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## The 2011 ballot amendments: A voter's guide

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
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*[Editor's Note: Because the language of the 10 amendments on the November election ballot can sometimes be confusing, complex or vague, The Pampa News is running a three-part series explaining each amendment in detail. The amendments will be covered in the order they appear on the ballot; this installment focuses on the first three propositions.]*

**Proposition No. 1 (Senate Joint Resolution 14)**  
 SJR 14 would amend the constitution to allow lawmakers to provide an exemption from ad valorem taxation to the living spouse of a deceased 100 percent or totally disabled veteran. The exemption would cover all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's resident homestead. A similar exemption was added to the Texas Constitution in 2007 for as long as the disabled veteran

was alive, although the exemption became invalid once the veteran died, according to Gray County Judge Richard Peet. "Once that veteran died, that spouse could not receive the same courtesy," Peet said. "They now have to pay the tax. It was no longer exempted for the spouse. This (amendment) would allow the spouse of that 100 percent disabled veteran to now have that same privilege after (the veteran's) death." "If (the spouse) remarries, they

lose the exemption," Peet continued. Peet went on to explain that if the surviving spouse does not remarry but moves, only the dollar amount of the exemption from the previous house will carry over into the new one. To qualify for the exemption, the veteran must be designated as "100 percent disabled," which, according to Tyson Paronto of the Gray County Appraisal District, is a service-**AMENDMENTS** cont. on page 7

## EXTREME MAKEOVER



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**TOP:** Sharon Wampler levels off the re-cemented base of the flagpole at the Pampa Post Office. Wampler and Tom Cantrell have spent the last few weeks restoring the pole, with a new paint job (before and after seen **RIGHT**) and sealing the cracks at its base.

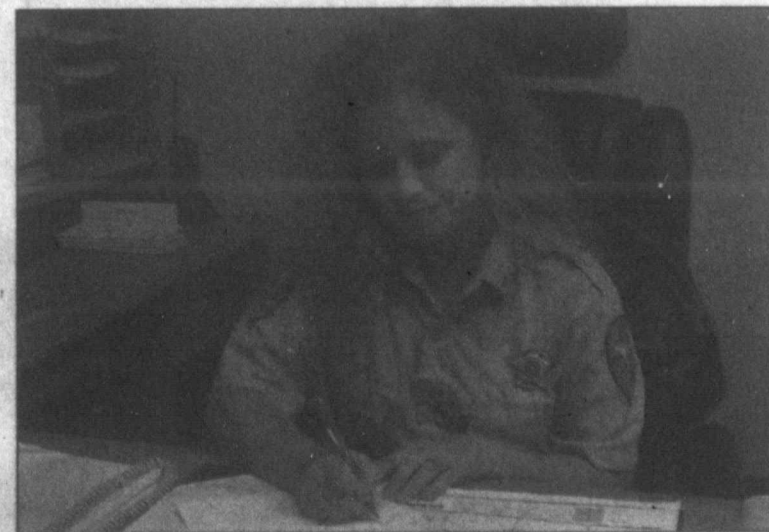
## PEDC OKs grant for terminal

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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 The Pampa Economic Development Corporation has taken the first step towards constructing a new Pampa Area Airport Aviation Administrative Building, with an approval of a \$300,000 grant towards rebuilding the current terminal. The project may become finalized following a public hearing and a 60-day wait period, which began yesterday, if the City Commission votes twice favorably for the new building. The new terminal, estimated to cost \$629,000, would receive \$300,000 in funding from the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation in addition to the PEDC grant. The remaining cost of the project would be funded by the county, with the possibility of further funding from the state. Gray County plans to pay for removal of the current building, including the relocation of electric lines. Architectural designs for the building have already been completed, and provide for a larger facility with a private lounge, conference room and a larger area for flight planning. **AIRPORT** cont. on page 7

## Diverse path brings Britt to jail administration

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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 Pamela Britt has been on just about every side of law enforcement, serving as a dispatcher, deputy, police officer and jailer. This journey has brought her to where she is today, working as the Assistant Jail Administrator at the Gray County Sheriff's Office. Her first job in law enforcement was as a Ranger and Reserve Officer for Webster County in Missouri, her home state. "You participate in a lot of public activities such as rodeos and different things like that. Checkpoints, things like that," Britt said of the position. From there, she became a dispatcher for the Wright County Sheriff's Office in Missouri. A

few years later, she decided to enter the Sheriff's Academy with some encouragement from her husband, Darrin. "In 2003, my husband kind of gave me a push to go on to school," she said. "I'd always had an interest in becoming an attorney, and those plans got changed. We started having a family in 1993, when we had our first child." That year, Britt became a Licensed Peace Officer. A year later, after moving to Pampa, she worked as a correctional officer at the Gray County Jail. After a few years, Britt returned to Missouri to work a new side of law enforcement, working as a road deputy in Webster County. "Working on the road was challenging. You never know what **BRITT** cont. on page 7



staff photo by **Mollie Bryant**  
 Assistant jail administrator **Pamela Britt** has held just a position in just about every facet of law enforcement.

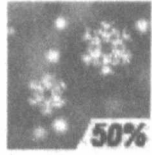


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**PAMPA FORECAST**

Today	Friday	Saturday
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High 45 Low 30	High 58 Low 37	High 67 Low 40

**Today:** A chance of snow before 1 p.m. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 45. Wind chill values between 21 and 31 early. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 30. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 58. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Calm wind becoming south southwest between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 67. Breezy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

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**Perry opposes Confederate license plates**

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry said Wednesday he opposes his state allowing specialty license plates featuring the Confederate flag — despite his past defense of the historical value of Confederacy symbols.

The Republican presidential hopeful was in Florida for a fundraiser and told Bay News 9's "Political Connections" and the St. Petersburg Times that, "we don't need to be opening old wounds."

The plates have been requested by the Sons of Confederate Veterans, a nonprofit Perry has supported over the years. They show the group's logo, which is derived from the Confederate battle flag.

A Texas Department of Motor Vehicles board must approve the license plate, but its nine members are Perry appointees. They tied 4-4 on a vote on the matter in April because one member was absent, and could take up the issue again next month.

It was the first time the governor has publicly commented on the proposed plate, with his office saying previously it was a matter for the board.

"This is great news," said Hilary Shelton, director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Washington Bureau. "Perry should be commended. With this kind of attitude, maybe we can actually see the healing of the wound he mentions."

But it was a departure from Perry's past opposition to NAACP-led efforts to remove two plaques with Confederate symbols from the Texas Supreme Court building in Austin 11 years ago.

Then lieutenant governor Perry wrote to the Sons of Confederate Veterans in a March 2000 letter obtained by The Associated Press that, "although this is an emotional issue, I want you to know that I oppose efforts to remove Confederate monuments, plaques, and memorials from public property."

"I believe that Texans should remember the past and learn from it," Perry wrote in the letter, obtained through an open records request.

One of the 11-inch by 20-inch bronze plaques featured the seal of the Confederacy, and the other the image of the battle flag and quotations from Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. They were eventually removed in coordination with the office of then Texas Gov. George W.

Bush.

The floor of the Texas Capitol's rotunda still bears the seal of the Confederacy, and statues on the grounds memorialize Lee and Confederate soldiers. But civil rights organizations consider the battle flag the most objectionable symbol.

Perry's comments Wednesday come after he drew sharp criticism for a rock outside the Texas hunting camp his family once leased that was painted with the name "Niggerhead." Perry's campaign says the governor's father painted over the rock to cover the name soon after he began leasing the site in the early 1980s — and says the Perry family never controlled, owned or managed the property. But rival Herman Cain, the only black Republican in the race, has said the rock symbolizes Perry's insensitivity to race.

Granvel Block, the Texas Division commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, said Wednesday his organization will sue if its license plate is denied. He said the plate was a symbol of Southern heritage and only considered racist by groups like the NAACP — which he said stir up controversy to help fundraising efforts.

"It does kind of hurt me that (Perry) can't see the reality of where the problem is. It's not our plate, it's the opinion that's been forced on the people by others," Block said. He added of the board, "If they do vote it down, they'll be doing something illegal."

Progress, Texas, a left-leaning advocacy group in Austin, said it had collected 22,000 signatures urging the DMV to oppose the license plate. But Block said his organization has 2,500 members statewide and will spend \$8,000 producing the plate.

Proceeds from its sale will be used to erect Confederate monuments once the group has recouped expenses.

"The only reason that it could possibly open up wounds is because the wounds have never been healed because they've been festering by others continuing to scrape them," Block said. "The NAACP is doing the scraping. It's not us."

Shelton responded that, "flying the battle flag in Southern states, it's the equivalent of flying a Nazi swastika in a Jewish community."

**Romney waffles on Ohio anti-union law**

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A day after he refused to endorse an Ohio ballot measure that limits public employee union rights, Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney said Wednesday that he is "110 percent" behind the effort.

While he was in Ohio on Tuesday, Romney seemed to distance himself from anti-union measures that have lost popularity in recent months. Campaigning a day later, the former Massachusetts governor told reporters that he supports a ballot measure known as Issue Two aimed at restricting collective bargaining rights for 350,000 public workers such as teachers, firefighters and police officers.

"I'm sorry if I created any confusion in that regard. I fully support Gov. (John) Kasich's — I think it's called Question Two in Ohio. Fully support that," Romney said, referring to the Issue Two ballot initiative, after visiting a local GOP office

in the Washington suburbs. "Actually, on my website, I think back as early as April, I laid out that I support Question Two and Gov. Kasich's effort to restrict collective bargaining in Ohio."

In June, Romney praised Kasich's efforts to "limit the power of union bosses and keep taxes low."

"I stand with John R. Kasich and Ohio's leaders as they take on this important fight to get control of government spending," Romney wrote on his Facebook account then.

Romney waffled this week though; his rivals criticized him for not supporting the measure, which has seen its popularity falter.

"As a true conservative, I stand with Gov. Kasich in promoting S.B.5 for fiscal responsibility and job creation in Ohio," Texas Gov. Rick Perry said in a statement. "Gov. Kasich and the Republican leadership of Ohio are to be commended for their efforts." Former Utah Gov.

Jon Huntsman told ABC News that Romney failed to show leadership.

"This is a time when if you are going to be president of the United States, you show a little presidential leadership. That's by taking a position and leading out — sometimes there is a risk associated with taking a position, but that's all part of leadership," he said.

On Wednesday, Romney tried to answer the criticism.

"I know there are other ballot questions in Ohio. I wasn't taking a position on those," Romney said after meeting with volunteers. "I am 110 percent behind Gov. Kasich and in support of that question."

Ohio Democratic Party Chairman Chris Redfern called it "an epic reversal."

"Such lack of character is a slap in the face to Ohioans and says everything you need to know about the serial flip-flopper Mitt Romney," Redfern said.

**Obituaries**

**Debra Kay Shouse, 56**

A memorial service for Debra Kay Shouse of Lindsay, will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Memory Gardens in Pampa, with Danny Miller officiating.

Debra was born on January 2, 1955, in Pampa, to Howard and Vernice Hulsey Shouse. She died on October 12, 2011 at Denton Regional Medical Center.

She was a graduate of Pampa High School and graduated from NCTC in 1998



Shouse

with a LVN certificate. She was an employee of the Denton State School for ten years. She loved her family very deeply and enjoyed gardening.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Jessi Noble and William Cotton, Kara and Triston Case, and Candice and Lariat Gartman; her brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Cristy Shouse; her step-mother, Sandra Shouse; her grandchildren, Liam, Asher, Rhiannon, Zoey, Bailey, Joshua, and Isabella; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Michael Shouse.

Memorial contributions may be made to PO Box 126, Gainesville, TX 76241 or may be made at the memorial service.

You may sign the online register at [www.geojcarroll.com](http://www.geojcarroll.com).

**For the record**

**Police Department**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, October 26 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control agents reported 10 animal related incidents.

Pampa PD reported four traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to two medical calls.

**Tuesday, October 25**

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2500 block of North Perryton.

An assault was reported at the 600 block of Reid.

A theft was reported at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

A suspicious person was

reported at the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Police investigated an alarm at the 2500 block of North Mary Ellen.

Criminal mischief was reported at the 1300 block of North Hamilton.

An assault was reported.

Phone harassment was reported at the 2100 block of North Sumner.

An offense against family and children was reported.

Accidents occurred at the 400 block of West Brown and the 300 block of East Brown.

A burglary occurred at the 400 block of North Doyle.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Harassment was reported.

Thefts were reported at the 300 block of East

Browning and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A violation of a protective order occurred at the 1700 block of North Evergreen.

Police investigated an alarm at the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbances were reported at the 2600 block of North Hobart and the 600 block of North Wells.

A prowler was reported at the 1700 block of North Chestnut.

A suspicious person was reported at the 800 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Browning and Christy.

A domestic disturbance occurred at 18th and Banks.

Criminal mischief was reported at the block of

East Francis.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2000 block of North Sumner.

**Wednesday, October 26**

A suspicious person was reported at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at 23rd and Duncan and the 100 block of North Somerville.

**Sheriff's Office**

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, October 26.

**Tuesday, October 25**

Kristy Sinyard, 25, was arrested by police for theft of property greater than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

# MORNINGRUSH

## Red tide closes oyster harvesting

AUSTIN (AP) - Health officials have closed all oyster harvesting from Texas coastal waters due to the algae bloom known as red tide.

The Department of State Health Services on Wednesday announced the ban on commercial and recreational harvesting of oysters, clams and mussels.

The agency is also advising people not to harvest and eat oysters, clams, or mussels from Texas coastal waters. The bloom contains a toxin that can lead to shellfish poisoning in humans.

Spokeswoman Christine Mann says there's no time frame for the harvesting closure as state officials monitor the red tide. The public can normally harvest oysters from November through April.

Experts say the red tide, present along Texas since early September, has killed at least 3 million fish. The algae thrive in warm, salty water.

## Perry says Obama's a citizen

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - Rick Perry now is saying that he has no doubt that President Barack Obama is an American citizen.

The Texas governor made the comment in an interview with Bay News 9's "Political Connections" in Tampa, Fla., and the St. Petersburg Times.

Perry said that he was just - in his words - "having some fun with Donald Trump" when he stoked widely debunked claims that Obama was born outside of the United States.

Perry says he wasn't expressing doubts about Obama when he raised the issue in a series of media interviews. In one he said that the birth certificate issue as "a good issue to keep alive."

On Tuesday, he refused to answer a reporter's direct question about whether he believed the president was born in the United States.

## Convicted cop killer to die

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - San Antonio street gang member Frank Garcia knew what he was doing when he opened fire on veteran police Sgt. Hector Garza.

Garcia told detectives after he was arrested for the slaying of the 48-year-old officer in 2001 that he knew officers wore bulletproof vests so he aimed for Garza's head. Garza was shot four times, including one shot to his head and two to his neck.

The 39-year-old Garcia is set for execution Thursday evening in Huntsville. His wife also was killed in the same shooting outburst during a domestic dispute.

He would be the 12th convicted killer put to death this year in Texas.

## Taliban helper loses appeal

HOUSTON (AP) - A federal appeals court has upheld the conviction of a Pakistani college student living in Texas who was sentenced to 15 years in prison for conspiring to help the Taliban and fight U.S. troops.

Adnan Mirza was convicted last year of two conspiracy counts and seven firearms violations.

Mirza argued evidence at his three-day trial in Houston was insufficient and that statutes under which he was arrested in 2006 were unconstitutional.

The Houston Community College student also contended he didn't violate terms of his student visa because he didn't know it was illegal to possess a firearm. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected each argument Tuesday.

Three others arrested with Mirza for participating in training exercises around Houston for a holy war pleaded guilty or have been convicted.

## Plea deal on bigamy charge

SAN ANGELO, (AP) - A former leader in the polygamist church run by Warren Jeffs has pleaded no contest to charges of bigamy in exchange for probation.

An attorney for Wendell Loy Nielsen confirmed the plea deal Wednesday. The 70-year-old is the former president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Nielsen was sentenced to 10 years of probation. He was indicted on three counts of bigamy in Schleicher County following the 2008 raid on the Yearning for Zion ranch, which led to charges against Jeffs and 11 of his followers.

Jeffs was convicted in August and sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting two of his child brides. Prosecutors said Jeffs had two dozen underage wives in all.

# Advice for owners of aggressive dogs

## Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS  
Creator's Syndicate

The bulk of my time is devoted to helping aggressive dogs and their owners. Their stories tend to begin something like this: My dog is wonderful 99.9 percent of the time, but he bites. The behavior is getting worse, and I don't know what to do. I love my dog very much.

The following letter exemplifies this dilemma: *We adopted a trained hunting dog two years ago. I love this dog more than anything; however, he has bitten us on multiple occasions and recently bit my face rather viciously. I cannot trust him.*

*The issue isn't guarding or a lack of discipline or attention. Every day, I walk him, play with him, give him affection, feed him, have him do tricks and have him listen to me when I tell him to do things. He is sweet, affectionate and well-behaved 98 percent of the time (not an excuse, just explaining his general temperament).*

*I think whatever issues he has are deep-rooted psychological ones. I am not sure what to do, but we cannot have a dog that hurts my husband or me. Please help.*

- Here's what you can do at this point in the game:
- Find a more experienced owner for the dog.
  - Become a more experienced owner yourself with the help of a professional trainer who specializes in canine aggression.
  - Limit the dog's exposure.

Simple as that. Those are your options.

A lot can be done to help an aggressive dog "get over it." And the sooner you recognize and accept the problem the better for all involved, especially the dog.

The problem is that people do not want to accept. They either do not recognize the red flags their dog is waving, or they choose to ignore them. And animals do warn us. They aren't cunning. They aren't biding their time. Anyone who says their 8-year-old dog just up and bit them in the face one day without any warning wasn't paying attention.

A professional trainer works with the dog to eliminate or at least control the aggressive behavior. But the trainer also works with the owner, educating him about the nuances of his dog's behavior - good and bad - so he can recognize the warning signs and respond appropriately. Training is the path to renewed trust, real confidence and deeper understanding.

But you can't remove aggression like you would a problem appendix.

Sometimes, even with training - but surely without - those responsible for aggressive dogs must learn to live with limitations. Depending on the circumstances and the severity of the aggression, the dog's exposure to people and other animals must be controlled. Aggressive dogs should never be around small children, no exceptions. Whether they can be around teenagers and adults in some situations depends on the dog. A good trainer will help you make these decisions intelligently and with full knowledge of the moral and legal issues at stake.

Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life"

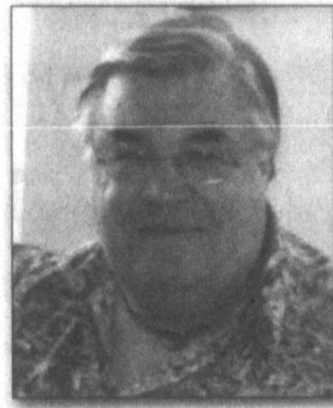
## BP issued deepwater permit

U.S. officials have given BP the go-ahead to drill a new deepwater well in the Gulf of Mexico, its first such permit since last year's catastrophic oil spill.

Regulators said Wednesday BP has met strict safety requirements implemented after the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

The proposed exploratory well is located roughly 246 miles south of Lafayette, La., in water more than 6,000 feet deep. That's about 1,000 feet deeper than BP's Macondo well that blew out in April 2010, killing 11 rig workers and leading to the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

This is BP's first permit to drill, but the company has been active in the Gulf for months.



## FINNEY RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Friends, family and clients will honor 40 years of service as Bob Finney retires from the practice of law. A reception will be held in the Gray County Courtroom, second floor of the Gray County Courthouse, on Friday, October 28, from 2pm to 4pm.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 27, the 300th day of 2011. There are 65 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Oct. 27, 1811, inventor Isaac Merritt Singer, founder of the sewing machine company that bears his name, was born in Pittstown, N.Y.

**On this date:**  
In 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the United States Constitution, was published.

In 1858, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was born in New York City.

In 1880, Theodore Roosevelt married his first wife, Alice Lee.

In 1886, the musical fantasy "A Night on Bald Mountain," written by Modest Mussorgsky and revised after his death by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, was performed in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1922, the first annual celebration of Navy Day took place.

In 1938, Du Pont announced a name for its new synthetic yarn — "nylon."

In 1947, "You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, premiered on ABC Radio. (It later became a television show on NBC.)

In 1971, the Democratic Republic of Congo was renamed the Republic of Zaire (but it went back to its previous name in 1997).

In 1978, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their progress toward achieving a Middle East accord.

In 1995, a sniper killed one soldier and wounded 18 others at Fort Bragg, N.C. (Paratrooper William J. Kreuzer was convicted in the shootings, and condemned to death; however, the sentence was later commuted to life in prison.)

**Ten years ago:** In Washington, the search for deadly anthrax widened to thousands of businesses and 30 mail distribution centers.

**Five years ago:** President George W. Bush said the United States did not torture prisoners, trying to calm a controversy created when Vice President Dick Cheney embraced the suggestion that a "dunk in water" might be useful to get terrorist suspects to talk.

**One year ago:** Dozens of Jewish extremists hoisting Israeli flags defiantly marched through the Arab-Israeli town of Umm el-Fahm, chanting "death to terrorists" and touching off clashes between rock-hurling residents and police.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Nanette Fabray is 91. Actress Ruby Dee is 87. Actor-comedian John Cleese is 72. Author Maxine Hong Kingston is 71. Country singer Lee Greenwood is 69. Producer-director Ivan Reitman is 65. Country singer-musician Jack Daniels is 62. Rock musician Garry Tallent (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 62. Author Fran Lebowitz is 61. Rock musician K.K. Downing is 60. TV personality Jayne Kennedy is 60. Actor-director Roberto Benigni is 59. Actor Peter Firth is 58. Actor Robert Picardo is 58. Singer Simon Le Bon is 53. Musician J.D. McFadden is 47. Rock musician Jason Finn (Presidents of the United States of America) is 44. Rock singer Scott Weiland is 44. Actor Sean Holland is 43. Actress Sheeri Rappaport is 34. Violinist Vanessa-Mae is 33. Actress-singer Kelly Osbourne is 27.

**Thought for Today:** "Happiness is a way station between too much and too little." — Channing Pollock, American author and dramatist (1880-1946).



## Analysis: College costs shift to families

JUSTIN POPE  
AP Education Writer

YPSILANTI, Mich. (AP) — It was a transformation that was, by historical standards, remarkably swift: The decade of the 2000s saw a fundamental shift in how Americans answer the question "Who will pay for college?"

More than ever, students and their families must foot the bill at public

universities. And that bill is higher than ever.

Realizing higher education would be essential to succeed in the emerging economy, Americans aspired and flocked to higher education as never before over the last 10 years. But over that same span, the 50 states did less GÇö much less, factoring in the increased demand GÇö and asked students and parents to do more. That was true even during

the flush years in the middle of a decade bookended by two economic downturns.

The federal government, meanwhile, picked up much of the slack with each of the last three presidents substantially increasing spending. But while the billions Washington poured into student financial aid helped many students, they did little to stem price increases. Low-income

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## Conservatives, what is it we wish to conserve?



PAT BUCHANAN

A conservative's task in society is "to preserve a particular people, living in a particular place during a particular time."

Jack Hunter, in a review of this writer's new book, "Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?" thus summarizes Russell Kirk's view of the duty of the conservative to his country.

Kirk, the traditionalist, though not so famous as some of his contemporaries at National Review, is now emerging as perhaps the greatest of that first generation of post-World War II conservatives — in the endurance of his thought.

Richard Nixon believed that. Forty years ago, he asked this writer to contact Dr. Kirk and invite him to the White House for an afternoon of talk. No other conservative would do, said the president.

Kirk's rendering of the conservative responsibility invites a question. Has the right, despite its many victories, failed? For, in what we believe and how we behave, we are not the people we used to be.

Perhaps. But then, we didn't start the fire.

Second-generation conservatives, Middle Americans who grew up in mid-century, were engulfed by a set of revolutions that turned their country upside down and from which there is no going home again.

First was a civil rights revolution, which began with the freedom riders and March on Washington of August 1963 and ended tragically and terribly with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

That revolution produced the civil rights and voting rights acts, but was attended by the long, hot summers of the '60s — days-long riots in Harlem in 1964, Watts in 1965, Detroit and Newark in 1967, and a hundred other cities and Washington, D.C., in 1968 that tore the nation apart.

Crucially, the initial demands — an end to segregation and equality

of opportunity — gave way to demands for an equality of condition and equality of results through affirmative action, race-based preferences in hiring and admissions, and a progressive income tax. Reparations for slavery are now on the table.

In response to this revolution, LBJ, after the rout of Barry Goldwater, exploited his huge congressional majorities to launch a governmental revolution, fastening on the nation a vast array of social programs that now threaten to bankrupt the republic, even as they have created a vast new class of permanent federal dependents.

The next revolution began at teach-ins to protest involvement in Vietnam, but climaxed with half a million marchers around the White House carrying Viet Cong flags, waving placards with America spelled "Amerika" and chanting, "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh — the NLF is going to win."

Well, the NLF didn't win. It was crushed in the Tet Offensive. But the North Vietnamese invasion of 1975 did. Result: a million boat people in the South China Sea, a holocaust in Cambodia and poisoned American politics for decades after that American defeat.

By the time Vietnam ended, many in the antiwar movement had become anti-American and come to regard her role in history not as great and glorious but as an endless catalogue of crimes, from slavery to imperialism to genocide against the Native Americans.

The fourth revolution was social — a rejection by millions of young of the moral code by which their parents sought to live.

This produced demands for legalized drugs, condoms for school kids, a right to terminate pregnancies with subsidized abortions and the right of

homosexuals to marry.

The first political success of the integrated revolutions came with capture of the Democratic Party in 1972, though Sen. George McGovern was crushed by Nixon in a 49-state landslide.

The conservative triumph of the half-century was surely the election of Ronald Reagan, who revived America's spirit, restored her prosperity and presided over her peaceful Cold War victory. Yet even Reagan failed to curtail an ever-expanding federal government.

Did then the conservatives fail?

In defense of the right, it needs be said. They were no more capable of preventing these revolutionary changes in how people think and believe about God and man, right and wrong, good and evil, than were the French of the Vendee to turn back the revolution of 1789.

Converting a people to new ways of thinking about fundamental truths is beyond the realm of politics and requires a John Wesley or a St. Paul.

The social, political and moral revolutions of the 1960s have changed America irretrievably. And they have put down roots and converted a vast slice of the nation.

In order to love one's country, said Edmund Burke, one's country ought to be lovely. Is it still? Reid Buckley, brother of Bill, replies, "I am obliged to make a public declaration that I cannot love my country. ... We are Vile."

And so what is the conservative's role in an America many believe has not only lost its way but seems to be losing its mind?

What is it now that conservatives must conserve?

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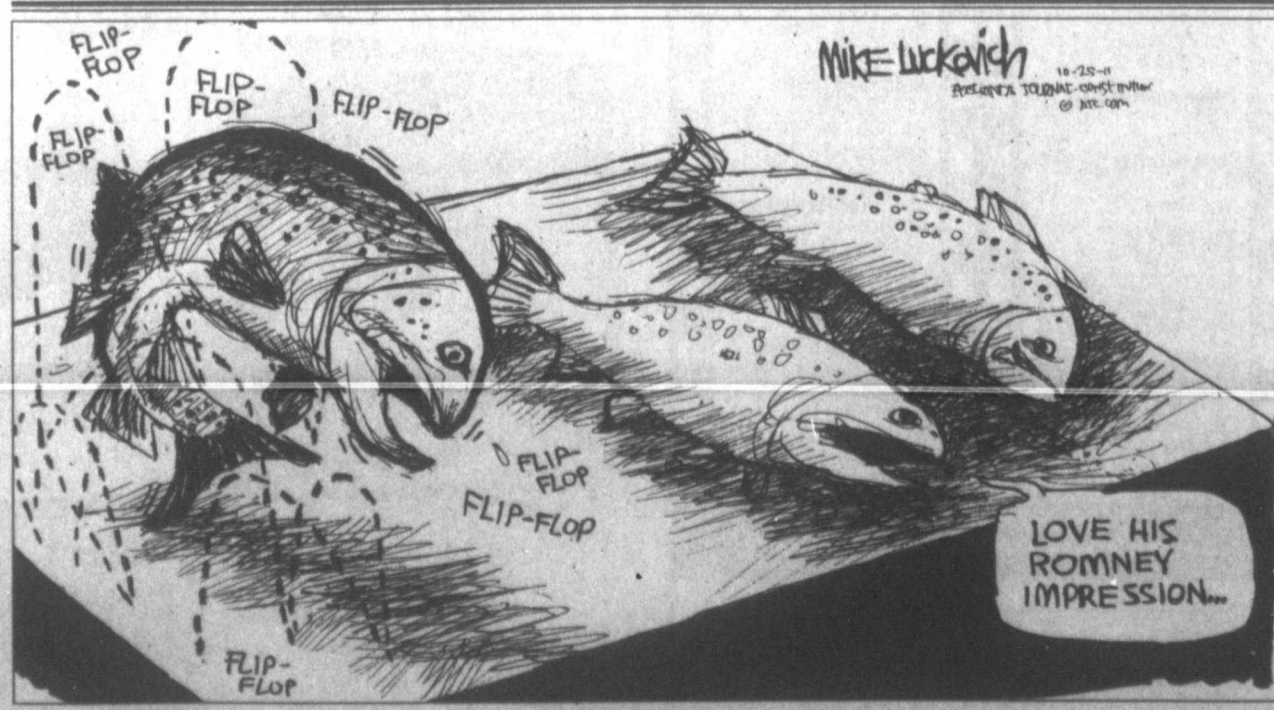
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## Costs

students got some relief in expanded Pell Grants, and a massive increase in tuition tax credits has disproportionately benefited families earning over \$100,000. Middle-class families have borne the brunt.

Frustrations over high student debt have been front and center for the Occupy Wall Street protesters. Politicians have noticed, too: On Wednesday, in Denver, President Obama announced a series of steps that would do little to relieve students of the burden of paying for college, but aim to at least protect more borrowers from monthly repayment burdens that would ruin their finances or keep them from choosing public service jobs.

That may be the best the federal government can do in an era when almost everyone wants to go to college, Washington's budgetary well has run dry, and the states either cannot or will not play the same role in supporting public higher education that they have in the past.

"There's been a fundamental and permanent shift in how we see the financing of higher education in the United States," said Terry Hartle, senior vice president at the American Council on Higher Education. "Increasingly, higher education is seen as being almost exclusively a private good and therefore something that individuals ought to pay for by themselves."

Some lament the change, arguing society benefits when more students graduate and suffers when they don't. States traditionally have supported higher education, they say, and if it's more important than ever, why cut back now?

Others welcome the shift, arguing individuals who most directly benefit should pick up more of the costs. And colleges, they argue, could do more to hold down costs themselves.

On Wednesday, the College Board released the latest figures on the cost of college, and they were demoralizing enough: Four-year public colleges increased tuition 8.3 percent, and the cost of a full credit load has passed \$8,000. That doesn't count room and board, and hundreds more for textbooks.

The trend is more apparent when you look at data from the College Board and other groups for the whole decade:

- In 2000, fewer than one-third of Americans said college was essential to be successful. Now the figure is well over half, and with jobs scarce, enrollment is surging. Enrollment grew 9 percent during the 1990s; during the 2000s it rose 33 percent, to roughly 21 million.

- State support, however, didn't keep up. Funding per student rose 6 percent in the 1980s and 5 percent in the 1990s. Then, between 2000 and 2010, state support fell 23 percent after accounting for inflation.

The effects are clearly visible in the prices that public colleges, which enroll 80 percent of students, charged. In the 1980s tuition rose 4.5 percent annually above general inflation. In the 1990s it rose 3.2 percent. In the 2000s: 5.6 percent.

The pain of the recent increases was magnified by the economy. During those earlier decades, median family income was rising. During the 2000s, the family incomes of Americans declined across the board.

- In 2000, the states on average kicked in more than \$8,000 per student in higher education on average, and asked about \$3,350 from each student (that's in constant 2011 dollars adjusting for inflation). At that time, just three states, none larger than New Hampshire, asked more from each student than the state contributed.

Fast forward to 2010, and the states' contribution had fallen to \$6,500 per student. The students' share

was up to \$4,300. By then, 19 states had crossed the threshold of charging students more than the public contribution.

• States say they simply don't have the money, and that's partly true. But economists also measure what they call state "effort" to fund higher education - state appropriations for every \$1,000 of average personal income. The figure measures a state's commitment to higher education, regardless of wealth. The efforts of states vary substantially, from \$2.44 per \$1,000 in New Hampshire to \$12.73 in New Mexico. But nationally, the average state effort fell sharply during the last decade, from \$7.25 to \$6.11.

"The states are simply funding other priorities," Hartle said. "They're funding Medicaid, they're funding corrections, they're funding elementary and secondary education." Higher education, by contrast, "has an awful lot of people who look like paying customers."

It may be that funding higher education on a mass scale is now beyond the capacity of the states. But if Americans are really so determined to go to college, as they seem to be, someone will have to pay. And increasingly that's been students themselves.

"Looking at 2000-2010, things are bad, really bad, and getting worse," said Rich Williams, higher education advocate for the group US PIRG. "We saw less than half of students needing to borrow just before 2000. Now it's two-thirds. You're seeing loan debt place serious financial barriers in front of students that weren't there."

Total federal loans are up 57 percent over the last decade, and outstanding student loan volume has passed \$1 trillion. Partly that reflects more students, but average indebtedness for graduates is now well over \$20,000. For the average borrower, that's not life-ruining, but the increase is worrisome.

While some Occupy Wall Street protesters have called for forgiving student loan debt, most college students say they agree they should pay something for their college education.

On the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Leah Shutes, a third-year student working toward a degree in journalism, says she has no illusions college should be free or easy.

But roughly \$60,000 deep in student loans already, she feels like she's bearing an awful lot of the burden alone. "I don't believe it should necessarily be paid for in full," she said. "But, you know, a little help?"

The effects of high prices are more complicated than people realize. It's not just that students drop out, though some do. More commonly, they work more hours on the

side and take fewer credit hours. That strings out their time to graduation, making college even more expensive, as well as increasing the risk they won't graduate at all.

Shutes works 20 hours per week and thinks it may take her three more years to finish. By then she believes her debt could hit six figures (her debt levels are unusually high; fewer than 1 percent of undergraduate borrowers have more than \$100,000).

"As students we can kind of feel a lot of pressure and maybe a little bit of resentment because our entire lives we're told go to school, stay in school, get a good job," she said. "At the same time, they say, 'Here's less financial aid.'"

The Eastern Michigan campus, serving a region where the economy struggled throughout the 2000s, may not appear at first glance much different than a decade ago.

But roughly twice as many students, and about half of all enrollees, now receive Pell Grants. That's indicative of more federal aid but also more struggling students; most Pell recipients come from families earning less than \$50,000.

A recent college health survey showed increased student stress. More students are trying to make do without purchasing textbooks. Administrators say students are now working two and three jobs instead of one, which affects their work.

"It's a vicious cycle," said Bernice Lindke, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management.

Ten years ago, EMU enrolled 24,300 students and received \$90 million from the state of Michigan. Last year it had slightly fewer students and got roughly \$65 million. Meanwhile, tuition has doubled. The university used to get one-quarter of its budget directly from students; now it depends on them for three-quarters.

Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, said there's plenty of blame to go around, but few strong incentives to change. States cut funding, knowing they can pass the blame onto colleges for turning around and raising tuition. Colleges don't fight the budget cuts terribly hard, knowing they can turn around pass price increases onto students.

Students gripe, but can usually borrow to get what they need. Only later do the bills come due. And who knows whether they will have the jobs they need to pay those bills?

"The cost of higher education has gone up faster than anything else in the economy," Callan said. "I don't know anybody who thinks the course we're on is sustainable."

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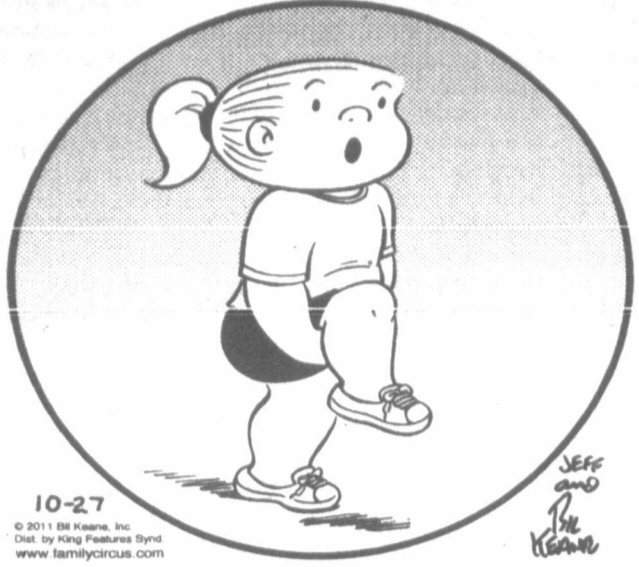
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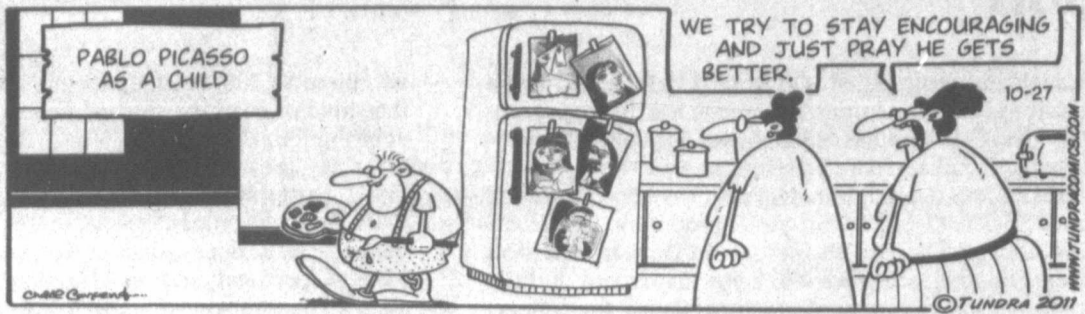


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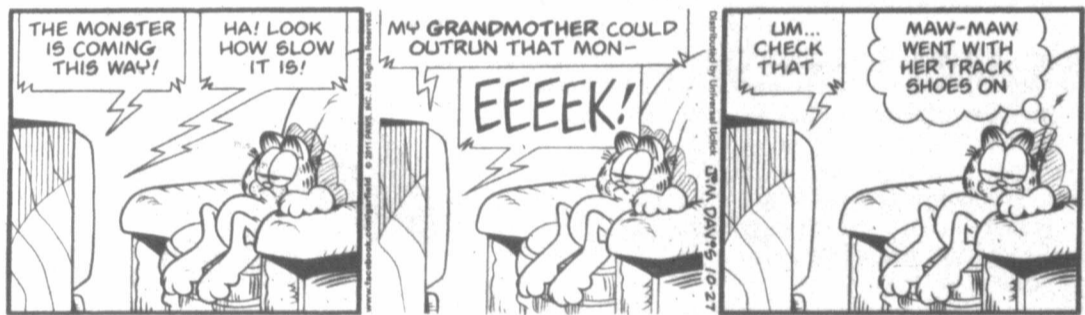
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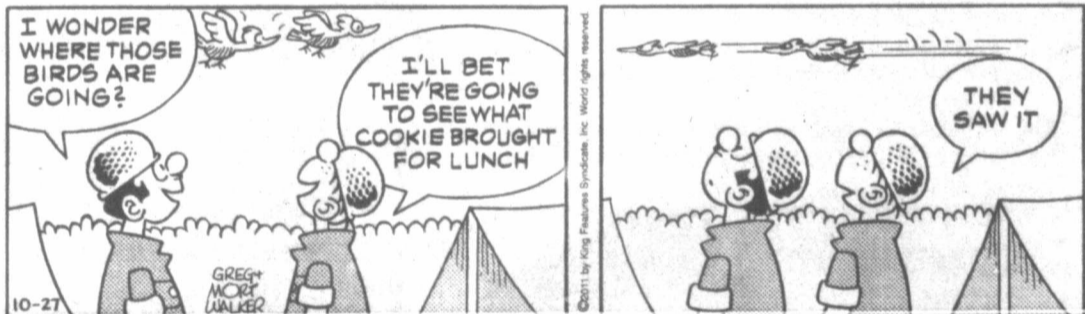
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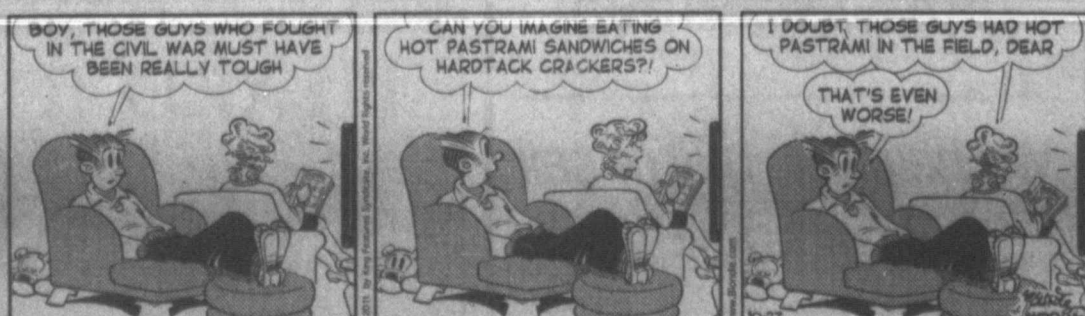
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## daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011:

This year you sparkle and express high energy. You could be overwhelmed by all the possibilities. Your biggest challenge will be choosing the appropriate course of action. You might feel that a boss carries grudges and can be difficult. You might want to become your own boss. If you are single, you meet many potential sweeties. While you are choosing the person, ask yourself what type of relationship you want. If you are attached, remember your partner — he or she deserves your time and attention. Be sensitive to his or her needs. SCORPIO pushes you hard.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ Remind others of the very fiery and abrupt personality you can manifest. Allow your creativity to fill in the blanks. A gesture later today could patch up any disagreement. Also allow someone else to demonstrate more creativity. Tonight: Let your hair down. Relax with a loved one.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ If you can stay open to extremely assertive people, you will feel OK by the end of the process. A family member could be difficult beyond what you imagine. Your gentle persuasion will win out. You will be able to be heard, but perhaps not immediately. Tonight: Let another person choose.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Your imagination takes another twist or turn. You might feel as if someone doesn't hear your point of view. As a result, you could lose your temper. You also show the ability to soften an associate's hard stance. This, too, will pass. Stay centered. Tonight: Make it easy.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Allow greater creativity to flow into your work. Be careful with spending, as you could go overboard. Express your caring in a manner in which the other party can hear it. Try to use your imagination and understanding, and this person's verbal style. Tonight: Having fun.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★ Anchor in and get to the bottom of the problem. You could be questioning how to handle your frustration and perhaps anger. You know what is necessary, or so you think. Plan on going down this path solo, if possible. A family member or roommate can be supportive. Tonight: Head home.

Put your feet up.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Keep talking and opening doors. Suppressing your feelings would be a mistake, as they will come out in some form. Choose to express your discomfort in a manner in which others can respond to. Work on being more expressive and vulnerable. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ You will want to make a difference. Others might alternate between coaxing, manipulating and a saccharine attitude. Partially because you are hip, none of this will get past you. Take your time making a decision about how to handle your finances and an investment. Tonight: Tumbling into the weekend spirit.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ You might be causing more problems for yourself than you realize. What you do might be in sharp contrast with what you say. Get feedback, especially if you don't seem to get the appropriate reactions. Tonight: Let your magnetism speak.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★ Rethink a personal matter. Much is going on in your mind, but your ideas might not be ripe. Brainstorm with a trusted friend, and ideas will flourish. What emerges could be one of your best ideas. Tonight: Vanish for a while.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation involving a meeting, and perhaps a personal wish or goal, with greater care. In a professional matter, you'll gain support if you explain your case more clearly. A partner or loved one expresses frustration. Tonight: Meet where people are.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Others think you might be the best person to shoulder a responsibility. Do you have the time? The desire? A partner or set of loved ones could be most upset by your choosing to take on any more. Are you sure this is what you want? Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Take an overview and understand what is motivating an associate or someone in your daily life. You might feel frustrated. The smart move is to detach and gain more understanding. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music after calling a distant friend.

## Amendments

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related disability designation acquired through an application process with the Office of Veteran Affairs.

The designation is not a common one locally, said Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead. "In Gray County as a whole, we don't have a lot of accounts that the 100 percent disabled veteran (designation) is attached to," Whitehead said, "but the amendment would still be important to the spouses of those few people."

### Proposition No. 2 (Senate Joint Resolution 4)

This amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, as long as the total amount of the outstanding bonds at any time does not exceed \$6 billion. SJR 4 raises that outstanding bond limit from the previous ceiling of \$2 billion.

Essentially, the amendment allows the TWDB to issue bonds to give loans to local governments for projects involving water and wastewater, said Peet.

"What that is for infrastructure for water development," he said. "It could be dams, it could be flood control, it could be watersheds.

"We have a lot of watersheds here in Gray County on

McClellan Creek," Peet added. "The reason for that is to conserve the water flow and runoff. Lake Meredith is a big problem. How are we going to get more water into Lake Meredith? Well, this money can be utilized — not only for Lake Meredith but around the state — to look at ways of conserving water."

Supporters of SJR 4, including State Sen. Kel Seliger of Amarillo, say that the water board can use the added bonding authority to provide necessary improvements to Texas' water infrastructure, especially given the ongoing drought that plagues much of the state.

"Without additional bonding authority and the passage of Proposition 2, the Board will not be able to assist communities with funds to provide for the water needs of the state," Seliger wrote in a release on Friday. "Simply put, without Proposition 2, the Board will be out of money to loan. And without rain, ensuring a sound infrastructure may be the only way to have access to water in dire times."

However, Prop. 2 opponents — including citizens' groups such as We Texans, the Independent Texans PAC and the Texas Public Policy Foundation — claim that the measure actually allows the TWDB to take on more debt than the \$6 billion bonding limit might signify at first glance. Because the limit only applies to *outstanding* debt, the TWDB could potentially take on new debt once it retires some of its old obligations, so long

as the outstanding total itself is under the \$6 billion high water mark. The effect, then, would be a cumulative debt that could compound, which has Prop. 2 naysayers worried that the amendment would force Texas taxpayers to pay for government debt.

### Proposition No. 3 (Senate Joint Resolution 50)

SJR 50 gives the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the authority to issue and sell general obligation bonds to finance low interest, fixed rate educational loans for eligible students.

The proposition allows the THECB to issue such bonds without seeking voter approval every four to six years. Currently, the board requires voter approval before adding to its bonding capacity; the proposition would let it keep issuing bonds without voter input as long as the bond amount doesn't go over \$125 million.

"This is to provide more money available for student loans," Peet said. "It's not easy (to pay for college). I know — I had three sons in college at one time."

A number of organizations, however, are opposed to the amendment, citing the same reasons as with the previous proposition: The fear of allowing a government entity to borrow money without voter approval and that state debt could balloon without citizen input.

## Britt

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to expect. It could be a nice, normal day, and you could get a crazy call, and it could not be as bad as you expected. Or it could be a crazy day, and (you) get a call that (didn't) sound like it was going to be anything big, and get out there and you really have to be on your toes, because you don't know what to expect. I think that was the scariest part as far as dealing with offenders or suspects," she said. "Being out there, you always have to have your guard up — not that you don't (in the jail), because you do — but it's a different atmosphere. Out there, you don't have that security area, so to speak."

Britt stayed at that position until 2008, when she and her family returned to Pampa to care for a sick family member. At this

point, Britt returned to her job as a correctional officer, earning both her Jailer's License and Texas Peace Officer's License while working at the Gray County Jail.

"I worked upstairs in the jail as a correctional officer on two separate occasions, and I liked it. I can't say I liked it as well as being on the road, but it's all part of it. It all comes together in the end, and it's kind of like a chain, and the jail's part of that law enforcement chain, so to speak," said Britt. "And I learned a lot in the jail, and it was good. And because I worked up there and I know what's expected of us and how to do things (in the jail), and because I've worked it firsthand, I know what I expect of my jail staff now."

Britt briefly worked

for the Pampa Police Department as a road officer before returning to the Sheriff's Office, but this time as Assistant Jail Administrator.

"We supervise the jail staff, (do) lots of paperwork, (and) we deal with the courts on a daily basis," she said. "We make sure the jail is in compliance according to jail standards, things like that."

"I miss the road as a deputy or a road officer, but it's challenging," Britt added. "It's fun."

For Britt, people are the most important part of her job.

"I enjoy working with the public, period. I enjoy helping people. To me, I find that very exciting. Personally, I feel good about myself whenever I help somebody," she said.

"It can be demanding at times and stressful, but it's all in how you handle it. I consider myself a strong person, and I feel like I can handle stress well, so I'm good with that."

In her spare time, Britt loves to go fishing, play basketball and softball and ride bikes with her husband and four kids, who range in age from 11 to 18.

"We are a very close family. We spend every moment together outside of work. We're together all weekend," she said.

And Britt is happy with her job at the Sheriff's Office.

She said, "I just love working with people. It's fun, it's challenging. It's just neat to put a smile on somebody's face. It can be as simple as saying, 'Good job. I'm proud of you.'"

## Airport

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If the project is finalized by the City Commission, construction will begin in March, with completion expected within nine months.

Proponents of the project hope that it will be an inspiring testament to Pampa's progressiveness.

"When people fly in, it's a great asset to have a good first impression," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

"We really want to have a positive image of Pampa for businesses that may be looking at Pampa to expand," said Clay Rice, executive director of the PEDC. "We want to put our best foot forward no matter what, because you never know who may be considering moving here or expanding their business here."

President of the Airport Advisory Board, Paul Loyd, said that the board had considered remodeling the current building, but after consulting with engineering firms, decided rebuilding the facility would be a more permanent fix.

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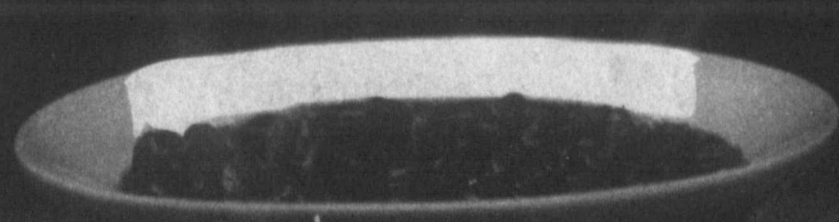
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# GOP's Perry promises 2.5 million jobs in first ad

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Rick Perry promises to create at least 2.5 million new jobs in his campaign's first television advertisement as he seeks to refocus his struggling GOP presidential bid on his economic successes as Texas governor.

"I know something about that," Perry says about job creation in the ad. "In Texas we've created over 1 million new jobs while the rest of the nation lost over 2 million." Perry is using the 30-second spot, which is launching Wednesday in Iowa, to introduce himself anew as a seri-

ous threat to national poll leader Mitt Romney.

The ad reinforces Perry's strategy to claim the GOP field's economic mantle from Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, who is making his decades as a private sector executive the centerpiece of his second bid for the Republican nomination.

Meanwhile, the ad also raises an issue important to conservatives: increasing domestic energy exploration.

"I'll eliminate President Obama's regulations that hurt other sources of domestic energy, like coal and natural gas," Perry says in the ad. "That will create jobs and reduce our reliance on oil from countries that hate America."

The ad completes a rapid, three-part effort by Perry to reignite his campaign with Iowa's caucuses just 10 weeks away.

After rocketing to the top of national polls after entering the race in mid-August, Perry's national poll numbers tumbled in the past month after poor debate performances and despite posting a robust quarterly fundraising that saw him banking \$15 million for the stretch run to the early states.

Perry must do well in Iowa if he is to pose a threat to Romney in early-voting states New Hampshire, South Carolina and Florida. Perry is campaigning aggressively in Iowa, where Romney has kept a low profile but has recently stepped up his effort and spoken of winning in the state he finished a disappointing second four years ago.

This week Perry announced he was reinforcing his campaign staff with veteran consultants after launching his campaign with longtime Texas political aides.

And Tuesday Perry proposed a sweeping tax and entitlement package that included among its main features

a flat income tax, optional private accounts for Social Security and a lower corporate tax rate.

Perry, who has signaled that attack ads will be fair game, begins on a positive note and underscores what has been the central theme of his campaign, that Texas' robust job growth is a national model.

Perry argues on the campaign trail that Texas' 1 million new jobs during his 10 years as governor are due in part to his administration's agenda to lower taxes and streamline regulations, plus lawsuit reform.

The job-creation surge is more complicated and also is due to Texas' low cost of living, location and luck, experts say. Romney has sought to play down Perry's hand in the growth, while Perry has contrasted it with the nation's troubling job losses.

With 14 million unemployed in the United States, Perry's promise of 2.5 million new jobs would leave unemployment still high at 7.5 percent, but certainly better than the 9.1 percent it is today.

The nation has 6.6 million fewer jobs than it did when the recession began in 2007. Since the economy began adding jobs in March 2010, the nation has gained 2 million jobs.

The last time 2.5 million jobs were added was from February 2006 to December 2007, when the country gained nearly 2.6 million.

Perry strikes an optimistic and confident tone in the ad, a contrast with his at-times awkward and halting statements during a series of five debates since Labor Day where he admitted to underperforming.

The ads feature a smiling Perry looking directly into the camera, with shots of construction sites and energy installations and backed by a musical background of upbeat strings.

## Museum opening O'Connor exhibit

FORT WORTH, (AP) - Sandra Day O'Connor made her mark in history as the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, but she's still a hardworking cowgirl at heart, she said Wednesday.

An exhibit about her life opens this week at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, a tribute to the 30th anniversary of her appointment to the high court.

"It is odd that a cowgirl ended up on the court, isn't it?" she said Wednesday, joking that her 1981 nomination by President Reagan stemmed from his own love of ranching. "Probably because I had grown up on the back of a horse, he had more interest in me than other candidates."

O'Connor, 81, is an El Paso native who spent summers on her family's Arizona ranch that initially didn't have electricity or water. It later had two large windmills providing water from wells underneath.

Before touring the exhibit Wednesday, she said her time on the ranch taught her responsibility and how to solve problems on her own.

"Cowboys don't spend a lot of time telling you things. They just expect you to get things done and done right," O'Connor said. "But it's a great way to grow up."

The exhibit called "The Cowgirl Who Became a Justice: Sandra Day O'Connor" features spurs, chaps and a branding iron from the ranch and photos of O'Connor as a girl. The 3,000-square-foot exhibit also features a section from her time on the Supreme Court, including the 1981 White House press release announcing Reagan's intent to nominate O'Connor, one of her robes as a justice and a photograph from her swearing-in ceremony. She retired in 2006.

After touring the exhibit, which opens Thursday and runs through March, visitors can play iCivics in an adjacent area with about two dozen computers. O'Connor helped develop the web-based computer game to teach students about the government, legal system and federal budget.

In 2002 O'Connor was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, which honors women whose pioneer spirit typifies the American West. She is among nearly 200 women inducted since 1975.

Diana Vela, the museum's associate executive director for education and exhibits, said the Cowgirl Museum was humbled to create an exhibit "that honors one of our own." It shows the stark contrast between O'Connor's childhood on the isolated, rural ranch and her being thrust into the national spotlight decades later, Vela said.

As nine women were inducted into the hall of fame at a luncheon later Wednesday, O'Connor said the Cowgirl Museum is serving "a wonderful purpose."

## Texas rapist targeting black sorority alumnae

DALLAS (AP) - A Dallas-area rapist appears to be preying on members of a national black sorority, leading the organization to urge alumnae to remove any trace of their affiliation from cars, clothing and even their key chains.

Delta Sigma Theta issued the warning this week, citing four sexual assaults, all involving black women in their mid-50s to mid-60s. Police say the assailant indicated during the attacks that he knew personal information about the victims.

"We believe it's more than just accidental," said Matthew Kosec, deputy police chief in Coppell.

Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, national president of the sorority, said it isn't certain that the victims were targeted because of their sorority affiliation, but "we are erring on the side of caution" and advising members "to take the necessary precautionary measures."

The group urged members to avoid displaying any items identifying them as sorority alumnae, including vehicle stickers, jewelry, clothing and accessories. They also warned members to remove information such as their whereabouts from social networking sites.

Detectives have not determined exactly how the rapist might be learning about the sorority affiliation.

"We just don't know if the suspect is identifying these ladies as they are out shopping in the area or if it's something more advanced than that" such as using social networking sites, Corinth police Capt. Greg Wilkerson said.

The most recent attack was Oct. 14 in Shady Shores, said Corinth police, who are investigating the rape in the nearby community. The Coppell attack occurred Sept. 15.

The other two assaults took place in Plano IC6 one in April and another "prior to that," said Plano police spokesman Andrae Smith, who would not elaborate on the earlier date.

The attacker is described as a black man in his late 30s to mid-40s, 5 feet 7 inches to 6 feet tall and weighing 250 to 300 pounds. Police in Plano released a video shot in April from a surveillance camera showing an unidentified man who appeared to resemble the description. Authorities say they would like to question that man in relation to the attacks but declined to provide more details.

Smith, who said the victims did not attend the same college, said investigators noticed the similarities after the second attack and shared the information with surrounding cities.

"The pattern of the alumnae membership was the big flag that put this together," Kosec said. "When you have a sexual assault like this, the detectives are very good about getting all sorts of details that could lead to the suspect."

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# Harvesters hope to rope Rangers, clinch playoffs

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Last year, when the Pampa Harvesters played the Perryton Rangers, the playoffs were on the line. This year the only difference is the venue.

"They are very senior-laden," Parker said of the Rangers. "They have a lot of players on the varsity from last year. It's really the same game as last year. The biggest difference is we are there and it's their Senior Night."

The Harvesters (3-5, 0-1) hope to repeat last year's outcome at Perryton 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Pampa beat Perryton 57-35 in Pampa last season to clinch a playoff spot. Parker said he doesn't anticipate this year's game will turn into an offensive shootout.

"Last year they had a hard time stopping the outside run," Parker said. "It's kind of the opposite this year. Their defense is improved, our defense is improved... It will probably come down to the team that can create more big plays offensively. Make sure we are the team that makes the least mistakes on special teams."

The Rangers (3-5, 0-1) have a new head coach named David Flowers. Senior defensive end Samuel Cain said they pass the ball more.

"It will be more of a challenge to man up with them," Cain said. "We have to have a good pass rush." Senior Joseph Vizcaino said the Harvesters will have to watch Perryton's movements before the play.

"They like scheming," Vizcaino said. "We have to make sure we don't get confused in the back. If their quarterback scrambles, we have to stay with him. That's

when Perryton's offense is the best."

Parker said his defense will have to watch out for the Rangers' quarterback.

"He is really elusive and can run the ball really well," Parker said. "He probably runs for 175 yards a game. We will have our hands full containing their quarterback for sure."

Pampa enters the game after losing to Borger 31-6. Perryton lost to Dalhart 36-10. Cain said the Borger loss was tough for the team.

"We were upset about it," Cain said. "Now, we are focused on Perryton."

The Harvesters enter the game with the worst scoring offense, in the district averaging 16 points per game. The Rangers, on the other hand, enter the game with the worst scoring defense, averaging almost 30. Vizcaino said it will be key to get the running game going.

"If we get the run going, we can get the passing game going," Vizcaino said.



Parker



Vizcaino



Cain



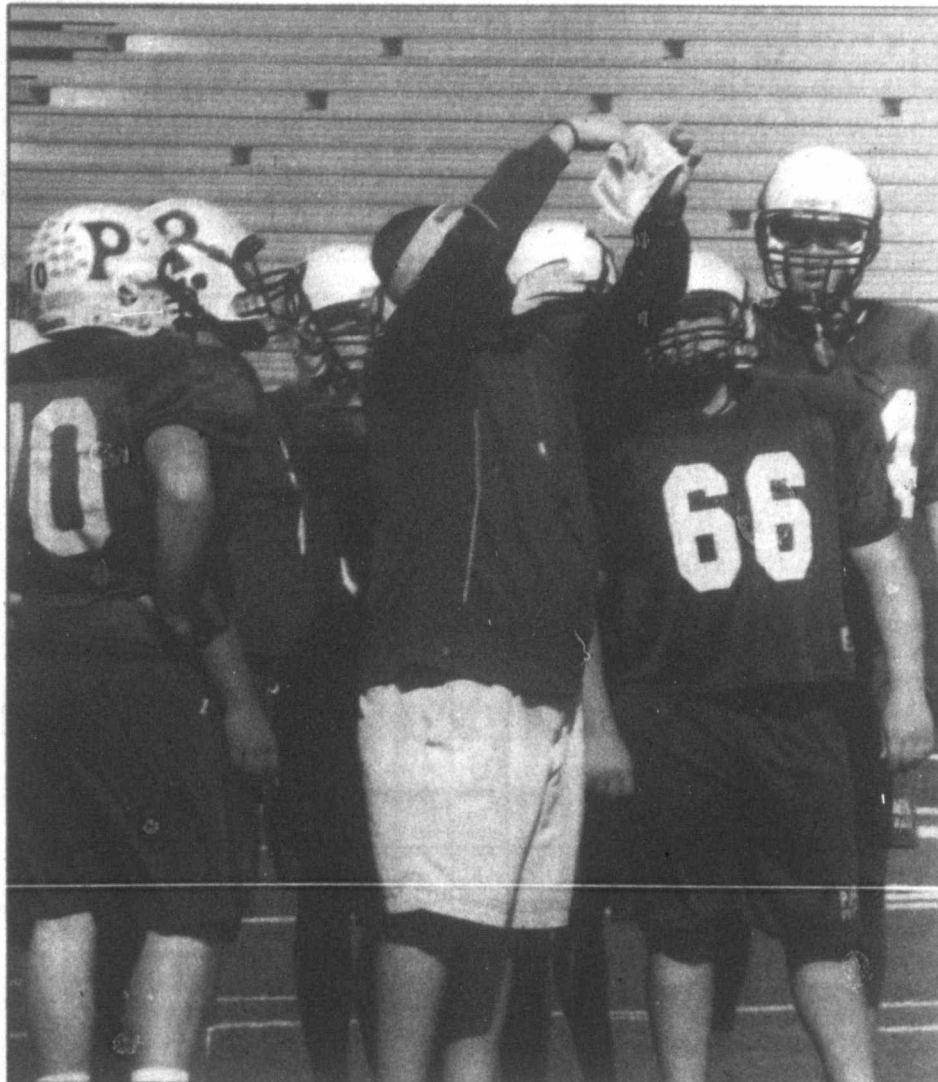
### Keep an eye on:

RB Sammy Smith, Jr.

Smith's ability to run the ball will be key. First, it will help give balance to Pampa's offense. Second, it will help wear down Borger's defensive line.

### Inside the matchup

Last week: Pampa had a bye, Borger beat Vista Ridge, Colo. 32-20  
Series: Pampa leads 41-36-5  
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Last Meeting: Borger won 28-7, 2010.  
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Pampa's offensive line looks over a play with Casey Alexander during practice. The line will have to get on Perryton's line to start a running game.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Years ago, I placed my daughter for adoption. The circumstances that led me to make the decision were compelling. After 18 years, I was surprised and elated to hear from her. She's 23, has a child of her own and is engaged to be married. I tried to maintain communication, but she stopped corresponding.

After a period of not wanting to talk, she is now trying to get back in touch with me and her siblings. We're unsure what to think about this and questioning her motives. Does she truly want us to be involved with her and her daughter? Or is this a way to get gifts for her child and her upcoming wedding?

I would like to discuss this with her, but I'm hesitant for fear of losing her again. I always wanted a relationship with my daughter. I'm confused and afraid of being hurt again. What can I do? — BIRTH MOM IN WISCONSIN

**DEAR BIRTH MOM:** By all means have a discussion with your daughter, but do it in reference to the fact that you were puzzled and hurt when she suddenly ceased communication with you. Let her explain what led to it. She may have been dealing with mixed emotions, which seems logical to me.

Because you want a relationship with her, you may have to accept that it will proceed in fits and starts — and may not blossom the way you might wish it to. You'll know more as you get to know her better.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mom

goes overboard with gifts for my two sons when she goes on vacation or when she shops for birthdays and Christmas. I have asked her to scale back and not buy them each a box full of stuff. I tried to be tactful, but she said they "expect" Grandma to give them stuff.

The problem is she gives them random things that hold no interest for them. My sons are always kind and thank her, but their rooms are packed full of toys, many never opened, because they have too much stuff.

When I asked Mom to just give the boys a book about the next place she visits, she became defensive. I don't know how to tell her

in a way she'll understand that she's wasting her hard-earned money on gifts my children won't use or have no interest in. Can you help me? — **TOO MUCH STUFF IN IOWA**

**DEAR TOO MUCH:** Try something like this: "Mom, you are a generous sweetheart, but you are giving them too much stuff. They're **INUN-DATED!** There are toys in their rooms that have never been opened because they have outgrown them. That's why this year we are donating the unopened ones to a homeless shelter. It hurts me to see you spend money on items the boys don't use — so please,

cut back on the number of gifts, and before spending your hard-earned money, ask me what they can use."

**DEAR ABBY:** I have become close friends with an elderly lady, "Adele." Unfortunately, I don't know her family. I care for Adele and would like to be contacted if anything ever happened to her or if she was not able to call me herself. Would it be appropriate to ask her to have her family call me if she ever has an emergency? — **SOMEONE WHO CARES, ANDOVER, MINN.**

**DEAR SOMEONE:** Yes, it would, and I'm sure Adele would be touched if you suggested it.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 13 Fork feature
  - 14 Spanish region
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  - 17 Peyton's brother
  - 18 News summary
  - 22 Contort
  - 24 Bouquet
  - 25 Informer
  - 26 Silent OK
  - 27 Skilled
  - 30 Canal parts
  - 32 Pitcher Martinez
  - 33 Exalted verse
  - 34 Work under
  - 38 Red shade
  - 41 Put away
  - 42 When most kids are in first grade
  - 43 Barking beast
  - 44 Beautiful
  - 45 Throws in
- DOWN**
- 1 "Puttin' on the —"
  - 2 Met song
  - 3 Stuck up
  - 4 Prepares to propose
  - 5 Ship pole goddess
  - 6 Dawn
  - 7 One-pointer in horse-shoes
  - 8 Assn.
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  - 10 Dijon denial
  - 16 Suitable
  - 19 Vigorous
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### Yesterday's answer

- 21 Stationery buys
- 22 Catch
- 23 Walk through water
- 28 Commend
- 29 Throat mass
- 30 De-pressed
- 31 Texas city
- 35 Hot
- 36 Frog's cousin
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- 38 "East of Eden" brother
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# Sports

## WORLD SERIES

### Rangers' Napoli, Cards' Pujols swinging into Series lore

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Those massive home runs that Albert Pujols hit at Rangers Ballpark, they'll be rattling around for years to come. Same goes for those long drives that Mike Napoli delivered.

A huge swing or two or three, a masterful job on the mound, a sparkling play in the field can do more than win a World Series game. They can create a legacy that lasts forever.

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"It absolutely can define a career," Reggie Jackson said by telephone this week. "I'm not saying whether that's right or wrong, but that's how it happens."

Every fall, in fact. Someone steps up — maybe a monster talent like Pujols, perhaps a good player like Napoli given a chance when the stars align. Might even be a fringe guy — Allen Craig for St. Louis this year, Cody Ross for San Francisco the last time around.

Napoli and the Texas Rangers can close out the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 6 at Busch Stadium on Wednesday night. If they win their first championship, the catcher who was traded twice within a week in January is destined to part of the lore.

For a long, long time.  
"What year did Babe Ruth call his shot? 1932? You still see kids out there, calling their shot," Jackson said. "That game wasn't on TV, those kids didn't see it. But they've heard about it, they know about it all these years later."

Jackson hit a Game 7 home run in a 1973 win for Oakland, then earned a nickname for life when he homered three times in the Yankees' Series-clinching victory in 1977.

Suppose he'd done a little less, say, hit three balls off the wall at Yankee Stadium on that signature night. Would he still be "Mr. October"?

"Probably not," he said.

Already a three-time NL MVP, Pujols put on what



Napoli

Pujols

Those are Pujols' only hits in the Series so far, with Texas often pitching around him or simply issuing intentional walks. Yet if the Cardinals win the championship, chances are his pulverizing performance will be the featured shots in replays.

In Game 5, Texas manager Ron Washington made Pujols the first player in World Series history to receive an intentional walk with nobody on base, STATS LLC said.

"I've never seen Albert Pujols before other than on TV. It's my first time seeing him. And what he did the other night, no, I wouldn't mess with that," Washington said.

Not everyone gets to savor the big stage. Ted Williams slumped in his lone World Series, and fellow Hall of Famer Ernie Banks never got close.

Nolan Ryan made 773 starts over 27 seasons, yet his total Series time amounted to a relief appearance of 2 1-3 innings for the champion 1969 Mets. The Rangers president and part-owner understands the October glare.

"Well, I think there's expectations that the media and the fan base have with certain players," he said this week. "You can't judge on a short series about players, but people's expectations are Albert Pujols is capable of doing what he did the other night, and that

adds to his reputation and expectations."  
Texas fans are hoping Josh Hamilton can provide the same sort of shot. The reigning AL MVP went 2 for 20 in last year's World Series; this time, hobbled by a strained groin, he's just 3 for 19 without a home run.

For Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter, the franchise leader in postseason wins, it's not really right how October efforts can frame a player. And that's coming from an ace who outdueled Roy Halladay 1-0 in the deciding Game 5 of the first-round NL playoffs.

"No, not at all. I don't think it defines who you are," he said. "I think what defines who you are is, one, the consistency you put in day in and day out as a professional, and two, how you go about your business on and off the field. That defines who you are."

"Postseason is just at a different level. I think the guys that are successful maybe might be a little more relaxed and able to deal with the distractions," he said. "But I don't think that it should define — if you scuffle in the postseason, it shouldn't define what type of player you are. That could just be that series."

Orel Hershiser sees it differently. The former Dodgers star set a major league record by pitching 59 scoreless innings to close the 1988 season, then stamped his greatness by going 3-0 with a 1.05 ERA in the postseason and leading Los Angeles to the title.

"It is fair to judge someone that way because these are the most important games of your life," Hershiser said at Rangers Ballpark. "That's the way it is; that's what October means."

"When you're growing up, you're not with your brother in the backyard pretending it's the top of the sixth inning and the middle of the season and your team's in last place. No. You're dreaming that it's the bottom of the ninth inning, Game 7 of the World Series," he said. "You wind up, and here comes the pitch."

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