## March for Meals in May fundraiser on May 4

- 2012 event will take place at Central Park instead of traditional Rec Park site
to do." can eat," said Autry). The event usuThe March will start at the Meals on ally brings out several older volunteers, Wheels building, 302 E. Foster, and cir- Autry added, who forgo the run/walk cle Central Park before coming back for and pay $\$ 5$ for just the meal ers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Wheels' third largest fundraiser Meals on ers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Wheels' third largest fundraiser, after
This is the first year at Central Park Adopt-A-Friend and Music and a Meal for the March, which has tradition- Nevertheless, with Music and a Meal.

Arnie Aurellano Meals on Wheels' 2012 March for
Meals in May will Meals in May will begin at $5: 30$ p.m.
on Friday, May 4 , according to Meals
Turfgrass handbook available Molue Bryant
mbryant@thepampanews.com A handbook on turfgrass management in the Panhandle is now available 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 shor ages. "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 overwa-
ter 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

## BIRTHDAY BASH


staff photo by ReDonn Woods
As Culberson Stowers owner Richard Stowers (right) looks on, Ed Robinson (left) of Hamburger Station As Cuiberson Stowers owner Richard Stowers (night) meets Culber
on Saturday


SENIORS CELEBRATE
LEFT: Seniors McKinlee Stokes (foreground, from left), Heather Coffee and Alanna Stephens complete their final Nakd 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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## PAMPA FORECAST



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gusts as high as 20 mph .

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and 20 mph , with gusts as high as 25 mph .
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph ,

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low
around 55. East wind around 10 mph .
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## GOP's Leppert touts business experience

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MILANO (AP) - Tom Leppert is the stump.
The mostly soft-spóken, former Dallas mayor doesn't deal in verbal firebombs or spew enough anti-Washing on venom to make the hearts of Texas
tea party supporters skip a beat. But lea party supporters skip a beat. But
in a crowded U.S. Senate Republican primary that includes the establishment choice, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Leppert
tea party darling Ted Cruz, and former tea party darling Ted Cruz, and former
football star turned ESPN personality Craig James - Leppert says he can appeal to fiscal conservatives who don" 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 group deal," Leppert, S7, 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 gar
nered." nered."
Lepper Leppert hopes his 25 years of experience running busi-
nesses large and small can woo would-be voters. But out te 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 multi-millionaire cayable of financing his own campaign. eppert counters that Dewhurst is a career politician and
Cruz offers more " 7 -second sound bites than solutions." Cruz offers more " 7 -second sound dites than solutions."
"I don't scream and shout. I don't use profanity," Lepp said. "What I'm more interested in is achieving results." No Democrat has won statewide office in Texas since 994, so the primary is the main race. If a candidate doesn't in more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two will face off July 31.
Though so Leppert remains poppular 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
to Congress. to Congress.
Leppert wa hrough college at Claremont McKenna in California while holding various odd jobs, including janitor at a medical office building before earning a Master of Business Adminis-
tration from Harvard. He served as CEO of firms in five diftration from Harvard. He served as CEO of firms in five dif-
ferent fields like real estate, financial services and the Turner ferent fields like real estate, financial services and the furmer

## UT spending to defend admission standards

AUSTIN (AP) - The University But race and ethnicity are among agreement, according to the newsof Texas at Austin will pay a Los numerous other factors the univer-- paper. Angeles-based law firm with expe- sity weighs in deciding who else rience before the nation's highest court nearly $\$ 1$ million to defend its
admission standards, which consid er race and ethnicity, which considA 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 ad pald a fat $\$ 977,000$ fee with an ad
ditional $\$ 10,000$ maximum for ex-
penses.
The firm - with more than 2,000 lawyers and 31 offices in 14 coun-
tries - will represent UT tries - will represent UT in a college
admission racial preference case the admission racial preference case the
U.S. Supreme Court will hear. Last Tuesday, the high court
agreed to review affirmative action agreed to review affirmative action
in higher education, starting with
a look at a 2008 challenge 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 constipotional rights. About two-thirds of UT freshmen are admitted based on high school general's office, which state attorney

## Obituaries



Hecame director of nurses for Hereford Regional Medical Hospital. He opened SWS Construction to build and remodel homes. He retired from nursing with the following 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 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 gratitude for 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 He is survived by : two daughters: Sussette Stubbs
Howard and husband Jeremy and Shatori Stubbs Hynd-
 Iowa Park; Four grandchildren: Jonathan, Serena, Caleb and Phoenix all of Pampa. three esisters: Linda Walsh and husband Alan of Katy and Gail Barrett and fiance' Glen
Keating of Pampa. His parents Eugene and Stacey Stubbs. Keating of Pampa. His parents Eugene and Stacey Stubbs
of Pampa.; seven nieces and two nephews. Scott was preceded in death by an infant son; Scott Allen Stubbs and a sister; Lola Fergerson.
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## MORNINGRUSH

Smith lauds Perry compact
PAMPA - Pampa's Mac Smith, a candidate for the Texas House of Representatives, voiced his support las
week for the budget compact recently proposed Texas by overnor Rick perry.
"I appreciate and support the principles set forth in
Governor Perry's 'Texas Budzet Compert," Smith said Governor Perry's ' 'exas Budget Compact," Smitts said If elected to serve the families of House District 88 ,
am committed to balancing our state budget withoul aising taxes, limiting the size of government, keeping taxes low for Texas families and businesses, more trans-
tatite parency in all levels, of govermment and protecting the
integriy of the States Reiny ntegrity of the State's Rainy Day Fund.
Texas has shown the rest of the country that limited oovernment, low taxes, fiscal restraint and a fair regula-
ory environment equals job creation. As a local smal usiness owner with a focus on rural economic develop ments, saving existing jobs and atrracting neew jobs to ou

## Minister sentenced in wife's murder

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - A judge has approved a 4-year prison term a South Texas Pentecostal minister agreed to in return for his guilty plea to murder in his
wife's deatha a ilttle more than a year ago. Julio Cesar Perez was sentenced Friday in state district court in Brownsville after entering his guilty plea
Tuesday. The Brownsille Herald reports that, under terms of his plea deal, the 42 -year-old minister would become parole-eligible after serving 22 years for killing The minister had originally been charged with capital nurder. He is the last of six men to admict to their roles in a plot to kill the Rio Hondo schoolteacher. The triggerprison without parole for his guilty plea,
Police investigating remains
DALLAS (AP) - Police searching for the body of
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 hat the remains found Saturday haven't been identified but appeared human, and would be collected for test-
ing. 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 from the AP. fom the AP
Johnathan Ramsey's father and stepmother are accused
Ramsey remain jailed on felony injury to a child charges.
Weapons found at two schools
KILLEEN (AP) -A ACentral Texas school district near
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, Ki
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
According to Fort Hood's Facebook page, a student
was caught with a handgun at Audie Murphy Middle was caught win a handgun at Audie Murphy Middle student was found to have an unspecified weapon at Rancier Middle School in Killeen.
The Killeen Daily Herald reports the weapons wer confiscated and the students taken into custody.
Friday was the 13th anniversary of the Col

Houston juvenile sex crimes up HOUSTON (AP) - Probation records show Harris County has seen a 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 the number of sex offenses charged to juveniles ros
from 121 to 142 over the past five years. Other violen crimes declined, with juvenile murder cases falling by
percent and robbery cases falling by 24 percent. percent and robbery cases falling by 24 percent.
The U.S. Justice Department says 36 percent of crimes against children are committed by other children, with 5 percent of all sex offenders bein
age 9 and 16 percent younger than 12 .
Lawmaker fined, didn't report car DALLAS (AP) - The Texas Ethics Commission has 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 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
Harper-Brown didn't return a message from The
Associated Press seeking comment Saturday
The newspaper reported in 2010 that Har
and her husband used cars owned by a company owned by Jeffrey C. Bryan. Another company Bryan owns sold
Man comes forward in puppy death
DALLAS (AP) - Dallas police say a man who
was sought in connection with the burning death of 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 terrie 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
outheast Dallas.
old police someone poured lighter fluid on the puppy before settine it on fire.

## Benefits for little ones cause big stink

## TOM MARGENAU

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 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 1 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 irritat-
ed, to learn that a retiree's ed, to learn that a retiree s children
and his younger wife could qualify and his younger wife could qualify
for monthly Social Security checks on his account.
Here's a typical response: "You
must be wrong about must be wrong about benefits due
a retiree's children. Surely those a retiree's children. Surely those
kinds of benefits are only paid if 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 has died, but 1 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 husbands recora? She should be
working and supporting herself. 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 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 after
signed and one year before the first signed and
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 the mothers (and rarely fathers) of
those kids, for more than 70 years Many of you wondered why they
would would get such benefits. The origi-
nal intent of Social Security was
to partially replace the income that to partially replace the income that
taxpayers and their legal depen-

## Social Security and you

dents lose when they (the taxpayers) stop working -- because of 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 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. getting benefits.
convinced that this is just another example of the erosion of that good
old "pull yourselves old "pull yourselves up by the
bootstraps" American mentality I bootstraps American mentase ,
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 reter (i.e., folks in their mid to late 60 s
and older) who have minor chil and older) who have minor chil-
dren at home. dren at home.
For biologi
For biological reasons, there
obviously are hardly any women
who who have young kids at home
when 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 -a 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 doesn't happen all that often. There
are about 54 million people getting are about 54 million people getting
Social Security checks. Out of all 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 get-
ting monthly dependent's benefits. There are 1.8 million kids getting checks on the account of a disabled parent. And there are about 2 mil-
lion kids getting monthly Social

Security checks because
nother or father has died. mother or father has died.
Finally, there are about 100,000 Finally, there are about 100,000
young mothers getting Social Security from their retired hus-
band's account. That's just one band's account. That's just one-
tenth of one percent of all benefits paid. And you can liter-
ally almost count on your fingers ally almost count on your fingers
and toes the number of dependent fathers getting benefits because they are caring for the young chil-
dren of a retired woman.
Q. I am 68 years old. I have a
47 -year-old wife, and we have a 47-year-old wife, and we have a is about to turn 18 . He is who tecord Social Security checks on my recories. We've heard conflicting will continue whether his benefits 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 dependent child normally stop at
age 18 , and sometime can be paid age 18, and sometime can be paid
until age 19 if the child is still in high school.
But those be
life if a son or dits can go on for disabled, and has been disabled since childhood. In fact, of the 4.3
million "chil million "children" who are getbenefits, about 950,000 are getting what the law calls ". "disabled adult
child" key word, because many of these beneficiaries are folks well into
their 30 , 40 a though, they thas 50 s. (Remember disabled since they weere kids.) If you filed for your retirement hunch is they didn't do any disabil-
huty ity 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
this before his 18 th birthday.

If you have a Social Security question,
Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact
him at thomas.margenau © comcast.net.

Naturalization push ahead of election

|  | rhetoric on illegal | muni |
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| A coalition of | gration to win support | Immigrants and other |
| ting immi- | from conserv | minority voters helped |
| ants has recruited teams | campaigning for the GOP | Obama to a comfortable |
| volunteers to help push | nomination. | win over Republican John |
| ograms they hope will | The Department of | McCain in the 2008 presi- |
| d thousands of new U.S. | Homeland Security says an | dential election. |
| izens to the voter rolls | estimated 12.6 | The fastest gr |
| everal states in time for | ple were holding so-called | segment of the American |
| November presidential | green cards given to legal | electorate is the Latino |
| ection. | permanent U.S. residents | vote, and within Latinos, |
| The national push comes | in 2010, including 8.1 m | are seeing very rapid |
| after Democratic President | lion people who already | growth of immigrant vot- |
| Barack Obama has fail | qualify for naturalization | ers," said Matt Barreto, |
| to deliver on promised | but have not app | a political science prof |
| immigration reforms | izenship. Latinos, consid- | sor at the University of |
| sfirst years in office and | ered a Democratic-leaning | Washington. "In the 2012 |
| his likely opponent, Mitt | constituency, account for | election there is no doubt |
| mmey, adopted harsh | the largest immigrant com- | the immigrant com- |

## March



Turfgrass

The handbookes. 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 rainThe handbook will to prevent overwatering.
The handbook will be available in May at AgriLife ffices in the High Plains and is online now via the 2100 N. Perryton Pkwy. - 688-7817

$\qquad$ The "Become a Citizen
Now!" campaign began in March, hoping to help
5,000 immigrants 5,000 immigrants complete the daunting applica-
tion process to become citizens and register to vote.
It is targeting foreign-born residents who have been
in the country long enough in the country long enough
to qualify for naturalizato qualify for naturaliza-
tion in Massachusetts, New York, California,
Florida,
Oregon $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Oregon, } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Maryland, } \\ \text { Colorado, }\end{array} \\ \text { Washington, } & \text { Tennessee }\end{array}$ Tllinois, Wisconsin and
New Hampshire. New Hampshire. Nearly
500 citizenship applica-
tions have been tions have been completed
so far.


## Viewpoints

Today in History
Today's Highlight in History:
On April 23, 1789, President-elect George
Washingto and his wife Martha moved into the Washington and his wife, Martha, moved into the
firste executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New On this date:
In 1616, English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare, 52 , died on what has been tradition-
ally 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" specch at the Sorbonne in Paris. In 1940 about 200 people died
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 In 1961, Judy Garland performed her legendary In 1962. NASA launched Ranger 4 on a mis-
sion to the moon. (The spacecraft was supposed to sion to the moon. The spacecrata was supposed to
transmit pictures and data just before crashing into
the luna sufter thee days leter. however. the lunar surface three days later, however, due to
equipment malfunction, no data was sent.)
In 1968 , student protesters began occupying build-
ings on the campus of Columbia University in New ings 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 imprison-
ment.)

In 1987,28 construction workers were killed when
an apartment complex being built in Bridgeport, Conn., suddenly collapsed.
In 1992, MCDonald's opened its first fast-food
restaurant in the Chinese canital of In 2005 , website YouTube uploaded its first
video, titled "Me at the Zoo." consisting of 18 seconds of co-founder Jawed Karim standing in in front $_{\text {of an elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo. }}^{\text {on }}$.

Ten years ago: American cardinals opened an
extraordinary meeting with top Vatican officials extraordinary meeting with top Vatican officials
to discuss a sex abuse scandal rocking the Roman Catholic Church in the United Statess, Pope John
Paul II told the American churh leaders there was no toom in the priesthoon for hose Who would
harm the young, President George W. Bush stop
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 of a complete pullout six months later; President
Cieorge w Bush pledged to veto such a measure Classes at Viriginia 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.,

One year ago: Yemen's embattled president, Ali Abdulah 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. SSaleh ended up leaving office in February 2012.) Former Sony Corp. president and
chaiman Norio Ohga, credited with developing the Today's Birthdays: Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 8 A. Actoto Alan Oppenheimer
is 82 Actor David Birney is 73 . Actor Lee Majors is 1is 8 . Actor D David Biriney is 73 . Actor Lee Majors is
73. Irish nationalist Beradette Devlin McAliskey is
65.
 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. Jan Hook is 5 . A.tress Valerie Bertinelli is 52 .
Actor Craig Sheffer is 52 . Atoror Goerge Lopez
is 51 Rock musicion Gen is 48 Uo gold medal skier Donna Weinbrecht is 47 . Actress Melina K Kanakaredes (kah-nah-KAHH--rea-deczes) is
45. Rock musician Stan Frazier (Suqar Ray) is 45. Rock musician Stan Frazier (Sugar Ray) is
44. Country musician Tim Womack Sons on the 44. Country musician Tim Womack (Sons of the
Desert) is 44 Actor Scott Bairstow is 42 . Actor 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 33. Pop singer Taio Cruz is 29. Actor Aaron Hill
is 29. Actress Rachel Skarsten is 27 . Tenis player
 Millionaire") is 22. Actorn Matthew Underwood is

Thought for Today: "What is fame? The advan tage of being known by people of whom you your-
self know nothing, and for whom you care as little." self know nothing, and for whom you care as lite

- Lord Byron, English poet ( $1788-1824$ ).

Exactly who is conservative, anyway?
number of Republicans challeng-
ing incumbents in the party primary
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 while they paint their competitors
with the dreaded "moderate" label with the dreaded "moderate" label.
Political action committees and activists create elaborate score cards to quantify a candidate's conserva-
tism.
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 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 cur advocating conservatism. He is cur-
rently president of Empower Texans/
Texans for Fiscal Renporibility rently president or Empower Texans/
Texans for Fiscal Responsibility,
which evaluates lawmakers' voting records and endorses candidates. He
says conservatism has says conservatism has been well
defined since Sen. Barry Goldwater in "he early 1960 s . "The broad definitions of conser-
vatism - low taxes, limited gov vatism - low taxes, limited gov-
ernment - those things have no changed," Sullivan said. He said that
government spending should thow no faster than the population plus
inflation inflation, and that Republican law-
makers who have hinted makers who have hinted that Texas may need to raise more money to
pay for state services cannot claim the conservative mantle. uphold those principles, Sullivan says, they should be honest about
it. One politician whom he says is it. One politician whom he says is
guilty of not upholding conservative
values is House Speaker Joe Straus.

EPA's battles go from pollution to politics

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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 super-
majority 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 week
In recent weeks, though, Sullivan offering its own scorecard, the Texas Conservative Roundtable. The group says it offers a more business-centric approach to rating lawmakers and QWe're trying to add a businessminded set of solutions to the problems, because the businesses that make up the round table are con-
cerned about issues like roads infraeerned about issues like roads, infraworkforce; those things that really affect the economy of Texas," said Julie Parsley, the president of the
organization. "Hopefully it's a way organization. "Hopefully it's a way
to broker some fiscally responsito broker some fiscally responsi-
ble, conservative solutions to what are going to be tough issues facing The exas. The scores provided by the
ound table are noticeably different from those given by Sullivan. One example is Rep. Barbara Nash, an Arlington Republican who received
C from Empower Texans a C from Empower Texans and a
90 percent-to-99 percent score from he round table Empower Texas 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, restidit
ing increases in electricity rates and ing 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 who pron'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 behind labels," Sullivan said. "You
can call a tulip a rose all you want, can call a tulip a rose all your."
but that doesn't make it one." Parsley says Sullivan's attacks are
unfortunate. unfortunate.
"Our group views conservatism as an efficient, limited government, able regulation and transparency in government," Parsley said. "If you don't have roads you can't have
trucks carry goods in and out of workforce you can't run the busi nesses, if you don't have water you can't do anything.
Neither Parsley
Neither Parsley nor Sullivan want
see the Republican party faction to see the Republican party faction-
alized, but based on their differing scorecards, they have distinct views on whom voters should send
to Austin next year. Two quotes may 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."


THE FAMIIX CIRCUS By Bil Keane
 the Smiths' new puppies?"
Non Sequitur

 Nest Heads


This year you'll survey your assets, tal- associate continues his or her pattem of fulfilled or insecure, look to an unused talent cannot change this person, you can establish or asset you possess. This trait might need stronger boundaries. Do just that, if need be.
to bedeveloped, and the result could delight A parent, boss or other respected individual you. Leam to convey your caring in an ap--admires your strength. Tonight: Could got to propriate manner that the listener can hear the wee hours.
and accept. If you are single, use good sense LBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) and accept. If you are single, use good sense
as to how much you'll share before getting $\quad \star \star \star \star \star \star$ You cannot isk myopic vito know a potential sweetie. If you are at- sion. Step back to gain a better and ming
tached, curb your criticism and increase complete perspective. Avoid nitpicking your appreciation. Accept your significant over details right now. A call from a friend
other as he or she is. GEMINI knows how at a distance could bring some very special to spend your money; however, do not news. Tonight: Choose a mind-relaxing account on his or her moneymaking abilities!
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
$\star \star \star \star \star$ Take a serious look at your tal-
ents and potential. Use these abilities rather
than put them on the back burner. Do not
hesitate to get feedback from respected au-
night: Impulsiveness could set in.
night: Impuisiveness could set in
TAUUS (Apri 20-May 20)
$\star \star \star \star$ Your insight tosses plans into the
blender once more. You know what works
and what doesn'. Regroup and help others
and what doesn't. Regroup and help others
make better decisions. Sharing good will
mand helpfulu information will create a stron-
ger bond between you and a friend. Tonight:
Share more of yourself, including a favorite
Tonight Be among friends-
CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Ian

demonstrate that certain people are not shar-- tion or detach temporarily in order to clear
ing as much as you thought. Recognize that up other more urgent matters. Someone has
other factors detemine their choices. Ex- good intentions, but his or her actions and/or
press interest in their selections in a nonof- thoughts could interfere with your agenda. press intersst in their selections in a nonof- thoughts could interfere with your agenda.
fensive manner. Tonight: You are the action. Tonight: Lose your stress. Hop into a hot CANCER (June 21-July 22)
$\star \star \star$ L Listen to news, even if you are un-
comfortable with what you are hearing. Try
comfortable with what you are hearing. Ty $\begin{aligned} & \star \star \star \star \star \text { Your creativity allows you to } \\ & \text { not tobe in denial, because ultimately youll } \\ & \text { be more }\end{aligned}$ himsical than many other poopple.
only hurt yourself. Test out your observa- You gain understanding and are able to con-
tions and sensitivities on a tuusted friend at a vey a more conple tions and sensitivitese on a tusted friend at a
later point during the day. Tonight: Do what feels good.
later point during the day. Tonight: Do what
feels good. $\begin{aligned} & \text { discreet as to how much you reveal to one } \\ & \text { LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { key pason. Tonight: As if there is no tomor- } \\ \text { row. }\end{array}$ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
$\star \star \star \star \star$ New ideas cause you to adjust
your plans or a project. You'll gain a lot of your plans or a project. You tI gain a lot of
insight if you remain open to this information. You might not encourage change, but ultimately the end results will be better if you let it happen. An associate or friend
supports your desires. Tonight: Where you supports your des
most want to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You gain understanding and are able to con-
vey a more complete vision to listeners. Be row.
PISCES (Feb. 19-Marci 20)
$\star \star \star$ Remain centered, even if it means not answering calls. You have much to do and do not need any distractions. A situation suddenly could take on another perspective,
and yet another. Go with the flow with this matter rather than interfere. Tonight: You do not need to go far.


Shoe


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## Sports

## Harvesters down Dalhart on walk-off hit by pitch

| g run in a 4-4 game. <br> man looked at two balls and a before Dalhart's pitcher Mark delivered the game-winning plunking Coleman to allow Jared Lusk to score the winin in a 5-4 Pampa victory $y$ at Harvester Field. crowded the plate as much uld," Coleman said. game was Senior Day. Head Kaleb Snelgrooes said he was of how his team battled back. |
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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


Junior Claire Hopkins slides safely into home to escape a rundown Satur day against Randall. Pampa won $8-6$ but lost to Canyon $9-2$


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over@thepampanews With their play in District $1-3 \mathrm{~A}$ over, the Pampa Lady Harvesters want to gear themselves up for the playoffs. Saturday
at Lady Harvester Field, Pampa had two at Lady Harvester Field, Pampa had two
games that should prepare them as it beat games that should prepare them as iady Raiders 8 -6 and lost to the Canyon Lady Eagles 9-2.
The Lady Harvesters (22-8, 9-0) jumped 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 out to a 4-1 ead against
only to have them storm back. Randall
led $6-5$ giving Pampa the rare opportunity led $6-5$ giving Pampa the rare opportunity
of batting in the bottom of the seventh.
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