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## Eats beat: Sunday requires a special feast for Mom

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By **Bud Kennedy**

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Mother's Day is no time for experiments.

Mom wants lunch, good service and, most of all, somebody else to do all the work.

In Northeast Tarrant County, **Bob's Steak & Chop House** will serve its regular menu, including steaks, a pork chop dinner with applesauce, rack of lamb or fresh seafood; 1255 S. Main St., Grapevine, 817-481-5555, [www.bobs-steakandchop.com](http://www.bobs-steakandchop.com).

Next door, **Winewood Restaurant** offers a three-course menu featuring chicken cordon bleu, salmon or a rib-eye; \$29. 1265 S. Main St., [www.thewinewood.com](http://www.thewinewood.com).

**Cowboys Golf Club** in Grapevine opens for a buffet with prime rib, pork tenderloin, garlic chicken or short ribs, plus two kinds of mac-and-cheese; 1600 Fairway Drive, 817-481-7277, [cowboysgolfclub.com](http://cowboysgolfclub.com)

Even North Main BBQ in Euless has a rose for Mom.

Owner **Hubert Green**, 85, knows moms don't always want barbecue.

"But if you can get Mama in here," he said, "she'll like it."

The meal is \$15. North Main is open 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; 406 N. Main St., 817-267-7821.

Also open: **Kirby's Prime Steakhouse** in Southlake, **J.R.'s Steakhouse** in Colleyville and the **Silver Fox Steakhouse** in Grapevine.

In Arlington, beloved **Cacharel's** menu includes a choice of almond-crusted tilapia, salmon, chicken-mushroom crêpes or beef tenderloin with (of course) a chocolate soufflé; \$48.50. 817-640-9981, [www.cacharel.net](http://www.cacharel.net).

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Or there's **Babe's Chicken Dinner House**, serving a choice of fried or smoked chicken along with catfish and other dishes; 230 N. Center St., 817-801-0300, [www.babeschicken.com](http://www.babeschicken.com).

Roanoke's restaurant row has Babe's, **Hard Eight BBQ** and fine-dining **Classic Cafe**, serving beef tenderloin, roast chicken piccata or basil-pesto salmon; \$35. 504 N. Oak St., 817-430-8185, [theclassiccafe.com](http://theclassiccafe.com).

In Weatherford, **Fire Oak Grill** serves a four-course brunch featuring lamb, crab or beef tenderloin; \$40. 114 Austin Ave., 817-598-0400, [www.fireoakgrill.com](http://www.fireoakgrill.com).

(The **Wild Mushroom** will open in midafternoon and serve its regular menu.)

In Fort Worth, besides the obvious hotels and buffets, **Grace** will open Sunday. Choices include eggs Benedict, Texas berry French toast, Kobe beef pot roast or buttermilk-fried chicken; \$14-\$40. 777 Main St., 817-877-3388, [gracefortworth.com](http://gracefortworth.com).

**Bailey's Prime Plus**, revamping its steak-and-seafood menu, will offer an ambitious buffet that will include prime rib, lemon-roasted chicken, Coca Cola-glazed ham, egg dishes, sides and strawberry shortcake; \$49. 2901 Crockett St., 817-870-1100, [www.baileysprimeplus.com](http://www.baileysprimeplus.com).

**Salsa Fuego** will serve a \$17 brunch buffet with egg dishes, jalapeño-bacon waffles, chilaquiles and brisket; 3520 Alta Mere Drive (Texas 183), 817-560-7888, [salsafuegofw.com](http://salsafuegofw.com).

And **Ol' South Pancake House**, celebrating 50 years of 'round-the-clock service next week, will serve home-cooking lunches and dinners for \$6-\$9 or 1-pound T-bones for \$17.

Next Tuesday, Ol' South will give away free pancakes from 6 a.m. to midnight. It's open 24 hours; 1509 S. University Drive, 817-336-0311, [www.olsouthpancakehouse.com](http://www.olsouthpancakehouse.com).

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## Police seek information on missing Euless woman

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EULESS — Police released photos Tuesday of a 19-year-old woman who has been missing since late Friday. Her boyfriend reported that he last saw Ashley M. Valladares about 11:30 p.m. Friday at her apartment in the 300 block of South Industrial Boulevard, police said.

"She has nothing we can trace her by. Her cellphone is in our custody and broken," Euless police Lt. Eric Starnes said in an e-mail Tuesday. "Her bank account has not been used."

She left work at a KFC in Euless late Friday and arrived at the apartment, police reports state. An unknown man arrived about 11:30 p.m., asking for a haircut, police said.

"She cuts hair at her apartment, and she had gone around the complex trying to get customers," Starnes said. "Her boyfriend became upset because some guy shows up late at night asking for a haircut."

Starnes said the boyfriend stormed out of the apartment, leaving Valladares and the man in the apartment.

The boyfriend returned about 2 a.m. and no one was there, police said.

Euless police said Valladares was wearing a gray tank top and black pants. She is about 5-foot-2 and weighs about 115 pounds. Anyone with information is asked to call Euless police at 817-685-1556.

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## Open Tarrant County House races draw bevy of candidates

by Aman Batheja of *The Texas Tribune*



Photo by Todd Wiseman

With four state representatives from Tarrant County giving up their seats to pursue higher office this year, four wide-open primaries have been left behind.

Three Republicans – state Reps. Kelly Hancock of North Richland Hills, Mark Shelton of Fort Worth and Todd Smith of Euless – are running for the state Senate. State Rep. Marc Veasey, D-Fort Worth, is running for Congress.

The four open House seats have drawn 16 candidates. Most of the campaigns are treating the primaries as the endgame, as all four seats are expected to stay with the same party as they are now because of how the districts were drawn during redistricting.

The two races centered in conservative northeast Tarrant County were shaped by last year's announcement by state Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, that he would retire, prompting Smith and Hancock to launch bids to replace him.

With four Republicans running for Hancock's District 91 seat, a runoff is likely. No other party has a candidate for the seat.

Three of the four candidates are telling voters that their backgrounds will allow them to hit the ground running in the next session.

"I know many of the legislators," North Richland Hills City Council member Ken Sapp said. "I know how the process works. You don't just write a bill. You have to know how to move a bill through the Legislature."

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Former North Richland Hills Mayor Charles Scoma and Stephanie Klick, a past Tarrant County Republican Party chairwoman, are also pointing to the value of their time in elected office.

Scoma ran against Hancock for the House seat two years ago but finds advantages to running in an open race.

"It's hard to unseat an incumbent, so I find that this [race] gives me the opportunity to be on equal ground with my opponents," Scoma said.

Klick said she's been working to highlight her background in nursing and her interest in reforming the state's Medicaid program to reduce costs.

"There are a lot of things that can be done about consumer fraud on the front end," Klick said.

Lady Theresa Thombs, a real estate agent, has positioned herself as the outsider in the race. Her proposals include implementing term limits for the Legislature.

"I'm probably the only one who's running who's going to vote myself out of a job," Thombs said.

Two Republicans are running for Smith's District 92 seat covering the cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford. The winner faces Libertarian Sean Fatzinger in November.

Jonathan Stickland launched his campaign last year when Smith was planning to run for re-election. Once Smith opted to run for state Senate, Bedford City Council member Roger Fisher jumped into the race and received Smith's endorsement.

The change in opponents has forced Stickland to switch from highlighting Smith's record in the House to Fisher's record in Bedford.

"They've raised taxes three years in a row out here in Bedford," Stickland said. "He voted for all of them."

Fisher said he has no qualms with his votes on the council.

"I have a record, and that record was providing for the necessities of the city, providing fire equipment and police and fire radios," Fisher said.

On the opposite corner of the county, three Republicans are vying to replace Shelton in District 97. Two of the candidates, Craig Goldman, a political consultant, and former Fort Worth school board trustee Chris Hatch, were among seven who ran for the seat along with Shelton in 2007.

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The race has grown increasingly hostile as Goldman and former nurse Susan Todd have attacked each other. Todd accused Goldman of cheating on property taxes and not living in the district. Goldman said Todd lied to voters about her Republican credentials because of her voting in some past Democratic primaries and her involvement with groups that have supported Democrats. Both candidates say the other is distorting the facts.

"I'm the nice little grandmother who's lived and worked in this community and who's done nothing in my entire life but give back," Todd said. "Little did I know how ugly it was going to get."

Goldman said he's made a point of only focusing on Todd's record.

"She came out of the gate, I have to say, in a very negative manner," Goldman said. "I've never made it personal."

Hatch has stayed out of the fray and said he's the only candidate who would enter the state House not beholden to any donors.

"I'm generally self-financing my campaign," Hatch said.

The winner will face Democrat Gary Grassia and Libertarian Rod Wingo in November.

In neighboring District 95, an Austin-based group's involvement in the three-way Democratic primary to replace Veasey could prove pivotal. Fort Worth lawyers Nicole Collier and Jesse Gaines and former Forest Hill City Council member Dulani Masimini, all Democrats, are on the ballot. The winner will face Republican Monte Mitchell in November.

Collier has led in fundraising due to the support of Annie's List, a PAC committed to electing more Democratic women to the Legislature. The group is responsible for more than half of the \$35,174 Collier has reported raising.

Collier said she's focusing on restoring public education and drawing jobs to the district.

"One of the things we talk about with my campaign is tapping into the Rainy Day Fund and sunseting tax exemptions and weighing them against the value of public education," Collier said.

Gaines said redistricting is a key issue as the Legislature removed some minority neighborhoods out of District 95.

"They took the heart of the district out," said Gaines, who has worked on redistricting lawsuits for years, much of it representing the NAACP. "My experience in congressional redistricting issues would probably differentiate me from the other two candidates."

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Masimini said he's stressing to voters that he was born and raised in the district.

"Who better to represent them than a product of that district?" he said.

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## CPR training helps staff at Euless golf tournament save man's life

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EULESS -- A benefit tournament had just ended Monday at Texas Star Golf Course when an unidentified 78-year-old man collapsed at the pavilion.

"He fell backward onto the concrete patio ... and hit his head," said Leigh Ann Stockard, an American Heart Association employee who was helping with the tournament.

She shares credit with John Aritua, head chef of Raven's Grille at the golf course, for saving the man's life.

Stockard started CPR, doing heart compressions as the man's friend gave him breaths. Kerri Bracken, another association employee, shouted for an automated external defibrillator.

Aritua was the first (two others followed) to show up with the machine. He was in the club's office a couple of hundred feet from the pavilion when the man went down.

"I was standing right beside the defibrillator when I heard someone say a man had a heart attack," he said. "I grabbed it and ran as fast as I could. When I saw him laying on the ground and the lady doing compressions on him I said, 'This is not playing; it's for real.'"

Lessons on operating the defibrillator ran through Aritua's head as he opened the device and placed its pads on the victim's chest.

"The machine said 'Move away!'" he said. "We took our hands off him, and it shocked him. Then he took his first breath and I watched pink replace the blue in his face and lips."

Only a few weeks ago, the entire Texas Star staff was CPR-certified and AED-trained, said Jeff Morris, the Euless Fire Department's EMS chief.

"We taught 30 people down there in four classes," he said. "All the staff, including the groundskeepers, wait staff, golf marshals and convention staff, were trained."

Morris said the goal is to train all city employees to do CPR and operate the more than 35 AEDs in city offices and facilities.

The machines cost about \$1,000 each, and Euless has been buying them a few at a time for years, Morris said.

The incident underscores the importance of CPR training, said American Heart Association spokeswoman Claire Kinzy.

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"You never know when you're going to need it, when you'll have the ability to save someone's life with it," she said. "National CPR Week is the first week in June. It might be a good opportunity for people to start learning. You can go to [handsonlycpr.org](http://handsonlycpr.org) to find out how."

Stockard said she had a CPR refresher course only a week before working at the tournament and never imagined she'd have to use it.

"It went just like clockwork, just the way I'd trained," she said. "It feels good to know what to do in a situation like that."

Freeman Companies helped sponsor the tournament, and company spokeswoman Carrie Freeman Parsons said the victim remains in a hospital.

"His heart is doing well," she said. "When he fell, he hit his head pretty hard, and he's still in the hospital because of complications from that."

She said the irony of the incident wasn't lost on those attending the tournament.

"Clearly it was a poignant moment, considering the benefit tournament was for the American Heart Association," Freeman Parsons said.

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## **Eulesse unworried about bankruptcy of developer where city has built roads**

Posted Sunday, May. 13, 2012 Updated Sunday, May. 13, 2012

EULESS -- The developer of Glade Parks, where the city has built \$2 million worth of roads and other infrastructure, has declared bankruptcy, but city officials say they are not worried about the city's investment in the huge retail/residential project on Texas 121 near Glade Road.

"In the financial environment we live and operate in today, bankruptcy has become commonplace, and there are reorganization plans that are filed with courts and the projects move on," City Manager Gary McKamie said.

Eulesse sold bonds to finance the first of two infrastructure-creation phases, and McKamie said the incremental increase in property taxes as Glade Parks grows will pay that debt, no matter who ultimately owns it. The developer put about \$2 million into escrow for the second phase of infrastructure, he said.

Glade 121 L.P., a Texas limited partnership with headquarters in Rockford, Ill., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in Illinois on April 30 to avoid foreclosure on the 193-acre property, McKamie said.

"To the best of our knowledge this has very little impact on us," he said.

In fact, the bankruptcy filing generated a lot of new interest in the project, city spokeswoman Betsy Deck said.

"It has got other major developers interested in taking over the property who can invigorate it and keep the momentum going," she said. "We can't say who those developers are until negotiations being conducted with Rubloff are finalized."

Glade 121 is a subsidiary of Rubloff Development Group, McKamie said.

Repeated attempts to reach Rubloff and Glade 121 representatives were unsuccessful.

Plans for the development call for a tall clock tower on a central plaza and a wide thoroughfare leading west to a broad lawn. In the plans, a stone-columned bridge crosses Little Bear Creek, and public art decorates the development with bronze statues, fountains and modern sculptures.

Plans call for more than 500,000 square feet of restaurants and shops.

But only a Raising Cane's chicken restaurant graces Glade Parks, marking a line of empty pad sites along Texas 121.

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City officials expected more restaurants and retailers by now, considering that dirt started moving about three years ago, McKamie said.

"We would have hoped for four or five restaurants and 30,000 to 40,000 square feet of retail space," he said.

Construction on a Mexican restaurant should begin within 60 days and be completed before Christmas, Deck said.

On about 16 acres on the project's western edge, along a new stretch of Heritage Avenue, Dallas-based builder JLB Partners is in early stages of constructing 16 buildings with 417 apartments.

"These are high-end rental properties that have more of an urban feel," McKamie said. "They're very different from garden apartments, more like the pedestrian-oriented apartments in downtown Fort Worth."

A site plan for 30 acres with single-family homes has been approved, but the sale on the property hasn't closed, McKamie said.

Meanwhile, nothing has slowed the team charged with leasing the promised commercial spaces, said Steve Ewing, a broker with Edge Realty Partners of Dallas.

"We have a lot of negotiations going on with a movie theater, junior box anchors, inline retail and a ton of activity from restaurants on the pad sites along 121," he said.

Ewing declined to identify any businesses.

Ewing said Glade Parks' regional location, proximity to Texas 121, the city's eagerness to work with commercial interests and the neighborhood's business-friendly nature make him confident of the development's success.

McKamie added that few retail projects in the nation, much less in the Metroplex, have streets and other infrastructure lie waiting for development.

"There are retailers looking for properties to build on and we're one of the few sites ready to build," he said. "That's why we're very optimistic about this."

This report includes material from the Star-Telegram archives.

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## Room to teach the past

Donated former church will add to Eules group's historical mission

Donated building expands historical group's mission

By Terry Evans

New Eules historical museum EULESS -- Though the town itself is less than 60 years old, its residents cherish a history that includes a nameless settlement that sprang up near Bird's Fort more than a century before Eules incorporated.

Three buildings in Heritage Park -- Fuller House, Himes Log House and McCormick Barn -- have been crammed with artifacts loaned or donated by folks with a passion for passing on that history.

This fall, Eules will gain a museum.

The city recently donated the Ruth Millican Center, which sits next to the park, to the 35-member Eules Historical Preservation Committee. When the yet-to-be-named museum opens about mid-September, the 6,300-square-foot former church on Cullum Drive will be a well-equipped addition to that educational mission, committee Chairman Bill Golden said.

"We're always interested in it being a teaching museum for the younger generations," he said.

Once a year, Eules third-graders take field trips to Heritage Park, walking through the 1850s-era cabin, the barn built with lumber salvaged from Camp Bowie and the house built in 1932, the first brick home in Eules, Golden said.

The three buildings are crowded with artifacts from all eras of the city's history, said Parks and Recreation Director Mike Davenport. The Millican Center's addition not only allows the preservation committee to display more artifacts but also lets it move exhibits out of the Fuller House that aren't part of its era.

"They wanted the Fuller House to look like it would have in the 1930s," Davenport said. "It was built in 1932, saved from the bulldozer in 1994 and opened as a museum in 1998."

Organizers plan something big for the new museum's grand opening, Golden said.

"The plans aren't confirmed yet," he said.

Till then, a subcommittee of about a dozen preservationists is hustling to finish displays and shelves for hundreds of items.

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Some special exhibits are being designed and built -- like a back porch attached to the room where old kitchen appliances are displayed.

The committee members are energized by the support they've received, spokeswoman Helen Voss said.

"We never had so much community support as we've had with this move," she said. "The city gave us the building and the community has come forward with artifacts."

Voss said the museum's military room needs one Navy uniform and one Marine uniform to fully represent the U.S. armed services. And the school room, where furnishings show the evolution of education, could use a blackboard, she said.

The rooms open into a large space that still has the vaulted ceiling of a sanctuary.

The past is everywhere: a wooden ironing board and more than half a dozen flatirons, a black Underwood typewriter, a Carpenter & Coleman pump organ. Voss said that most artifacts came from the Euless area, but that wasn't requisite for their inclusion.

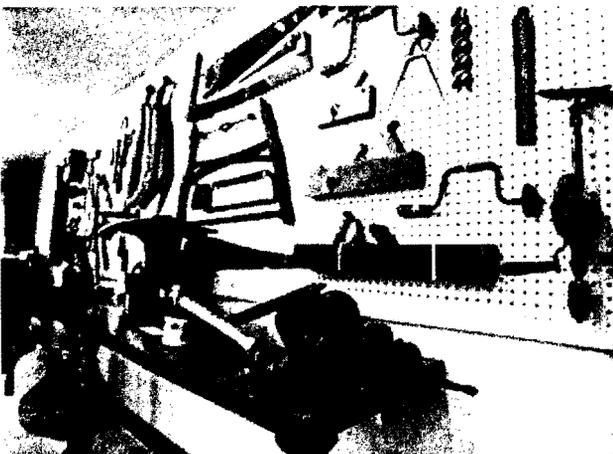
On one wall are the implements of such trades as blacksmith, carpenter and merchant. A table is laden with rusty lanterns.

A pair of ornate signs read 1889 King Iron Bridges Co. Cleveland. They were removed from a bridge that committee member Gary Parker said originally carried Farm Road 157 over the Trinity River, then was moved to span Bear Creek on North Main Street, then moved again to create a footbridge behind South Euless Elementary.

"All the little kids walking across it now have no idea of its history," Parker said.

But many of them may learn, because some people in Euless are determined to give them the chance.

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A collection of old hand tools is among the exhibits going into the Ruth Millican Center in Euless

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Bill Golden is chairman of the Eules Historical Preservation Committee.



Clothing and irons are put on display Tuesday at the new museum, which is set to open in September.

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## ELECTIONS & POLITICS

### GOP candidates trade accusations in District 9 state Senate primary

The primary race between District 9 state Senate hopefuls, one of the most closely watched elections in Texas, has gotten increasingly messy, with accusations flying between the campaigns of Kelly Hancock of North Richland Hills and Todd Smith of Euless, both state representatives campaigning as staunch conservatives.

The candidates have spoken a lot about transportation and other issues, but much of the action has focused on them questioning each other's behavior.

Hancock has accused Smith of inflating political donation figures in an election finance report filed Monday and changing his tune on issues depending on the audience.

Smith's campaign acknowledged a clerical error -- noting that a \$250,000 campaign loan was cited but not in all the right places. It corrected the filing a few days later.

Then Smith reiterated the assertion that Hancock is in the pocket of special interests, citing his vote against disclosing chemicals used in fracking by natural gas drillers. Hancock said it would have doubled the paperwork.

Hoping to succeed Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, who has endorsed him, Smith has gotten cash support from firefighters and medical groups despite being a personal injury lawyer, albeit one who supported tort reform. On Tuesday, Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price gave Smith her backing.

Hancock has captured a slew of endorsements from statewide officeholders, including Gov. Rick Perry.

While this has led to speculation that it's a contest between pro-Perry Republicans and more moderate ones, Austin political consultant Bill Miller dismissed such theories, saying both are trying to look as conservative as they can. "It's a fight to the right," Miller said.

Smith and his campaign have alleged that Hancock has been questionably close to the oil and gas industry, from which his chemical company has profited.

While Smith has never taken a committee assignment that would have benefited his profession, "Hancock has served as vice chairman of Environmental Regulation Committee, which oversees his own chemical distribution company," said Mari Woodlief, Smith's political consultant and president of Allyn Media.

"When faced with protecting his constituents or protecting his own business, Kelly has chosen to protect his business," Woodlief said in an e-mail to the Star-Telegram. "In the last session, Kelly was one of only 12 lawmakers to oppose a bill that would require fracking companies to disclose the chemicals they use to the public, and to the communities where they are drilling."

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Murphy, Hancock's consultant, denied any conflict of interest.

As for the fracking chemical disclosure, he said they already had to be reported under Texas law.

"Hancock knew that double reporting would double the paperwork for small businesses without giving one bit of additional information to the public," Murphy, a partner in Murphy Turner & Associates, said by e-mail.

But an industry source recommended by Murphy, Ed Vinson of Snyder-based Chemplex, which supplies chemicals to drillers, said the new law -- overwhelmingly supported by energy companies "large and small" -- was mandatory, while a previous system was voluntary.

#### Campaign finances

Recent finance reports by both candidates gives a picture of each camp's supporters, and how much they've raised.

Smith, who got a late start, raised \$218,875 from Jan. 1 through April 19, and loaned his campaign \$250,000.

The Fort Worth Firefighters Committee gave more than \$22,000; the Texas Medical Association gave \$39,000; a hospital management firm gave \$10,000; and a group of anesthesiologists gave \$25,000.

Texans for Kelly Hancock SPAC raised \$250,171 in contributions from a number of insurance companies, AT&T's PAC and pawnshop/payday loan giant Cash America. Its top benefactor is Bob Perry, founder of Perry Homes, and his wife Doylene.

Smith's campaign alleged that the home-building sector profited from undocumented workers and that Perry used his influence to protect sanctuary cities in Texas.

The Hancock SPAC filing shows that it received a \$10,000 donation from WCS-Texas Solutions PAC, a super PAC formed by Dallas billionaire Harold Simmons, who is promoting his nuclear waste dump in West Texas.

The Texas Ethics Commission ordered WCS to get back the money it gave to 18 Texas Republican candidates because it had just one member -- Simmons -- not 10, as required by law.

The Hancock SPAC returned \$10,000, and when Simmons' PAC restructured to become compliant, it then received a legally acceptable \$12,500 from WCS, Murphy said.

As for Smith, the Hancock campaign consultant said the candidate has forgotten a pledge not to accept donations from trial lawyers, citing \$1,000 given by Houston attorney Mark McCaig. Smith's campaign disputed that he had made such a vow.

McCaig, a self-described conservative Republican activist, is the founder and president of Texans for Individual Rights. The group supports a person's right to a jury trial and the protection of property rights

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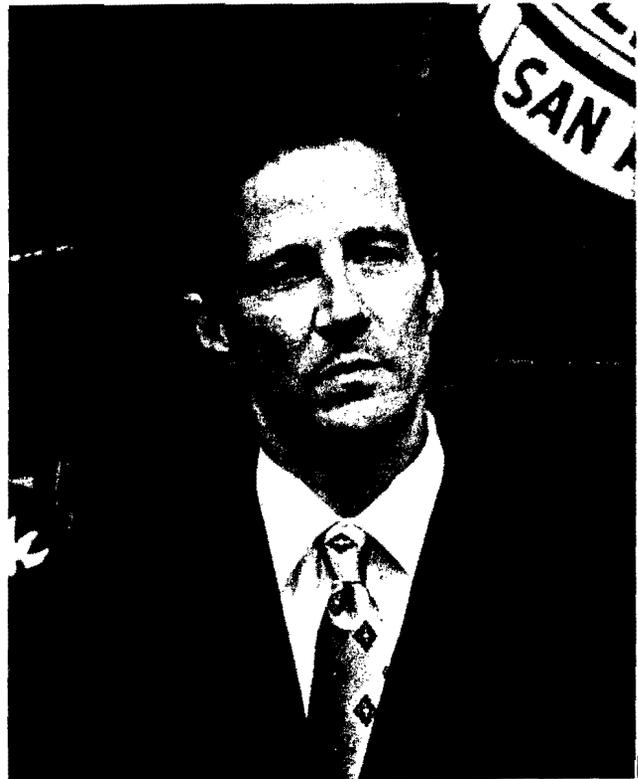
while opposing "corporate welfare" such as tax concessions granted under the Texas Enterprise Fund, which is run out of the governor's office.

In November, the primary winner will run against Libertarian Dave "Mac" McElwee, 73, a retired schoolteacher and 24-year Navy veteran from Arlington, and Democrat Pete Martinez, 41, also of Arlington, who is a firefighter and builds wooden sheds, in the heavily Republican constituency that includes chunks of Northeast Tarrant County and western Dallas County, along with a sliver of Denton County.

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## Body identified as missing Euless woman

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The Tarrant County medical examiner's office has identified the body found Friday in Euless as Ashley Valladares, the 19-year-old woman who has been missing since May 4.

Police said Valladares' body was identified through a fingerprint.

A news release from Lt. Eric Starnes of the Euless police criminal investigation division said the cause of death has not been determined.

The body was in a stand of trees about 150 yards from the apartment complex where Valladares lived with Christopher John Taylor, 24, in the 300 block of South Industrial Boulevard. The location is a block away from the Euless police station and a little more than a block from Valladares' apartment.

Police are interviewing people but are not calling her death a homicide.

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