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Voters finally get a say in rough primary

AUSTIN, (AP) - Texas voters took to the polls Tuesday to weigh in on the long, rough gubernatorial primary race between Republican Gov. Rick Perry and rival Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Both candidates had early morning appearances in Dallas. Hutchison was stop-ping at a polling place and Perry, in his official role as governor, was participating in a military-related Texas Independence Day celebration. The two are vying for the GOP gubernatorial nomination along with party activist Debra Medina.

Medina is a favorite of many tea party voters and could pull in enough support to force a runoff. If no one wins a majority of Tuesday's vote, the top two finishers will face off April 13.

The Republican winner will go up against the Democratic nominee in November. Ex-Houston Mayor Bill White is favored

Texas among the Democrats over Houston haircare magnate Farouk Shami and five others.

> Perry, the state's longest-serving governor, wants an unprecedented third full fouryear term. Hutchison argues he's trying to stay too long and has grown arrogant in office. Medina calls herself the best alternative to establishment candidates.

Outside a junior college in the Dallas suburb of Frisco early Tuesday, Barbara Baldwin, a tea party volunteer from Plano, handed out pamphlets as voters streamed in just after the polls opened at 7 a.m.

Kevin Merritt, a 31-year-old Frisco software developer, said he considered Perry before finally casting his ballot for Medina. He said he liked Medina's goal to lower property taxes and disliked Perry's support of a now-dead project to build a huge system of toll roads.

VOTE cont. on page 3

Judge Richard Peet told Gray County Commissioners today that the county needs to

devoted to low-tech trackers

phone.

cial noses.

the late 1990s.

hire two people to replace county employees that are retiring this spring.

Law enforcement still

LUMBERTON, Texas (AP) — Holding

out an open plastic bag containing a green

T-shirt, Jerry Lowe gives a brisk com-

mand: "Let's go to work." Shifting a bit,

The bloodhound takes off, nose to the

ground, crisscrossing a Lumberton road

and casting around in a circle at a corner

Less than a block down the road, the

Beaumont Police Department's newest

recruit jumps a drainage ditch, running

down a fence line before reaching a patch

Lowe's wife, Tabitha, and stepson,

Michael Henderson, hid from Liz as part

of a routine practice exercise for the

Infrared cameras and other gadgets are

good, but Liz performs a function that

can't be replicated with today's tech-

nology, said Jerry Lowe, a 44-year old

Beaumont police officer and Liz's han-

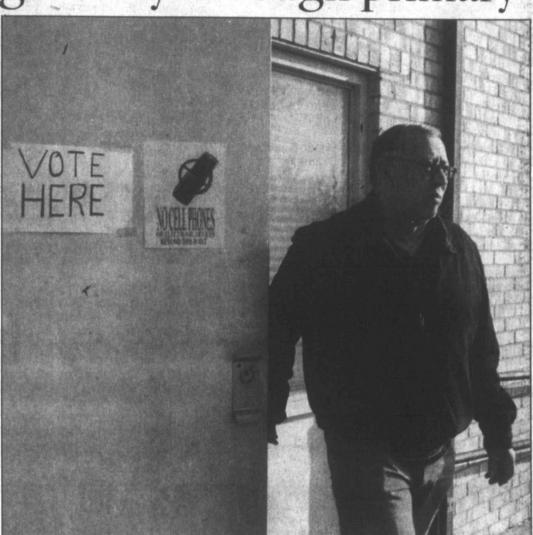
Lowe moves, giving Liz room to run.

intersection.

of woods.

tracker dog.

"Liz! You found us!"



Pat Montoya leaves one of Pampa's polling places for today's primaries at Zion Lutheran Church in the 1200 block of Duncan, after exercising his right to vote.

staff photo by David Bowser

State University are getting closer to

developing an artificial nose that would

replicate a dog's sense of smell, they

So far, researchers have mapped a dog's

nose and simulated how air flows in and

out, but they still are working on fine-

tuning the technology, research associ-

ate Brent Craven told The Enterprise by

"Once the technology develops, pretty

To date, simulated dog noses created by

the researches can only work for a limited

range of chemicals. Too often, a mix of

those same chemicals confuses the artifi-

Actual dog noses aren't fooled like that.

Now an officer with the Port of

Beaumont, former Hardin County jail

administrator Coy Collins ran two blood-

hounds for about seven years, starting in

much anywhere you'd use a dog, you

could use this," he said.

haven't announced a breakthrough yet.

Sheriff updating video equipment

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Sheriff Don Copeland will be getting some new video equipment and Gray County Judge Richard Peet is looking for some assistance in keeping the up the courthouse.

Gray The County Commission today approved the sheriff's request to go out for bids for video equipment during the first commissioners' meeting of March.

Sheriff Copeland told the commissioners court that he had almost \$30,000 in federal grants to buy some video equipment to replace older equipment at

his office.

commissioners, Copeland said he gets about \$200,000 a year in federal grants.

The court approved the sheriff's request to go out for bids on video equipment. The bids are expected to be opened the first of April.

In other business, Judge Peet told commissioners that Larry "Coonie" Andrus and Sharon Virden would be retiring soon and would need to be replaced. Andrus will retire at the

end of March. Virden will retire at the end of April.

"It will be difficult to fill their shoes," Peet said. He said both are excel-

lent employees and take

Under questioning by the COUNTY cont. on page 3 Assessor: Tax collections on track

BY DAVID BOWSER

dbowser@thepampanews.com Gaye Whitehead, Gray County Tax Assessor, reported to the county commission this week that tax collections are on track.

"We were worried about the economy the way that it was," Whitehead said.

She said her office is staying on top of collections and if anybody drops even 30 days behind, they are notified.

As of Feb. 26, Whitehead said 94.28 percent of Gray County's taxes have been collected. She noted that was slightly lower than previous years. For the past little over 95 percent.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet noted that the collections for the three cities in Gray County are lower. Pampa shows 90.31 percent. Lefors shows 77.97 percent. McLean shows 79.53 percent of their taxes have been collected.

Lefors and McLean are down from the mid-80 percent range over the past five years.

Collections for the independent school districts in the county - Grandview-Hopkins, Lefors, McLean and Pampa - are down one or two percentage points TAXES cont. on page 3

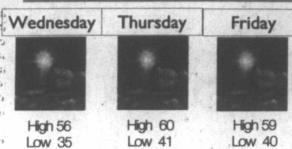
TRACKERS cont. on page 3 Although researchers at Pennsylvania five years, it has been a **Annual Polish Sausage D** -Let us find the right home Sunday, March 7 • 11am-3pm for you this spring! All you can eat! **Knights of Columbus Hall** 318 N. Cuyler 6) 662-1312 (806) 670-6623 (806) 662-2779

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Low 35



Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming

Low 41

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 26 and 36 early. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. South southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 60. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy, with a high near 59. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Gov. grants posthumous pardon to Tim Cole

humous pardon for innogeence to Tim Cole after receiving a recommendation from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

"I have been looking forward to the day I could 'tell Tim Cole's mother that ther son's name has been beleared for a crime he did not commit," Gov. Perry said. "The State of Texas cannot give back the time he spent in prison away from his loved ones, but today I was finally able to tell her we have cleared his name, and hope this brings a measure of peace to his family."

Cole was serving a 25 year sentence for aggravated sexual assault of Michele Jean Murray when he died from an -asthma attack in the Texas

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AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Department of Criminal incidents. Perry today granted a post- Justice on Dec. 2, 1999. DNA testing later proved he was innocent. The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles voted unanimously to recommend the posthumous pardon for innocence. Additionally, Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney Matthew Powell and Lubbock Chief of Police Dale Holton have written letters in support of a posthumous pardon. The victim has also supported Tim Cole's family in obtaining his exoneration.

The authority for a governor to grant a posthumous pardon was uncertain until Jan. 7, 2010, when Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott issued an opinion stating that a governor may grant a posthumous pardon.

3 children killed in wreck

BASTROP, Texas (AP) The Department of Public Safety says three children died in a twovehicle wreck near Bastrop that left four people hurt.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger says a minivan driven by Tiffany Bowman of Houston failed to yield Sunday afternoon. Vinger says the vehicle, carrying seven people, was broadsided by a truck.

Lauren Picarello with Seton Family of Hospitals says 6-year-old Angie Gonzalez was in critical condition Tuesday in Austin. Bowman's yearold daughter, Apolinar Saldana, was in good con-

DPS says Bowman and Priscilla Gonzalez were driving with their children. Vinger says only Priscilla Gonzalez and the baby, in

a car seat, were belted. Vinger says three other Gonzalez children, 5-yearold Leah, 8-year-old Noel and 9-year-old Paul, were killed. Both mothers were treated and released.

Obituaries

Patricia Ellen Campbell, 81

Ellen Campbell, 81, died February 27, 2010, in Houston, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt of Grace Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Campbell was

Los Angeles, California to Walter and Edith Tunison. She married Robert Eugene Campbell in January of 1947. He preceded her in death on July 13, 2007. She will be remembered for her sense of humor and her enjoyment for crossword puzzles. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include 3 sons, Johnny Campbell and wife Elaine of Houston, Robert Campbell, Jr., and wife Janice of Texas City,

born January 9, 1929 in and Richard Campbell and wife Becky of Lake Worth; a daughter, Lea Ellen Campbell Reed and husband Mark of Amarillo; nine grandchildren, Guy, Vicki, Glenn, Christine, Deborah, Ryan, Angela, DeLang and Abbey; four great-grandchildren: Seth, Ryan, Matthew and Mila; dearest and closest lifelong friends, Sonny and Eddy Mae Sawyer. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Sign the on-line register



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Hubert "Hub" Homer, 92

Pampa—Hubert "Hub" Homer, 92, died March 1, 2010, in Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

John Hugh Cox, 82

Pampa— John Hugh Cox, 82, died March 1, 2010, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr.Cox was born January 4, 1928 to Shirley Preston Cox and Mary Elizabeth Flossie Reid in Old Mobeetie. John joined the U. S. Army on January 16, 1952 and served until Honorably Discharged on December 19, 1953. John was a member

of Bible Baptist Church in Pampa where they

had many loving friends that added happiness and laughter to his life.

John and Billie Cox were married on July 3, 1954 in Pampa where they continue to live and form many close friendships and raise their family.

John worked for Howard Compressor Service for many years, where he made friends who became as close as family to him and Billie.

The family would like to thank everybody at Howard Compressor Service for the continued friendship and love during his career and after his retirement.

That family would also like to thank the staff of Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home, BSA Hospital and Hospice for the care given to John in the final days of his life.

John is survived by his wife Billie; two sons, Larry Cox and wife Marilee of Greenville, NC and Fred Cox and wife DeLisa of Amarillo; seven grandchildren and many other fam-

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that charitable contributions be made in John's name to Bible Baptist Church, 500 E. Kingsmill in Pampa.

NOTICE: SPECIAL The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

SERVICES EMERGENCY

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Officers reported 39 traffic related incidents and three accidents.

Animal control officials reported 32 animal-related

Pampa EMS reported 15 Pampa

Department reported two

Friday, Feb. 26. An assault was reported

in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 1800 block of North Faulkner. A burglary was reported

in the 1800 block of West Alcock. Found property was

reported in the 1000 block of North Christine. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Identity theft was reported to police. A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 200 block of West Craven. An attempt to serve was

made in the 1500 block of North Williston. A welfare check was

reported in the 1200 block

of South Faulkner. A suspicious person was

reported in the 800 block of West 25th. Criminal trespass was

reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A mission person was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells.

An attempt to serve was reported in the 1500 block

of Williston. A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block

of East Frederic. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 1300 block of North Russell. An attempt to serve was

reported in the 1500 block of Williston. A prowler was reported in the 1200 block of North

Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner. Found property was reported in the 2800 block

of North Charles. Officers checked building in the 400 block of West Foster. A suspicious person was

reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block

of Huff Road. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800

block of East Foster. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block

of North Doyle. Officers checked a building in the 100 block of East Craven.

Officers checked a building in the 600 block of West Foster.

Saturday, Feb. 27. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of West Terry.

A suspicious person was reported at Municipal Drive and Hobart.

Officers assisted another agency at Barnes and Denver.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block

of South Nelson. A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block

of Henry.

A prowler was reported in the 300 block of South Anne.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block

of Lowry. A burglary was reported

in the 700 block of South Russell. An assault was reported

in the 100 block of West

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of North Banks. A suspicious person was

reported in the 500 block of North Davis. Officers assisted anoth-

er agency at Finley and Criminal trespass was

reported in the 300 block of South Anne. Found property was reported at Charles and

Kentucky. An assault was reported in the 100 block of West

An assault was again reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Officers checked on a business in the 100 block of East Craven. Sunday, Feb. 28.

Officers checked again on a business in the 100 block of East Craven. A prowler was reported

in the 700 block of North Magnolia.

On open door was

reported in the 400 block of South Somerville. A drunk driver was

reported at Wilks and Banks. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block

of North Coffee. Officers assisted another agency in the 100 block of

The burglary of a motor

vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of Hamilton. A vehicle was reported

stolen in the 2900 block of North Rosewood. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 300 block Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block

of Sierra Drive. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Officers assisted another agency in the 600 block of North Wells. A burglary was reported

in the 1100 block of South

Dwight. SHERIFF

The Gray. County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Friday, Feb. 26.

Paige Veronica Villarreal, 30, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of property.

James Kevin Waddell, 43, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants charging him with not wearing a seatbelt and failure to appear.

Jessie Darlene Mabry, 43, was arrested by deputies on a bond surrender on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.

Michael Allen Kelley, 18, was arrested by police on charges of possession of marijuana.

Michael Ray Waldrip, 20, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxicated.

Saturday, Feb. 27. Peter Joseph Garcia, 44. of Guymon, Okla., was arrested by police on a bond surrender on aggra-

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vated robbery charges. Angela Gail Simmons, 47, was arrested by police on charges of theft of property and non-guardian per-

mit unlicensed driver. Stephen Tyler Timmons, 25, of Wheeler, was arrested by police on bond surrender on charges of possession controlled substance and unauthorized

use of a motor vehicle. Anthony Alan Caviness, 56, was arrested by police on charges of obstruction or retaliation.

Jeffery Frances Fiorito, 31, of Amarillo, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated second offense.

Larry Gene Caviness, 53, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated --third or more offense. Sunday, Feb. 28.

Cody William Hopson, 26, was arrested by deputies on a warrant charging him with theft of a firearm. Allen Bailey Huffman,

22, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while his license was invalid. Monday, March 1.

Neysha Renee Rodgers, 23, was arrested by police on charges of possession of marijuana less than two grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Prisoner slips from Texas unit to get cigarettes

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - A convicted burglar slipped out of his prison unit to buy cigarettes, then returned unnoticed a short time later, authorities said, leading to a contraband search and further criticism of Texas prison

security video from a Walmart to confirm that Skyler Steddum, 19, was at the store. Steddum returned unnoticed to the fenceless trusty unit, the Austin Americantatesman reported Tuesday.

Authorities at the Central Unit in Sugar Land used

The Central Unit is now undergoing a search for contraband, including cigarettes, prison officials say.

Fires in Dallas destroy several businesses

were destroyed by fire in the restaurantpacked lower Greenville Avenue area of Dallas at a time when the places were

The multi-alarm fire, reported shortly before 6 a.m. Tuesday, left at least one firefighter injured. Bright flames were seen blazing in several buildings until the fire was doused.

One firefighter was seen receiving oxygen and being transported from the smoke-

Investigators will try to determine what started the fire that spread to several businesses. The fire left behind the barned-out remains of at least three restaurants.

A fire department spokesperson did not immediately return messages Tuesday from The Associated Press.

Gregg Merkow, who owns two restaurants in the area, said he "raced down here to see smoke bellowing out of my bar.'

the initiative when they see something that needs to be done.

"They do it without being asked," Peet said.

Gray County Tax Assessor Gaye Whitehead gave the commissioners court an update on tax collections. She said collections by most Gray County taxing entities were above 90 percent for 2009. Only the City of Lefors and McLean lagged with 77.97 percent and 79.53 percent

County Agent Brandon McGinty reported on the progress of the rainwater recovery project at the county barn. He said cont. from page 1

costs of ditching for the eight-inch pipe was expensive, but the cost of the plastic pipe seemed to be in line. Ditching for sixinch pipe was less expensive. Brandon suggested doing the project in

Construction of the rainwater recovery

project is scheduled to get underway in April and be completed by summer. The commission also recognized

County Clerk Susan Winborne, District Clerk Gaye Honderich and County Court Coordinator Sandra Martin for their continuing education.

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this year compared to previous years, but they still show 94 to 96 percent of the taxes have been collected.

Even the city's newest taxing entity, Clarendon College, is at 94.39 percent, slightly behind last year's collections (their first). Last year at this time, they had collected 95.41 percent of their taxes. The City of Pampa's water collections cont. from page 1

are at 94.27 percent, slightly behind previous years by less than two percentage points.

Combined taxes at the end of February show a 94.14 percent collection rate compared to 95.23 percent at this time in 2009, 96.34 percent in 2008, 95.81 in 2007, 95.82 percent in 2006 and 95.34 in 2005.

Tracker

"They really never have come up with technology advanced enough to compete with a dog," he said by phone. "Technology is trying to catch up to what nature already has. A bloodhound is the ultimate smelling factory."

A consensus among many police handlers is that Liz's bloodhound nose is even more sensitive than a German Shepherd's or other breeds used by officers to track people, bombs or narcotics. Craven isn't

so sure.

Ye searched everywhere and talked to many different experts, and there's nothing out there that indicates one breed's sense of smell is better than another," he

said. However, given that Liz is trained only for people searching, for that specific job, her nose probably is better than the Beaumont Police Department's three

crosstrained patrol and narcotics dogs. "She is looking for one individual odor. When there's a missing Alzheimer's patient or child, or an elderly person walks away, she'll look for an individual smell," said Beaumont officer Danny Valdez, who is the south-central regional director of the National Police Canine Association.

In other words, Liz is a specialist. She can track a person's scent through the woods, along a busy road or in a packed football stadium - even if the trail is days old, Lowe said.

"We're always shedding skin cells. It's something you can't stop," he said, explaining where the scent comes from.

Lowe likens shedding skin cells to holding a water hose straight up into the air. The water goes up and falls uncontrollably across a wide area.

Once skin cells fall, bacteria attack, breaking down the cells and releasing the scent bloodhounds track.

"It doesn't matter if you're a twin or related. It's like a fingerprint. We all have our specific scent," Lowe explained.

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That sensitivity means that getting away from a bloodhound is extremely difficult.

The old advice criminals once swapped to cross running water or run upstream to avoid apprehension won't trick a bloodhound, Lowe said, adding he's seen Liz track someone who was wearing scentlock clothing and had sprayed down with scent-kill, like hunters do.

Lowe and Liz passed their training certification test a week ago in the pouring rain. The next day, Lowe got to test out her training again, but this time on a real day-old crime scene.

A swab from the steering wheel of an abandoned car gave the scent, and Liz took off running, Lowe said.

"We knew we wouldn't find the suspect, but we were called out to look for clues,"

With the scent in her nose, Liz ran down the street the car was located on, eventually stopping at a house door. After leaving there, she continued on the trail only to run out of scent.

"She looked at me like, 'there's nothing here," Lowe said.

The track, however, gave investigators a lot more to work with; a neighborhood to question and the notion that the suspect likely got picked up by someone in another car, Lowe said.

At the end of her shift, Lowe and Liz return to their Lumberton home to unwind. Liz, described as a gentle dog, is rewarded with a nice supper.

"She won't even bite her food to eat," Lowe joked of her calm nature. "She swallows it whole, then apologizes to it."

Liz's sweet demeanor was another reason Lowe picked her out of all the other bloodhounds he had to choose from.

Unlike the others, she doesn't want bologna as a reward for finding someone, Lowe said.

Instead, she wants a hug.

Tsunami swept away fleeing bus full of retirees

PELLUHUE, Chile (AP) — The 40 retirees enjoying summer vacation at a seaside campground nestled under pine trees knew they had to move fast after Chile's powerful earthquake struck.

They didn't make it. The tsunami came in three waves, surging 200 meters (yards) into this Pacific Ocean resort town and dragging away the

bus they'd piled into, hoping to get to high ground. Most of those inside were the retired Chileans, and only five of their bodies had been found by Monday, firefighters and witnesses said.

Pelluhue's horror underscored the destruction wrought by Saturday's pre-dawn 8.8-magnitude quake, which killed at least 723 people and set off spates of looting in shattered towns without food, water or electricity.

Most of the deaths came in communities along Chile's south-central coast — those closest to the quake's epicenter in the wine-growing Maule region that

includes Pelluhue. Survivors here found about 20 bodies, and an estimated 300 homes were destroyed. Most residents were aware of the tsunami threat; street signs pointed to the nearest tsunami evacuation route. The ruins of homes, television sets, clothes, dishwaters and dead fish cover the town's black

sand beaches.

"We ran through the highest part of town, velling, 'Get out of your homes!" said Claudio Escalona, 43, who fled his home near the campground with his wife and daughters, ages 4 and 6. "About 20 minutes later came three waves, two of them huge, about 6 meters (18 feet) each, and a third even bigger. That one

went into everything." "You could hear the screams of children, women, everyone," Escalona said. "There were the screams, and then a tremendous silence." Destruction is wide-

spread and food scarce all along the coast — in towns like Talca and Cauquenes, Curico and San Javier. In Curanipe, the local church served as a morgue. In Cauquenes, people quickly buried their dead because the funeral home had no electricity.

The region's biggest city, Concepcion, suffered waves of looting before some 1,500 troops arrived to enforce an 8 p.m. to noon curfew that finally brought calm by Tuesday.

President Michelle Bachelet said 14,000 soldiers and marines were deployed for security across the region and authorities were flying hundreds of tons of food, water and other basics into the region.

She met later with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary

Rodham Clinton, who brought in 20 satellite telephones and promised much more aid to come. Argentina, Brazil and Peru were already preparing cargo-planeloads of supplies, hospitals and doctors to fly in.

After the quake rocked the gritty port town of Talcahuano, Marioli Gatica and her extended family huddled in a circle on the floor of their seaside wooden home, listening to the radio by a lantern's light.

They heard firefighters urging citizens to stay calm and stay inside. They heard nothing about a tsunami — until it slammed into their house with an unearthly roar. Gatica's house exploded with water. The family was swept below the surface, swirling amid loose ship containers and other heavy debris that smashed buildings into oblivion all around them.

"We were sitting there one moment and the next I looked up into the water and saw cables and furniture floating," Gatica

Two of the giant containers crushed Gatica's home. A third grounded between the ocean and where she floated, keeping the retreating tsunami from dragging her and other relatives out to seal All the family sur-

vived except Gatica's 76-year-old mother, Nerv Valdebenito, Gatica said.

"I'm a pretty conservative guy," Merritt said. He said he was concerned during the campaign when Medina suggested the U.S. might have been involved in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but listened to the entire interview and felt she just didn't articulate

her point very well. Kelley Adley, a 42-yearold Republican sheriff's deputy who's running for justice of the peace in Collin County, said he expected the tea party turnout to have a major effect on the race.

Adley, whose opponent is supported by one of the handful of tea party groups in the Dallas area, wouldn't say who he voted for in the governor's race but said he considered all three candidates.

"I had to give it a good long study," he said. "All three have strengths they bring to the table."

Perry has pushed an anti-Washington message and talked up Texas as having one of the nation's best economies, something he says he helped bring about. "People understand that

over the last seven or eight years this state has had the type of proven executive leadership that has taken Texas to a very unique position in all the 50 states," Perry told supporters in Houston on Monday. Hutchison says she'll

do things differently from Perry, including lower business taxes and tackle ethics reforms and an education system plagued by a 30-percent dropout rate. She characterizes Perry's contention that she is a Washington insider as "ridiculous."

"It's clear I've fought for Texas my whole life," she said Monday, rattling off a list of stances that included fighting a "takeover of our health system" and President Barack Obama's stimulus package.

meanwhile, White, brushes aside suggestions that backlash against Obama and the Democratic-led Congress will destroy his chances of winning the governorship in the Republican-leaning

"What you find is more and more Texans call themselves independents,"

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White said in San Antonio on Monday. "That's the heart of my strategy."

Katrina Adams, instructional designer at the University of Texas at Dallas, said Tuesday she briefly considered voting for Shami but went with White because she agreed with him on several issues.

"I just believe in what he

says," she said. A number of other state and congressional offices are on Tuesday's ballot. Early voting the past two weeks was high compared with the last gubernatorial primary year, as measured in the 15 most populated counties by the Texas Secretary of State's Office.

Still, it was difficult to say whether that would signal higher-than-usual overall turnout or merely show that more voters are taking advantage of the convenience of early voting, said agency spokesman Randall Dillard.

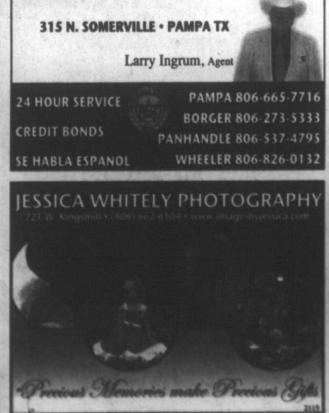
Officials say 62 percent of early ballots cast-in those high-population centers were in the Republican primary.



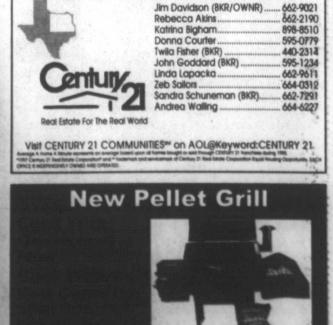
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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 2, the 61st day of 2010. There are 304 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1678 - French forces of King Louis XIV capture

Ghent and Ypres in Belgium. 1776 - U.S. Marines fight first battle, capturing British fort in Bahamas in Revolutionary War.

1801 - Spain declares war with Portugal. It is later called the War of the Oranges after a French general allied with Spain sends oranges to the queen of Spain with the message that he would proceed to Lisbon.

1815 - Dominion of Kandyan Provinces, within British Empire, is formed in Ceylon — now Sri Lanka.

1836 - Texas declares its independence from Mexico.

1877 - Republican Rutherford B. Hayes is declared

Every one can master a grief but he that has it.

— William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

the winner of the 1876 U.S. presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden won the popular vote.

1909 - European powers intervene to prevent Serbo-Austrian war. 1917 - Puerto

Ricans are granted

U.S. citizenship.

1923 - Time magazine makes its debut in UnitedStates.1939 - Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli

is elected Pope; he takes the name Pius XII. 1955 - Egypt and Syria sign defensive alliance.

1956 - France recognizes independence of Morocco; Pakistan decides to stay in British Commonwealth; Jordan's King Hussein dismisses Gen. J.B. Glubb from command of Arab Legion.

1962 - Gen. Ne Win overthrows Premier U Nu in

Burmese military coup. 1972 - U.S. spacecraft Pioneer 10 is launched on mission to explore environs of planet Jupiter.

1975 - Terrorist bombing of bus in Nairobi, Kenya, kills 27 people and injures about 100. 1985 - The U.S. government approves a screening

test for AIDS that detects antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood supply.

1986 - Iran charges that Iraqi warplanes dropped chemical agents on Kurdish village of Baneh in northwestern Iran, causing many civilian casualties.

1992 - U.N. General Assembly welcomes nine new members: eight former Soviet Republics and San Marino.

1993 - A gangway collapses when passengers board a ferry on the Congo River, drowning at least 147 in the Republic of Congo.

1994 - Israeli soldiers kill two Palestinian youths as rage over a massacre of Palestinians in a Hebron mosque spreads to Jericho.

mosque spreads to Jericho. 1995 - Former Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti is

indicted for consorting with the Mafia.

1996 - Voters slam the brakes on plans to sever links with the British monarchy when they hand one of Australia's biggest-ever election victories to John

Howard's conservative coalition.

1997 - In Lueneburg, Germany, hundreds of farmers riding flower-decorated tractors join about 10,000 people demonstrating against the storage of

nuclear waste.

1998 - Serbian police use water cannons and tear gas to break up demonstrations of tens of thousands of ethnic Albanians in troubled Kosovo province, following a weekend that claimed 24 lives.

2000 - Britain's top law enforcement official rules that former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet should not be extradited to Spain to stand trial on charges alleging human rights abuses. Pinochet returns to Chile the next day.

2003 - French President Jacques Chirac visits Algeria in an effort to improve relations between the two countries. It is the first official state visit by a French president since Algeria won independence from France in 1962 after a brutal eight-year war.

2004 - Suicide bombers set off simultaneous attacks on Shiite Muslim shrines crowded with pilgrims in two Iraqi cities, killing at least 143 people and turning the holiest day on the Shiite calendar into the bloodiest since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

2005 - Britain's Court of Appeals rules that a high school violated a teenage student's human rights by banning her from wearing a traditional form of Muslim dress to class.

2006 - Reversing decades of U.S. policy, President Bush ushers India into the world's exclusive nuclear club with a landmark agreement to share nuclear reactors, fuel and expertise with the energy-starved nation in return for its acceptance of international safeguards.

2007 - The Bush administration selects a design, developed by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, for a new generation of atomic warheads, taking a major step toward building the first new nuclear weapon since the end of the Cold War.

2008 - Dmitry Medvedev, the man Vladimir Putin hand-picked to be his successor, scores a crushing victory in Russia's presidential election.

2009 — President Raul Castro abruptly ousts some of Cuba's most powerful officials, remaking the government in the biggest shakeup since he took power from his brother Fidel Castro in 2008.

Today's Birthdays: Bedrich Smetana, Bohemian composer. (1824-1884); Kurt Weill, German-born American composer (1900-1950); Desi Arnez, Cuban-born television producer (1917-1986); Mikhail Gorbachev, last president of the Soviet Union (1931--); Lou Reed, U.S. singer (1942--); Jay Osmond, U.S. singer w/pop group The Osmonds (1955--); Jon Bon Jovi, U.S. singer/actor (1962--); Chris Martin, British singer w/rock group Coldplay (1977--); Daniel Craig, British actor (1968--).



What they say vs. what they mean: Health Care Reform

BY WILL DURST The Raging Moderate

You've seen "ER" and I've seen "ER" and I think we can both agree that if bipartisan health care reform were a patient, Doctor Obama would be dejectedly dropping the paddles, ripping off his mask and asking Nurse Pelosi to call it.

Oh, yeah. It's finished. Done with. Kaput. Defunct. Deceased. Extinct. Artifacto. Fuggedaboutit. Game over, man. Part of the vast past tense. Washed up. Down the drain. Sleeping with the fishies. Sheer finito. Totally obliterated. See ya. Wouldn't want to be ya. Pushing up daisies. Eaten by the undertoad. Down Goes Frazier! Rests in peace. Bereft of life. Shuffled off its mortal coil. Crossed the distant shore. Run down the curtain and joined the bleedin' choir invisible. Stick a fork in it. It's history. A memory. In the archives. Way gone. Say bye. Then again... you never know. Reconciliation. Such an

innocent word. With the deftness of Houdini, the president conjured up a seance where Democrats and Republicans sat down together and aired out differences like actual humans, and while the festivities conspicuously lacked any hand-holding choruses of "Kumbaya," the two sides did refrain from physically throttling each other and nobody staggered out in full view of the cameras cradling a bloody stump. Which, for these guys, is a leap. They did, however, continue to lock out ordinary Americans by talking in a special Congressional code known as Politico-Speak.

lowing guidelines:

And I'm here to decipher.
What they say: We may have differences but they

can be bridged.

What they mean: Of course, theoretically, so can the Pacific Ocean.

What they say: We need to start over from scratch. What they mean: Let's start fixing it tomorrow. Or

never. Whichever comes last.

What they say: It's obvious the other side is simply

ous the other side is simply engaging in political posturing. What they mean: Was

my chin sufficiently lit well and thrust forward on that? What they say: I just

hope this isn't more political theater. What they mean:

Because satire closes on Saturday night. What they say: Of course we're willing to compro-

we're willing to compromise.

What they mean: Of

course we're willing for them to agree with us. What they say: At the end of the day a solution will be found.

What they mean: And that day is Tuesday, November 2nd, 2010.

What they say: We're determined to go the extra mile.

What they mean: Admittedly, we've haven't moved 15 inches, but we're pooped. Maybe we'll hold committee hearings on switching to the metric system.

What they say: If Dick Cheney had the same health care as the rest of us, those five heart attacks would have killed him by now.

What they mean: I wonder if doctors have totally ruled out phantom limb syndrome?

What they say: All we

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ask is that the other side negotiate in good faith. What they mean: The

city of Good Faith in Queensland, Australia. What they say: We're the ones reaching across the

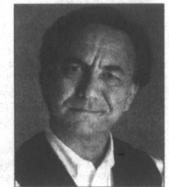
What they mean: Pay no attention to the chainsaw.

What he says: This is not partisan. I'm looking for answers from either party.
What he means:

Although, as the smartest guy in the room, I already have most of them. What they say: The

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What they say: This is a wonderful opportunity to watch government in action. What they mean: Argh.

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joined a gym, and I love everything about it except for one thing -- the ladies' locker room.

I am modest so I use the private changing rooms when getting dressed. There are some women who feel very comfortable walking around in various stages of undress. Not only are they naked, they don't think twice about bending over to get into their lockers, or standing topless while blow-drying their hair.

In a place full of mirrors, seeing all this is difficult to avoid. I don't want to stop using the locker room because it's convenient. Is there anything I can do, or must I put up with the peep shows? - MISS MODESTY IN PRINCETON, N.J.

DEAR MISS Women in various stages of nudity are not a "peep show." They are par for the course in women's locker rooms everywhere. And yes, there is something you can do: As you pass through on your way in and out, keep your eyes modestly downcast. That way, at most, you will see only a few naked toes. Or visit the gym during hours when the place is not so busy.

DEAR ABBY: I am stationed in Iraq. My husband is home taking care of our two teenagers -- a 16-yearold boy and a 14-year-old girl. My daughter has had

several sleepovers at her friends'. On two separate occasions, the mothers allowed the girls to dye their hair. They did this without first consulting my husband. Am I old-fashioned,

or isn't this something a parent should decide for a 14-year-old? Did the other ents think that it was OK since I wasn't home to

DEAR ABBY: I just ing while I am deployed, and he would never have allowed her to dye her hair. How should we handle this type of situation? -- MOM ON DUTY IN IRAQ

DEAR MOM: Your husband should have told the adults plainly the first time it happened that he objected to the dye job. Since that didn't happen, please remain calm and remember that it's only hair -- which will grow out. And now that you know the parents of your daughter's friends lack judgment, any sleepovers she attends should be in your home until your return from overseas.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I are discussing being married at the courthouse before our actual wedding ceremony -- months in advance. Our reason is he will finish graduate school and needs a place to stay -- or else it's back home.

The second reason is, if we live in separate households, it will create two sets of household bills. Under one roof we can share the expenses and save ourselves an ample amount of money to put toward our actual ceremony and honeymoon. This is our first mar-

riage and, we hope, our last. We want to make it a memorable one. Does this make sense, and if so, how should we approach our potential guests about our plans to "tie the knot"? --TO DO OR NOT TO DO IN ALABAMA

DEAR T.D. OR NOT T.D.: The way to handle it is to be open and aboveboard. Let your friends - and extended family know that you plan to be married quietly in a civil ceremony at the courthouse and have a formal renewal of vows, complete with gown, religious blessing, etc. to which they will be invited to share your joy

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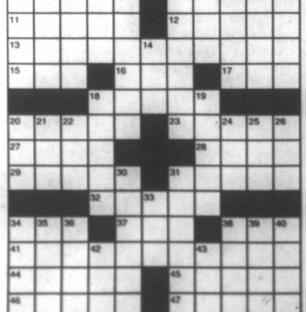
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Communication flourishes, and you see a big difference. Be open to understanding where others are coming from. A meeting is enlightening and gives you substantial feedback. A partner

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Focus on one project at a time. you do. Consider someone's seemingly great idea that looks to be unworkable. Why not ask this person to figure out the logistics? Tonight: Be with a favorite

nands more time. Tonight: Try dinner

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) · · · · · · · · · · Let your imagination domi-nate. Also try to look past the obvious. You might want to find someone who's an expert at problem-solving. There are answers, and you will find them, sooner rather than later. Tonight: Run errands

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You might want to understand what is motivating someone close. Even when you ask questions directly, this person appears very vague. Use your resourcefulness, and don't worry so much about the other party. Tonight: Relax with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Keep talks moving. Don't get stuck on a point, or you will lose your influence and your audience. Someone you relate to is extremely idealistic. Focus on your priorities, knowing that at some point you really will need to buckle down and handle another issue. Tonight: Head on home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Be aware of the costs of a new idea, diet or health routine. It might sound very healthy, but it could be a financial problem ultimately, causing you undue stress. Be realistic about your choices. Check in with someone in the know. Tonight: Meet friends for

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Use the daylight hours to the max. You might want to find someone you trust to give you feedback. Together you will gain yet another impression. In a brainstorming situation, you gain many more options. Tonight: Your treat. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

** Continue with the preparation phase of a project. You know what you want and where you are going. Touch base with a family member you trust. This

person has a special perspective. Tonight: Go for what you want. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Open up to suggestions. A meeting could be more important than you realize. Reach out for more information Someone might not give you a chance This person has a lot to say. Tonight: Get some extra R and R

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** No one can question your intention. Nevertheless, a problem occurs if you are not given the facts. Back up and go over your information again. Make sure you are informed. You will greet success then. Tonight: Find your friends. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Your sixth sense tells you that there might be more going on than meets the eye. Follow through on an idea. Feedback comes from those you work with. Encourage others to say what they think. Tonight: Could be late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Deal with others on an individual level. You know what you want, but so does another party. Negotiate and don't let a rosy perspective fog your judgment, if you want to succeed. Look at what someone doesn't say. Tonight: Put on a favorite movie.

BORN TODAY Singer Doc Watson (1923), actress Jean Harlow (1911), actress Jessica Biel

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Sports

Killgo signs to play ball at Frank Phillips College

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outfielder Senior Mitchell Killgo signs a letter of intent to continue his baseball career at Frank Phillips College in Borger next season.

Killgo said he feels pretty good about playing college baseball. Also joining him at Frank Phillips College is his teammate Braden Hunt who signed last week. Killgo said it's pretty cool to continue his playing career with Hunt.

BY ANDREW GLOVER

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Pampa

team went 2-2-1 in the

Burkburnett tournament

Thursday through Saturday

The Lady Harvesters

opened the tournament

against the Vernon Lady

Lions and lost 6-5. Pampa

led 1-0 after the first inning

and expanded that lead to

3-0 in the top of the fourth.

Vernon put up four runs in

the bottom of the fourth to

take a 4-3 lead. The Lady

Harvesters scored two runs

in the top of the fifth to

regain the lead 5-4. The

Lady Lions scored two runs

in the bottom of the fifth to

defeat the Lady Harvesters.

charged with her second

loss of the season but hit

her third double of the

season. Bailey Beck hit

her second double of the

season. Ashley Facio and

Teichmann hit their second

home runs of the season.

Carly Teichmann was

Harvesters

in Burkburnett.

Lady

softball

"I've known him all my life so it's pretty cool, Killgo said.

Head Baseball Coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said he's excited that Killgo and Hunt get to further their baseball careers together.

"To get to play at the next level is something special that they'll look back on and really cherish." Snelgrooes said. "I'm just looking forward to seeing what those kids can do. I'm really fortunate that it's 30 miles down the road career somewhere else."

Softball finished 2-2-1 in

Burkburnett Tournament

Lady Harvesters played the

Graham Lady Steers and

engaged in a scoreless tie.

The Lady Harvesters were

held to one hit and commit-

ted one error. Teichmann

held Graham to three hit

In the third game, Pampa

beat Wichita Falls Hirschi

Huskies 12-0 after two

innings. Facio picked up

her fourth win of the sea-

son only allowing one hit

and earning her first shut-

out of the season. The Lady

Harvesters scored 12 runs

on 10 hits. Pampa led 2-0

after the first and scored 10

runs in the bottom of the

second. Jordan Mayhew

hit two doubles to bring

her total to three on the

season. Facio also hit a

double for her second on

The next game Pampa

played against Eula and

won 6-0. Teichmann (3-2-

1) won her third game

of the season only giv-

ing up one hit. The Lady

Harvesters scored one run

the season.

earning the tie.

so I can go catch a couple of games.

During his high school career, Killgo lettered in football and baseball. Snelgrooes said he's pleased that Killgo signed and hopes he can get his other senior Anthony Allen signed as well.

This was the reason I wanted to do this job to get local kids on to the next level," Snelgrooes said. "Just like I got to and have them further baseball

and expanded their lead

Shelbie Watson hit her sec-

ond double of the season.

The Lady Harvesters

closed the tournament with

a 2-1 loss to Azle. All the

base hits were singles.

Pampa committed four

errors and Azle commit-

dropping her record to 4-1

(7-3-1) will compete in

on the season.

Saturday.

run of the season.



staff photo by Andrew

ted one. Azle led 1-0 after Mitchell Killgo (hoodie) one and expanded their signs his letter of intent lead to 2-0 after the top for Frank Phillips College of the fourth. The Lady in Borger. On his left is Harvesters scored one run father Michael Killgo, on in the bottom of the inning his right is mother Kathbut that's all they got. ryn Killgo. Behind them Facio was charged with are Frank Phillips head her first loss of the season baseball coach Gui Simmons and Pampa head baseball coach Kaleb The Lady Harvesters Snelgrooes.

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in the bottom of the first In the second game the Solf teams finish fourth and thirteenth last week

BY ANDREW GLOVER

aglover@thepampanews.com The Pampa Lady Harvesters golf team finished fourth in Shamrock Wednesday and the Harvesters finished 13th

Saturday in Midland. Pampa shot a 452 which was only four more strokes than third place Quanah. Memphis won the tournament shooting a 342 which was 73 strokes less than

second place Childress. Lindsey Brown had the best score of the Lady Harvester golfers shooting a 106. Allison Alexander shot a 113, Sydney Hoelting shot a 114, Taylor Morgan shot a 119, Tamara Klusmeyer shot a 123 and Cori Cook shot a 132. Liz Hoelting did not compete due to illness. Coach Alan Segura said his team would have medaled if she competed.

The boys competed against 18 teams. Segura said the team had to deal with tough winds on Friday.

"Some of the greens were not holding and the ball was rolling off," Segura said. "All of the scores were high, and we were just not able to make a big enough come back on Saturday.

Cole Buck had the best score on Friday and Saturday with a 90 and 77

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respectively. Ty Hutto had Reagan shot a 96 and an 87 the second best score on Friday wit ha 95. Joseph Mechelay had the second best score on Saturday with an 84. Hutto had a 92 on Saturday and Mechelay

and Jonathan Polasek shot a 101 and a 92.

The Lady Harvesters next match is March 8 at Dumas. The Harvesters next match is at Borger

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