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Chisum in runoff for railroad commissioner post

Pampa legislator will face Craddick in July showdown

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 AUSTIN (AP) — State Rep. Warren Chisum and attorney

Christi Craddick will head to a July runoff in the Republican race for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission, which

has nothing to do with trains but regulates oil and gas exploration statewide.

Craddick and Chisum, a Republican from Pampa, outpaced four other candidates, but neither could muster the necessary majority of the votes cast in Tuesday's Texas primary to win outright. They

were seeking the seat Elizabeth Aimes Jones vacated to run for state Senate.

The winner of the July runoff faces Democratic opponent Dale Henry in November's general election.

Born in Midland, Craddick is an oil and gas attorney whose **CHISUM** cont. on page 2

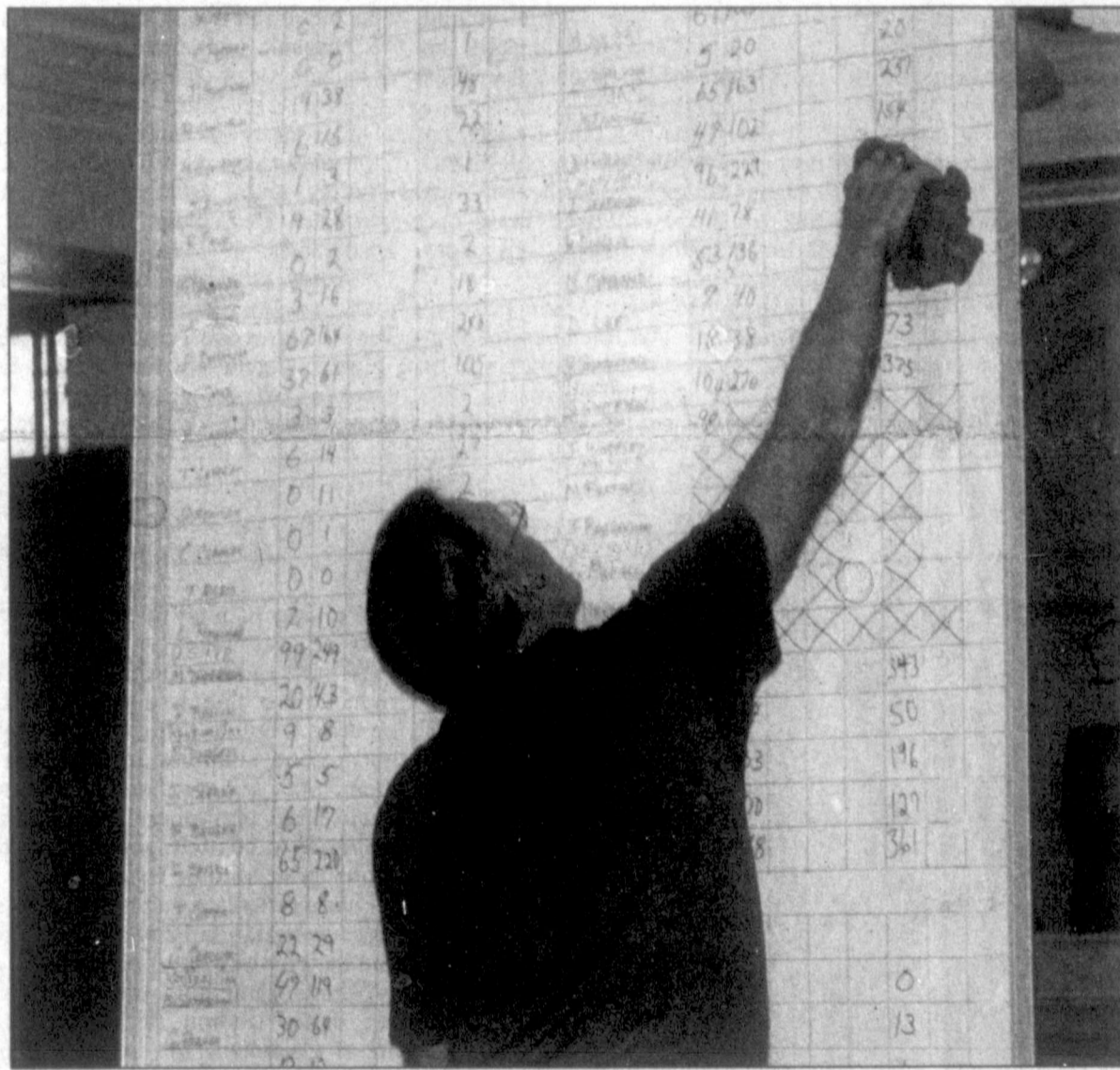


Chisum



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RACE TRACKING



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Gray County Judge Richard Peet updates the election tote board at the Gray County Courthouse on Wednesday evening.

Landtroop, King in runoff; Smith third

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PLAINVIEW (AP) — With 99 percent of precincts reporting as of press time, it appears that incumbent State Rep. Jim Landtroop held a strong lead, but still will be forced into a runoff for the District 88 seat.

At 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, Gary Walker of Plains was the Texas Secretary of State's

Office was reporting that Landtroop, of Plainview, had 6,307 votes, or 35 percent.

His closest challenger was Ken King of Canadian, who had 5,477 votes or 30 percent.

Mac Smith of Pampa was third with 3,316 votes, or 18 percent.

Gary Walker of Plains was the Texas Secretary of State's **HOUSE** cont. on page 3

Incumbent Copeland retains sheriff's seat

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Gray County incumbent Sheriff Don Copeland has won another term in the election yesterday evening with about 53 percent of the vote. He said that he felt elated with the victory.

"It's a very good feeling to see people have confidence in the person who's been **COPELAND** cont. on page 3



Copeland

Results

Copeland	40.14%
Douglas	24.94%
Stubblefield	14.14%
Lee	8.08%

McDonough over Ferguson in district attorney election

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Franklin McDonough has defeated Jason Ferguson to succeed Lynn Switzer as the district attorney of Texas' 31st Judicial District.

McDonough, a current assistant D.A. in the 84th district, was notified of his victory a little before 10 p.m. on Tuesday. He took 3,307 votes (55.92 percent) to Ferguson's 2,607 (44.08 percent).

McDonough won Gray County with 2,078 votes (62.12 percent) to Ferguson's 1,267 votes. He also won Wheeler County 602 (52 percent) to 549. All county breakdowns within the district were not available as of press time.

While some candidates were anxious-

Results

McDonough	55.92%
Ferguson	44.08%



McDonough

ly awaiting results, McDonough said that he was at peace with his campaign.

"We have been working on this and tried to get this all together and get the vote out," McDonough said. "A lot of people worked very hard to get this done. I was at peace with it today. We left it in the Lord's hands."

"We are very excited," McDonough **MCDONOUGH** cont. on page 2

Fulton beats Baggerman by nine votes for county post

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A hair, according to Neil Fulton's definition, is exactly nine votes.

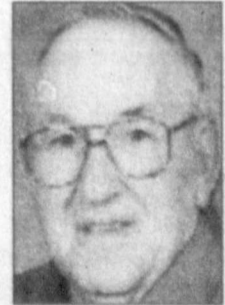
That's the number of ballots ("By a hair," an excited Fulton said, "We got it by a hair") the new county commissioner-elect had over Precinct 3 incumbent John Mark Baggerman. Fulton defeated Baggerman 259 votes (50.88 percent) to 250 (49.12 percent) to take the position.

Fulton said that he knew the race was going to be a close one and was nervous all through the primary.

"Today was really tight," Fulton said of Tuesday. "I don't know, I drove by the polls several times and looked at the people out there. I was counting the voters, counting the cars. ... It was really nerve-wracking. You get up there

Results

Fulton	50.88%
Baggerman	49.12%



Fulton

and one time, you're behind 11 votes, and when early voting came in, I won (by nine)."

Fulton is no stranger to local politics, having served on the Pampa City Commission for six years before leaving to run for a county position. Now, with the primary behind him, Fulton is now focusing on fitting in with the returning county commissioners and helping **FULTON** cont. on page 2

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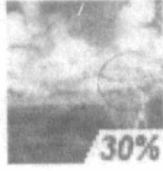


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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday
		
30%		
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Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. Northeast wind around 10 mph becoming southeast.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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McFall over Hendrick for constable

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Voters opted for experience in the race for Precincts 1 and 3 constable on Wednesday, as Gary McFall de-

feated Randy Hendrick 880 votes (58.71 percent) to 619 (41.29 per-

cent). McFall's 21 years of law enforce-

ment experience include stints as a jail administrator at the Gray County Jail, as a deputy with Donley County and as a Security Police Officer at Pantex.

Seliger cruises to primary win over Rives

AMARILLO (AP) — State Sen. Kel Seliger likely will return to Austin for his fifth legislative session next year.

Seliger didn't have a problem distancing himself from former Ector County Independent School District board member Randy Rives.

With 99 percent of precincts in District 31 reporting, 76 percent of ballots (49,684 votes) cast favored Seliger to 24 percent for Rives (15,796). In Gray County, Seliger received nearly 83 percent of the vote.

There is no Democrat on the ballot, meaning Seliger is all but guaranteed another term in Austin.

Afterward, Seliger said he was "humbled" and "grateful" for the compliment constituents gave in re-electing him to the state Senate's 31st District.

"I think it's the work that I've done representing the people of the 31st District," he said, speaking from a gathering in Amarillo on Tuesday night. "I've worked with the leadership and I think we've gotten some important things done all over the district."

In the upcoming session, Seliger said the budget, school finance and water planning will be the three primary issues.

"I do a lot of public education legislation. I don't do any of it without soliciting the input from educators, su-

perintents, teachers (and) school board members," he said. "They're the ones who know the most about the subject."

Seliger said the state needs to have some "real tangible support" for the statewide water plan as well as the water infrastructure fund that helps to provide financing for water projects throughout the state.

He said the Permian Basin's leaders are providing a great example of how to plan for the future and the state needs to be there to support them.

Rives, a former Ector County Independent School District Board president, said he wanted voters to have a more conservative choice in the election.

Seliger said he believes the negative nature of Rives' campaign was not appreciated by voters.

"People are turned off by negative campaigning particularly when things are said that aren't really true, which was the case in a call that went out yesterday," Seliger said. "This is about the future and about what we are positively going to do in the future."

This was the second straight defeat for Rives, who fell by nearly 30 points to fellow Republican Bob Craig in a State Board of Education race in 2010.

Doggett, Barton safe in Texas primaries

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett won his primary Tuesday in a new congressional district drawn to reflect the state's booming Hispanic population, beating two Hispanic challengers and paving a return to Washington for one of Gov. Rick Perry's longtime Democratic thorns.

Other entrenched incumbents in Congress also cruised to primary victories, muting the chances that the face of Texas in the U.S. House would be in for a major makeover this November.

Democrat Eddie Bernice Johnson easily survived her first serious primary challenge in 20 years, and former House Energy Chairman Joe Barton also coasted to another Republican nomination despite fighting changes made this year to the shape and demographics of his North Texas district.

But Silvestre Reyes, a Democrat from El Paso who first was elected in 1996, was in jeopardy of failing to

even make a runoff, trailing former city councilman Beto O'Rourke.

New political boundaries drawn by the GOP-controlled Legislature infuriated Democrats and minority rights groups in a redistricting fight still being waged in federal court. Mapmakers changed Doggett's old Austin district to all but assure a Republican victory, which sent Doggett scrambling to a new and predominantly Hispanic district that stretches from Austin to San Antonio.

It wasn't the first time Doggett has been drawn out of his old district. Doggett trumpets his resilience — and his public sparring with Perry over federal education dollars — like a progressive badge of honor.

"We're here to say to Gov. Perry, we can pick our own members of Congress," Doggett told supporters at his Austin campaign headquarters.

Doggett's district is among four new

U.S. House seats awarded to Texas because of a population surge the last decade driven by Hispanics. The number of Hispanics in Texas grew by 2.8 million in the last decade — second only to California — yet Texas hasn't elected more than six Hispanics to Congress since 1997.

The majority of the voting-age population in two of the new districts is Hispanic — including the one that Doggett is now poised to win in November. The other stretched across Dallas and Fort Worth, where voters forced a July runoff between Marc Veasey and Domingo Garcia in a crowded Democratic primary of 11 candidates.

Veasey is a black state lawmaker who already represents a third of the new congressional district in the state House. Garcia is a former state lawmaker vying to become the first Hispanic elected to Congress from Dallas.

Fulton



Neil Fulton hugs wife Mary after winning Wednesday's county commissioner race.

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move Gray County a positive direction.

"What's going through my mind right now is there's a lot of work to be done," Fulton said. "I think we've got a good commission. I believe in them, and I believe that I'll fit in with them. But I think there's some things that need to be done, some things that probably need to be changed."

Fulton reiterated that he'd like to see more cooperation between the county and the city moving forward.

"That's something that I'd like to see done," Fulton said. "Let's talk about Canadian, for instance. Their county people come into the city and they help plow the roads. Everybody who lives in the city lives in the county, too. They're county residents so there's no reason for any city and county to be split up like yours and mine, as far as I'm concerned. I believe that we ought to be able to work together. We all live together. We all live in the county."

Chisum

father is former Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick.

Chisum, who began his political career as a Democrat, has been a Texas lawmaker for more than 25 years. He switched parties and joined the GOP in 1994.

A total of six Republican candidates competed for the open seat in the three-member Texas Railroad Commission, but only five candidates were actively campaigning for the post: Craddick, Chisum, Roland Sledge, Becky Berger of Shulenberg and Beryl Burgess.

Sledge, a 35-year veteran of the oil and gas industry and a lawyer for VAALCO Energy Inc., made headlines when one of his campaign commercials — featuring a bathroom joke and a man getting shocked by an electric

fence — went viral.

All the candidates campaigned against overregulation by the Environmental Protection Agency and said the Railroad Commission's name should be changed to reflect its true duties.

In Place 2, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Barry Smitherman led a field of four candidates in the Republican primary but was falling short of the majority needed to avert a runoff.

Smitherman was appointed to the commission by Texas Gov. Rick Perry last July, replacing Michael Williams. Smitherman is running to complete Williams' original term, which expires in 2014.

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McDonough

continued. "I say we because it took a lot of people working together to get this done."

He said that he can't wait to get started.

"I am looking forward to getting

in there and getting to work," McDonough said.

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Obituaries

Susie Blymiller, 99

Susie Blymiller, 99, died May 28, 2012, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

MORNINGRUSH

Dewhurst, Cruz emerge into runoff

Judge to rule on Manson recordings

PLANO (AP) — A Texas judge is to decide whether eight hours of audio recordings of conversations between a Manson family member and his attorney should be given to Los Angeles police.

Charles "Tex" Watson is serving a life sentence for his role in the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders. Detectives want to see if Watson discussed any unsolved killings.

Los Angeles police say they received a tip that the recordings and other items in the estate of now-deceased Texas lawyer Bill Boyd were becoming available.

They say they have no specific information on what the recordings contain.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Brenda T. Rhoades of Plano will consider whether the recordings should be given to police.

Watson previously made the tapes available to the co-author of his 1978 book, "Will You Die for Me?"

Voters: Timing had no impact

DALLAS (AP) — Texas voters are saying the late primary didn't influence their decision to cast a ballot, though they acknowledge the nearly three-month delay might play a role in expected low turnout.

There were small trickles of voters at several polling stations around the state Tuesday.

Campaign workers holding signs outnumbered voters at a South Texas elementary school, and a polling official in Houston was barely disturbed as she read an electronic book.

Nona Batiste, a 65-year-old retired teacher voting in the Dallas suburb of Euless, said she would have voted whether the primary date had been early, late or "the day before the sun came up."

Tom Bass, who voted in Houston, said turnout might be low because a "change of the date is a change in habit."

Storms hammer Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Numerous severe thunderstorm warnings were issued for parts of Oklahoma, which could get some welcome rain over the coming days.

Hail as large as 4.25 inches in Kingfisher was reported by the National Weather Service early Tuesday evening. In Wichita, hail between 1.75 inches and 2.75 inches was also reported.

The National Weather Service issued warnings for severe thunderstorms west of Oklahoma City as storm systems moved toward the capital city.

Storms were causing mass power outages Tuesday night. OGE Energy Corp. was reporting more than 63,000 were without power in the Oklahoma City metro area.

A severe thunderstorm watch was in effect until 1 a.m. for a large portion of the state.

Between 2 and 3 inches of rain was forecast for central Oklahoma through Thursday.

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and tea party-supported lawyer Ted Cruz emerged from a field of nine to send the Republican race to replace retiring Texas U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison to a runoff on Wednesday.

The contentious Senate race was the most-watched among hundreds of races in the Texas primary for the Republican presidential nomination, Congress, the Legislature, judges and various state boards. But turnout across the state was low, perhaps due in part to sweltering heat, confusion about a primary date that had been rescheduled twice because of redistricting disputes and Memorial Day weekend travels that kept some folks away from home.

Dewhurst, who counted Gov. Rick Perry among his backers, had a healthy lead over the former Texas solicitor general but couldn't close the deal by collecting more than 50 percent of the vote. Voters now will decide between Dewhurst and Cruz on July 31.

"We did it," Cruz told jubilant supporters gathered in Houston, calling the outcome "a victory for conservatives."

"This is an incredible

unbelievable night... A year and a half ago there wasn't a soul in the state of Texas that thought this was possible."

Dewhurst, at a considerably more subdued gathering in Houston, also touted his conservatism but focused his remarks more on President Barack Obama, saying he wanted to repeal the president's health-care overhaul and end a "war on Texas."

Perry congratulated voters for their "strong commitment to conservative values to keep our state on the fiscally responsible path leading to jobs and opportunity." He put in another pitch for Dewhurst, urging them to "more than ever ... work to send a proven conservative leader like David Dewhurst to Washington, where he can put the Texas approach to work to overhaul Washington."

The secretary of state's office forecast about 2.3 million of the more than 13 million registered Texans would vote but several polling places indicated voters stayed away. About 1 million Texans participated in early voting and another 1 million voted Tuesday.

Many polling places reported seeing just dozens of voters out of thousands

registered. At one Houston polling station, an official read an electronic book while another rolled the border of a sheet of name-tag stickers into a ball.

Anette Fay, 50, of Richardson, a German immigrant who looked forward to voting for president for the first time, was taken aback when she arrived to vote.

"I thought there would be lines," she said.

The presidential primary topped the Texas ticket, and Romney clinched the GOP nomination with a cache of delegates collected in an overwhelming victory in Tuesday's balloting. According to the Associated Press count, Romney surpassed the 1,144 delegates needed to win the nomination by winning at least 88 delegates in the Texas primary. The 152 delegates in the state are awarded in proportion to the statewide vote, and another 64 delegates were still to be decided as results rolled in.

But the GOP U.S. Senate race drew the greatest attention. Cruz's strong showing capped what's already a banner month for the tea party movement. Richard Mourdock ousted 36-year Senate veteran Richard Lugar in

Indiana, and state Sen. Deb Fischer used strong tea party support to upset two better-known candidates in Nebraska.

Among others seeking the GOP senatorial nomination, Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert conceded less than an hour after polls closed and ex-NFL running back and ESPN announcer Craig James failed to get out of single-digit percentages.

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fourth with 3,108 votes, or 17 percent.

If no candidate draws at least 50 percent of the vote, the top two vote-getters will face off in a runoff on July 31.

Since there isn't a Democratic candidate in the contest, the winner will be unopposed in the November general election.

At 11 p.m., Landtroop acknowledged that he will likely be in a July 31 runoff with King.

"We need to work real-

Copeland

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doing the job the last 16 years," said Copeland.

Copeland has been in law enforcement for almost 50 years, having worked as a DPS officer for 27 years, as well as with the Wheeler County Sheriff's Office and the Shamrock Police Department before being first elected as sheriff in 1997.

"We're going to keep going on an even keel," Copeland said. It's working good for us. If a change needs to be made, we'll make it, but it's going well."

ly hard in the next 60 days to boost the turnout," he said. "It looks like Plainview undervoted by about 1,000 compared to other portions of the district. We need much more of a strong turnout for the runoff."

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 30, the 151st day of 2012. There are 215 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 30, 1922, the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in a ceremony attended by President Warren G. Harding, Chief Justice William Howard Taft and Robert Todd Lincoln.

On this date:

In 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in Rouen, France.

In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death in a stampede sparked by a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in danger of collapsing.

In 1911, the first Indy 500 took place at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway; the winner was Ray Harroun, who drove a Marmon Wasp for more than 6½ hours at an average speed of 74.6 mph and collected a prize of \$10,000.

In 1912, aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright, 45, died in Dayton, Ohio, of typhoid fever more than eight years after he and his brother, Orville, launched their first airplane.

In 1937, ten people were killed when police fired on steelworkers demonstrating near the Republic Steel plant in South Chicago.

In 1943, American forces secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II.

In 1958, unidentified American service members killed in World War II and the Korean War were interred in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1962, Benjamin Britten's War Requiem had its world premiere at the new Coventry Cathedral in England.

In 1971, the American space probe Mariner 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla. on a journey to Mars.

In 1972, three members of the Japanese Red Army opened fire at Lod Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, killing 26 people. Two attackers died; the third was captured.

In 1981, the president of Bangladesh, Ziaur Rahman, was assassinated in a failed military coup.

In 2005, American teenager Natalee Holloway was last seen leaving a bar in Aruba before vanishing; her fate remains unknown, although Joran van der Sloot remains the prime suspect in her disappearance.

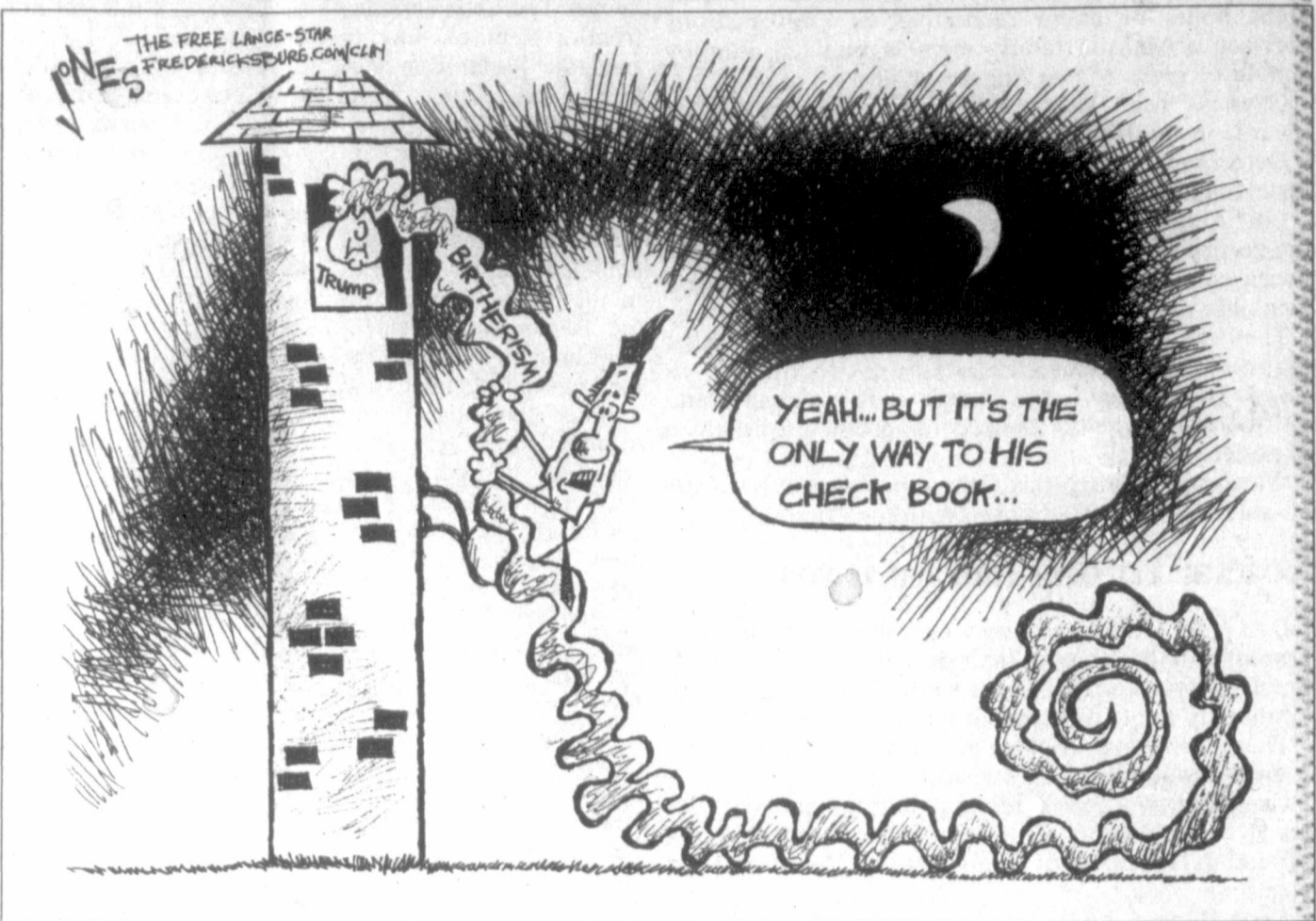
Ten years ago: A solemn, wordless ceremony marked the end of the agonizing cleanup at Ground Zero in New York, 8½ months after September 11. Attorney General John Ashcroft issued new terror-fighting guidelines allowing FBI agents to visit Internet sites, libraries, churches and political organizations as part of an effort to pre-empt terrorist strikes. Nine climbers fell into a crevasse near summit of Oregon's Mount Hood; three died.

Five years ago: The Taliban claimed responsibility for shooting down a Chinook helicopter over southern Afghanistan, killing five U.S. soldiers, a Canadian and a Briton. Abdul Rahman Maadha al-Amry, a Saudi being held at the Guantanamo Bay prison since 2002, was found dead, an apparent suicide.

One year ago: President Barack Obama selected Army Gen. Martin Dempsey to be the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman. Germany announced plans to abandon nuclear power over the next 11 years, outlining an ambitious strategy in the wake of Japan's Fukushima disaster to replace atomic power with renewable energy sources. Jim Tressel, who guided Ohio State to its first national football title in 34 years, resigned amid NCAA violations from a tattoo-parlor scandal that sullied the image of one of the country's top football programs.

Today's Birthdays: Country musician Johnny Gimble is 86. Actor Clint Walker is 85. Actor Keir Dullea is 76. Actress Ruta Lee is 76. Actor Michael J. Pollard is 73. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Gayle Sayers is 69. Rock musician Lenny Davidson (The Dave Clark Five) is 68. Actor Stephen Tobolowsky is 61. Actor Colm Meaney is 59. Actor Ted McGinley is 54. Actor Ralph Carter is 51. Actress Tonya Pinkins is 50. Country singer Wynonna Judd is 48. Rock musician Tom Morello (Audioslave; Rage Against The Machine) is 48. Movie director Antoine Fuqua is 47. Rock musician Patrick Dahlheimer (Live) is 41. Actress Idina Menzel is 41. Actor Trey Parker is 40. Rapper Cee Lo Green is 38. Rapper Remy Ma is 32. Actor Blake Bashoff is 31. Christian rock musician James Smith (Underoath) is 30. Actor Jake Short is 15.

Thought for Today: "There are two statements about human beings that are true, that all human beings are alike, and that all are different. On those two facts all human wisdom is founded." — Mark Van Doren, American poet (1894-1972).



Incumbents hold in low turnout primary

DALLAS (AP) — Incumbency appeared to matter more than ideology in the Texas primaries on Tuesday, with only a handful of lawmakers losing their seats in a low turnout election.

Turnout is important because hardcore voters always show up to the polls. High turnout dilutes their influence, while low turnout magnifies it. In this year's primary race, incumbents got their supporters to the polls except in a few high-profile races.

The one surprise race, where a delayed primary and millions of outside dollars turned the tide, was for U.S. Senate, where former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz won his goal of a runoff against Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst. If the primary were held as planned on March 6 — before a redistricting lawsuit delayed the vote — Dewhurst would have won handily, but an extra 90 days of campaigning gave Cruz a chance to build support.

The GOP Senate race included nine candidates, but only three earned more than 10 percent of the vote. Those three candidates spent more than \$25 million on the race, and the runoff likely means Dewhurst and Cruz will fight it out again in another high-priced campaign.

By comparison, the top two Democratic candidates raised

roughly \$100,000 and one of them failed to make the runoff. Former state Rep. Paul Sadler will now face Grady Yarbrough, a perennial candidate who did not mount a campaign. No Democrat has won a statewide election in Texas since 1994.

The Texas primary election was delayed from Super Tuesday — which fell on March 6 this year — because of a court battle over how lawmakers redrew the state's political maps. The later date took away the state's role in choosing a Republican presidential nominee and set the election for the day after a holiday weekend.

Republican voter Tom Bass in Houston said that while he made it to the polls, he understood why some had not.

"People get in the habit, and the change of the date is a change in habit," he said. "Plus, the fact that there was confusion as to when the date would be."

For the most part Texans supported the people they know, despite an anti-incumbent mood that has swept other parts of the nation. Endorsements from Gov. Rick Perry and tea party groups helped many conservatives hold on to office despite facing challengers who complained about the \$4 billion in cuts to public education spending.

There was one victim, though, with state Rep. Marva Beck,

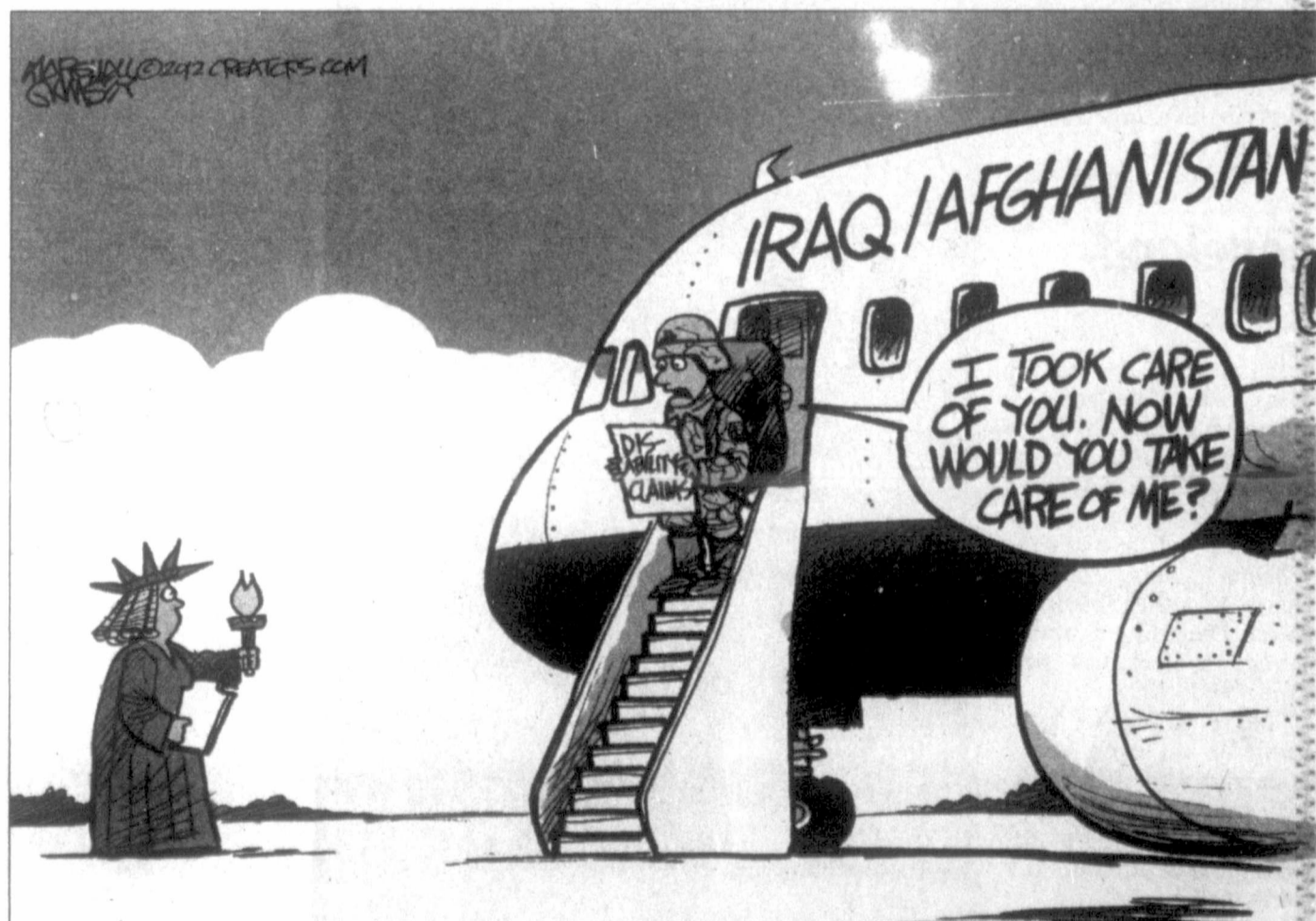
R-Centerville, losing to Trent Ashby, a former member of the Lufkin school district.

Conservatives scored major symbolic victories by defeating three Republican committee chairs, dealing a major setback to House Speaker Joe Straus. The conservative activist group Empower Texans — a major Perry ally — defeated state Reps. Rob Eissler, Vicki Truitt and "Tuffy" Hamilton.

Straus also faced a primary challenge from the right wing of the party, which he easily defeated. But conservative activists have not given up trying to kick him out of his leadership role, with state Rep. Bryan Hughes, R-Marshall, announcing his candidacy for the speaker's post.

Voter turnout appeared to be on par with 2010, but short of the huge turnout in 2008 when both the Republican and Democratic presidential nominations were at stake. Turnout is important because hardcore voters always show up to the polls. High turnout dilutes their influence, while low turnout magnifies it. Tuesday's results showed that incumbent candidates mobilized their supporters rather than voters turning out for change.

In Republican-dominated Texas, the primary is often the more important election and the November vote merely rubber stamps what the party faithful have already decided.



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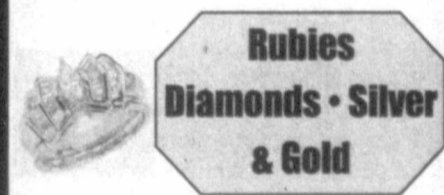
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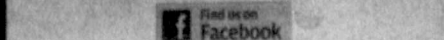
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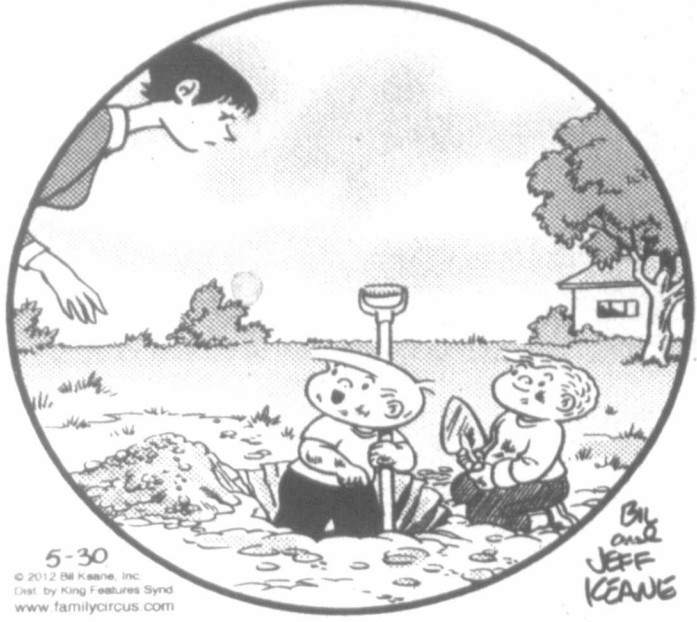
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 31, 2012: This year you naturally do and say the right thing. As a result, much will fall on your plate. You also have an unusual blend of charisma and creativity, which allows you to manifest many long-term desires. If you are single, you have a tendency to choose someone much older or younger than yourself. Try it out, but understand that you might need to continue until you find someone more compatible. This person could turn the corner at any moment. If you are attached, the two of you work even better together. LIBRA can be quite a flirt.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Defer to others, and let them figure out what is happening. When they come back with suggestions, analysis and information, you will be able to make a decision. Someone might be overly serious. Do not take this person's sharing in the same vein. Listen, but stay level. Tonight: Get on the phone and make plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You push ahead into new turf; you rarely question where you are. If you look around, you'll realize that you are by yourself. Stop. Decide if this is the result of taking a risk or simply a natural change. Regardless, you still might decide to forge ahead. Tonight: Sometimes fatigue is a result of stress. Take a nap.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You seem to have a flare for making situations work, or you might make an adjustment to make sure it works. Remember to call a friend or loved one. You do not want to get any attitude, do you? Find a phone. Tonight: Start your weekend early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Settle in and decide which way to go with an important decision. You might push someone too far. As a result, he or she could become far more difficult. Look to more creative and dynamic solutions that don't involve this person. Ultimately, everyone will be happier. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You make your points so clear that you often are understood. You will note that even as precise as you can be, one person remains closed down. It is not your fault. Let the situation go and do nothing more for the moment. Tonight:

Hang out with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You have many assets and talents. Consider adding to your income through one of your innate gifts if you no longer want to feel so restricted by money. You do not need to make a final decision right now. Reflect on it. Tonight: Squeeze in a relaxing soak.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You have a charming way about you that helps others gravitate toward you and open up. How you see someone could change radically as a result. Your bright ways and seemingly happy demeanor do a great job of disguising your real mood. Tonight: Do for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Others want to express their competency and take over a job, chore or errand. Let them. Allow your mind to wander to a deeper issue that probably involves a special person in your life. Do not misread him or her. Tonight: Take some private time.

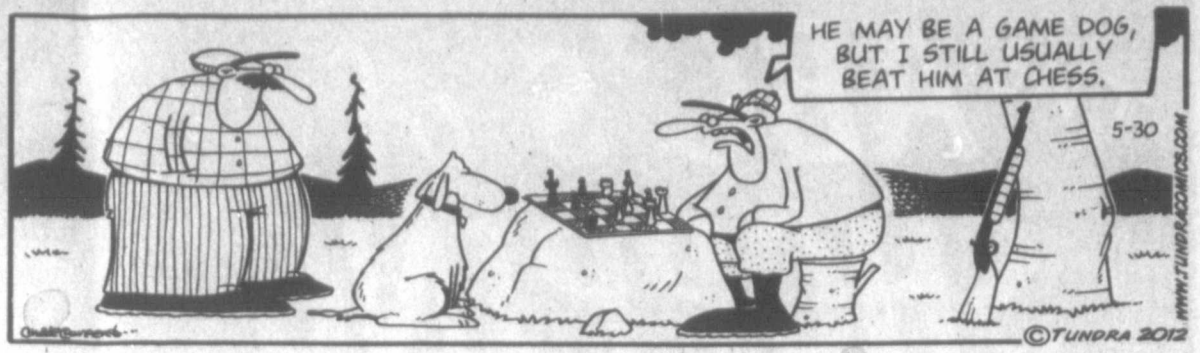
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your innate ability to bring out the best in others attracts many people. What an entourage! You might not understand the dynamics of dealing with a difficult situation. Do not let one issue get the best of you under the present circumstances. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to change gears when dealing with someone. He or she demands your respect. You use sarcasm with this person instead of real respect, but he or she doesn't know the difference. With others, your natural style wins you friends and success. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your willingness to stretch beyond your present mental stance makes you even more laid-back, as you incorporate different views. Your empathy and understanding toward others build. Tonight: Make plans for a getaway.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might want to juggle various elements of your life or different people. A close friend or associate might be overwhelmed by everything that is going on. You could be inordinately tired of complaints from this person. Tonight: Choose your favorite person and have fun.

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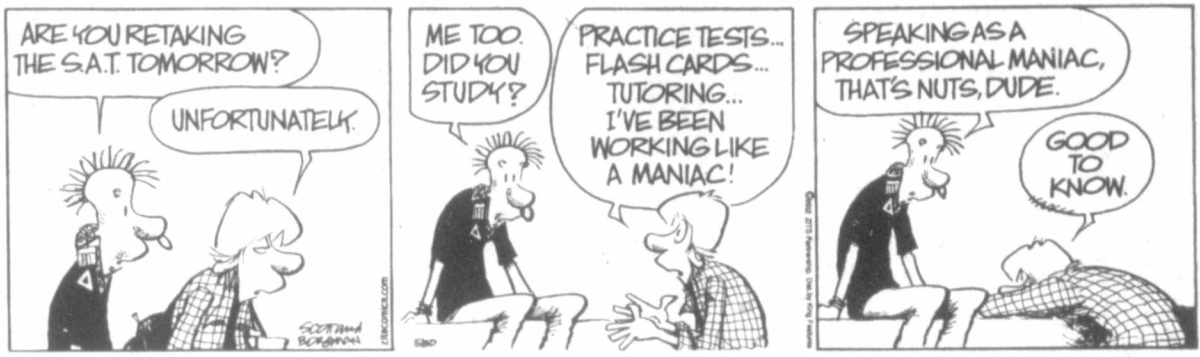
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Romney clinches nomination with Texas primary win

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney clinched the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday with a win in the Texas primary, a triumph of endurance for a candidate who came up short four years ago and had to fight hard this year as voters flirted with a carousel of GOP rivals.

According to the Associated Press count, Romney surpassed the 1,144 delegates needed to win the nomination by winning at least 88 delegates in the Texas primary.

The former Massachusetts governor has reached the nomination milestone with a steady message of concern about the U.S. economy, a campaign organization that dwarfed those of his GOP foes and a fundraising operation second only to that of his Democratic opponent in the general election, President Barack Obama.

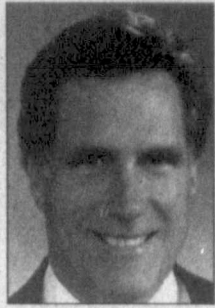
"I am honored that Americans across the country have given their support to my candidacy and I am humbled to have won enough delegates to become the Republican Party's 2012 presidential nominee," Romney said in a statement.

"Our party has come together with the goal of putting the failures of the last three and a half years behind us," Romney said. "I have no illusions about the difficulties of the task before us. But whatever challenges lie ahead, we will settle for nothing less than getting America back on the path to full employment and prosperity."

Romney must now fire up conservatives who still doubt him while persuading swing voters that he can do a better job fixing the nation's struggling economy than Obama. In Obama, he faces a well-funded candidate with a proven campaign team in an election that will be heavily influenced by the economy.

"It's these economic indicators that will more or less trump any good or bad that Romney potentially got out of primary season," said Josh Putnam, an assistant political science professor at Davidson College who writes the political blog Frontloading HQ.

Romney spent Tuesday evening at a Las Vegas fundraiser with Donald Trump, who has been renewing discredited suggestions that Obama wasn't born in the United States. Romney says he believes Obama was born in America but has yet to condemn Trump's repeated insinuations to the contrary.



Romney

manager, Stephanie Cutter, said in a statement.

Asked Monday about Trump's contentions, Romney said: "I don't agree with all the people who support me. And my guess is they don't all agree with everything I believe in." He added: "But I need to get 50.1 percent or more. And I'm appreciative to have the help of a lot of good people."

Trump told CNN in an interview Tuesday that he and Romney talk about other issues — jobs, China, oil and more — and not about the place of Obama's birth or the validity of his birth certificate. Asked how he viewed Romney's position that the president was indeed born in the U.S., Trump said: "He's entitled to his opinion, and I think that's wonderful. I don't happen to share that opinion and that's wonderful also."

Republicans won't officially nominate Romney until late August at the GOP national convention in Tampa, Fla. Romney has 1,174 convention delegates.

He won at least 88 delegates in Texas with 64 left to be decided, according to early returns. The 152 delegates in Texas are awarded in proportion to the state-wide vote.

Texas Republicans also voted in a Senate primary to choose a candidate to run for the seat being vacated by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst led state Solicitor General Ted Cruz and Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert in early returns.

If no one gets more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two finishers will go to a runoff in July. The nominee will be strongly favored to win in November in heavily Republican Texas.

Romney, 65, is clinching the presidential nomination later in the calendar than any recent Republican candidate — but not quite as late as Obama in 2008. Obama clinched the Democratic nomination on June 3, 2008, at the end of an

epic primary battle with Hillary Rodham Clinton. Four years ago, John McCain reached the threshold on March 4, after Romney had dropped out of the race about a month earlier.

This year's primary fight was extended by a back-loaded primary calendar, new GOP rules that generally awarded fewer delegates for winning a state and a Republican electorate that built up several other candidates before settling on Romney.

Rick Perry, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Rick Santorum and Trump — all of them sat atop the Republican field at some point. Minnesota Rep. Michelle Bachmann peaked for a short time, too. But Romney outlasted them all, even as some GOP voters and tea party backers questioned his conservative credentials.

The primary race started in January with Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator, narrowly edging Romney in the Iowa caucuses. Romney rebounded with a big win in New Hampshire before Gingrich, the former House speaker, won South Carolina.

Romney responded with a barrage of negative ads against Gingrich in Florida and got a much-needed 14-point win. Romney's opponents fought back: Gingrich called him a liar, and Santorum said Romney was "the worst Republican in the country" to run against Obama.

Gingrich and Santorum assailed Romney's work at Bain Capital, the private equity firm he co-founded, saying the firm sometimes made millions at the expense of workers and jobs. It is a line of attack that Obama has promised to carry all the way to November.

On Feb. 7 Santorum swept all three contests in Missouri, Colorado and Minnesota, raising questions about Romney's status as the front-runner. After a 17-day break in the voting, Romney responded with wins in Arizona, Michigan and Washington state before essentially locking up the nomination on March 6, this year's version of Super Tuesday.

Romney has been in general-election mode for weeks, raising money and **ROMNEY** cont. on page 9A

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Happy birthday to the church

This past Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, the day in which Christians from around the world celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the Church. Most often celebrated by Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists and other liturgical denominations, Pentecost is known as the "Birthday of the Church". Some churches celebrate Pentecost by displaying red banners and wearing red (to commemorate the tongues of fire in Acts 2:3); others even decorate with red balloons and serve birthday cake!

Despite the prominent role which Pentecost plays in the Christian year, the importance of Pentecost is too often overlooked by Christians. Remember for a moment what happened when Jesus prepared to ascend into heaven. After His resurrection and the subsequent forty days which He spent further teaching the disciples, Jesus prepared to return to the Father. But first, He offered a few final words of direction to his disciples: "Don't leave Jerusalem. Stay here. Wait."

I wonder what their response must have been. Perhaps... "You've got to be kidding, Jesus! We traveled with you for three years. We listened to your deepest teachings. We've now walked with you as our risen Lord! Send us to do your work, Jesus, we're ready!"

But no, they weren't ready. Not quite yet. It would be a little like a young man, just learning how to bake bread, preparing to put dough in the oven. He's trying out a recipe for fluffy white bread. When the master chef checks up on him and asks about the ingredients for the dough, the baker-in-training proudly rattles off the ingredient list: flour, water, oil, salt, sugar. But the experienced chef responds, "Let's start again, and we'll do it right this time."

What's the missing ingredient? Yeast! That's where the power to rise originates. Sometimes it's tempting to think that we've got all the ingredients together, or that we



BLOSSOM MATTHEWS

the good word

have all we need to do the job ahead. But one missing ingredient is all it takes for our noblest plans to fall flat.

I imagine Jesus' disciples must have felt ready-and-rarin' to go. But Jesus told them to wait, for they were missing an ingredient. In Acts 1:3-5, we read: After [Jesus] suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Despite all the knowledge, faith and experience of these early disciples, Jesus told them to wait until they had received the Holy Spirit. Further, He said in Acts 1:8 that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them so that they would be witnesses for Jesus all around the world. You see, the Holy Spirit is that crucial ingredient of the Christian life. All the knowledge we may have of God will never be enough to actually serve God, for we must be empowered for ministry by the Holy Spirit.

So, to all the Christian community of Pampa, I say "Happy birthday, Church!" May each of you experience the promise and presence of the Holy Spirit as you serve God today!

Blossom Matthews is the lead pastor at First United Methodist Church.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

VBS starts busy summer at Highland Baptist Church

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Highland Baptist Church starts summer with Vacation Bible School on Monday.

"We have early registration on Saturday," Brother Paul Nachtigall, pastor, said. "We will have hot dogs and games for the kids and start VBS on Monday."

Early registration is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. VBS is Monday through June 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This year's theme is Space Quest.

Later this month the youth group is going on a mission trip to Roy, N.M.

"They are going to do a condensed VBS," Nachtigall said. "Parents are going to bring their children to Roy, some that are 40 miles away."

In July, the church is going to Roy to help them work on the church. Nachtigall said Highland Baptist is participating in the July 4 celebration and will have a booth.

"(The summer) is pretty busy," Nachtigall said. "We are looking forward to it."

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How to make the most of your day

The Bible tells us in Psalm 90:12, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Our life is brief on earth. We do want to make each day count.

The story is told of a man who went to the doctor for his physical exam. When he met to discuss his health with the doctor, he was told he had a terminal disease with only six months left to live. Shocked, the man asked, "Is there anything I can do to extend my life?"

The doctor thought for a few moments and gave him this recommendation. First, move to Slap Out, Alabama. This is a small town that moves at a very slow pace of life. Second, purchase a hog farm with 200 head of pigs and raise pigs for a living. Third, marry a widow with nine children. The patient asked, "Doctor, will that make me live longer?" The doctor replied, "No, but it will be the longest six months of your life!"

In reality how do we maximize our lives?

First, we set the priorities toward Heaven. We are told in Colossians 3:1-2, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Focus your life on those priorities. Secondly, determine to pay the price for the best. Hudson Taylor, the wonderful missionary to China had this as his motto: "Pray big prayers, dream big dreams, and be ready for big jobs!"



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Trump overshadows Romney with more birthplace rhetoric

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mitt Romney's presidential campaign collided with Donald Trump's "birther" rhetoric on Tuesday as the reality television star hosted a fundraiser for the Republican while claiming again that President Barack Obama is foreign-born.

The debunked conspiracy theory among conservative activists dubbed "birthers" charges that Obama is not constitutionally qualified to serve in the White House. Romney has said he believes Obama was born in America, but he has not condemned Trump's comments.

Democrats contend it's the latest example of Romney's reluctance to confront the more extreme elements in his party.

"A lot of people do not think it was an authentic certificate," Trump told CNN of Obama's birth certificate, just hours before he was set to host Romney's finance event at the Trump International Hotel in Las Vegas.

Such allegations have been repeatedly proven false. The state of Hawaii recently re-affirmed that Obama was born there.

Trump's comments, repeated in several media interviews Tuesday, overshadowed Romney's visit to Nevada, one of a handful of swing states expected to decide the presidential contest in November. Trump also upstaged news from Texas that Romney had collected enough delegates to clinch the Republican presidential nomination.

Romney did not address the issue directly at separate events in Colorado and Nevada, but on Monday night he told reporters aboard his campaign plane that Trump is entitled to his opinion. Even as Trump-related criticism from Democrats and Republicans intensified in recent days, Romney showed no sign of distancing himself from the polarizing figure.

"I don't agree with all the people who support me. And my guess is they don't all agree with everything I believe in," Romney said. "But I need to get 50.1 percent or more. And I'm appreciative to have the help of a lot of good people."

The birth question wasn't brought up at the Las Vegas fundraiser, and Romney spoke highly of Trump's efforts on his behalf.

"Mr. Trump, thank you for letting us come to this beautiful hotel and being with so many friends," Romney said. "Thank you for twisting the arms that it takes to bring a fundraiser together. I appreciate your help."

Trump remains popular among the conservative base and boasts ties to deep-pocketed donors. The Las Vegas event was expected to raise \$2 million, but Romney's ties to Trump extend beyond that single fundraiser. He has recorded automated phone calls for Romney, hosted a fundraiser for his wife, Ann, in New York, and pressed the candidate's case as a television surrogate.

When Romney's campaign plan arrived at the Las Vegas airport Tuesday, it parked within sight of Trump's plane — the businessman's name emblazoned on the side in large gold letters.

The Obama campaign released a video Tuesday criticizing what it considers Romney's unwillingness to stand up to Trump and the more extreme elements in his party. There have been other examples in recent weeks that underscore Romney's delicate push to win over skeptical conservatives while appealing to moderates and independents who generally deliver general election victories.

Romney

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focusing on Obama, largely ignoring the primaries since his competitors dropped out or stopped campaigning. Santorum suspended his campaign April 10, and Gingrich left the race a few weeks later.

Both initially offered tepid endorsements of Romney, but on Sunday Gingrich gave a full-throated defense of Romney's campaign, saying on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he was "totally committed to Romney's election."

Texas Rep. Ron Paul said on May 14 he would no longer compete in primaries, though his supporters are still working to gain national delegates at state conventions.

Rich Galen, a Republican strategist who has been unaligned in the 2012 race, said the long, sometimes nasty primary fight should help Romney fine-tune his campaign organization so it can operate effectively in the general election. Galen doesn't, however, think it was relevant in toughening up Romney for the battle against Obama.

"Romney's been running for president for six years. He is as good a candidate as he's ever going to be," Galen said. "Whatever you say about him, he was better than everybody else in the race."

Vintage locket unlocks four photos

Q: This is a photo of a Mickey Q: I have enclosed a photo of an opened gold locket. When folded closed, the cover has a black and white cameo, and behind each photo case are the words and number "Coro — Pat. No. 2545267." The locket is in mint condition.

Is there any value to this piece of jewelry, and if so, where can it be sold?

A: You have a gold-tone, vintage folding locket. Emmanuel Cohn and Carl Rosenberger founded their jewelry company in New York in 1900. In 1943, they combined the first two letters of their last names to form the name Coro. They were one of the leading makers of costume jewelry. In 1969, they sold 51 percent of their stock and began a financial decline. They were forced into bankruptcy and sold to another company that also filled bankruptcy. It was all over by 1979. The Patent number "2545267" was issued around 1950.

Vintage Coro costume jewelry is highly collectible. You could sell it on the Internet, Craigslist or by placing an ad in a local paper. Similar Coro folding lockets can be found selling in the range of \$75 to \$125.



Gladstone Fine China used this mark in the 1960s.

Antique OR JUNQUE?



Coro Costume Jewelry is very collectible.

Q: The mark seen in this photo is on the bottom of each dish in my dessert set. The set includes six cups, six saucers, six dessert plates, a serving plate, a cream pitcher and a sugar bowl. They are decorated with blue flowers and green leaves against a white background. Each piece is trimmed in gold.

What can you tell me about my dessert set?

A: The mark on your dishes was used by Gladstone Fine China in the 1960s. The china factory was named for the famous English politician, W.E. Gladstone and it can trace its history back to

Burslem, Staffordshire, England, around 1870. During World War II, they ceased manufacturing. In 1952, Thomas Poole Pottery and Gladstone merged and used the name Gladstone Fine China. A hundred years after its beginning in 1970, the pottery closed.

Your dessert set was made around 1961 and would probably be worth \$100 to \$125.

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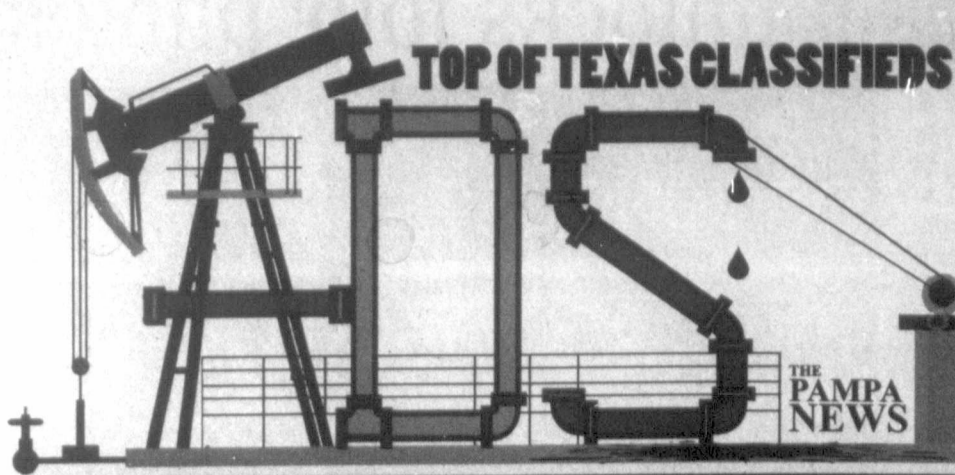
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I do online dating. For safety, I use an alias. I look much younger than my 43 years, so I went out with a 29-year-old who thinks I'm 33. I have horrible luck with relationships and didn't think this one would be any different. Boy, was I wrong! We have been dating three weeks now.

How do I tell him I'm 43, have two kids he doesn't know about and a different name? Or should I just break it off now? -- **INCOGNITO IN MISSISSIPPI**

DEAR INCOGNITO: Do not "just break it off" with no explanation. Tell the man what you told me -- that you have had such poor experiences with online dating that you used an alias, that you "fudged" about your age and that you have children. If it's a turn-off for him, you need to know it before you become more emotionally involved.

P.S. Because many people on dating sites don't tell the whole truth, it's possible he not only won't be shocked but will have a few things to fess up about, too.

DEAR ABBY: My 37-year-old son, "Dave," has two children, a daughter who is 18 and a son who is

10. He's a single parent. Until she was 15, my granddaughter, "Nicole," was the perfect child. Then she started getting into trouble, stopped going to school, ran away repeatedly and caused our entire family a great deal of stress. She was arrested at 17 for credit card fraud and was caught soliciting.

Dave has decided he never wants to see Nicole again because of her actions. He has given me an ultimatum. Either I have him in my life or I have her, but not both

Sports

PHS football to focus on conditioning in summer



photo courtesy of Charla Shults

Junior Ryan Smith runs away from a defender in a scrimmage last August. Smith will work in the summer to develop chemistry with receivers.

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With the 2012 season only three months away the Pampa Harvesters football team will use the summer to get in shape.

Junior Chris Rivera said several players will participate in a strength and conditioning program at the high school.

"Last year we lifted," Rivera said. "Then we went outside and ran a little bit. We did various things with our legs: Cone drills, sprints and stuff like that."

Junior Ryan Smith, who will be taking the reins at quarterback next season said he's looking forward to it.

"We do a lot of running in the summer," Smith said. "I'm looking forward to that. Get faster."

Smith said the strength and conditioning program builds on what the team does in offseason.

"We get a good base

in the offseason," Smith said. "We are able to put more weight on the bar in the summer, get a lot stronger."

Junior Tyler Powell said it will give the team an early look at strengths and weaknesses.

"We are going to see who can run and gun," Powell said. "Make the plays we need to make before the regular season starts."

Smith said most of the guys play on the field afterwards.

"We throw the ball around a little bit," Smith said. "Play catch."

Smith, the returning wide receivers and defensive backs are forming a 7-on-7 team and will play a team from White Deer on June 11 at Harvester Field. Rivera said it will help prepare them for the upcoming season.

"I think it will help us

learn some new plays," Rivera said, "as well as build some chemistry with Ryan."

The incoming quarterback said it will help prepare him.

"It will help us create chemistry with new wide receivers and me being a new quarterback," Smith said.

Powell said he is looking forward to returning to the field after missing last season because of a broken collarbone.

"I love going to summer workouts," Powell said. "Missing last football season definitely wants to get me out there more."

Pampa will graduate most of its receiving corps and two-year starting quarterback Reid Miller. The Harvesters are seeking a return to the playoffs after missing last season.

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