (1891-1974).

izing health care and bankrupting my state in direct contradiction to our Constitution and our founding principles of limited government," Texas Gov. Perry said last week. About one-fourth of Texas residents are uninsured, the highest percentage of any state.

But John Hawkins, top lobbyist for the Texas Hospital Association, says his group isn't dropping the subject.

"We have told the governor we are willing to continue the discussion," said Hawkins. "It's hard to imagine how you get from here to there without accessing federal funds at some level."



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## Housebreaking small dogs Leppert endorses Dewhurst,



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS Creator's Syndicate

One of the great myths passed down from generation to generation of dog owners is that toy dogs are impossible to housebreak.

Recently, I got a call from a couple who live with two dogs, one of them a toy breed. They found housebreaking the little one to be "impossible" and rationalized for years with the usual: "He's small, so it's only a little bit."

Nevertheless, they eventually tore out their carpets and tiled their home because it's easier to clean and they could no longer bear the smell. "A little bit" goes a long way.

Now, their patience exhausted, he called to run their current solution by me: Diapers.

While his confession was sheepish and he claimed it was his wife's idea, he again fell back on the old tried and true: "It's impossible to housebreak toy dogs. ... Right?"

Wrong.

The first thing you have to understand is housebreaking is a people problem, not a dog problem. Your pooch is perfectly fine with when and where he goes. You're the one who wants it the way you want it. So you have to teach him.

The next thing you have to understand is punishment is not teaching. It's not his fault that your grand plan for the elimination of his waste didn't come to him in a dream.



then correct -- don't pun-

ish -- him when he makes a mistake. Scolding, yelling and rubbing his nose in it won't accomplish anything, and these tactics are likely to backfire with the creation of a fearful and possibly aggressive personality.

Let's start with some basics.

Housebreaking means the dog never eliminates in the house.

Not even a little bit. Not even once in a while. Not on paper. Not on pads. Never. Nowhere. Nada.

Housebreaking is an excellent idea, and it's entirely possible -- for all dogs, all breeds, big and small. Dogs with medical conditions or those who are on medication are the possible exceptions.

Know this going in: Housebreaking requires patience, fastidiousness and a plan.

The first part of that plan requires setting a strict Feed-Water-Walk schedule. Nutshell: He eats, he drinks, he goes outside. This conditions your dog's body to eliminate according to your will and pleasure, so stick to it! No slacking, no excuses. This is your chance to make the rest of your life easier, cleaner and more aromatic.

The plan must also involve confinement. Baby gates and comfy crates are great. Free rein of the house won't work during the housebreaking phase. You can't correct but is it going to be enough? prised by it after the fact. You have to catch him in the act.

The rest of the plan is all about correction and praise. When you catch him in the act, say "no" using a firm tone, and then immediately take him outside and praise him when you get there, whether or not he goes. Praise is the reward. It motivates your pup to do whatever it is vou want him to do -- in this case, eliminate outside and only outside.

For more tips on housebreaking, or for an age-Feed-Waterspecific Walk schedule, check out "When Good Dogs Do Bad Things" at unclematty.com.

The goal is to get rid of the problem, not the dog. There are millions of dogs in shelters across the country simply because they were never trained. This makes the problem much bigger than stained carpets and soiled upholstery. So make your schedule, buy your gate and stick to your plan. Your pooch wants to please. Show him the way, and go heavy on the praise! Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television quest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) The candidate most responsible for keeping U.S. Senate hopeful and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst from winning an outright majority in the Texas primary — former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert — is now in Dewhurst's corner, but it's unclear if it will be enough to lock up the race.

The mainstream GOP favorite, Dewhurst earned more than 44.5 percent of the vote for the Republican nomination to replace retiring Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison on May 29 besting tea party favorite Ted Cruz by 10-plus percentage points. But he fell about 700,000 votes short of avoiding a July 31 runoff.

Round 2 of balloting may well be decided by about 21 percent of Texas Republicans who voted for neither Dewhurst nor Cruz, choosing one of the race's seven other GOP senatorial candidates.

Enter Leppert, who took about 13 percent of the primary vote and endorsed Dewhurst late Tuesday night. The lieutenant governor was also previously endorsed by fourth-place finisher Craig James, a former NFL running back and ESPN commentator.

"The endorsements are going to create some excitement and help get voters out," Dewhurst spokesman Matt Hirsch said Wednesday. "It definitely gives us momentum heading into the last two weeks.

But there's some evidence that Cruz has seized the momentum with the runoff now just 13 days away — he raised about \$200,000 more than Dewhurst between May

10 and the end of June, and motivated voters have given him a slight edge in some public opinion polls. Leppert's endorsement could change that, though many of his supporters might have flocked to Dewhurst anyway. Leppert campaigned on his decades of experience directing companies large DEWHURST cont. on page 3







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## Governor's Mansion rebuild finished

AUSTIN (AP) — The smell of fresh paint still lingered inside the Texas Governor's Mansion on Wednesday as first lady Anita Perry described a portrait of state icon Sam Houston while announcing the completion of the restoration of the 156-year-old building.

"He's got his eyes watching everybody today," the first lady said of Houston's portrait while giving a tour of the mansion that was nearly destroyed in 2008 when someone threw a Molotov cocktail onto the porch. "He guards this home lovingly, and we're delighted that he's back where he should be," she said of the painting of Houston, who helped bring Texas into the United States and was later removed from the governor's office when he refused to swear allegiance to the Confederacy.

His painting hangs in a bright yellow room at the front of the house. The small parlor, like the rest of the mansion, has been fully restored, and Gov. Rick Perry and his family plan to move back in by the end of July. They have been staying in a leased home away from downtown Austin. The cost for the home was cut from \$10,000 a month to \$8,500 a month this year when the rent was renegotiated, according to the governor's office.

The restoration took more than four years to complete and cost \$25 million, prompting criticism from some who said the money could have been better spent elsewhere. Texas lawmakers appropriated \$21.5 million for the project, and the first lady raised \$3.5 million from private donors.

Crews replaced the roof, made repairs to the mansion's exterior and renovated the kitchen, adding 1700 square feet to the mansion's west side. They installed rooftop solar panels and a geothermal heat pump to reduce energy costs.

The Perrys weren't living at the home at the time of the blaze, and no one was injured. The family moved out in October 2007 for a \$10 million project to upgrade

mechanical systems, including fire alarms, sprinkler systems, plumbing and wiring. The historic furniture and artifacts that normally decorate the mansion's rooms were not harmed because they had already been removed.

The fire charred the columns that stand outside the mansion. The estimated 2 million gallons of water used to extinguish the fire caused parts of the roof to collapse.

The governor described being back in the mansion as "eerie," saying it looked exactly the way it did when he left in 2007. He likened the fire to a near-death experience for the building, which he said was minutes away from total destruction. Construction crews continued work on the southeast mansion grounds as the governor spoke.

The first lady said she had already started unpacking boxes in the family's private space on the second floor. "I have a lot of work to do," she said.

Some have criticized the Legislature's decision to spend millions of dollars to renovate the mansion while many Texas residents live in poverty and without health care. Gov. Perry referenced the Bible, saying that "the poor will always be with us" and that he thinks the state does a good job balancing job creation and economic prosperity with the needs of the poor.

Asked if he was nervous about another attack on the mansion, Perry replied with a terse "no." More than a dozen state troopers stood guard on the mansion grounds, one block from the state Capitol, carrying assault rifles.

The two-story Greek Revival house has been the official home of every Texas governor, including Houston and George W. Bush, since it was completed in 1856.

"Absolutely we did the right thing by putting this grand Texas treasure back into the shape it is in today,' Perry said.

## Dewhurst

and small before running for mayor, and promoted fiscal conservative values — but not at the expense of occasional compromise between Republicans and Democrats.

Dewhurst owns an energy company and has a personal net worth of over \$200 million. He says he's a conservative fighter, but has also occasionally compromised with Democrats to pass key legislation while heading the Texas Senate since 2003.

Cruz, a former Ivy League debate champion and the son of a Cuban immigrant, is the former state solicitor general. He strikes a more populist tone, vowing never to back down from the kind of staunchly conservative values popular with grassroots organizations.

Leppert made his announcement in dramatic fashion — appearing unexpectedly with Dewhurst just moments after a Dewhurst-Cruz debate in Dallas.

Further explaining his endorsement on 660-AM in Dallas the following morning, Leppert said he spoke with both sides but decided to give the nod to Dewhurst because of his business background.

"He's actually been out there, created jobs, seen the successes and failures of business, understands not from a theoretical standpoint from a practical standpoint — what tax policy does to investment, what regulation does to creating jobs,' Leppert said.

He added, "That's the experience that we don't have. We've got a cont. from page 5

lot of people who have made great speeches, but it hasn't given them experience.'

Cruz hasn't issued any response to the endorsement, except to offer mild congratulations to Dewhurst. But his campaign spokesman, James Bernsen, said Wednesday it likely wouldn't result in a major bump for Dewhurst.

"It's not surprising that David Dewhurst received another endorsement from the political establishment." he said.

Dewhurst also has endorsements from Gov. Rick Perry and many top GOP state lawmakers, solidifying his role as the establishment party's favorite. Cruz, meanwhile, is backed by tea party superstars like South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint and for-



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Everything about you radiates the fact that the weekend is near. Your intuition mixes with ingenuity and finally allows you to move a difficult person away from his or her position. This person might not even notice this change in stance until later. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star \star \star$  Your inclination to stay close to home might be the perfect plan if you can adapt your schedule accordingly. Listen to your instincts, and what you hoped would be the outcome of an effort very well could be. Tonight: Invite friends over for a special TGIF.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  Your words fall on deaf ears ... or so you think. Certain events indicate a greater receptivity from others than you were aware of. A child or loved one still might be difficult, but you now know that you can subtly influence this person. Tonight: Consider something calm and quiet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star \star \star$  Your tendency to overindulge, and perhaps be a little more carefree than usual, emerges. Others might be delighted by this personality revision. You, however, could pop up. Your verbalized thoughts might not be, as you note a tendency to go overboard. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  You bloom in the present atmosphere. Others remain responsive, and even a touchy person allows his or her caring to peek through. Your intuition helps guide you if you decide to break tradition. Tonight: Invite a couple of friends over to

christen the weekend with you. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star \star \star$  A lot is happening that you easily might choose to keep hush-hush. Whether you feel as if you will jinx yourself by spilling the beans or are just discreet makes no difference. You decide the less that is said, the better. Use care with a budget matter. Tonight: Count on going solo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  Aim for exactly what you home run. In general, you naturally do well with people. In this case, you seem to be holding court; many people seek you out. Place limits on your popularity until you complete a must-do task. Tonight: Where people are.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$  You might be a little too aware of your image and the power you yield. Others sense that attitude and how it doesn't have much to do with your authentic self; therefore, allow greater give-andtake. You will be happier. Tonight: Join a family member for dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  Attempt to find an unusual solution when all other ideas hit a brick wall. If you use your imagination in a brainstorming session or two, success is very likely. Getting away from your routine proves quite helpful. Tonight: Opt for something different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Someone has a way of reeling you in that you like, yet you pretend not to be aware of it. Know that you can't shake off a serious element tied to this situation. Are you ready to deal with that? You seem to avoid this person until you make a decision. Tonight: Deal with a problem first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Understanding evolves, as a key person displays his or her true colors. Decide not to judge, and see what more could result in shutting down this person who you are delighted to see finally open up. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Your efforts to contact a friend or loved one to open up a conversation appear to work. You could witness this person closing him- or herself off when you least expect this reaction. Tonight: Just hang in there.



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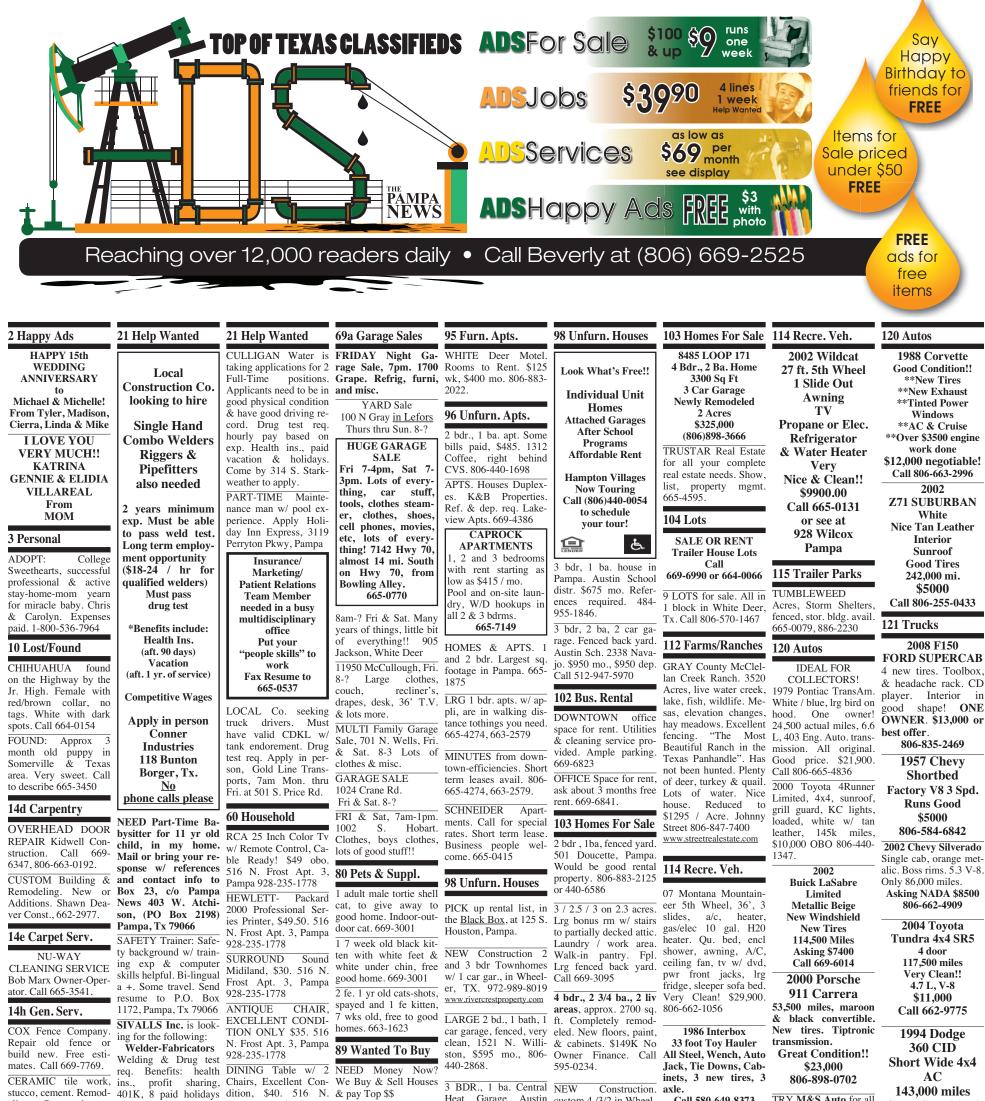


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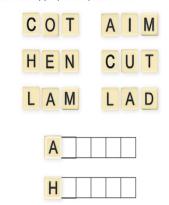
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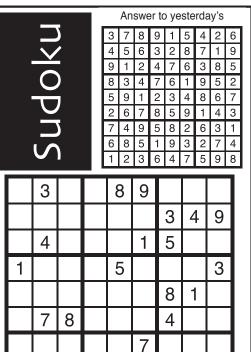
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### Doctor

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of his family knew either Dixon or Shepard specifically. Shepard told his roommate that he broke into Sonnier's home through a window and shot him several times with a gun Dixon had given him, the affidavit said.

An attorney for Dixon, Dan Hurley, has said the doctor will fight the "untrue" accusations. Police said Wednesday that Shepard did not yet have an attorney.

A former business partner of Dixon, Dr. Rouzbeh Kordestani, told the Amarillo Globe-News that Dixon could at times have trouble controlling his temper. But, Kordestani said, he didn't believe Dixon was violent.

"(Dixon has) had anger issues in the past where he's yelled at people, this and that, and . takes a couple of days and comes back, he's OK," the chief of surgery at Northwest Texas Healthcare System said of Dixon who also had been a friend. "But not like this."

The two met while completing residency programs at the University of Oklahoma in the early 2000s. In 2004 they set up a practice in Amarillo, though by two years later their friendship and partnership had "soured," and the business relationship ended.

"I haven't spoken to Mike since 2006, even though I'm the chief of surgery and he's in my department," he told the newspaper. "It's ridiculous. We would pass each other in the hallway and we would just look away. The split was that harsh."

Kordestani didn't return messages left by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Sonnier's family remembered him at his Monday funeral as a caring doctor, loving son and avid dancer who traveled to events across the country. Joseph Sonnier IV said his father's dance instructors attended the funeral and, at his request, performed a waltz as a tribute.

Joseph and James Sonnier's mother, Becky Gallegos, died two years ago in a suspected marital dispute with her then-husband, Juan Gallegos. Juan Gallegos turned the gun on himself and later died in a hospital. Joseph and James Sonnier, in their email, said both of their parents died "under equally tragic, yet totally unrelated circumstances."

"We have supreme confidence in the Lubbock law enforcement system and know that justice will be served," they said in their email.



