

March for Meals in May fundraiser on May 4

2012 event will take place at Central Park instead of traditional Rec Park site

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Meals on Wheels' 2012 March for Meals in May will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4, according to Meals

on Wheels director Jeanne Autry. This is the fifth year for the event, which is centered around a noncompetitive run/ walk fundraiser.

"It's a walk, run or trot," laughed Autry. "It depends on what you want to do."

The March will start at the Meals on Wheels building, 302 E. Foster, and circle Central Park before coming back for a celebration meal including hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks.

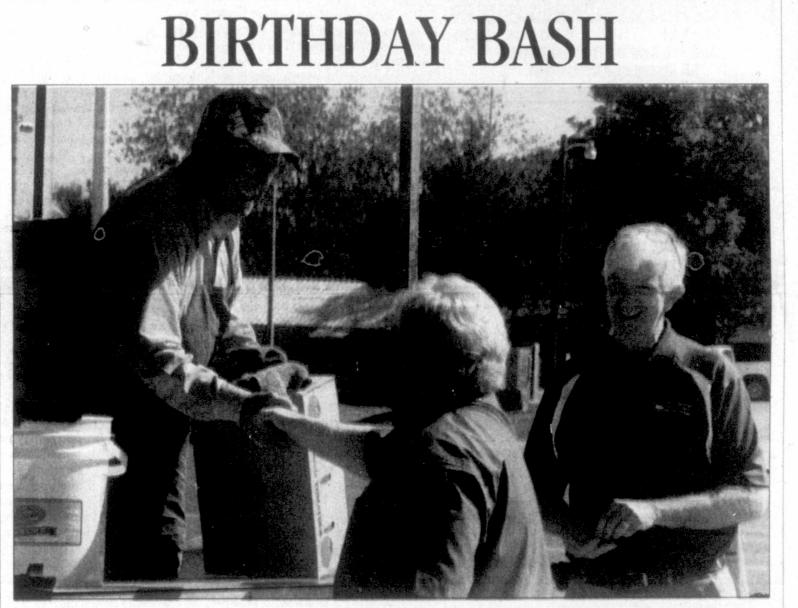
This is the first year at Central Park for the March, which has traditionally been held at Recreation Park. The entry fee is \$15, which covers the run/ walk, the cost of a t-shirt and the meal ("all the hamburgers and hot dogs you can eat," said Autry). The event usually brings out several older volunteers, Autry added, who forgo the run/walk and pay \$5 for just the meal.

Autry said that the March is Meals on Wheels' third largest fundraiser, after Adopt-A-Friend and Music and a Meal. Nevertheless, with Meals on Wheels busy serving many in the Pampa community — the organization served 34,129 meals last year — Autry underscored the **MARCH** cont. on page 3

Turfgrass handbook available

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A handbook on turfgrass management in the Panhandle is now available from AgriLife Extension. According



to AgriLife, about 2 million acres are planted to turfgrass in Texas.

The handbook covers grass types, establishment, lawn care, weed control, insects and diseases, and provides information on how to manage this resource amid increasing water shortages.

"Homeowners need to learn to apply only the necessary water, as well as nutrients and pesticides, to their lawn," said Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist and co-author of the book. "Continued water issues could lead to severe restrictions in available water for lawns in the future."

"Experience and observations have shown that most homeowners overwater their landscapes," he added. "It is estimated that as much as 20 percent to 25 percent of municipal water in the spring and fall and up to 60 percent in the summer is being used for irrigation **TURFGRASS** cont. on page 3

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As Culberson Stowers owner Richard Stowers (right) looks on, Ed Robinson (left) of Hamburger Station meets Culberson Stowers used car manager Kelly Edaburn at the car dealership's 85th anniversary celebration on Saturday.



SENIORS CELEBRATE

LEFT: Seniors McKinlee Stokes (foreground, from left), Heather Coffee and Alanna Stephens complete their final walk around the bases by sliding into home with seniors Nakayla Hardman (background, from left), Kaylene Wyant and Harley Mayfield trailing. **BOTTOM:** Senior Jared Lusk (center) gives roses to his mom, Amanda, as dad Joey looks on during senior day festivities Saturday at Harvester Field.



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GOP's Leppert touts business experience

MILANO (AP) — Tom Leppert is the first to concede he's no dynamo on the stump.

The mostly soft-spoken, former Dallas mayor doesn't deal in verbal firebombs or spew enough anti-Washington venom to make the hearts of Texas tea party supporters skip a beat. But in a crowded U.S. Senate Republican primary that includes the establishment choice, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, tea party darling Ted Cruz, and former

football star turned ESPN personality Craig James - Leppert says he can appeal to fiscal conservatives who don't necessarily expect candidates to blow their hair back.

"The tea party is heterogeneous. It's not kind of a one group deal," Leppert, 57, said during a recent interview with The Associated Press. "The people who are more oriented on the economic side that look at the fiscal situation and say, 'finally somebody's got to go in and deal with the spending.' There's a lot of those folks whose support we have garnered."

Leppert hopes his 25 years of experience running businesses large and small can woo would-be voters. But out tea partying Cruz won't be easy.

An attorney and former state solicitor general, Cruz has heavyweight national supporters. They see him as a true conservative and alternative to Dewhurst, who happens to be a multi-millionaire capable of financing his own campaign. Leppert counters that Dewhurst is a career politician and that Cruz offers more "7-second sound bites than solutions."

"I don't scream and shout. I don't use profanity," Leppert said. "What I'm more interested in is achieving results."

No Democrat has won statewide office in Texas since 1994, so the primary is the main race. If a candidate doesn't win more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two will face off July 31.

Though some polls show him trailing Dewhurst and Cruz, Leppert remains popular in Dallas. He says he's already spent "several million dollars" on television advertising in major media markets dinging Dewhurst as too politically ambitious and Cruz as just another lawyer who wants to go

Leppert was raised by a single mother and worked his way through college at Claremont McKenna in California while holding various odd jobs, including janitor at a medical office building before earning a Master of Business Administration from Harvard. He served as CEO of firms in five different fields like real estate, financial services and the Turner Corporation, America's largest general building company.

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UT spending to defend admission standards

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas at Austin will pay a Los Angeles-based law firm with experience before the nation's highest court nearly \$1 million to defend its admission standards, which consider race and ethnicity.

A contract the university recently entered into with Latham & Watkins LLP states that the law firm will be paid a flat \$977,000 fee with an additional \$10,000 maximum for expenses

The firm — with more than 2,000lawyers and 31 offices in 14 countries — will represent UT in a college admission racial preference case the U.S. Supreme Court will hear.

Last Tuesday, the high court agreed to review affirmative action in higher education, starting with a look at a 2008 challenge from a white student denied undergraduate admission to UT's flagship campus.

Abigail Fisher contends the university's race-conscious admissions policy violated her civil and constitutional rights.

About two-thirds of UT freshmen are admitted based on high school class rank, as required by state law. But race and ethnicity are among numerous other factors the university weighs in deciding who else enrolls.

A federal appeals court upheld the Texas program, saying it was allowed under the high court's decision in Grutter v. Bollinger in 2003 that allowed racial considerations in university admissions at the University of Michigan Law School.

Among the three lead counselors in the firm UT hired, two were on the University of Michigan's successful legal team: Maureen Mahoney and Scott Ballenger. The third, a former U.S. solicitor general, has argued at least 30 cases before the Supreme Court. All three attorneys are based in the law firm's Washington office. UT President Bill Powers told the

Austin American-Statesman (http:// bit.ly/IdNOno) that the Latham & Watkins lawyers are "perfectly positioned to make a very effective case" because of their experience in the University of Michigan case.

The American-Statesman obtained a copy of UT's contract with the law firm from the state attorney general's office, which approved the

agreement, according to the newspaper.

The law firm will be paid from "non-appropriated funds," the contract states. That includes donations, revenue from intellectual property and trademark licenses and income. from the Longhorn Network.

No legislative appropriations or tuition dollars will be used, said Patti Ohlendorf, UT's vice president for legal affairs said.

In Hopwood v. Texas, an earlier challenge to affirmative action at , UT's Law school, Vinson & Elkins, LLP, a Houston-based law firm defended UT for free.

Vinson & Elkins said if it had not. done so pro-bono, the bill for their work would have cost UT more than \$2 million.

The Project on Fair Representation, which opposes the use of race in public policy, has helped pay Fisher's legal bills.

A broad ruling in the Fisher case, one in favor of the student, coulda threaten affirmative action programs at many of the nation's public and private universities, some legal scholars have said.



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Obituaries

Scott Stubbs, 51

Scott Stubbs, 51, died Friday, April 20, 2012 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Albert Maggard of Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating. Arrangement are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Eugene Scott Stubbs was

born April 21, 1960 in Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1978. He loved scouting and received his Eagle Scout by the time he was sixteen in 1976. As a contribution to scouting, in 1979 Scott installed concrete pads at camp M.K. Brown for the scouts to set their tents upon. He worked as an EMT during high school and shortly thereafter, While growing up Scott worked alongside his father at Stubbs, Inc., learning everything he could about machinery and ditching, installing utility, sewer and water lines. Scott was adept at operating and repairing all dirt moving machinery. In 1992 he graduated from Amarillo College as a registered nurse. Scott worked in home health care as well as a charge nurse for the Clements Unit in Amarillo for 10 years. He then

Stubbs

became director of nurses for Hereford Regional Medical Hospital. He opened SWS Construction to build and remodel homes. He retired from nursing with the following credentials; RN,BLC,ACLS,PALS,PIC and NMC. After retirement from nursing, Scott changed SWS Construction to Stubbs Construction and followed in his father's footsteps pursuing a lifelong love of ditching, pipe-lining and operating machinery. He was a skilled woodworker and welder as well as anything else he set out to do. Scot loved life and his passion was riding motorcycles in the mountains, and especially being a father and grandfather. Scott never failed to express to his parents his gratitudefor the love and knowledge that they passed on to him. Scott brought laughter to everyone he knew and his knowledge and sense of humor will be missed by all.

He is survived by : two daughters: Sussette Stubbs Howard and husband Jeremy and Shatori Stubbs Hynd-' man and husband Cory of Pampa. a son: Tyson Stubbs of Iowa Park; Four grandchildren: Jonathan, Serena, Caleb and Phoenix all of Pampa. three sisters: Linda Walsh and husband Alan of Katy and Gail Barrett and fiance' Glen Keating of Pampa. His parents Eugene and Stacey Stubbsof Pampa.; seven nieces and two nephews. Scott was preceded in death by an infant son; Scott Allen Stubbs and a sister; Lola Fergerson.

Memorials may be made to LifeGift, 6001 B Spur 327, Lubbock, Texas 79424.

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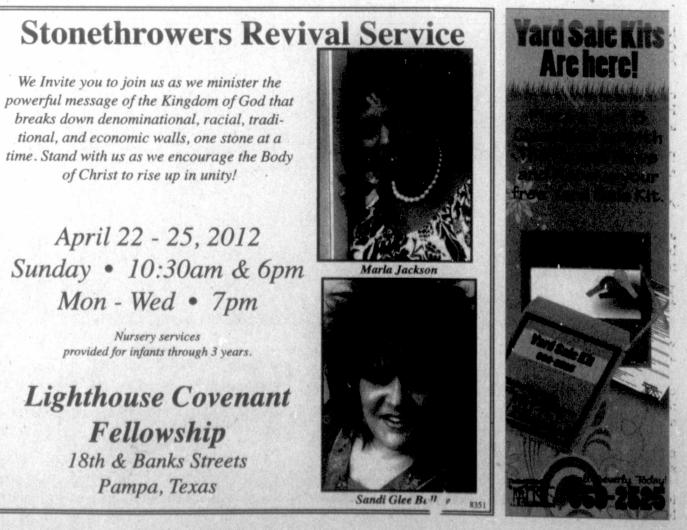
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PAMPA — Pampa's Mac Smith, a candidate for the Texas House of Representatives, voiced his support last week for the budget compact recently proposed Texas by governor Rick perry.

"I appreciate and support the principles set forth in Governor Perry's 'Texas Budget Compact,'" Smith said. "If elected to serve the families of House District 88, I am committed to balancing our state budget without raising taxes, limiting the size of government, keeping taxes low for Texas families and businesses, more transparency in all levels of government and protecting the integrity of the State's Rainy Day Fund.

"Texas has shown the rest of the country that limited government, low taxes, fiscal restraint and a fair regulatory environment equals job creation. As a local small business owner with a focus on rural economic development, saving existing jobs and attracting new jobs to our area will be my top priority as State Representative."

Minister sentenced in wife's murder

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A judge has approved a 45-year prison term a South Texas Pentecostal minister agreed to in return for his guilty plea to murder in his wife's death a little more than a year ago.

Julio Cesar Perez was sentenced Friday in state district court in Brownsville after entering his guilty plea Tuesday. The Brownsville Herald reports that, under terms of his plea deal, the 42-year-old minister would become parole-eligible after serving 22 years for killing his 39-year-old wife, Sonia Perez.

The minister had originally been charged with capital murder. He is the last of six men to admit to their roles in a plot to kill the Rio Hondo schoolteacher. The triggerman in the case, Daniel Lopez, was sentenced to life in prison without parole for his guilty plea.

Police investigating remains

DALLAS (AP) — Police searching for the body of a missing 11-year-old boy have found skeletal remains that appear to be those of a child or small adult in a rural creek south of Dallas.

Dallas police Sgt. Warren Mitchell said in an email that the remains found Saturday haven't been identified but appeared human, and would be collected for testing. Mitchell didn't return a phone message from The Associated Press.

Dallas police Sgt. Brenda Nichols of the child abuse unit tells KTVT-TV the bones appeared to be those of a child or small adult. Nichols didn't return a message from the AP.

Johnathan Ramsey's father and stepmother are accused of starving the Dallas boy to death. Aaron and Elizabeth Ramsey remain jailed on felony injury to a child charges.

Weapons found at two schools

KILLEEN (AP) — A Central Texas school district near

Benefits for little ones cause big stink

Creator's Syndicate

Sometimes I am just blown away by the reaction I get to a column. I write what I think is the most innocuous and non-controversial answer to someone's question about Social Security benefits -and then, out of the blue, my email inbox is flooded with letters. Some of them have an inquisitive "this can't possibly be true" tone, while others are downright angry.

The most recent example of this phenomenon occurred following a column I wrote a few weeks ago in which I answered a question from a retiree about the benefits due to his wife and children. Many readers were shocked, and some irritated, to learn that a retiree's children and his younger wife could qualify for monthly Social Security checks on his account.

Here's a typical response: "You must be wrong about benefits due a retiree's children. Surely those kinds of benefits are only paid if the children are disabled." Here is another: "I've always heard that children get benefits if a parent has died, but I can't believe that they get checks if their father has retired." And finally, one of the typical angry responses: "Why should a 55 year old woman get Social Security checks on her husband's record? She should be working and supporting herself. And their kids don't need money! These people really know how to milk the system. It's just another benefit the liberals have tacked on to Social Security to appease the masses!'

It may surprise many of my readers to learn this "tacking on" was done in 1939 -- just three years after the Social Security Act was signed and one year before the first monthly Social Security benefits were paid. In other words, Social Security has been paying benefits to the children of retirees, and to the mothers (and rarely fathers) of those kids, for more than 70 years now

Many of you wondered why they would get such benefits. The original intent of Social Security was to partially replace the income that taxpayers and their legal depen-



dents lose when they (the taxpayers) stop working -- because of retirement, disability, or death. The law clearly spells out who those dependents are. It's a spouse over age 62 who doesn't have his or her own Social Security benefit; it's a widow(er) over age 60; it's a child under age 18 (or over 18 if disabled); and it's the mother (and more recently the father) of any minor kids still at home -- unless that mother or father is working, in which case the earnings penalty rules (explained many times in this column) would prevent them from getting benefits.

And for those of you who are convinced that this is just another example of the erosion of that good old "pull yourselves up by the bootstraps" American mentality, I think you should relax. These benefits are not very common. After all, there aren't that many retirees (i.e., folks in their mid to late 60s and older) who have minor children at home.

For biological reasons, there obviously are hardly any women who have young kids at home when they reach Social Security age. It's a different story with men, of course, especially considering that there are more than a few old goats married (usually for the second time) to a younger woman - and they might have some teeny boppers still at home when he signs up for Social Security.

But the numbers show it really doesn't happen all that often. There are about 54 million people getting Social Security checks. Out of all those, about 579,000, or about one percent of all benefits, are going to children of retirees.

It is more likely that the children of someone getting Social Security disability checks would be getting monthly dependent's benefits. There are 1.8 million kids getting checks on the account of a disabled mother or father has died.

Finally, there are about 100,000 young mothers getting Social Security from their retired husband's account. That's just onetenth of one percent of all benefits paid. And you can literally almost count on your fingers and toes the number of dependent fathers getting benefits because they are caring for the young children of a retired woman.

Q. I am 68 years old. I have a 47-year-old wife, and we have a son with Down syndrome who is about to turn 18. He is getting Social Security checks on my record. We've heard conflicting stories about whether his benefits will continue after age 18. Can you explain the rules? (My wife doesn't get any benefits because she is working full time.)

A. Your son's benefits will continue indefinitely. Benefits to a dependent child normally stop at age 18, and sometime can be paid until age 19 if the child is still in high school.

But those benefits can go on for life if a son or daughter is severely disabled, and has been disabled since childhood. In fact, of the 4.3 million "children" who are getting Social Security dependent's benefits, about 950,000 are getting what the law calls "disabled adult child" payments. ""Adult" is the key word, because many of these beneficiaries are folks well into their 30s, 40s, and 50s. (Remember though, they have been severely disabled since they were kids.)

If you filed for your retirement benefits quite a few years ago, my hunch is they didn't do any disability development for your son, since he was eligible for checks simply because he was a minor child. That means you will have to fill out some paperwork to establish his disability in Social Security's records. If you haven't done so already, make sure you talk to your local Social Security office about this before his 18th birthday.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact parent. And there are about 2 milhim at thomas.margenau@comcast.net. lion kids getting monthly Social

Fort Hood is reviewing security policies at secondary schools after two students were found to have weapons at middle schools the same day.

Nevertheless Bobby Ott, Killeen's deputy school superintendent, says the Killeen school district has plans in place that worked and has students and staff that "know how to report these kinds of situations.

According to Fort Hood's Facebook page, a student was caught with a handgun at Audie Murphy Middle School on the post Friday morning. Hours later, another student was found to have an unspecified weapon at Rancier Middle School in Killeen.

The Killeen Daily Herald reports the weapons were confiscated and the students taken into custody.

Friday was the 13th anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings in Colorado.

Houston juvenile sex crimes up

HOUSTON (AP) — Probation records show Harris County has seen a 17 percent increase in number of juveniles committing sex crimes over the past five years, a period in which major juvenile crimes showed significant declines.

The records reviewed by the Houston Chronicle show the number of sex offenses charged to juveniles rose from 121 to 142 over the past five years. Other violent crimes declined, with juvenile murder cases falling by 28 percent and robbery cases falling by 24 percent.

The U.S. Justice Department says 36 percent of the sex crimes against children are committed by other children, with 5 percent of all sex offenders being younger than age 9 and 16 percent younger than 12.

Lawmaker fined, didn't report car

DALLAS (AP) - The Texas Ethics Commission has levied a \$2,000 fine against a Texas House Transportation Committee member who didn't report her use of a luxury car owned by a state transportation contractor.

The Dallas Morning News reports watchdog groups criticized the amount of the fine against State Rep. Linda Harper-Brown and how long it took to investigate the allegation against the Irving Republican.

Andrew Wheat of the watchdog group Texans for Public Justice called the fine "a Chevrolet penalty for a Mercedes crime."

Harper-Brown didn't return a message from The Associated Press seeking comment Saturday.

The newspaper reported in 2010 that Harper-Brown and her husband used cars owned by a company owned by Jeffrey C. Bryan. Another company Bryan owns sold red-light camera parts after her bill legalized the cameras.

Man comes forward in puppy death

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say a man who was sought in connection with the burning death of a 4-month-old puppy has surrendered to authorities.

Darius Ewing turned himself in at the same time a candlelight vigil was being held for the Labrador terrier mix named Justice. Ewing had been wanted on a felony animal cruelty charge.

Authorities say several people set a dog on fire April 4 at an apartment complex in the Pleasant Grove district of southeast Dallas.

The group ran away when police arrived. A witness told police someone poured lighter fluid on the puppy before setting it on fire.

Naturalization push ahead of election

rhetoric on illegal immi-

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constituency, account for

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - A coalition of groups supporting immigrants has recruited teams of volunteers to help push programs they hope will add thousands of new U.S. citizens to the voter rolls in several states in time for the November presidential election.

The national push comes after Democratic President Barack Obama has failed deliver on promised to immigration reforms in his first years in office and his likely opponent, Mitt Romney, adopted harsh

March

importance of public contributions to the program. "It's not our biggest," she said, "but it usually brings in about \$2,500 to \$3,000. Of course, that goes toward buying the ingredients for our meals as well as the supplies four our meals. We're feeding approximately 150 a day now, so all the funds we raise certainly go toward a lot of

people. ... We just appreciate all of our supporters. We work from what our community gives us. We get (some grants), but these fundraisers are very important, not just for the proceeds alone, but for getting us out in the community and being visible to everyone."

The March is a good benefit for everyone involved, said Autry.

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Immigrants and other minority voters helped Obama to a comfortable win over Republican John McCain in the 2008 presidential election.

"The fastest growing segment of the American electorate is the Latino vote, and within Latinos, we are seeing very rapid growth of immigrant voters," said Matt Barreto, a political science professor at the University of Washington. "In the 2012 election there is no doubt that the immigrant com-

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"It is a lot of fun," she said. "Everyone really always enjoys it. They getting togethenjoy er. They enjoy getting the t-shirts. The food is always great. Everyone always has a great time."

To register for the March, call Meals on Wheels at 806-669-1007 or stop by the Meals on Wheels office between 8 a.m to noon on weekdays.

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Washington, Tennessee, Illinois, Wisconsin and New Hampshire. Nearly 500 citizenship applications have been completed so far.



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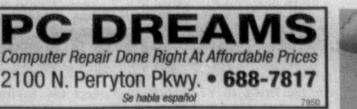
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Turfgrass

The handbook also provides tips for water conservation and lawn care, such as checking irrigation systems for problems like leaking valves and watering during the early morning hours. Bean also recommends to use rainfall and freeze sensors to prevent overwatering.

The handbook will be available in May at AgriLife offices in the High Plains and is online now via the Turfgrass link on http://amarillo.tamu.edu/agronomy.





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Today in History

Today is Monday, April 23, the 114th day of 2012. There are 252 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 23, 1789, President-elect George Washington and his wife, Martha, moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

On this date:

In 1616, English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare, 52, died on what has been traditionally regarded as the anniversary of his birth in 1564.

In 1791, the 15th president of the United States, James Buchanan, was born in Franklin County, Pa.

In 1910, former President Theodore Roosevelt delivered his famous "Man in the Arena" speech at the Sorbonne in Paris.

In 1940, about 200 people died in the Rhythm Night Club Fire in Natchez, Miss.

In 1954, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his record 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

In 1961, Judy Garland performed her legendary concert at New York's Carnegie Hall.

In 1962, NASA launched Ranger 4 on a mission to the moon. (The spacecraft was supposed to transmit pictures and data just before crashing into the lunar surface three days later; however, due to equipment malfunction, no data was sent.)

In 1968, student protesters began occupying buildings on the campus of Columbia University in New York; police put down the protests a week later.

In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

In 1987, 28 construction workers were killed when an apartment complex being built in Bridgeport, Conn., suddenly collapsed.

Exactly who is conservative, anyway?

CHRIS TOMLINSON

Associated Press

In Republican political circles and social media, a debate is raging on what qualifies as true conservatism.

Voters hear candidates claim they are the true conservative in a race. while they paint their competitors with the dreaded "moderate" label. Political action committees and activists create elaborate score cards to quantify a candidate's conservatism.

Most Texans identify themselves as conservative in opinion polls, and the conservative brand is clearly strong, proven by the number of politicians who embrace the label. Yet, there appears to be growing disagreement on what being conservative means, and how to judge it.

Political activist Michael Quinn Sullivan has an established career advocating conservatism. He is currently president of Empower Texans/ Texans for Fiscal Responsibility, which evaluates lawmakers' voting records and endorses candidates. He says conservatism has been well defined since Sen. Barry Goldwater in the early 1960s.

"The broad definitions of conservatism — low taxes, limited government — those things have not changed," Sullivan said. He said that government spending should grow no faster than the population plus inflation, and that Republican lawmakers who have hinted that Texas may need to raise more money to pay for state services cannot claim the conservative mantle.

If a politician does not want to uphold those principles, Sullivan says, they should be honest about it. One politician whom he says is guilty of not upholding conservative values is House Speaker Joe Straus. Empower Texans have endorsed a

number of Republicans challenging incumbents in the party primary on May 29, including Straus' challenger.

Since Republicans dominate Texas politics, controlling every statewide office and both houses of the Legislature, the party primary is the most important election in Texas.

With a 101-seat Republican supermajority in 2011, the Legislature was more conservative than it's been in at least 20 years, but still not conservative enough, Sullivan said. And that is why he says the scorecards are so important to let Republican voters know exactly how conservative their representatives behaved in Austin last year.

In recent weeks, though, Sullivan has railed against a new organization offering its own scorecard, the Texas Conservative Roundtable. The group says it offers a more business-centric approach to rating lawmakers and uses a very different methodology. "We're trying to add a businessminded set of solutions to the problems, because the businesses that make up the round table are concerned about issues like roads, infrastructure, energy, water, an educated workforce; those things that really affect the economy of Texas," said Julie Parsley, the president of the organization. "Hopefully it's a way to broker some fiscally responsible, conservative solutions to what are going to be tough issues facing Texas.'

The scores provided by the round table are noticeably different from those given by Sullivan. One example is Rep. Barbara Nash, an Arlington Republican who received a C from Empower Texans and a 90 percent-to-99 percent score from the round table. Empower Texas endorsed the freshman-lawmaker's challenger after she voted contrary

to the group's views on 13 out of 41 issues, most of them minor, such as a program to help people fillout applications for benefits, restricting increases in electricity rates and establishing regulations on dog and cat breeders.

Sullivan said the roundtable's scorecards are nothing more than incumbent cronyism intended to protect Republican incumbents who don't want to admit they are really moderates.

"I'm a big believer that you need lots of voices in the political process, but that we don't need is people who misrepresent themselves or try to hide behind sloganeering and hide behind labels," Sullivan said. "You can call a tulip a rose all you want, but that doesn't make it one."

Parsley says Sullivan's attacks are unfortunate.

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"Our group views conservatism as an efficient, limited government, low taxes, stable regulation, predictable regulation and transparency in government," Parsley said. "If you don't have roads you can't have trucks carry goods in and out of Texas, if you don't have an educated workforce you can't run the businesses, if you don't have water you can't do anything."

Neither Parsley nor Sullivan want to see the Republican party factionalized, but based on their differing scorecards, they have distinct views on whom voters should send to Austin next year. Two quotes may best sum up their differences.

"Politics is not about compromise, it's about governing," Sullivan declared.

While Parsley said: "'No' is not always the right answer, sometimes you have to say our roads are crumbling, we need a water plan, (and) our public schools need funding."

EPA's battles go from pollution to politics

In 1992, McDonald's opened its first fast-food restaurant in the Chinese capital of Beijing.

In 2005, website YouTube uploaded its first video, titled "Me at the Zoo," consisting of 18 seconds of co-founder Jawed Karim standing/in front of an elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo.

Ten years ago: American cardinals opened an extraordinary meeting with top Vatican officials to discuss a sex abuse scandal rocking the Roman Catholic Church in the United States; Pope John Paul II told the American church leaders there was no room in the priesthood "for those who would harm the young." President George W. Bush's top White House aide, Karen Hughes, resigned to return home to Texas with her family.

Five years ago: Boris Yeltsin, the first freely elected Russian president, died in Moscow at age 76. Congressional Democratic leaders agreed on legislation requiring the first U.S. combat troops to be withdrawn from Iraq by Oct. 1, 2007, with a goal of a complete pullout six months later; President George W. Bush pledged to veto such a measure. Classes at Virginia Tech resumed one week after the killings of 32 victims by a suicidal gunman. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author David Halberstam died in a car crash in Menlo Park, Calif., at age 73.

One year ago: Yemen's embattled president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, agreed to a proposal by Gulf Arab mediators to step down within 30 days and hand power to his deputy in exchange for immunity from prosecution. (Saleh ended up leaving office in February 2012.) Former Sony Corp. president and chairman Norio Ohga, credited with developing the compact disc, died in Tokyo at age 81.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 84. Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 82. Actor David Birney is 73. Actor Lee Majors is 73. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAliskey is 65. Actress Blair Brown is 64. Writer-director Paul Brickman is 63. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 63. Actor James Russo is 59. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 58. Actress Judy Davis is 57. Actress Jan Hooks is 55. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 52. Actor Craig Sheffer is 52. Actor George Lopez is 51. Rock musician Gen is 48. U.S. Olympic gold medal skier Donna Weinbrecht is 47. Actress Melina Kanakaredes (kah-nah-KAH'-ree-deez) is 45. Rock musician Stan Frazier (Sugar Ray) is 44. Country musician Tim Womack (Sons of the Desert) is 44. Actor Scott Bairstow is 42. Actor Barry Watson is 38. Actor Kal Penn is 35. MLB All-Star Andruw Jones is 35. Actress Jaime King is 33. Pop singer Taio Cruz is 29. Actor Aaron Hill is 29. Actress Rachel Skarsten is 27. Tennis player Nicole Vaidisova is 23. Actor Dev Patel ("Slumdog Millionaire") is 22. Actor Matthew Underwood is 22. Actor Camryn Walling is 22.

Thought for Today: "What is fame? The advantage of being known by people of whom you yourself know nothing, and for whom you care as little." - Lord Byron, English poet (1788-1824).

DINA CAPPIELLO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A polluted drainage ditch that once flowed with industrial waste from Lake Charles, La., petrochemical plants teems with overgrown, wild plants today.

A light-rail line zips past the spot where a now-defunct Portland, Ore., gasoline station advertised in 1972 that it had run out of gas.

A smoking Jersey City, N.J., dump piled with twisted, rusty metal has disappeared, along with the twin towers of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan that were its backdrop.

Forty years after the **Environmental Protection Agency** sent an army of nearly 100 photographers across the country to capture images at the dawn of environmental regulation, The Associated Press went back for Earth Day this year to see how things have changed. It is something the agency never got to do because the Documerica program, as it was called, died in 1978, the victim of budget cuts.

AP photographers returned to more than a dozen of those locations in recent weeks, from Portland to Cleveland and Corpus Christi, Texas. Of the 20,000 photos in the archive, the AP selected those that focused on environmental issues, rather than the more general shots of everyday life in the 1970s.

Gone are the many obvious signs of pollution - clouds of smoke billowing from industrial chimneys, raw sewage flowing into rivers, garbage strewn over beaches and roadsides --- that heightened environmental awareness in the 1970s, and led to the first Earth Day and the EPA's creation in 1970. Such environmental consciousness caused Congress to pass almost unanimously some of the country's bedrock environmental laws in the years that followed.

Today's pollution problems aren't as easy to see or to photograph. Some in industry and politics question whether environmental regulation has gone too far and whether the risks are worth addressing, given their costs.

Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney has called for the firing of EPA chief Lisa

Jackson, while GOP rival Newt Gingrich has said the EPA should be -replaced altogether. Jackson has faced tough questioning on Capitol Hill so often the in past two years that a top Republican quipped that she needs her own parking spot.

"To a certain extent, we are a victim of our own success," said William Ruckelshaus, who headed the EPA when it came into existence under Republican President Richard Nixon and was in charge during the Documerica project. "Right now, EPA is under sharp criticism partially because it is not as obvious to people that pollution problems exist and that we need to deal with them."

Environmental laws that passed Congress so easily in Ruckelshaus' day are now at the center of a partisan dispute between Republicans and Democrats. Dozens of bills have been introduced to limit environmental protections that critics say will lead to job losses and economic harm, and there are those who question what the vast majority of scientists accept — that the burning of fossil fuels is causing global warming.

In the 1970s, the first environmental regulations were just starting to take effect, with widespread support. Now, according to some officials in the oil and gas and electric utility industries, which are responsible for the bulk of emissions and would bear the greatest costs, the EPA has gone overboard with rules.

For instance, Documerica photographers captured a wave of coal-fired power plants under construction. Republicans and the industry now say environmental regulations are partly to blame for shuttering some of the oldest and dirtiest coal plants.

Jim DiPeso of ConservAmerica, a group that recently changed its name from Republicans for Environmental Protection, says the EPA is caught in the center of a perfect storm. "This time of greater cynicism about government, more economic anxiety and the fact that the problems are not immediately apparent, has created this political problem for EPA," he said.

In an interview, Jackson said she believes that people in the United States still want to protect the environment. "There's a

large gulf between the rhetoric inside the Beltway to do everything from cut back on EPA to get rid of the whole place, and what the American people would actually stand for," she said. "It's very easy to make rash statements without thinking about what that means to the health of everyday Americans."

A 2010 Pew Research Center survey showed that 57 percent of those questioned held a favorable view of the EPA, compared with a 1997 poll that showed 69 percent with a positive view of the agency. A CNN/Opinion Research Corp. poll taken last year found that 71 percent of people surveyed said that the government should continue provide money to the EPA to enforce regulations to address global warming and other environmental issues.

"We are not done. We still have challenges we have to face," Jackson said.

The agency last year began a volunteer photography project called State of the Environment. More than 620 people have participated and submitted 1,800 photographs, but only a few are at the same sites at the 1970s project.

Images always have spurred environmental consciousness. A 1980s satellite picture of the ozone hole helped lead to a ban on the chemicals in aerosol cans and refrigerants that were responsible. Underwater video of oil spewing into the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 opened the public's eyes to the gravity of the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

But a second Documerica project, with professional photographers, would be impossible today, given budget cuts facing the agency and the wariness of industry barring access by photographers.

Lyntha Scott Eiler, 65, shot photographs for Documerica around her then-home in northern Arizona, as well as one of the early emissions testing sites for automobile exhaust in Hamilton County, Ohio. At the Navajo Generating Station in Arizona, Eiler got right down in a strip mine "where the shovels were."

"They weren't afraid of the EPA, so it was, 'What else you do you want to get a photograph of?," Eiler said. "You probably would have a hard time doing that today."







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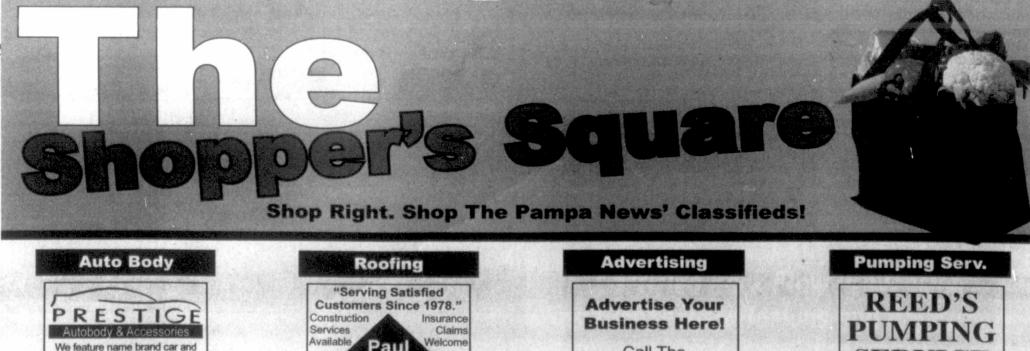
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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are 50-yearold professionals who have paid every penny of the cost for our two daughters' four-year college educations. Our oldest, "Lana," went on to law school and has incurred well in excess of \$100,000 in law school loan debt. She has struggled to find a job as an attorney, and I'm no longer sure she still wants to practice law. Lana is married to a medical student who also has significant student loan debt.

Two nights ago I made the mistake of telling Lana that her mother and I would help her pay off her student loans. I regret having opened my mouth. She and her husband spend their money on frivolous luxuries and are not responsible financial-

My wife and I live frugally. We withdrew money from our retirement accounts to help fund our daughters' college educations. We now need to increase our retirement contributions and pay for maintenance and repairs to our home that we delayed while paying for their tuition.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby...

and our present standard of living to support them. I would appreciate some advice. This may be an issue affecting a lot of parents at this time. -- SPOKE TOO SOON IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR SPOKE TOO SOON: Before making any promises to your daughter, you should have reviewed your retirement plans with your financial adviser. It's still not too late to do that, and once you do you should immediately inform Lana that, upon review, you now realize that giving her more money will compromise your plans for retirement.

You should also explain that you have deferred important repairs to your home because the money was directed instead to her education. The problem with deferring maintenance is it usually costs more than if the problems had been dealt with promptly, which is why you are, regrettably, unable to bail her out of her student loans. It may be the wake-up call Lana needs that it's time to assume her own responsibilities.

DEAR ABBY: My mom and I have children financially, we can no longer af- been travel agents for 15 years. My cousin,

to join our business multiple times over the past few years and we always said yes.

A few months ago I learned that she went behind our backs and started her own travel agency. When I confronted her about hiding it from us, she denied it. Then one day I went over to her new office. She said she hadn't wanted to hurt our feelings, but she already has. She says I'm being "irrational" for not supporting her, but I think she was wrong for not joining us and going off on her own. Do you think our relationship can be saved? -- FAMILY MATTERS IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR FAMILY MATTERS: Your cousin should have been forthright about starting her own business instead of hiding it. It is not "irrational" to feel hurt that she didn't level with you, and that was her mistake.

However, this is a free country, and your cousin had a right to change her mind about joining your business. Your relationship can be fixed as long as you and your mother accept that she had a right to go into business for herself if she wished, and refrain from discussing business when you're together.

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Harvesters down Dalhart on walk-off hit by pitch

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Senior Devin Coleman came up to bat in the bottom of the ninth with one out and the bases loaded. The senior was looking to get a base hit or put the ball in play to score the gamewinning run in a 4-4 game.

Coleman looked at two balls and a strike before Dalhart's pitcher Mark Schaub delivered the game-winning "hit," plunking Coleman to allow senior Jared Lusk to score the winning run in a 5-4 Pampa victory Saturday at Harvester Field.

"I just crowded the plate as much as I could," Coleman said.

The game was Senior Day. Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said he was proud of how his team battled back.

"Dalhart came out and put the ball in play," Snelgrooes said. "We made some errors and put some runs on. Credit our guys for not quitting. They ground it out.'

The Harvesters (9-13, 5-3) fell behind 4-0 after the second inning. Pampa committed three errors in the first two innings, two of them

RBI single from Baker and Danny Avalos scored on Marcus Trajillo's ground out.

Pampa rallied in the bottom the third. Juniors Tyler Powell and James Thompson reached on walks. Lusk hit an RBI single to score Powell. Thompson scored on an RBI single by junior Jordan Lemons. Senior Zach Graves walked with the bases loaded to score Lusk.

Pampa was able to advantage of Dalhart's pitchers' lack of control. Gabe Marquez started and walked six batters in six innings and only threw 50 percent of his pitches for strikes. Schaub walked four and hit two batters in 2.1 innings pitched.

Sophomore Ethan Hunt started and struggled to get through innings quickly, throwing at least 17 pitches. Senior Collin Killgo replaced Hunt after the third and kept Dalhart in check. The senior only giving up a hit and striking out 11 to earn the win.

"I just came out and tried to get ground balls," Killgo said. "I did what I had to do."

The Harvesters tied the game in the

directly led to runs. Dalhart got an bottom of the seventh. Thompson led off with a walk. A balk and a wild pitch advanced Thompson to third. Lusk struck out, but Dalhart's catcher Cameron Vogel couldn't hold the ball. Vogel had to throw to first to complete the strikeout, allowing Thompson to score the tying run on the throw.

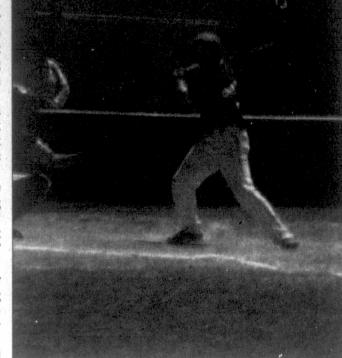
In the bottom of the ninth, Pampa only put one ball in play with Lusk reaching because Avalos couldn't locate a flyball. Killgo and Lemons walked to set up Coleman's at-bat.

Snelgrooes said it was neat to have two seniors complete the winning run.

"For us to have a senior get hit and senior to score, that's special," Snelgrooes said.

The Harvesters close the regular season at 4:30 p.m. Friday hosting the Borger Bulldogs. Borger lost 5-3 to the Perryton Rangers. The victory clinched district for Perryton.

The winner of Friday's game will clinch the second seed in District 1-3A.



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Senior Devin Coleman takes a pitch on the shoulder to seal a 5-4 victory over Dalhart.

Lady Harvesters edge Lady Raiders; fall to Lady Eagles



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Junior Claire Hopkins slides safely into home to escape a rundown Satur-

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With their play in District 1-3A over, the Pampa Lady Harvesters want to gear themselves up for the playoffs. Saturday at Lady Harvester Field, Pampa had two games that should prepare them as it beat the Randall Lady Raiders 8-6 and lost to the Canyon Lady Eagles 9-2.

The Lady Harvesters (22-8, 9-0) jumped out to a 4-1 lead against the Lady Raiders, only to have them storm back. Randall led 6-5 giving Pampa the rare opportunity of batting in the bottom of the seventh.

The last time the Lady Harvesters had to bat in the seventh was March 16 in a loss to Vernon. Junior Tiffany Britton capped off a three-run rally with a walk-off home run.

The loss to Canyon ended a 12-game winning streak and was Pampa's second loss at home. The Lady Harvesters have a bye in the bi-district round of the playoffs and will face either the runner-up of District 4-3A or the third place team in District 3-3A in the area round on May 4.

Further game details and head coach Bobbi Gill's comments were unavailable as of press time.

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