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PISD board approves improvement plans

Along with a state mandate, superintendent wants plans to be practical in everyday operation of schools.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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Things usually work better when you have a plan.

The Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees approved last week the district's campus improvement plans for the 2013-14 school year.

By law, all school districts in Texas must have a district improvement plan for the district at-large bundled



David Young
 of school personnel, parents and com-

with site-based improvement plans for each of the district's campuses.

A campus improvement plan is a one-year plan that outlines how resources and time will be allocated in the school year to meet objectives determined by the school board.

Committees comprised

munity members provide input for the plans for each district and its schools.

At PISD, those committees are called the District Leadership Team and Campus Leadership Teams, said schools superintendent David Young.

He said the improvement plans have been around since the early 1990s, when the state mandated that all districts had to use a methodology called "site-based management."

Young said the plans are "compliance documents" that put into writing what

is required by federal and state laws.

Young, however, wants the plans to be more than something that is "looked at once a year and then put back on the shelf."

"In Pampa we want to make it a living, breathing plan," he said.

"We do it in the early spring and use the plan as a guide for our budgeting. It's a compliance document, but we want it to be so much more."

He said the plans are especially im-

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Is Halloween sacrilegious?

By **JOHN LEE**
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Editor's note: This is part three of a five-part series that will showcase different Halloween-themed feature stories and informative articles. Many of the origins of Halloween come from pagan and what some may consider sacrilegious roots. This article is simply meant to be informative. The various cultural beliefs expressed in this article do not necessarily reflect The Pampa News.

With the rise of Halloween as a holiday celebrated in Western cultures and its ever-evolving changes between various religions, most celebrate it as a children's holiday but there are also families who abstain from its celebration on Oct. 31.

So why is Halloween considered sacrilegious or to some, even Satanic?

As covered in part two of this series, Halloween is believed to have first been celebrated by the Celts. According to the jeremiahproject.com, "They believed Samhain was a time when the division between the two worlds became very thin, when hostile supernatural forces were active and ghosts and spirits were free to wander as they wished."

This is part of the reason that many pastors, preachers and ministers feel that Halloween does not support Christian beliefs.

"It's part of a Satanic holiday that spreads over the 31st of October," Rev. Ed Sattasahn of Pampa First Assembly of God said.

Sattasahn also said that while he does not support any of the practices that resemble blood, demons or evil figures that coincide with Halloween. He does think that alternatives, such as fall festivals that embrace the end of summer, the changing of the colors and cooler temperatures are appropriate.

"Let's get it away from the witches and demons," Sattasahn said. "Do an alternative. Let's celebrate fall."

It is noted in scripture, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." [1Thess. 5:22]

Some Christian media members agree with Sattasahn.

"The Christian is not to be involved with or support the occult, witchcraft, demonism, or any other thing that uplifts the occult," Matt Slick of Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry said: "To do so is to contradict God's word, dabble in the demonic, and invite judgment from God. If a Halloween celebration is centered on demons, devils, spirits, etc., I would say don't

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Speaking on groundwater



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Jennifer Puryear, meteorologist at the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, holds up a picture of what Harbor Bay, on the west side of Lake Meredith, looked like in 1999. The inset photo shows what Harbor Bay looks like now after several years of drought.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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What percentage of water in this area is used for farming and ranching versus the percentage consumed by municipalities as drinking water?

The answer might surprise you. Eight-nine percent is used for irrigation with 3 percent satisfying the thirsts of livestock for a total of 92 percent consumed by the agriculture sector.

Five percent goes to municipal use while manufacturing and mining use 2 and 1 percent respectively. The remaining

1 percent is used for power generation.

These interesting statistics, and other information related to water, were presented to members of the Gray County Genealogical Society at the group's monthly meeting Monday.

Their guest speaker was Jennifer Puryear, the meteorologist for the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD).

A Florida native, Puryear said her interest in weather was spurred by the hurricanes in her home state. After gradu-

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ALMOST BACK IN THE BANK BUSINESS



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Amarillo Community Federal Credit Union will be reopening in its new building at 900 N. Hobart St. on Nov. 12. Groundbreaking for the new building was held in May. While the new office has been under construction, the credit union has been temporarily located at 808 W. Francis Ave. "We are very excited about moving into the building and looking forward to having our ATM and drive-thru back," said branch manager Allison Watson. The new building will have 2,075 square feet of space and be more ADA compliant with a handicapped bathroom and teller station, Watson said. Outside, the new branch office will have one drive-thru with an ATM and three drive-thrus with teller services.

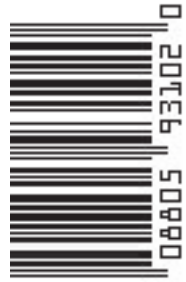
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Religious

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have anything to do with it. On the other hand, it isn't wrong to dress up in a costume and go door-to-door saying 'Trick or Treat.' Provided that the costume isn't demonic, I can't see anything wrong with this. It's just fun for the kids." So what's the final verdict? It ultimately comes

down to the person. Should a person feel that they are committing a sin by celebrating and embracing the dark side of Halloween, perhaps they shouldn't. But if it is out of innocent fun, perhaps there isn't a worry. Some worry that the celebration of the holiday embraces the pagan, non-Christian origins of the holiday.

A columnist featured in The Pampa News argues that every day belongs to

Jesus Christ, and to take Halloween away from Christ is mortal sin.

With the rise in the consumer-driven aspects of Halloween, many of those who celebrate it are oblivious to the origins of the holiday. But some Christians would argue that ignorance of a sin is a sin in itself.

Whether a fall festival or a Halloween party, the sinfulness of the holiday is in the eye of the beholder.

School

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important at PISD, because four out of the six schools have new principals.

"Each principal guides the process and gets feedback from the committee," he said.

PISD's district plan has four primary goals that have been determined by the school board:

- PISD will achieve outstanding academic performance across all grade levels.
- PISD will have strong understanding and support from the community.
- PISD will build and retain a strong staff through support, training and evaluation.
- PISD will provide a healthy and safe school environment.

The goals are reviewed on a quarterly basis while being broken down into specific actions like, "Lamar Elementary will provide staff and training for conflict resolution and bullying."

That goal is already checked off in green, because it was completed in August, Young said.

Other goals, such as walk-throughs of classrooms by principals, are marked as still in progress, as it is still early in the school year and not all the classrooms have been visited by their respective principals.

Young's enthusiasm for the plans comes in part from the new software program the district is using, called Plan 4 Learning.

Young said when he first started writing plans earlier in his career, he often had to stumble

through tedious Word document templates.

Now, the district is using a program developed by a mother and son team that makes the process efficient and user friendly.

The mother, who is now a retired curriculum superintendent from Canyon, experienced challenges similar to Young's when she had to write her own plans.

When she expressed her frustrations to her son, who wrote software for the hospital industry, he offered his expertise to develop a program tailor made for school improvement plans.

The mother now works for her son's company, Young said, providing her expertise as an educator.

"What we have now is more user friendly and helpful than last year and it will be even better next year," Young said.

Water

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ating from the University of Southern Alabama, Puryear said she worked a series of jobs, both in the U.S. and abroad, until she landed in Texas where she works at the water conservation district in Panhandle and is married to a

local crop duster.

Though there are no hurricanes here for the former Floridian to study, Puryear said her work is interesting because in the Panhandle meteorology and hydrology, the study of water, fit together so

closely.

She said water districts such as the PGCD help give rural Texans a voice on issues involving water at the state, where the big cities already have a big voice.

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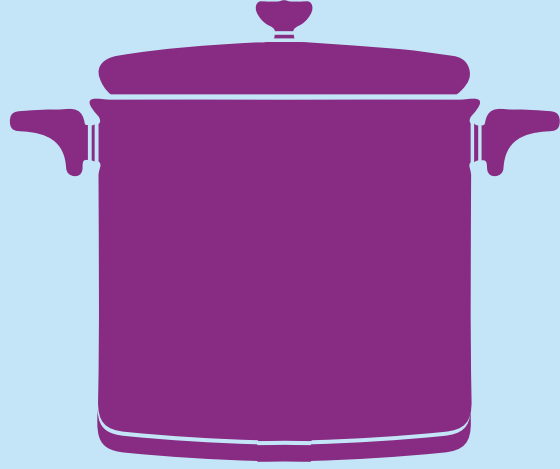
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Obituaries

Charles Henry Spencer, Jr.

Charles Henry Spencer, Jr., 72, died Monday, Oct. 28, 2013 in Pampa.

Celebration of life will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, at Calvary Baptist Church, with Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of United Methodist Church of McLean, and Rev. Dallas Stringer, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Spencer was born Jan. 15, 1941 in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He was a mechanic for Celanese Chemical Company, retiring in 1996 after 31 years of service. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Charles was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, receiving his 31-year sobriety chip this year. He was a loving husband, daddy and PaPa. His family was his world. Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Mamie Spencer, a brother, Morris Spencer, and a sister, Clarene Laycock.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Spencer and Charles Spencer, both of Pampa; three stepdaughters, Stephanie Moore of Fort Worth, and Stacie Winegeart and Shayla Winegeart, both of Pampa; two brothers, Don Spencer of Mesa, Ariz. and Paul Spencer of Hico; three sisters, Charlene Blaylock and Katrina Bigham, both of Pampa, and Janis Ferguson of Fort Worth; and 15 grandchildren.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Charles Spencer, Jr.



Charles Spencer, Jr.

at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Tulsa, Okla., with The Rev. Christopher Hall, senior pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Tulsa, officiating.



Hilmar Heinritz

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Heinritz was born Sept. 10, 1922 in Tulsa, Okla. to Paul and Flora Knirmschild Heinritz. He married Carol June Serviss in 1947 in Tulsa. He worked for Franks Manufacturing, Cabot Machinery Division, and Ingersol-Rand, retiring in 1984 after 43 years of service. Hilmar was a merchant Marine veteran, serving 3 1/2 years during World War II.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Ottilia Heinritz, and a brother Floranz Heinritz.

Survivors include his wife, Carol June Heinritz of the home, a daughter, Deborah Hargus and husband Michael of Amarillo, a son, Michael Paul Heinritz and wife Jean of Spokane Valley, Washington, a sister, Ernestine Meyer of Dallas, a brother, Cletus Heinritz of Tulsa, Okla., two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Hilmar Paul Heinritz

Hilmar Paul Heinritz, 91, died Oct. 26, 2013 in Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 1, 2013,

Mary Aldena "Dena" Collum

Mary Aldena "Dena" Collum, 96, died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013 in Hereford.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, at Fairview Cemetery, with Tommy Murry officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Dena was born May 29, 1917 in Whitt, Texas. She married Venus "V" Collum on March 1, 1935 in Panhandle. He preceded her



Dena Collum

in death on July 13, 1987. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Crusaders Sunday school class. Dena was preceded in death by two sons, Eddie Collum and Jackie Collum, and a granddaughter, Missy Collum.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Stacey Weatherly and husband Dusty of Tulsa, Okla., and Shelley Jenkins and husband Ronnie of Hereford, a grandson, Todd Swank and wife Michelle of Littleton, Colo., and twelve great-grandchildren.

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Museum Musings

In honor of Halloween, a true horror story

On the morning of June 3, 1910, many residents of this area journeyed to Clarendon to witness the last lawful hanging in the Panhandle of Texas.



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The convict was G.R. Miller, a cement worker in his home town of Childress. In March, 1909, Miller left his job at the cement company after appropriating some of its dynamite caps. Then he stole a pistol from the house of a relative and rifled the house of a friend before blowing it up with the dynamite he had stolen.

He caught a westbound freight train leaving Childress. On the way to Memphis he became so displeased with two youths already on the train that he shot and killed one of the boys and wounded the other. The wounded boy jumped off the train to give an alert.

As the train was moving between Memphis and Hedley, two other young men — also hoboing free rides — came under Miller's fire. Again, one boy was killed and the other boy was injured.

Miller left the train after it passed through Hedley and was coming into Giles. He was apprehended by Donley County law officers and lodged in the county jail.

In November of that year (1909) Miller was tried and sentenced to life in prison for the murder of one of the boys. However, after serving a few months at Huntsville, he was returned

to Clarendon for trial of the second murder which he confessed to committing. At this trial he was given the death sentence by Judge J.N. Browning.

Several days before the execution a scaffold was built and rigged at the edge of town. It stood grimly outlined against the sky.

By mid-morning of the day of the execution, the crowd became so great around the rude scaffold that a nearby work crew laying a road across the sand hills was forced to stop working until after the hanging.

Every train into Clarendon brought people, and others arrived in buggies and wagons, on horseback and on foot. The crowd included nearly every man and boy for miles around, but women were conspicuous by their absence. Women had tried to convince their husbands that they needed to go to Clarendon for shopping and other activities, but husbands firmly stated that women had no business being in Clarendon that day. The few women who were in Clarendon had to wait in a group in the wagon yard until the hanging was over.

The execution had many of the aspects of a Fourth of July picnic. Because Judge Browning had ordered the murderer executed not earlier than 11 a.m. and no later than sundown, many of the spectators brought their lunches.

When it was time for the execution, Miller, tall, dark and good-looking, was led onto the platform by law officers. They were accompanied by a Catholic priest and a Protestant minister. Miller, who appeared calm,

was neatly dressed in a dark suit and white shirt.

He was allowed to "make a speech," and he remained calm until the end of his talk when his voice began to tremble and falter. His last words were directed to young people: "All you children be good children." Then he muttered a paraphrase of the old axiom about crying over spilled milk and signaled that he was ready to die.

A black cap was slipped over his head; the noose was adjusted; the trap door was sprung and he plunged into the shed below with a broken neck.

The crowd turned into a mob and tore the rough shed apart to get a better view of the hanged man. Miller's body was taken away in a horse-drawn hearse with the feet protruding outside the end of the vehicle because the hearse was too short for the convicted killer's corpse.

The execution made a lasting impression on those who were witnesses, especially the young boys. But in those days men — and boys — were conditioned to punishment, and the execution of punishment was acceptable, expected, and tolerable.

Visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com.

Editor's note: Information obtained from Lumarion Sumner's account was published in the Amarillo Daily News, Sept. 12, 1966.

Is the party over?

The tea party is on the run. New polls say less than 25 percent of Americans now view the movement favorably. That is a stunning turnaround, because in the fall of 2010, the tea party achieved



BILL O'REILLY

huge victories in congressional races all across the country.

So what happened? Unlike the far-left Occupy Wall Street movement, the tea party does not embrace violent tactics or infringe on the rights of the folks. Also, it is not a centralized force; its leadership goes state by state. There is no national spokesperson or party headquarters. The tea party is simply a loose description of local activism driven by Americans who want smaller government and more self-reliance.

That sounds like what the Founding Fathers had in mind, does it not? But now the tea party finds itself with an image problem, and there are two primary reasons for this.

First, the media. Generally, the national press embraces a progressive vision that is at odds with tea party beliefs. In addition, many journalists and celebrities don't know any tea party members, who tend to be regular folks who don't hang out in swank places. I think it's fair to say the media look down on Americans who embrace religion, gun rights and conservative values. So media outlets demonize the tea party all day long, calling it racist, stupid and, worse, unsophisticated!

The second reason for the decline of the tea folks is the right-wing media, which generally loves the party. Many in this crew are rhetorical bomb throwers who use personal attacks to slander and libel those

with whom they disagree. Calling President Obama a communist, a Muslim and a fraud (birth certificate) is cheap. And independent-minded Americans know it.

While the majority of tea party citizens do not use defamation, some of those who claim to represent them do. It's the same thing on the left. Some progressive commentators are so hateful that they damage their own cause. Hate is hate no matter what ideology you embrace.

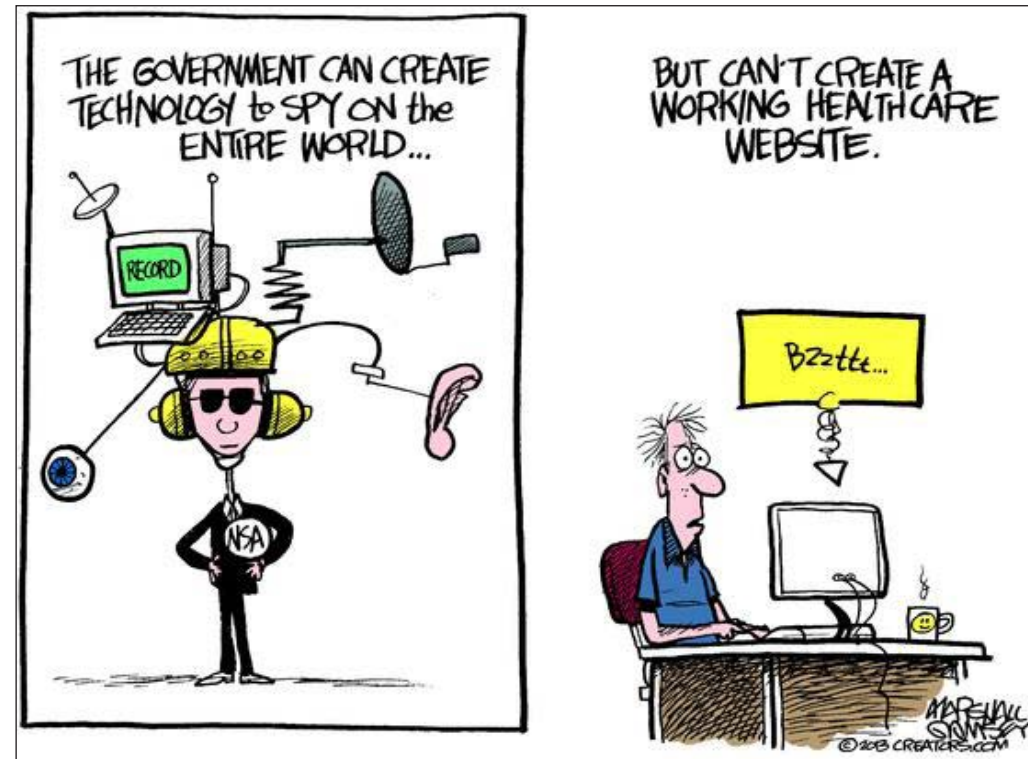
The fascinating thing here is that I believe most Americans support the tea party philosophy of freedom and local control. But that message has been lost in the heat of political battle.

The only way the tea party can resurrect itself is to coalesce around a strong leader. There has to be a central message delivered by someone with charisma, a person who is reasonable and persuasive. The movement has been damaged both inside and out. Only a very intense public relations campaign could turn the tide.

I don't think that will happen. It would take millions of dollars in TV ads and organizational infrastructure for the tea party to negate the national media's contempt. And that kind of big-money operation goes directly against that which the tea party people aim to be: a citizen movement that operates independent of party structure.

Americans do like to party. And someday we the people will wise up and regain power over our lives. Hopefully, at least some of us will remember who started that movement.

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Lies the Dems tell themselves

During the Obama years, a potent mythology has taken root in Democratic circles. In this narrative,



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Democrats are victims, martyrs even, whereas Republicans are wily tricksters. Last year, there was a hyped-up fable about Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. President Barack Obama told "60 Minutes," "When I first came into office, the head of the Senate Republicans said, 'My No. 1 priority is making sure President Obama's a one-term president.'" Sen. Dianne Feinstein even told the San Francisco Chronicle's editorial board she heard McConnell speaking to that effect on the Senate's opening day.

The latest iteration of Democrats-on-the-cross works like this: Obamacare hasn't delivered the big savings promised by the president — \$2,500 annually for the average family — because Democrats ditched the single-payer model to mollify Republicans. In the Los Angeles Times, Harvard professor Jane Mansbridge writes, "The Democratic Party

reluctantly adopted RomneyCare, a.k.a. Obamacare, to get Republican approval." What's more, House Republicans "coerced the Democrats into adopting a Republican health insurance reform plan."

A reader emails me, "The Republicans who hate Obama would not permit the creation of a decent single payer plan which would allow private insurance carriers to participate on a competitive uniform benefit program." Another insists, "We wanted single payer! The GOP did not — that was the compromise, and it was one of many from this president."

Former Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, voted for the Obama stimulus package and a measure to end "don't ask, don't tell." In her book, "Fighting for Common Ground: How We Can Fix the Stalemate in Congress," Snowe recalls how 40 House Republicans voted to expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program, only to watch Democrats unveil a stimulus package with no GOP input a week later.

There was little spirit of bipartisanship when Pelosi crowded: "Yes, we wrote the bill. Yes, we won the election." When Sen. Max Baucus,

D-Mont., rolled out his draft legislation in 2009, he didn't have a single Republican at his side. When the Senate Finance Committee voted on two Democratic public-option proposals — to allow government plans to compete with private insurers — Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, denounced the public option as "a Trojan horse for a single-payer system." Let it be noted that centrist Democrats joined Republicans to defeat both measures.

In "The Audacity of Hope," Obama laid out a plan for universal coverage that allowed private carriers, such as Blue Cross and Aetna, to compete with new state pools. Still, he didn't stick his neck out to push for Democrats' public-option proposals.

Snowe voted for the Democrats' health bill to get it out of committee, but it never won her support on the floor. You see, Snowe foresaw Obamacare's big problem. As she wrote, "not one single member in Congress — Republican or Democrat — could answer whether the newly created health insurance plans would be affordable, yet we hurtled headlong toward a final vote on a monumental bill affecting every American."

In a savvy Republicans-ruined-Obamacare argu-

ment, Washington Post wonk-blogger Ezra Klein contends that the Democratic part of Obamacare — Medicaid, which is single-payer — works. But: "The part of Obamacare that's troubled is the part Democrats lifted from Republican policymakers. It's the part that tries to integrate private insurance companies with government systems in order to create a universal insurance system that's subsidized by the state but run by private companies."

Get it? If Obamacare fails, it's because Obamacare is a Republican plan.

Now, I won't deny that two decades ago, some conservative think tank swell came up with the term "individual mandate" — which allowed other wonks to try to pin the tail on the elephant. But if liberals have to fish for a 1989 Heritage Foundation policy paper that had no Republican support in 2008, 2009 or 2012 to establish Republican paternity for the Affordable Care Act, that tells you one thing: They think Obamacare won't work.

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Pampa Faith

Grandparents more important than baseball

It was the summer of 1962 and Babe Ruth Baseball was about to begin in Pampa. I can't remember a time when I didn't play baseball, most often with my dad. He had played on a championship baseball team in his high school in Oklahoma and was really good. He tried to teach me everything he knew about baseball. He could teach me everything except his heart.

When my Little League career ended it was time for the next step: Babe Ruth Baseball. In Pampa the Babe Ruth teams were split up on a draft system. Coaches were given a certain number of points and then they bid for players. I was the No. 1 pick in the draft that year. Dad's teaching and work with me had paid off. I was ecstatic.

Well, at least until I saw the summer schedule. The Babe Ruth game schedule wasn't the same as Little League had been. The first thing that jumped off the schedule was that the season was going to run into my time with my grandma and grandpa and Aunt Mary in Bridgeport, Texas. Each summer I spent about a month with three of my very favorite people on the earth, in my very favorite place on the planet.

I called my coach and explained the problem and he reminded me that he needed me for the whole season. I wish now that I had made that decision differently, but back then I was determined not to let anything interfere with my time in Bridgeport. So I called my coach back (thank goodness

dad didn't call for me, but made me call) and told him that I wouldn't be playing that year. At the time I really did think it would just be for that summer. However it ended up being a reoccurring decision each summer.

No boy ever had a better summer than I did that year. But just as true, no boy ever disregarded his God-given talent any more than me. Looking back on it now I wish an angel had appeared to remind me of the gift God had given me and of my responsibility to use it for His glory. But that didn't happen. So now each fall when the World Series rolls around, I find myself wondering what might have been. Oh, it probably wouldn't have happened, but I still find myself wondering every year.

So to those of you who are still young enough that your life decisions are still ahead of you, remember:

1. God has given you gifts; He gives talents to everyone.
2. Your job is to let God reveal those gifts/talents to you.
3. Then you are to spend your life focusing on developing those gifts/talents.
4. You must not let anything or anyone sidetrack you from using those gifts/talents to bring glory to Father God.
5. Not even grandma/grandpa or a girlfriend/boyfriend.
6. Failing to use and develop those gifts/talents is an insult to Father God.
7. So begin TODAY using your God-given talents/gifts to the glory of God Almighty.

God bless. Mike

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Honoring God must be a national priority

President Reagan once said, "If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." And the Bible warns in Psalm 9:17 that "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God."

Is America on the path to forgetting God? I see it happening more and more in our country with people trying to minimize — and even demonize — Christianity. We saw the latest example last week. The Air Force Academy decided to make the phrase "so help me God" optional in its honor code in what it called an effort to "build a culture of dignity and respect."

The decision by the Academy's Honor Review Committee came in response to a civil rights complaint — a single complaint filed by Mikey Weinstein and the Military Religious Freedom Foundation. Weinstein has been an outspoken and frequent critic of Christianity in the armed forces.

The current version of the Academy's oath reads: "We will not lie, steal or cheat nor tolerate among us anyone who does. Furthermore, I resolve to do my duty and live honorably, so help me God."

"In the spirit of respect, cadets may or may not choose to finish the Honor Oath with 'So help me God,'" said Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson, superintendent of the



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academy.

The oath was created in 1984. Cadets take the oath at the end of their basic training. The phrase "so help me God" was added later after an alleged cheating scandal at the academy.

The decision to now make the phrase optional is yet another attack on our Christian faith. Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council and a Marine Corps veteran, told Fox News it's

not about accommodating those who don't believe in God. "That already exists," he said. "No one is forced to say this. This is about imposing an atheistic view on everyone so there can be no recognition of God."

"Who's running our nation's military?" Perkins asked.

In Amos, it says, "Seek God and live." We need to seek God while He can still be found. It will be a terrible day when God removes His hand of blessing from the nations that reject Him. God won't abandon us if we seek Him with all our hearts. That's the only hope we have. We must return to God and be a nation that honors Him.

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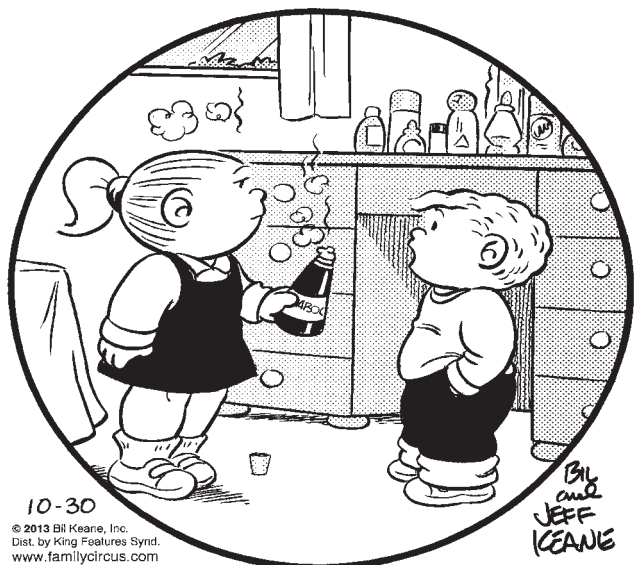
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"No, not that one either. If it doesn't smell like cookies, I'm not gonna like it."

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013:
 This year you seem to be more low-key than you have been in many years. You will become much more of an observer in the next 12 months, and you'll gain more fascinating information about others and yourself as a result. Some of you will become involved in healing work of some kind, while others might enjoy some extra solitude. If you are single, you could meet someone who could be emotionally unavailable. Back out, before you become more attached. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from taking getaways together — just the two of you. You fan the flames of love. LIBRA reads you cold.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others. They will do an even better job because of this expression of confidence. Guide an important matter that surrounds a superior. You know what you are doing, and it is obvious to others. Tonight: A must appearance, though you are likely to enjoy yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You prefer to be rather docile, unless a situation develops that you feel demands a different response. Your creativity comes forward in dealing with a long-term plan. Detach from a critical issue that could trigger you. Tonight: Go home and put out the candy. You know the rest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Your imagination adds that extra zest to your work and to whatever you touch. You could be irritated beyond your normal limits. How you express those feelings could create more pain than is necessary. Walk in someone else's shoes. Tonight: Time for Halloween fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★ Whether you're putting out some final Halloween decorations or you're just happy to get extra R and R, it makes no difference; others could be touchy at the last minute. If you decide not to participate in an aspect of Halloween, make it OK. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You don't need to go overboard in order to be noticed. You will do that naturally — just be yourself. Pressure or a desire for change might cause a profound dissatisfaction or a need for change. The unexpected could throw your plans into chaos. Tonight: Celebrate in your own way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Try a different approach to a heartfelt matter. You will be more willing than you have been in the past to let go and see where the chips may fall. You can be controlling at times, and you might be starting to see the uselessness of that behavior. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Try to come to an understanding with someone who has been difficult at best. You could feel challenged by a personal or domestic matter, though you might not be in the mood to discuss the issue. Your nerves could be fried. Indulge yourself. Tonight: Everyone looks to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★ You might not be in sync with those around you. Even if you wish you were more playful, you can't seem to get past your tension and stress. A loved one or a child might surprise you, though your first reaction could be shock. Tonight: If you want to avoid everyone, do.

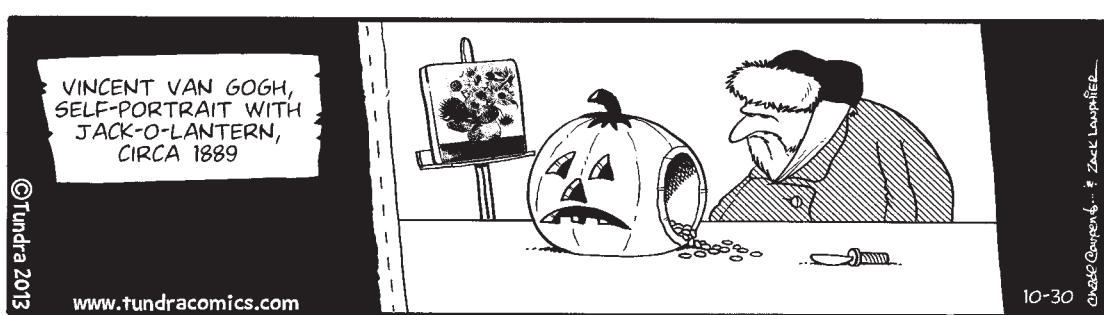
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Look to your friends, and make a decision about what would be the best solution for a project. Just because your friends feel OK with something, it does not mean you have to feel comfortable with it. Say "no" if you can't go along. Tonight: Get into tricking or treating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. It doesn't matter what your reasoning might be regarding an issue, you are ready to move forward with a major change. It might be health-related, or it might be taking a different approach to your life. Tonight: Look at the big picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You will have your mind on other matters — not on ghosts and goblins. Still, you will go through all the motions, and to many people, you will seem present in the moment. An exciting matter could shake up the status quo. Tonight: Get into the spirit of the holiday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others, and you might learn a lot about someone else's thoughts. You will get much more input, and you'll gain each other's respect. It would not be surprising to see both of you get into a brainstorming session in the near future. Tonight: Try to make time for a talk.

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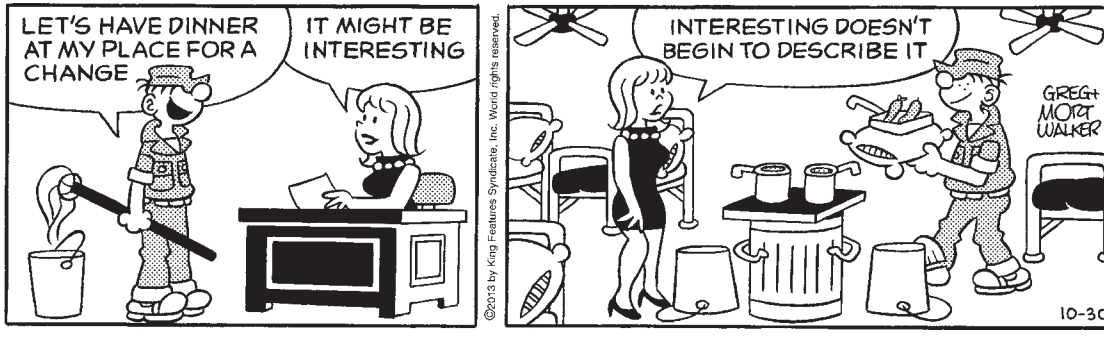
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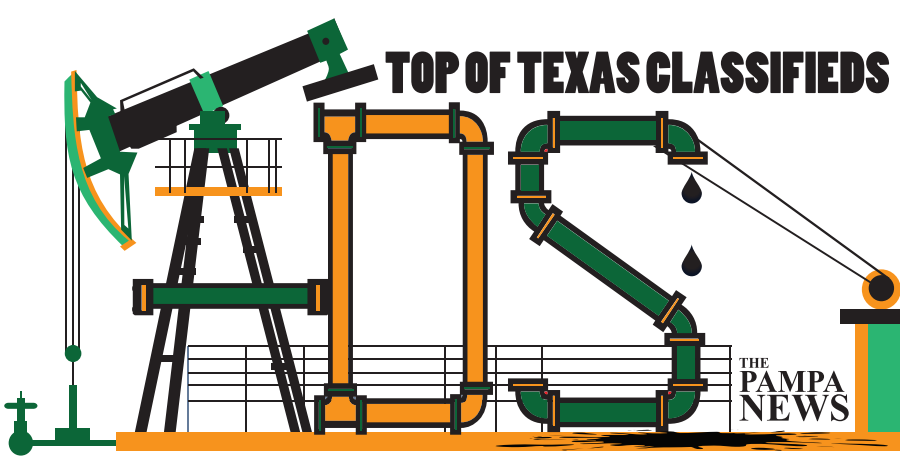


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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-30 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a fire officer who has seen too many families experience accidental home fires, many with fatal results. It is devastating to find out that a life could have been saved had someone taken the simple precaution of replacing a dead battery in a smoke alarm.

In a recent survey, more than 50 percent of the respondents admitted to removing the batteries in their smoke detector, leaving them inoperable. A working smoke alarm in your home greatly increases your chance of surviving a home fire, but only if it is functional.

Please remind your readers to change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when they turn their clocks back to standard time on Nov. 3. On average, home fires kill seven people every day. No one should be injured or lose a life because of a non-working smoke detector.

This is the 26th year the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and Energizer have collaborated on the Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery Program. What may seem like a tedious task can be life-saving. A working smoke alarm can give families precious extra seconds to get out safely. If you help me circulate this important safety reminder, together we can make a difference and save some lives. — WILLIAM R. METCALF, PRESIDENT, IAFC

DEAR OFFICER METCALF: I hope my readers will take your letter to heart as I have, and buy those replacement batteries TODAY if they haven't already. Yes, I know tomorrow is Halloween — but as distracting as the holiday may

be, your family's safety is more important. If you're buying candy, grab some batteries. On Saturday night you'll be turning your clocks back an hour. Before you do, be sure you insert fresh batteries in your smoke detectors and test the alarms.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl, and my 45-year-old father acts even more childish than me. He doesn't have a stable job, and he stays out late or never comes home at all.

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How do I get Dad on the right track? Please help, because I'm tired of worrying about my future and what's left of his. — HEADING FOR COLLEGE SOON IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR HEADING: I wish I could tell you how

to motivate your father to behave more responsibly, but a lesson you should learn early is that you CAN'T change someone else. Your father is a self-centered individual, but only he can change his behavior.

Small college scholarships are offered by some fraternal organizations. I'm glad you wrote, because it's never too early to start exploring what's available. Talk to a counselor at school about what you need to do to earn scholarships. You should also look online or at your local library. You appear to be focused and mature, and with some guidance you can accomplish your goals.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Yesterday's Answer: SOARER, HOORAY, SPIRAL, CHROME

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 40 Greek vowels

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5 Tag sale words

9 Caterpillar, e.g.

11 Fight site

12 Perfect

13 Touches down

14 Hr. part

15 Mistakes

17 Imbibing

19 Singer Orbison

20 Farm animals

21 General activity

22 Tally mark

24 Snub-nosed dog

26 Lion tammers' aids

29 Museum subject

30 Dances at the disco

32 Unhappy spectator's cry

34 Fresh

35 Really stoked

36 Steer clear of

38 Quick drives

39 Famous

41 Walk in water

DOWN

1 Scale

2 Hams' needs

3 Before, poetically

4 Mendes of movies

5 Mecca resident

6 Lady of Spain

7 Like some pools

8 Fresh

10 White rat, e.g.

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Yesterday's answer

11 Sleep like —

16 Boxing combos

18 Piquant quality

21 Fillmore, for one

23 Selected

24 On time

25 Perfect place

27 Target at a party

28 Ranked, in tennis

29 Degrade

30 Actions at auctions

31 Garbo, for one

33 Coop group

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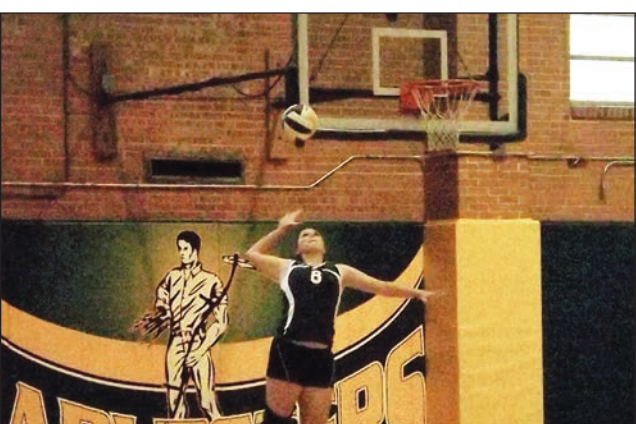
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Above, the Lady Harvesters collaborate during their strong open in the first set. Below, (8) Caragan Niccum serves the ball.



Lady Harvesters sweep West Texas High in warm-up game

By JOHN LEE
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The Lady Harvesters played West Texas High Monday night at McNeely Field House as a warm-up game to get ready for the postseason, which was decided after regional volleyball games wrapped up on Tuesday night. The Lady Harvesters beat the Lady Comanche in three sets, 25-11, 25-20 and 25-19. The sweep gives the Lady Harvesters confidence heading into the postseason, which starts next week.

"It's (confidence) important. We used this game as kind of a warm up and they performed well," volleyball head coach Brooke Sanford said.

The first set was all Lady Harvesters as they jumped out to a staggering 20-5 lead. This included an ace from

Caragan Niccum in the 20-5 run. The Lady Comanche tried to muster some offense, with a pair of aces from Erin Summers, but it was too little too late, and the Lady Harvesters took the first set, 25-11.

The second and third sets were far more competitive. The Lady Harvesters fell behind early 3-6 with the first nine points, despite benefiting from blocking up front from Madison Brown and Taylor Eubanks. But an ace by Jacie Stuebaker, and kills by Allison Noble and Kirstin Hood. Tied the game at six a piece. An out-of-bounds attack followed by a block at the net by Noble and Hood put the Lady Harvesters ahead 8-6.

After going back and forth and a net kill by Brown and Hood, the set was tied again at 10-10. The battle raged on for continuous volleys that

would include kills by Madison Joyce and Niccum to tie the set at 20. A Eubanks kill and a pair of aces by Ariel Cambern gave the Lady Harvesters to 23-20 lead, followed by out-of-bounds kills which put the set down.

The third set started much like the second, with the Lady Harvesters and the Lady Comanche battling to establish a lead. Noble tied the match at two a piece.

The Lady Harvesters fell behind 5-7 but three kills by Brown and a pair of defensive stands by Brown and Eubanks during a 6-3 run tied the game at 10-10. Another stand by Brown and Eubanks pushed the Lady Harvesters over the edge at 12-11. The game tied one more time at 12-12 and then the Lady Harvesters went on a run to push for the sweep.

Scores by Joyce, Noble, Stuebaker put the score at

18-15 on another 6-3 run. Noble on the following run had an ace and a pair of kills. With the score at 23-19, Hood and Eubanks each had a kill, but Brown finished the game with a kill at the net, giving the Lady Harvesters the sweep.

"We have to have fast offense and play very good defense in order to advance where we want to advance," Sanford said.

The Lady Harvesters will also have more depth as they have moved up Reata Collins from junior varsity.

"She has worked extremely well on the JV and runs cross country too. She is a hard worker. She's developed and we brought her up because she deserved it," Sanford said.

The Lady Harvesters will find out their playoff fate today. Look for coverage in upcoming editions of The Pampa News.

Former Pampa Harvester is NWOKSU player of the week

STAFF REPORT

Reid Miller, A former Pampa Harvester is the Northwestern Oklahoma State University player of the week.

A press release sent out by NWOKSU said: "Miller helped Northwestern post its

first win of the football season, a 25-21 decision over Southeastern in Alva. Miller threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Reginald Harris in the second quarter to give the Rangers a 12-7 advantage at halftime. With 1:19 left in the third quarter, Miller broke free for a 65-yard TD run that gave Northwestern the lead for good. For the game, Miller was 13 of 26 for 164 yards passing; he led Northwestern rushers with seven carries for 121 yards."

Miller has played in seven games this season. He has completed 45 percent of his passes for 765 yards and four touchdowns.

Boosters donate to Soriano's burial cost

STAFF REPORT

The Harvesters Football Booster Club made a \$1,200 donation to Memory Gardens Cemetery to help pay for the burial expenses of Raul Soriano, who died suddenly last week at the age of 43.

Soriano was a huge Harvesters fan and never missed a football or basketball game.

"He touched all of our hearts waiting for the gate to open," said booster club member Kim Thompson. "Everybody knew him and loved him. I knew him for years and years and we wanted to make sure he and his family got what they deserved."

Thompson said the donation came from both concession sales and a jar that was put out to collect cash.

A funeral Mass was held for Soriano on Saturday.

Lester, Red Sox beat Cards, lead World Series 3-2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — David Ross caught Jon Lester's pitches into the eighth inning, then talked about the toss that really impressed him in Game 5 of the World Series.

A big paper airplane flung by a fan that floated so far, Lester stepped off the mound to retrieve it.

"We were all kind of in awe," Ross said.

Loose? The Red Sox sure sounded that way after Lester outpitched Adam Wainwright once more, Ross delivered a go-ahead double in the seventh inning and Boston beat the St. Louis Cardinals 3-1 Monday night for a 3-2 edge.

A whisker away from yet another championship, this bearded band now goes back to Fenway Park. "Pretty special time," Lester said.

David Ortiz delivered his latest big hit, too, put-

ting Boston in position to capture its third crown in a decade. Not since 1918 have the Red Sox clinched the title on their own field.

"This atmosphere here, these three games, has been phenomenal.

We know it's going to be equal to that, if not better. And we're excited about going home in the position we are," Red Sox manager John Farrell said.

Added Ortiz of Boston's century-old bandbox: "It's going to get loud out there."

John Lackey gets the first chance to win it Wednesday night against St. Louis rookie sensation Michael Wacha. A Cardinals victory would set up a most spooky proposition for both teams — Game 7 on Halloween night.



Jon Lester

"It will be legendary if we go into Boston and win two games," Wainwright said.

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Yadier Molina hit a liner. Other than that, Lester was sharp as a knife while retiring 12 in a row.

He tweaked his back late, but said he was all right. In fact, Lester's biggest brush with major trouble came well before his first pitch.

Lester was getting loose near the warning track when a team of eight Clydesdales pulling a beer wagon came trotting by — it's a tradition at Busch Stadium and Lester moved aside to watch the horses.

Cowboys have bigger problems than Bryant's antics

IRVING (AP) — Dez Bryant and Jason Witten shouted at each other in a sideline scene that overshadowed a stunning loss, with the potential to reverberate if the Dallas Cowboys let it linger.

Bryant's antics are the least of the problems for Dallas, with a defense facing more injury issues after allowing a last-second touchdown and the most yards in franchise history in Detroit's 31-30 win on Sunday.

The offense is sputtering, too, after consecutive hit-and-miss games without brittle running back DeMarco Murray, who is likely to return Sunday against Minnesota.

"When you put your guts out there for three hours, collectively, sometimes it's hard to swallow those kinds of defeats," coach Jason Garrett said.

"What we need to do as a football team is learn from what just happened and find a way, in all three phases, to win this kind of game, and do what we need to do to win the game. They did that and we didn't and we have to live with that, but we have to learn from it."

Bryant first lost

his cool by interrupting a sideline chat between Tony Romo and quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson, with Garrett and receivers coach Derek Dooley trying unsuccessfully to

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