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### ER docs: Pay attention to heat

Emergency room workers are primed for the wave of patients that pour in as heat waves like the current one drag into their second, third and fourth days. Heat takes an accumulating toll on the body. **Page 2A**



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### Apaches roll past Dodge City

No. 9 Tyler Junior College turned the tables with a 27-7 victory over the Conquistadors at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium. **Page 7A**

## Today's weather

Mostly sunny.  
High of 94.



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## Bible verse

**"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**  
(John 8:31-32)

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# Abbott warns 'battle ahead' on maps

## Texas Senate approves redistricting bill; measure heads to governor's desk

KAREN BROOKS HARPER  
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott claimed victory Saturday in a protracted fight over redistricting, hours after lawmakers delivered what he called a "guarantee" of a stronger GOP

majority in Congress: new maps that redraw the district lines in hopes of sending more Republicans to Washington.

"The One Big Beautiful Map has passed the Senate and is on its way to my desk, where it will be swiftly signed into law,"

Abbott said in a statement, referring to a favorite term used by congressional Republicans to describe the new federal budget. "I promised we would get this done, and delivered on that promise."

In a separate fundraising email sent to supporters about six hours after Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick shut down a last-ditch effort to stall the map,

Abbott warned of "a battle ahead" as enraged Democrats — who stalled the plan for weeks in the GOP-dominated Texas Legislature — have promised to fight the map in federal court.

"These maps expand our Republican majority in Congress and guarantee more America First fighters will be sent to Washington to join President Trump in saving our country," the

email read. "The Democrats tried everything to stop us. But Governor Abbott never backed down, and Texas WON."

In a Saturday morning post on Trust Social, Trump praised Lt. Gov. Patrick for getting the map across the finish line in a powerful endorsement of Patrick's run for reelection next year.

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Residents take a look at animals up for adoption during a Clear the Shelters event in 2023. (Tyler Morning Telegraph File)

# Clear the Shelters

## Smith County Animal Control hosts event to boost free adoptions campaign

JENNIFER SCOTT

As the Clear the Shelters campaign enters the final stretch, Smith County Animal Control & Shelter continued its role in the nationwide movement on Saturday with a local event focused on matching pets with permanent homes.

"Today has been one of our better turnouts," said shelter coordinator Angel Reynolds. "We had three puppies leave with families right when we opened."

According to Clear the Shelters' website, over 1.2 million pets have been adopted through the nationwide campaign since its launch in 2015. The initiative, which runs throughout August, encourages communities to visit their local shelters, learn about pet adoption, and support the work of animal welfare organizations. With 40 dogs currently up for adoption, Smith County Animal Control is offering free adoptions not just to clear space but to give each

animal a second chance and help families find the right companion.

Visitors to the shelter typically arrive with a specific type of pet in mind, often guided by their lifestyle or personality. But one of the challenges for the shelter staff is helping potential adopters look past first impressions, especially with dogs who are full of energy in their kennels or even those who are shut down and shy.

These initial behaviors are often shaped by the stress of the shelter environment, not always the animal's true temperament. The staff works to educate visitors that many dogs need time, patience, and a calmer space to show who they truly are.

"It's really about relaying that the dogs may not be what you think they are," Reynolds said. "There's more to them than what they show or what you see."

With just one week left in August, shelters across the

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Bugsy, a playful puppy, awaits a new home at Smith County Animal Control's Clear the Shelters adoption event. (Jennifer Scott/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

# East Texas lawmaker wants to stop proposed water deal

JESS HUFF  
The Texas Tribune

LUFKIN — An East Texas Republican state lawmaker wants to hit pause on a proposed large-scale water extraction from his part of the state.

State Rep. Cody Harris, a Palestine Republican, has introduced a pair of bills that would impose some of the strictest limits on groundwater pumping in the state and require a study of the portion of the Carrizo-Wil-

cox Aquifer that sits beneath Anderson, Houston and Henderson counties, which are in East Texas. The legislation effectively halts the efforts of a Dallas businessman who has sought permission to drill more than 40 high-capacity water wells in that area.

One of the bills — House Bill 27 — won unanimous approval from a House committee Thursday.

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State Rep. Cody Harris, R-Palestine, speaks at the 14th annual Energy Summit on March 25 at Green Acres Baptist Church Crosswalk Conference Center in Tyler. (Tyler Morning Telegraph File)