

## Deadline for voter ID card mail-out is April 25

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The new deadline to send out voter registration cards to Texas residents is April 25, according to the Texas The Gray Cate. $\begin{aligned} & \text { news. Her office has been steadily field- } \\ & \text { ing questions from Pampans concerned }\end{aligned}$ The Gray County Election Office about their registration status because While the deadline has been set, Lewis

## SPRING CLEANING


staff photo by Mollie Bryant
Miguel Salazar of Top O' Texas Oilfield Services oversees the steam cleaning at the Pampa Animal Shelter. The shelter is currently undergoing a sterilization process to remove a recent invasion of adenovirus.
advised that the cards will not be mailed out right away
"They set (the deadline) so that they have enough time to work out a few bugs in the system before we send the cards out," Lewis said. "We did get an email
late Friday from the secretary of state ACCIDENT cont. on page 3 ACCIDENT cont. on page
Relay for Life kickoff event at CC tonight

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The 2012 Gray County Relay Clarendon College Pampa Center at 6:30 p.m. tonight. "The whole
 public is invit-
ed," said Christy ed," said Christy
Robinson, chairperson of the loca person of the local American Cancer Society. "We talk about teams. We American Cancer Robinson Society helps you and what our money is used for, the way it helps our Pampa people. We just want to Cancer (Society) and the Relay and how it will help people here in Pampa and what (Pampans) can do to help."
Robinson, will, according to Robinson, will be part celebration and part meeting.
"There will be time for fun, but we want to get some things done, too,"
Robinson said. "We want to register teams. There will be time for interested RELAY cont. on page 3

U-Top-It now open, offers THIS ONE MADE A SOUND Pampans yogurt options

> Motie Bryant Kephart
> The interior of the shop has an For Pampans looking for a cold, refreshing treat, U-Top-It has opened up shop just in time for
spring. spring.
Custo Customers can choose from four and a myriad of toppings that range from the traditional fare to cookie dough, fruit loops and even a selection of fresh fruit.
> The business, located on 1122 Alcock, officially opened its doors
on Saturday. on Saturday.
> "We sold 7,000 ounces of yogurt,
(Saturday), so it went really well," (Saturday), so it went really well,"
said Louise Kephart, who co-owns said Louise Kephart, who co-owns nviting, ice cream-like color palette. "I jut "I just knew I wanted it to be Keally bright colors," said Louise Kephart. "I like really bright, fun
colors, and I knew it had to be colors, and I knew it had to be
bright, fun colors. If my husband had picked, it would have been solid white."
> Fond childhood memories inspired Kephart, who also teaches third grade at Wilson Elementary, to get into the frozen yogurt business. "I remembered when I was a little girl, I was like five, and my grand-
parents would come get me every parents would come get me every
Wednesday night and take me to
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Today：Sunn，Low Low 31保 Sunny，with a high near 73．Wind chill values between 27 and 37 early．
Windy with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph ．Winds could gust as high as 40 mph ．

Monday Night：Partly cloudy，with a low round 41．Breezy，wis a soun southwes wind between 15 and 25 mph ，with gusts as

Tuesday：Mostly sunny，with a high near 73．Windy，with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30
mph ．Winds could gust as high as 40 mph ．

Tuesday Night：Partly cloudy，with a low around 45．Breezy，with a south wind ar．
25 mph ，with gusts as high as 35 mph ．

Wednesday：Partly sunny，with a high near 70．Breezy，with a south southwest wind be－ ${ }^{\text {tween }} 15$ and 25 mph ，with gusts as high as 30 mph ．

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Gabriella Fought scans her topping options at the new U－Top－lt yogurt shop on Alcock．
Yogurt
cont．from page
Baskin Robbins，＂she said．＂That and I both work，and we just make＂You always know you have was just one of the greatest things il，and I thought we need to do some－to make people happy，＂she said I remember about being a littie kid，thing to travel and do stuff when we＂That＇s your business．People have
and so
an $\begin{array}{lll}\begin{array}{l}\text { and so I thought，I just love ice } \\ \text { cream．Everybody loves ice cream．} \\ \text { get ready to retire，and we decided } \\ \text { to do this．＂} \\ \text { You can＇t get really good ice cream }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { to be happy，no matter what you } \\ \text { With her first business，Kephart is to do．，} \\ \text { have } \\ \text { U－Top－It is open daily from } 11\end{array}\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { You can＇t get really good ice cream } & \text { With her first business，Kephart is } & \text { U－Top－It is or or } \\ \text { in Pampa．We need ice cream．So I } & \text { taking a＂customer is always right＂} & \text { a．m．to } 11 \text { p．m．} \\ \text { thought，Let＇s do that．My husband } & \text { attitude．}\end{array}$

## Obituaries



## be at 3：00 PM Tuesday a <br> Amarillo under the direction of Carmichael－Whatley Fu

 neral Directors of Pampa．Robert was born A had been a lifelong resident．He was a 1967 graduate o Pampa High School and attended Texas Tech University Shortly after college，Robert married Monty Huff on Aug
8， 1969 in Pampa．In the late 1970＇s，Robert and Monty 8， 1969 in Pampa．In the late 1970＇s，Robert and Mont
owned Lad and Lassie children＇s clothing store．He wa employed by Texaco for seventeen years，and at the time he was diagnosed with cancer，he was a compressor me－
chanic for Exterran Energies．Robert rededicated his life chanic for Exterran Energies．Robert rededicated his life
to the Lord at Highland Baptist Church，and Allen Snapp． to the Lord at Highland Baptist Church，and Allen Snapp，
a lifelong friend，baptized Robert and Monty． He was preceded in death by his brother，Duane Schaub in 1991，his father，Clyde Schaub，in 1996，his mother－in－ law，Audry Huff，in 2006，and his nephew，Derek Schaub in 2011 ．
Robert is survived by his wife of 42 years：Monty
Schaub husband Kelly of Amarillo and Allyn Schaub and hus band Gary Kronen of Oak Brook，Ill．；his mother：Bon－ nie Schaub of Amarillo；a sister：Paula Longbine and
husband Johnny of Childress；two grandsons：Hayden Jones and Cooper Jones，both of Amarillo；a grand daughter：Lilly Kronen of Oak Brook，Ill．；six sisters－ in－law：Virginia Horton and husband Red，Judy Grant and husband Larry Loter，Dian Smith，and Ann Banis－
ter，all of Amarillo；Norma Mitchell of Geronimo Okl ter，all of Amarillo；Norma Mitchell of Geronimo，Okla．，
and Mellvinia Stocking of Pampa；two brothers－in－law； George Huff and Rusty Huff，both of Pampa；a host of nieces，nephews，great nieces，great nephews，cousins， and his supportive family at Highland Baptist Church．
Robert was lovingly called＂Robo＂by his Robert was lovingly called＂Robo＂by his grandchildren，
nieces，nephews，close family，and friends． In lieu of flowers，memorials may be made to Highland Baptist Church Activities Center， 1301 N．Banks，Pampa TX 79065 ．
The family will receive friends from 6：00－7：30 PM Monday at Carmichael－Whatley Funeral Home，
Sign the online register book at ww．carmichael
whatley
Eulis Carlee Denton， 86
BORGER－Eulis Carlee Denton，86，died Saturday
March 3 in Amarillo．Funeral service will be 10.00 March 3 in Amarillo．Funeral service will be 10：00 a．m．
Tuesday at the Central Baptist Church with Pastor Rick Tuesday at the Central Baptist Church with Pastor Rick
Nichols officiating．Interment will follow at Highla Nichols officiating．Interment will follow at Highland Park Cemetery under the
Funeral Directors of Borger．

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Mrs．Denton was bom in Hedley．TX and married Johr
Denton December 23, ， 145 in Memphis．TXX．She loved her family and was a wonderful Motherin－Lav．She was a sunday School Teacher for many years and a member



 John Denton，itree sons Lary Dentor and his wife Liz
of Bogrer，Mark Denton and his wife Melissa of Pampa
 lers Johna Layyon and her husband Bob of Frith，Sue
 one brother Derell Jesere and his wife Jo of Hurst 11
Grandchildren Susan Greenwald and husband Shaum． crandechildren Susan Greenuld and husband Shaun．
argaret Walker and husband Dave，Michael Denton and wife bree ，John Denton and wife Marie，Amy Shaw and husband David，Candy Watson and dusband Jeff Car－ Tire Johnson and husband Tim，Krist Dento and Trac Alima，Cassi Denton，Stephen Denton，and Matt Denton
 Watson，Colleen Kofsky－Johnson，and Raistlin Johnson．
Casket bearers will be Michael Denton，In Casket bearers will be Michael Denton，John D．Den－ Walker，David Shaw，Shaun Greenwald Tim John，Dave and Trae Alima


Katherine Ward on Nov
preceded him in death 19
receded him in death on Sept．9，2006．Roy owned and operated Texas Printing Company from 1948 until First Baptist Church，and he was a former member of the He was Lions Club． He was preceded in death by his parents，a brother，and Roy is Roy is survived by four sons：David Taylor and wife
Brenda of Waco，Dick Taylor and wife Vicki of Albu querque，N．M．，Mark Taylor and wife Gylene of Pampa， and Jody Taylor and wife Carol of Lubbock； 11 grand－ children and seven great grandchildren Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church，P．O Sign the online register book shign the on


## MORNINGRUSH

Romney wins Wash. caucus WASHINGTON (AP) - Mitt Romney rolled to a presidential caucuses Saturday night, his fourth campaign triumph in a row and a fresh show of strength in
the run-up to 10 Super Tuesday contests in all regions of the run-up to
the country.

## Rick San

 while Newt Gingrich ran a distant fourth. Claiming his victory, Romney said in a statement that the win meant Washington state's voters "do not want a Washington insider in the White House. They want aconservative businessman who understands the private conservative businessman who understands the private
sector and knows how to get the federal government out of the way so that the economy can once again grow vigorously," Romney's West Coast victory came on the heels of
twin primary trimphs twin primary triumphs over Santorum earlier in the week
in hard-fought Michigan and lightly contested Arizona, as hard-fought Michigan and lightly contested Arizona,
as arlier in February win over Paul in Maine caucuses
ear earlier in February.
Authorities work to ID body
HOUSTON (AP) - Authorities are investigating whether a body found Saturday morning along the San
Jacinto River could belong to a missing woman from Beaumont.
Harris C
Harris County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Ben Beall says it
could be Monday before an officials are able to identify the body, which appeared to have been in the water for a few days.
Beall told the Houston Chronicle (http://bit.ly/zZcxuX ) that clothing found on the body was "somewhat con-
sistent" with the clothing worn by 34-year-old Reina
Janeth Cornejo-Triqueros. Janeth Cornejo-Triqueros.
The body was found downstream from where Cornejo-
Triqueros' truck was located Thursday. It had been parTriqueros' truck was located Thursday. It had been par-
tially burned and surrounded by evidence of a physical tially burned and
confrontation.
confrontation.
Authorities have issued an arrest warrant for the missing woman's boyfriend, 52 -year-old Jesus Castrejon.
They believe Castrejon could be traveling to Mexico They believe
or California.
Two sprint away after robbery
AMARILLO (AP) - A woman and a man got away
with an undisclosed amount of cash after a bank robbery with an undisclosed amount of cash after a bank robbery
in southwest Amarillo. Authorities say the pair entered the Amarillo National Authorities say the pair entered the Amarill National
Bank branch on Friday afternoon. The woman approached the teller, and the man raised his shirt to reveal a hand-
gun in his waistband. The two demanded money, and the gun in his waistband. The two demanded money, and the
teller complied. The two sprinted away.
Police dusted for fingerprints and collected statements Police dusted for fingerprints and collected statements A security guard told the Amarillo Globe-News it was
his first robbery in 15 years working at the bank. He said Austin mulls bag ban penalties AUSTIN (AP) - The Austin City Council has passed
one of the broadest bag bans in the country, but still must one of the broadest bag bans in the country, but still must
determine penalties for refusing to comply with the law. determine penalties for refusing to comply with the law.
The Austin American-Statesman reports that the law, which goess into effect March 2013, will prohibit retailers from offering single-use paper and plastic bags at all
retail checkout counters (http://bit.ly/ 23 JgFW . Penalties retail checkout counters (http://bit.ly/z33JgFW). Penalties
will be worked out later. A spokeswoman for the city's will be worked out later. A spokeswoman for the city's
trash and recycling department said only retailers, not trash and recycling department said only retailers, not
customers, will face penalties.
Austin is the first big Texas city to pass a bag ban. Austin is the first big Texas city to pass a bag ban. More than two dozen U.S. cities have bag laws, most
of them prohibiting plastic bags and imposing a fee on of them prohibiting plastic bags and imposing a fee on
paper. The city plans to do a $\$ 2$ mill
shoppers to bring reusable bags.
Appeals court reinstates order
TEXARKANA (AP) - An appeals court has reinstated a temporary restraining order halting TransCanada from
crossing a northeast Texas farm with a proposed pipeline crossing a northeast Texas farm with a proposed pipeline
to carry Canadian oil to refineries along the Texas Gulf coast.
The 6 th Court of Appeals in Texarkana issued the new order on Friday and gave TransCanada five days to
respond.
The decision comes a week after a judge in Paris dissolved a temporary restraining order against the company.
Landowner Julia Trigg Crawford contends that the company trampled her property rights and the project could
harm Caddo Indian artifacts on her farm.
Deputy accused of molestation HOUSTON (AP) - A Harris County sheriff's deputy assigned to the county jail's mental health unit has been
arrested and charged with sexually molesting a young girl.
Eleazar Gongora Jr. is confined without bond to the Harris County Jail, charged with continued sexual abuse deputy.
Records show he was arrested Friday. The criminal complaint says the 41 -year-old officer assaulted the girl,
who's now 9 , from June 2009 to last October at his home. The investigation began after the girl told her mother in
late December what had happened. late December what had happened.
Sheriff Adrian Garcia says Gongora's job status is now under review. Gongora has been with the Harris County Sheriff's Office since 2000.

## No injuries in Okla. fires

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - A large grass fire in northeast Oklahoma has forced the closure of part of the Creek Nation Turnpike.
Broken Arrow fire officials say the blaze began about 1 p.m. Sunday and burned several hours before being put out about 5 p.m. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reports
the eastbound and westbound off-ramps to the turnpike were closed at Olive Street from about 2:07 p.m. to 4 p.m.
p.m.
There were no reports of injuries, but fire officials say some barns were damaged.

## Homeless funding cuts leave cities scrambling

FORT WORTH (AP)

- Years of state budget cuts have left cities and nonprofit groups to pinch pennies to avoid major
apses in services for the homeless.
The state The state eliminated a
$\$ 20$ million homeless $\$ 20$ million homeless housing and services pro-
gram. An employment gram. An employment
program, street outreach and rental assistance also are gone.
The Salva reduced its case Army has reduced its case managers
from four to one at its Fort Worth emergency center,


## Relay

Cont. from page 1 groups, sponsorship opportunities, if you
want to join a commit tee, or if you're looking
to find a team or even If you just want to be in contact with us."
Bruce Brame, th
Bruce Brame, the 2012
Hero of Hope Caretaker, Hero of Hope Caretaker,
will be the guest speaker at the kickoff. Brame will be joined by his
wife, Debbie, the 2011 Hero of Hope for the
Texas Panhandle. This year's Hero of Hope for $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Gray } & \text { County, } & \text { Pampa } \\ \text { High } & \text { School } & \text { senior }\end{array}$ High School senior
Ashtin Sackett, will also be in attendance, and Robinson said that last year's local Heroes of Hope, Pampa pre-teens
Lynnzy Standerfer and Lynnzy Standerfer and
Nayeli Madrid, have also been invited.
There will also be a
door prize, an American door prize, an American Cancer
blanket
Society
adorned throw
with inspirational quotes. "We want everyone to
come," Robinson said come," Robinson said
"It will be a good time."
Cards
that said do not stage.
that said do not start your
mass mail-out just yet mass mall-out just yet. We re waiting for further
notice even though there is
a deadline. We're just kind a deadline. We're just kind of holding our breath, hoping that nothing else hapLewis was referring to
Lens. Texas' new district maps, which were approved by week. With district voting information printed on the not be made and distributed until the districts were established. As of press time, there any groups would contest would give the Secretary of State's Office pause on giving election administra-
tors the go-ahead to print voter ID cards.
If the distri If the districts were to undergo any changes after
the cards were printed, he cards were printed,
Texas counties would face monetary repercussions
to reprint and re-mail the to reprint and re-mail the
cards. Lewis said last week cards. Lewis said last week
that Gray County would that Gray County would
face approximately $\$ 5,000$ face appr
in costs.

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| to help tide cities over | \$5 million for next year, |
| this year, said Gordon | although state finances |
| Anderson, spokesman for | for 2013 are even more |
| the Texas Department of | precarious than those in |
| Housing and Community | 2012, Anderson said. |
| Affairs. | Nevertheless, Zappasodi |
| Fort Worth got \$460,000 | said those efforts to find |
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| services provided to | homelessness," he told th |
| city of Arlington's | Star-Telegram. |
| homeless significantly |  |
| decreased when ... (pro- |  |
| am) funding ended" |  |
| in August, said David |  |
| Zappasodi, executive |  |
| director of the Arlington |  |
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| State officials hope |  |

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## Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, March 5, the 65th day of 2012.
There are 301 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On March 5, 1512, cartographer Gerardus Mercator, creator of the Mercator Projection map
of the world, was born in Flanders in the Holy Roman Empire

On this date:
In 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who been taunted by a crowd colonists opened fire, killing five people.
Impeachment to decide charges against Presiden Andrew Johnson, who was later acquitted. In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, th Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote; the Nazi a slender majority in the Reichstag.
In 1934, the first Mothers-in-Law Day celebra In 1934, the first Mothers-in-Law Day cel
tion and parade took place in Amarillo, Texas tion and parade took place in Amanillo, Texas.
In 1946, Winston Churchill delivered his "Iro Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Futton,
Mo. In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after
three decades in power.
In 1959, a fire at the Negro Boys Industria In 1959, a fire at the Negro Boys Industrial
School in Wrightsville, Ark., claimed the lives of 21 teenagers trapped inside a locked dormitory room. In 1960, Cuban newspaper photographer Alberto Korda took the now-famous picture of guerrilla
leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara during a memorial service in Havana for victims of a ship explosion. Eervice in tavana for victims of a ship explosion. In 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline
"Cowboy" Conas and "Hawkshaw" Hawkins died in a plane crash near Camden, Tenn., that also manager).
In 1970, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons went into effect after 43 nations ratified it. NASA's Voyager I space probe flew
In 1979, NAS past Jupiter, sending back photographs of the In 1982, comedian John Belushi was found dead of a drug overdose in a rented bungalow in

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush slapped punishing tariffs of eight to 30 percent aid the ailing U.S. industry. California Rep. Gary Condit, dogged by the Chandra Lennis Cardoza a Democratic primary election to Dennis Cardoza
(In November 2010, Ingmar Guandique was convicted of killing Levy and was later sentenced to
60 years in

Five years ago: A suicide car bomber turned a venerable Baghdad book market into a deadly inferno, killing some three dozen people. Nine
U.S. soldiers died in two separate incidents north U.S. soldiers died in two separate incidents north
of Baghdad. President George W. Bush, facing of Baghdad. President George W. Bush, facing
criticism he'd been ignoring Latin America, said the U.S. would spend tens of millions of dollars to the region.
One year ago: Egyptians turned their anger security apparatus, storming the agency's main headquarters and other offices. Alberto Granado 88, who'd accompanied Ernesto "Che" Guevara
on a journey of discovery across Latin America on a journey of discovery across Latin America
described in "The Motorcycle Diaries," died in Havana.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Noble is 90. Actor James B. Sikking is 78. Actor Dean
Stockwell is 76 . Actor Fred Williamson is 74 Actress Samantha Eggar is 73. Actor Michael
Warren is 66 . Actor Eddie Hodges is 65 . Singer Eddy Grant is 64 . Rock musician Alan Clark (Dire Straits) is 60 . Actress-comedian Marsha Warfield
is 58 . Magician Penn Jillette is 57 . Actress Adriana Barraza is 56 . Rock singers Charlie and Craig Reid Frusciante (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 42. Singer Rome is 42. Actor Kevin Connolly is 38 . Actress
Jill Ritchie is 38. Actress Jolene Blalock is 37 . Jill Ritchie is 38. Actress Jolene Blalock is 37 37. Actor Sterling Knight is 23 . Actor Jake Lloyd

Thought for Today: "Tomorrow is a thief of
pleasure." - Sir Res Hern Britich actor (1908-1990)

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Priorities for 2013 Legislature becoming clear


#### Abstract

Chris tomunson AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Legislature may not return to work for another 11 months, but that for another the months, but that hasn't kept the state's leadership from signaling what it thinks will be the big issues to tackle next year. House Speaker Joe Straus and Lt Gov. David Dewhurst who pre Gov. David Dewhurst, who pre sides over the Senate, have issued sides over the Senate, have issue so-called interim charges to the Legislature's committees. These are essentially homework assignments for lawmakers before the next ses Slon to get prepared for the state most pressing issues. Not surprisingly. Nor surprisingly, money matter Straus was the first off the mark, assigning committees assigning committees to study how to reduce government spend ing, improve the state's tax system encourage manufacturing and promote transparency in state govern- ment. There is also a healthy dose o ment. There is also a healthy dose of conservative priorities, with to investigate border security mea sures, how to privatizze more state services and to study federal environmental regulations. the two biggest parts of the bud get will remain the most difficult tasks for the next Legislature. Public education and Medicaid, the healt insurance for he poor and disabled state spending. Medicaid is the fastest growing line item with experts estimating costs could increase between $\$ 10$ two-year budget. Straus has assigned the appropriations committee to look at ways to cut costs through streamlining Medicaid and studying what other states are doing to cut costs. The assignment comes after


worth. They will also look at mor
than a dozen initiatives to encourage
$\begin{aligned} & \text { economic development. } \\ & \text { Of course, Gov Rick Perry }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Of course, Gov. Rick Perry plays } \\ & \text { a role in lawmaking by naming wha }\end{aligned}$
he considers emergency legislatio
at the beginning of the session
then vetoing what he doesn't like
after the lawmakers go home. One
big question is how influential will
he be next year when lawmaker
return to implement what they'v
Perry opposes any increase in state
spending and has reserved the option
to run again in 2014. If he were to
win and serve out the term, thal
would give him 18 years in office
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Many Republicans are not sure one } \\ & \text { politician should hold the office for }\end{aligned}$
that long, and most expect Perr
will announce his retirement aftei
$\begin{aligned} & \text { the } 2013 \text { session. The state's politi } \\ & \text { cal class will be watching if Perry' }\end{aligned}$
cal class will be watching if Perry'
diminished.
There will also be a lot of new
faces in 2013. At least 30 Texas
lawmakers out of 182 are leaving
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them a different agenda to bring to
Austin.
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a different business tax.
Other issues that will likely be
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schools, financing the state highwa
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changes to the state employee pen
sion and health care systems.
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$\begin{aligned} & \text { versities are also under the micro- } \\ & \text { scope, with lawmakers asking it }\end{aligned}$
taxpayers are getting their money' ery student in every school and every district across our state."
Lawmakers will also take. at the revenues. The House Ways
and Means' Committee is scheduled oo meet on Thursday to examine the state franchise tax and changes property tax law.
The current bus
known as the franchise or margin tax - was created in 2006 to cut prop erty taxes and to shift the burden taxes. However, the franchise ta generates $\$ 4$ billion less per yea Fearing Legislature promised. tives. Straus carefully phrased his "evaluate the state's tax structur and determine its impact on the competitiveness of the Texas busiRepsublicans, " Democrats, and some to be revised so it raises the noney he state was promised. Straus left the door open for majis changes, adding: "As part of this review, evaluate the franchise

The Gipper knew how to win, and so does Obama Last week, I ambled on up to the
late Ronald Reagan's ranch hig in the mountains of Santa Barbara County. Rancho del cielo (Ranch one very small home. In fact, I was surprised by how modest it is. The Reagans purchased the prop erty in 1974, shortly before the late president completed his second term
as governor of California. The story as governor of California. The story
goes that Nancy Reagan was no thrilled because the property is so isolated and the house is tiny: six rooms, including a small maste
bedroom and kitchen, and no air bedroom and Kitchen, and no air
conditioning. The Young America's Foundation has kept the house exactly as it was when President Reagan died in 2004.
It is obvious that Reagan didn't
care about amenities. He wanted to care about amenities. He wanted to
ride his horses, chop his wood and get some alone time. My visit to the ranch confirmed that Reagan was a regular guy who valued basic things. And that's why he defeated Jimmy
Carter in 1980. It's eerie. That presidential elec tion 32 years ago is strikingly similar to the one we have today: a
Democratic incumbent in big trouble with the economy and Iran.
Sound familiar?
President Carter had to
deal with a bad economy,
do will not be enough to
folks lined up to buy gaso-
line, Iran taking and hold-
ing 52 American hostages
in That Reagan did, to
compare the present day
in Than, and the percep-
tion that he was too inex-


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 Nest Heads


HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 22) March 6, 2012 :
Once you focus, something you desire You might want to discuss your feelings - an object, goal or situation - becomes a toward a partner or dear fiend. For many
distinct possibility. You have a strong sense years, you have orne along with this per distinct possibility. You have a strong sense years, you have gone along with this per-
of direction that is fueled by an enthusiasm son's wishes. Now it it time to find a more often not seen by others. Your self-ex- authentic way of working with him or her. pression is dynamic and caring. If you are
single, you are the apple of many people's Your treat.
LBRA (Sept. 22-Oct 22)
single, you are the apple of many people's $\quad$ LIBRA (Sept. 23 -Oct. 22)
eyes. The only question is: Who will you $\quad \star \star \star$ Today, you will witness a radical eyes. The only question is: Who will you $\quad \star \star \star$ Today, you will witness a radical
choose? If you are attached, you have great change in your mood, energy and sense of choose? If you are attached, you have great change in yourr moou, cenerg dan sous hells
influence over your sweetie. At some point, empowerment. You could drag your heels expect a rebellion. Remember you are in a for a good portion of the day, then suddenly partnership and both of you have say. LEO feel as if you just woke up from a wonderiikes working with you.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
$\star \star \star$ Tap into your sources of inspira-
on, whether it is eyeing a problem, look ing for a solution or just daydreaming. What comes up might not be logical, yet it could be more doable than you think.
Branch out from traditional thinking. Tonight: Out and about.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
$\star \star \star \star \star$ You have a unique way of
$\star \star \star \star \star$ You have a unique way of
ooking at emotional situations. You could
looking at emotional situations. You could
be taken aback by another's lack of prac-
be taken aback by another's lack of prac
at the concept behind the idea. You will
find validity there, and you might decide
to work with this person. Tonight: Let the to work with this person. Tonigh.
good times soll.
GEMINI (Myy 21-June 20)
$\star \star \star \star$ How you handle a heated situa-
tion involving someone you look up to coould determine your role in this dealing. You see conflict, but you also see possibility. Help make, the goal real, and keep negativity to yourself. Tonight Doing only what
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
$\star \star \star \star$ What you verbalize and what your vision is could be very different. As soon as you feel OK with an idea, toss it on others' plates. You need to make a personal word "impossible" from your vocabulary Tonight: Head home. Buy the makings for a favorite meal.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

$\star \star \star \star$ You have the ability to play dev-
sadvocate. Do your really want to deal with parther or dear fiend who is espousing somewhat far-out idea? You might want to give up the role of the cynic and try the role f the supportive aide. Ask yourself how you an help make tis gool a reality. Start br toming. Touight: Gather with friends. of resson.
 ocay's feedback. Tonight:Treat y
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
PISCES (Feb. 19 -March 20)
$\star \star \star \star$ Honor ack. You do not need to change directions cacuse of what you hear. Remmin indepen. dint, and make decisions scoordingly. You of rspect. Tonight: Be with htan specin - $H$


Beetle Bailey


Marvin


Hagar The Horrible


Peanuts


Blondie

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DEAR ABBY: My boyDEAR ABBY; My boy- I believe I have located to hear from a daughter he
friend, "Jackson," and I him. Part of me wants to con- wanted nothing to do with
have been in and have been in a long-distance tact him - not to get any- 45 years ago? I don't want to
relationship for two years. thing, just to let him know I upset him or cause problems relationship for two years. thing, just to let him know I upset him or cause problems
We recently learned that we exist. Allegedly, Mom told in his life, but I need some
both have been accepted to both have been accepted to him she was pregnant and closure. - SOMEBODY'S our "dream" college, which he refused to marry her, but CHILD IN ILLINOIS
means we'll live close to each her truthfulness leaves much DEAR SOMEBODY'S means we'll live close to each her truthfulness leaves much DEAR SOMEBODY'S
other for the first time. I'm to be desired. I haven't been CHILD: It may not be a other for the first time. I'm to be desired. I haven't been CHILD: It may not be a
excited, but nervous about able to find his email address, disruption, but it is certain
what the adjustment will be but I have found a street ad- to be a surprise. This would what the adjustment will be but I have found a street ad- to be a surprise. This would
like.
dress
 friend, so I don't know what contact him or not. Would it must work with what you who can physically be around all the time. Normally, we communicate by phone or
video chat and lead video chat and lead our sepa-
rate lives. But when we visit rate lives. But when we visit
each other, our days just reeach other, our days just re-
volve around the wo of us. I miss Jackson when we're
apart, but I enjoy having the apart, but I enjoy having the
freedom to study, hang out freedom to study, hang out
with friends and have "me with friends and have "me
time" while still being in a happy relationship.
Hrom what I have heard,
college life is fun, but busy. college life is fun, but busy. I love Jackson and want to
be with him, but $I$ also want be with him, but I also want
to make new friends and to make new friends and
focus on schoolwork. (He
wants that, too.) I'm afraid wants that, too.) I'm afraid
that once we get to college that once we get to college
we'll either be so wrapped we'll either be so wrapped
up in each other that we miss up in each other that we miss
out on other stuff, or get so
busy with school and friends that we never see each other Jackson shares my concerns,
but neither of us knows how to make sure we strike a good balance. Can you help us? ANXIOUS IN FLORIDA DEAR ANXIOUS: You and your boyfriend need to be sure your priorities are
in order when you get to school. First and foremost you're both there to get an education. And aside from
academics, a part of that ed academics, a part of that ed
ucation is developing rela ucation is developing rela-
tionships and availing yourtionships and availing your-
self of experiences beyond
the field you will be the field you will be studying. While spending time together is important, so i
balance, so keep in mind that too much togetherness can distract from your studies or even become so claustrophobic that
relationship.
relationship.
DEAR ABBY: 1 was born in a small Midwestem town in the mid-1960s. An out-ofwedlock pregnancy then was a huge scandal, so my mother
married someone who wasn't my father and my biological father vanished. I found ou about it at 17 (not from her) and was told the name she
claimed belonged to him. It's claimed beionged unique name.




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## Sports

Harvesters hitless vs. Raiders, fall against Caprock



PHS tennis sixth at team regionals in Wichita Falls


| Junior Tyler Powell fields a grounder earlier in the season. Powell pitched in back-to-back games in the Burkburnett tournament. The Harvesters finished 1-4, losing the next two games. Pampa continues it's season with the Midland Tournament on Thursday. |  | Investment strategies One-on-one advice. |  |
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