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## BRING ON THE FALL

Sweltering summer
finally ends



Schaub is new Rec Coordinator
$\qquad$ The City of Pampa has a new
Recreation Coordinator．
 Wayland Baptist University in
Plainview，where she gradu－
ated in the fall of 2009 with ated in the fall of 2009 with
a Bachelor＇s of Science in Exercise and Sports Science．
She then moved to Louisville，
Ky．，to work as an urban mis． Ky．，to work as an urban mis－
sionary at a homeless shelter
before making her way back to before making her way back to
Pampa Pampa．
She was trained Thursday en
route to taking over the position route to taking over the position
full－time on Friday．Schaub said
she is excited about the new job． she is excited about he new tom．
＂It＇s a way to give back to my community，＂Schaub said．＂I excited．＂ Schaub said she will mostly Se in charge of the recreation
bectivities in the city． ＂I＇ll be working with the kick－
ball，softball and volleyball ball，softball and volleyball
leagues，＂Schaub said．＂I＇ll be
亚 things people can be involved in．My office is at M．K．Brown，
so I will be doing work there
Along with working in the
Recreation Recreation Department，Schaub
will be working as an intern with the First Baptist Youth Group．
＂I＇Il be working with them for the school year until（FBC）find the school year until（FBC）finds
a youth minister，＂Schaub said．
＂＇I＇ll be helping on Wednesdays ＂I＇ll be helping on Wednesdays
and Sundays with what（FBC
SCHAUB cont SCHAUB cont．on page

CASA volunteers dedicated to helping needy kids

## Janet Warts Casa of the High Plains

Many abused or neglected chil－ dren from Pampa have a better chance in life today because CASA volunteer dedicated them
selves to seeing that their need selves to seeing that their needs
were being addressed and every－ one was working toward getting them into a permanent home．
What follows is the story What follows is the story of two
of these children． of these children． Phillip is a precious little 10
year old boy．He was in the fos ter care system for seven years Today，thanks to the dedication of a caring CASA volunteer，he is at
home with his mother and three home with his mother and three
siblings．Phillip and his broth－ ers were placed in the foster care ers were placed in the foster care
system seven years ago because of
issues his mother had．His mother

$\qquad$

photo courtesy of Janet Watts CASA volunteers go through an extensive training pro－
gram to make sure they are well－equipped to help local gram to make su
children in need．

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## PAMPA FORECAST

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Today：Sunny，with a high near 84．South wind between 10
high as 20 mph ．
Tonight：Partly cloudy，with a low around 56．South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph

Tuesday：Mostly sunny，with a high near 84. The Mint wis ing east．
Tuesday Night：Partly cloudy，with a low
around 58 ．Southeast wind between 5 and around 58 ．Southeast wind between 5 and
10 mph becoming calm．

Wednesday：Mostly sunny，with a high near Wednesday：Mostly sunny，Wint 5 to 10 mph becoming
85．Northeast wind south．
Wednesday Night：Partly cloudy，with a low
around 59．South southwest wind between
5 and 10 mph ．

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## COMMUNITYcalendar

Monday，Sept 26
．PHS Football Booster Club meeting， 7 p．m．in the Ready Room at the Pampa Athetic Offic Tuesday，Sept． 27

Ballard St．For meeting， $5: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ ．at the offices at 315 N ． Altusa intemational of Pampa $669-7638$ ． at First United Methodist Church． Wednesday，Sept． 28

Pampa Rotary Club meets，noon at the M．K Brown Room of Pampa Rotany Cluo mee
Tuesday，Oct． 4
－Guitar and Cello Duo of Richard Smith and Julie Adams in concert， 7 p．m．Chamber of Commerce Building． －Altrusa Intermational of Pampa meets，noon in Lively Hall at Wednesday，Oct． 5
ampa Rotary Club meets，noon at the M．K Brown Room of the Chamber office
Friday，Oct． 7
ampa Kiwanis Club meets，noon in the basement of the
First Method First Methodist Church．
aturday，Oct． 9
－Friends of the Library annual paperback book sale，Lovett Memorial Library， 2 p．m．． 6 p．m．
Sunday，Oct． 8
•Pampa Fine Arts Craft Show，M．K．Brown Civic Auditorium． －Friends of the Library annual paperback book sale，Lovett

Memorial Library， 9 am． 6 p．m．
－St．Vincent de Paul Parish fundraiser－dinner，auction，dance Wednesday，Oct． 12
－Pampa Rotary Clut meets，noon at the M．K Brown Room of Friday Oct 14 Chamber office．
Friday，Oct． 14
Pampa Kiwanis Club meets，noon in the basement of the
First Methodist Church．
Saturday，Oct． 15
Chamber of Commerce＇s 27th annual Country Fair＂October－ fest Texas Styie，${ }^{6} 6$ p．m．，M．K．Brown Civic Auditorium．Fo
ticket into Wednesday，Oct． 19
Wednesday，Oct． 19
Pampa Rotary Club meets，noon at the M．K Brown Room of
the Chamber
Friday，Oct． 21
－Pampa Kiwanis Club meets，noon in the basement of the
First Methodist Ch
Tuesday，Oct． 25
－Altrusa international of Pampa meets，6：30 p．m．in Lively Hall at First United Methodist Church．
Wednesday，Oct． 26
Pampa Rotary Club meets，noon at the M．K Brown Room of
Friday，Oct． 28
－Pampa Kiwanis Club meets，noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church．

## Obituaries

| AMARILLO－Leona Parker Woods， 89 ，died September 21，2011，in Amarillo．Funeral services will be Wednesday，Sep－ tember 28，2011，at the First Christian Church in the Robinson Chapel at 10：30a．m．，with Dr．Linda Parker officiating． <br> Burial will be in the Maddox Parker section of the Miami，cemetery at 3 p．m．Wednesday．Arrange－ ments are by Schooler Fu－ neral Home， 4100 South Georgia St．，Amarillo． Mrs．Woods was born in Miami，on March 15，1922， to Franklin Spencer and Minnie Maddox Parker．Leona graduated from Miami High School in 1939，and from Draughn＇s Business College，Lubbock，in 1941，being certified in accounting．She then earned a Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas A\＆M University in Ed－ ucation and Business． <br> She was employed at the Pampa Independent School Tax Office at the time she met John W．Woods．They were married on April 15，1954，at her parents＇home in <br> or for John to attend the St．Mary＇s University School of Law．They moved to Stratford，in 1968，where Mr． of the Peace and Sherman County Judge．Mrs．Woods taught school two years in Spearman and then taught in the Stratford Schools until she retired． <br> Mrs．Woods became a member of the First Christian Church in Miami at an early age and in the remaining years of her life was active in Christian churches in the Leona was an avid quilter and won many ribbons in quilt shows for the work on her quilts．She was adept in other forms of stitchery such as needle point，embroidery， crewel and mending．While living in Stratford，she was the Mending Lady for the nursing home． <br> She was always a volunteer wherever she lived．She taught Sunday School classes while living in Stratford． She has been a long time member of Delta Kappa Gam－ ma Society，is a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association，Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Club in Pam－ pa，and the Canyon Retired Teachers． <br> Since moving to Amarillo in 1995，she has been active in the First Christian Church，the Friendship Class，the Happy Timers，the Ruth group of the Christian Women＇s Fellowship，and a member of the Continental Resident Council．John and Leona moved to Amarillo in 1995， and moved to the Continental Retirement Center in 2000. John died January 31，2006．In October 2006，Leona moved into the Harrington Assisted Living Center． <br> Visitation will be 6－7 p．m．Tuesday，September 27， 2011，at the Schooler Funeral Home， 4100 South Georgia t．，Amarillo． <br> She is preceded in death by her husband；her parents； and a nephew，Jerry W．Curl of McAllen． <br> Mrs．Woods is survived by：sister，Mary Alice Curl， <br> in－law，Alvro（Leo）Dorman，Virginia Beach，Va．；niec－ es，Linda Parker，Shari Parker，Barbara Parker（Robert） Morse，and Leslie（Ron）Boerger．She is also survived by：nephews，Tom（Lynda）Curl，and Paul Parker；great－ nieces Kennedy Shuler，Megan（Michael）Jans and Clair Parker Siburt；great－nephews Rob Curl，Chris（Vanessa） Curl，Brian（Kristi）Curl，Justin Curl，Grant Shuler and Andrew Morse；great－great－nieces，Jordan，Taylor，Au tumn，and Dakota Curl；and great－great－nephews Hunter Curl and Jacob Jans． <br> Memorials may be made to First Christian Church Col－ lege Scholarship Fund， 3001 Wolfin Ave．，Amarillo，TX 79106 or Roberts County Museum，Box 249，Miami，TX 79059. <br> Please sign our online guest book at www．schoolerfu－ neralhome．com． <br> Melvin M．Davis， 73 <br> Melvin M．Davis，73， died September 23，2011，in Pampa． <br> Services will be at 2 p．m．Monday，September 26，2011，at First Baptist Church with Rev．Mike Watson，pastor of Hobart Baptist Church，and Rev． Jim Powell，retired Baptist pastor，officiating． <br> Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direc－ tion of Carmichael－Whatley Funeral Directors． <br> Mr．Davis was born July 26，1938，in Wheeler to Wylie and Cleo Davis．He had been a resident of Pampa since 1954．He married Norma Jean Bullard on December 22， 1957，in Pampa．Melvin worked for Natural Gas Pipeline for 28 years，retiring in 1996．He began coaching with the Pampa Optimist Youth Club in 1965 and became a life－ time member in 1968．He had been a member of Hobart Baptist Church since 1997．He enjoyed fishing，watching sports，embroidering，working crossword puzzles，camp－ ing and spending time with his family．He was a wonder－ ful husband，father，Paw Paw，friend and mentor． <br> Survivors include his wife，Jeanne Davis of the home； two sons，Clifford Davis and wife Dennel of Ulysses， Kan．，and Kevin Davis and wife Whitney of Pampa；five sisters，Cleta Trimble，Joy Haynes and husband Walden and Sharon Brown，all of Pampa，Nellie Williams of Su－ dan，and Glenda Ruth Pecka of Tucson，Ariz．；four grand－ children，Amanda Germann and husband Brad，Nathan Davis，Keenan Davis and fiancée Ashlee Winkleblack and Tanner Davis；one great－grandson，Zach Germann； and many other family members and friends．He was． preceded in death by his parents；two brothers，James Da－ vis and Aaron Davis；and a sister，Wylene Lee． <br> Memorials may be made to Pampa Optimist Youth Club，P．O．Box 802，Pampa，TX 79066－0802，or Hobart Baptist Church， 1100 W．Crawford，Pampa，TX 79065. Sign the online register at www．carmichael－whatley． com． |  |
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## Schaub

cont．from page 1 ． music pastor），Barry
（Owens）needs．， （Owens）needs．＂
Schaub was also active Schaub was also active
within her church during her time in Louisville． ＂I worked five days a week and did community
outreach，＂Schaub outreach，＂Schaub said：
＂I was plugged into the
． ＂I was plugged into the
local church．＂
Keep a level head in an Keep a a level head in an
up－and－down market．


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## MORNINGRUSH

Cold front may increase danger COLLEGE STATION (AP) - The Texas Forest afternoon will create more dangerous wildfire conditions across Texas.
The agency said
The agency said in a statement that warm tempera-
tures, dry air and gusty winds will push through ahead tures, dry air and gusty winds will push through ahead
of the front, resulting in extremely critical conditions. The conditions will be made worse by the drought,
which has left an overabundance of dried and dead which has left an overabundance of dried and dead
vegetation. vegetation.
Areas at risk
Texas, upper South Texas of the Hill Country, Central Rolling Plains and central East Texas.
Since wildfire season started on Nov. 15, 2010, offi-
cials say firefighters sials say firefighters have responded to 23,519 , fires
that have burned almost 3.8 million acres and destroyed 2,742 homes. They say another 34,756 homes have been saved by firefighting efforts.
Ex-con torches house
SAN ANTONIO (AP) - He spent 26 years in prison for fatally stabbing a man. At age 46, Randall Lee
Church had completed his sentence and stepped into the outside world for the first time in a quarter-century in April.
He didn't like it. He wanted to go home.
Church told the San Antonio Express-News the job he had at a prison in Beeville was the best he ever had. He wanted it back.
July 10, he doused a vacant house in San Antonio paper towels.
paper towels.
He confessed to police, saying he wanted to return to his job at the Beeville prison.
Church pleaded guilty to arson and is returning to
prison, but it's undetermined which one - and which
Mexican cops still underpaid
MEXICO CITY (AP)-A government report shows many Mexican police officers still earn $\$ 350$ per month wages and decreasing corruption.
A report by the government's National Public Safety
System says the average wage for System says the average wage for state police in Mexico is 9,250 pesos - equ
month or about $\$ 8,000$ annually.
But in the drug-violence-wracked northern borde state of Tamaulipas, state officers receive on average about 3,618 pesos, or $\$ 300$ per month.
Officers in the far-less-violent central state Aguascalientes receive five times more than that.
The report released Sunday urged lagging states a municipalities to raise police wages. municipalities to raise police wages.
Low salaries have been cited as one reason for police
corruption.

## Memo to Rick Perry: Ponzi, schmonzi

## Tom Maraenau

Will all my readers out there who think Rick Perry's ruggedly handsome
mug should be carved mug should be carved onto Mount
Rushmore please stop sending me emails about Social Security as a Ponzi scheme? The astute governor from Texas, apparently one of the country's
leading experts on Social Security, has been rumning around comparing the federal retirement program to such a doomed investment plan.
I've addressed this issue many times
before in this column before in this column. I don't want to
bore my regular readers with anct long dissertation on this topic. But
since Gov. Rushmore brached the since Gov. Rushmore broached the
subject, Ill make three quick observasubject, III make three quick observa-
tions.
First: Social Security is not an First: Social Securit a social insurance program. (The word "social"
"Social Secuity" "Social Security" means something!)
In addition to providing worke In addition to providing workers retirement, Social Security was established to achieve larger goals for our
country as a whole One of those country as a whole. One of those goals
was to raise the standrd was to raise the standard of living of
lower-income workers in retiremen This is accomplished with a weighted benefit formula that gives those retirees a higher "replacement rate"
when comparing their average inco when comparing their average income
with their Social Security retirement benefit - than their more well-to-do fellow taxpayers can expect. Second: Many emailers wrote to tell me how Social Security started
out with thousands of taxpayers for out with thousands of taxpayers for
each Social Security beneficiary, how we now suddenly find ourselves at a three-to-one ratio, and how the entire scam will implode when we reach two
to one. That's a classic Ponzi-scheme scenario, they say.
Well, obviously, in the earliest days of the program (the early 1940s), workers far outnumbered Social Security
beneficiaries - but the ratio was more beneficiaries - but "he ratio was more
like 40 to one, not "thousands" to one. But as more and more people quickly qualified for benefits, the taxpayer-tobeneficiary ratio rapidly dropped, and
by about 1970 , it had matured to the by about 1970, it had matured to the
three-to-one ratio that has held strong

Socia
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 Sinko of it this way: if social sowurint
 Gov. Pery is lestad dresident),

## for 40 years now

As the baby boomers retire, we are
indeed heading toward a indeed heading toward a two-to-one
ratio. But with some modet ratio. But with some modest adjust-
ments to benefits and/or tax rates, the system can continue to operate quite
well at such a worker-to-beneficiary
ratio.
Finally,
Finally, third: Ponzi schemes, by their very definition, have short life
spans. Social Security has been around for 75 years now.
Q\&A Q: I paid maximum Social Security
taxes from the time I started working in 1971. I plan to keep working until the end of 2011 , when I will retire at
age 66 . How much will I pay in Social Security taxes? How long will it take for me to get that back?
A: I normally don't like answering
this kind of question, because I think this kind of question, because I think it just lends credence to the Social
Security-as-an-investment-scheme scenario I just spent the first part of this column debunking.
On the other hand, I totally under-
stand that people want stand that people want to know if
they're getting their money's worth hey' re getiting their money s worth
out of the program. That's just human nature. But before I answer your ques tion, I have to make the following points.
First, in
First, in addition to what you get out
of the program, you have to consider of the program, you have to consider
what the country gains from a national social insurance system. I alluded to
one of the program's social benfits one of the program's social benefits
above. In a future column, I will spell aut more.
Second, these "payback" numbers
can be presented in all sorts of ways. For example, some insist the employ-
er's share of Social Secuity er's share of Social Security taxes
should be factored into the equation. This is the amount your employer kicked into Social Security to match your tax payments.
Idisagree. After all. it's not like your Idisagree. After all, it's not like your
employer was sending your money to
 amount of that matching share of
ame Social Security tax? Will he shar "Oh,
here's sthat money of yours we've been here's that money of yours we've been
sending to the government for youl sending to the government for you!
You can have it back now!' I don't You can
think so.
But if you But if you disagree with my take on
this, then simply double the number I this, then simply double the number
give you when I present the amount of
Social Security thes Social Security taxes you've paid. I also must point out that I fully
understand that understand that I'm presenting the "payback times" for someone who
works for wages. A self-employed works for wages. A self-empioyed
person pays twice as much in Social
Security taxes - although, over the Secrin pays 'axes - although, over the years, that rate's be
ous tax write-offs.
ous tax write-offs.
And finally, I must make it clear th And finally, I must make it clear that
in adding up the "taxes paid" column, I used the Social Security tax, which varied from 4.6 percent when you
first started working in 1971 to 62 first started working in 1971 to 6.2
percent in 2010. (And in 2011, you percent in 2010 . And in 2011 , you sion in last yearcent, economic stimulus package.) When some people attemp
to do these payback times, they takenly add in Medicare taxes paid Medicare is a completely separate proIt makes absolurely separately funded. in Medicare taxes when trying foctor Mre out Soceial Security payback times
Having Having said that, here are the num-
bers. bers. Assuming, as you said, that you paid Social Seccurity taxes on maxi-
mum earnings from 1971 , mum earnings from 1971 to 2011,
you will have paid $\$ 132,740$ in Social Security taxes duripg those 40 years. You should expect to get a monthly
Social Security retirement benefit about $\$ 2,400$. That means you will
recoup all the taxes you paid in recoup all the taxes you paid in about
55 months, or a little more than four and a half years.

IY you have a Soc'al Security question,
Tom Margenau ha Ye answer. Contact

## Summer



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## Viewpoints

## Today in History

here are 96 days left in the year
Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 26, 1789, Thomas Jefferson was confirmed by the Senate to be the first U.S. secretary
of state; John Jay, the first chief justice; Edmund Randolph, the first attorney general.
On this date:
In the British troops occupied Philadelphia dur
Ing the American Revolution. band performed publicly for the first time, at the
Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N.J. Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N
In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was
established.
In 1918 , the Meuse-Argonne offensive, resulting
in an Allied victory against the Germans, began dur-
ing World War I. In 1900 , the first-ever debate between presidential
nominees took place in Chicago as Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard
aced off before a national TV audience.

In 1981, the twin-engine Boeing 767 made its
official debut in Everett. Wash.
In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as
Iticial debut in everter
the 16th chief justice of the United States, while
Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its
103rd member.
In 1990, the Motion Picture Association of
NC-17, to replace the X rating.
In 1991 , four men and four women began a twoyear stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle,
Ariz. called Biosphere 2. (They emerged from Blosphere on this date in 1993.,
Ten years ago: In truce talks held at the urging of on a series of confidence-building measures aimed
at ending a year of fighting.
Five years ago: A declassified version of a gov-
enment intelligence report ordered released by ermment intelligence report ordered released by
President (George W. Bush said the war in Iraq had breeding deep resentebent of the U.S. that was likely oget worse before il got better.
One year ago: Gloria Stuart, the oldest Academy Award acting nominee as the spunky survivor in
Titanic,"" died in Los Angeles at age 100 . Today's Birthdays: Retired baseball All-Star
Bobby Shantz is 86. Actor Philip Bosco is 81 . Actress Donna Douglas is 79 . Actor Richard Her Mandela is 75 . Actor Kent McCord is 69 Television host Anne Robinson is 67 . Singer Bryan Ferry is
66 . Actress. Mary Beth Hurt is 65 . Singer Lynn Actor James Keane is 59 . Rock singer-musician Hamiton is 55 . Country singer Doug Supernaw
is 51 Rhythm-and-blues singer Cindy Herron (En Vogue) is 50. Actress Melissa Sue Anderson is
49. Actor Patrick Bristow is 49 Rock musician Al Pitrelli is 49. Singer Tracey Thorn (Everything
But The (Girl) is 49 . TV personality Jillian Barberie 15 45. Actor Jim Caviezel (kuh-VEE'-zuhl) is 43
Singer Shawn Stockman (Boyz 11 Men) is 39 Famiglietti is 32 . Singer-actress Christina Milian is
30. Tennis player Serena Williams is 30 . Thought for Today: "Pity the meek. for they
shall inherit the earth." Don Marquis, American

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Better? Sure, but outlook still twisted


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How bad might the recession be? How bad might the recession be?
Well, it's hard to say. But in all likeWell, it's hard to say. But in all like-
lihood the answer is not so bad. The
yield curve has narrowed from 10s to 2 s , from nearly 300 basis points in
March to about 150 basis points currently. But the curve is not inverted, and that's important as a recession signal. And over the past 10 years or so, the average spread has been
about 160 basis points, not far from about '60 basis
today's reading.
Also, the U.S. Also, the U.S. banking system is flush with cash, as is corporate
America. And for eetter America. And for better or worse,
interest rates in the Treasury market interest rates in the Treasury market
are negative (easy money). Business are negative (easy money). Business
profits will slow significantly, but are still likely to rise a bit. And with oil dropping to about $\$ 80$, a price
shock that was a key slowdown facshock that was a tor is going away.
tor is going away
Housing is still in the tank, and Housing is still in the tank, and
consumer spending looks very iffy. And we had zero jobs and zero retail sales in August -- two very bad
signs. On the other hand, exports signs. On the other hand, exports
and business investment are still rising.
So it's not 2008. Not by a long
shot. But it's not a pretty picture shot. But it's not a pretty picture
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 Kudlow's Money Politics
Nations united in annual Israel mugging It's gang-up time on Israel again.
Right on schedule, here come the
huffers, puffers and pipsqueaks huffers, puffers and pipsqueaks
Mahmoud Abbas, the president of the Palestinian Authority, arrive
in New York to demand a sea at the United Nations. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, right on cue, arrives
from Iran in a cloud of bluster and bombast.
It's all for show, of course, irritating in the way a noisy neighbor's ing in the way a noisy neighbor
drunken fight with his wife at 3 i
the morning can be irritating. Bu the morning can be irritating. But
the show, such as it is, makes convenient backdrop for what looks like an authentic hope for change i
American presidential politics Here come the Republicans in sev eral Christian varieties riding rhetoric to the rescue of the Jews. The Democrats mostly squeak at a safe
distance in the high weeds, their ranks divided by cheers for both sides. What's different this time is that Jewish voters, the reliable yel low-dog Democrats, are suddenly
showing a streak of unaccustomed independence.
If Anthony Weiner's Brooklyn If Anthony Weiner's Brooklyn
Queens congressional district can go Queens congressionar district can go
red after being the deepest navy blue since 1923, there's Republican hope
for turning Florida and Pennsylvania reliably red. That includes both the congressional and presidential races. Jewish voters have been reli-
ably partisan Democrats since they ably partisan Democrats since they
arrived on waves of immigration in the early decades of the 20th century. Most American Jews have never been to Israel and identify with the New Deal hat defined the modern only vote with their left hands," Jay Lefkowitz, who was an adviser to President George W. Bush. "It's almost as if they think if they vot
with their right hand it will fall off But altered circumstances invite
Republican presidential candidates


SUZANNE FIELDS under the bus a throw Israel negotiating position .", undermine its Rick Perry, the governor of Texas who wears his evangelical Christian witness on his sleeve, calls the Romney rhetoric and raises. He reminds an audience of Jews in New
York that he stands firmly in JudeoYork that he stands firmly in Judeo-
Crristian tradition, because "as a Christian (I) have a clear directive to support Israel."
He assails Obama's Middle East policy as "naive, arrogant, misguid-
ed and dangerous." He offers the ultimate milk and honey as a sweetener: In a Perry administration, the United States embassy would be relocated to Jerusalem, something
several presidents have blocked for several presidents have blocked for
years lest it intrude on something the diplomats insist on calling a "peace process;"
Perry's critique of the president's naivete echoes Hillary Clinton's
rhetoric in the presidential prima hetoric in the presidential prima-
ries of 2008, but as the president's mouthpiece she can't say that unless she resigns and runs against him. She has to be sorely tempted. "gut instinct" to protect Israel, some thing a growing number of Jewish voters think President Obama doesn't have. They think it required
considerable chutzpah for Obama to suggest, as he did in speeches
to audiences of Jewish and Israeli
leaders, to engage in "serious self
reflection," to "search your souls" to reflection," to "search your souls" to
renew their attitudes toward peace The only implication here is that Jewish "attitudes" toward peace need renewal. The timing seems right for
Republicans to act on what the polls Republicans to act on what the polls
tell them, that 75 percent of contell them, that 75 percent of con-
servative Republicans sympathize with Israel, not the Palestinians
This is the highest number for all This is the highest number for all
partisan groups, according to Pew Research Centers. Only 32 percent
of liberal of liberal Democrats favor Israel in the poll, with 21 percent favor ing the Palestinians. Among the
coveted independents, 50 percent favor Israel and 12 percent favor the Palestinians:
More disturbing for the president as he heads toward 2012 is a poll by Secure America Now showing
that only 43 percent of the Jews that only
who voted for Obama in 2008 say they will vote for him next year. His poorest showing is among Jews
under 40 . If it holds, this sugests under 40. If it holds, this suggests
radical change in Jewish loyalties. The historian Paul Johnson observes how timing has been cru-
cial to the birth cial to the birth and survival of
Israel, from the original decision Israel, from the original decision
by the United Nations to declare a Jewish state in 1948. President Harry Truman (a Southern Baptist), equipped with that "gut instinct, recognized Israel within minutes. An Israeli reporter asked Rick
Perry whether relations between the Perry whether relations between the
United States and Israel are at crisis point.
"The "The American people are for Israel," the governor replied. "We
may have an administration tha may have an administration that
feels differently. I hope you will tell the people of Israel that hope is on
the way". the way."
Suzanne Fields is
Washington Times.

"How much dirt is PJ allowed to eat before it spoils his dinner?'
Non Sequitur


Shoe


Mother Goose and Grim


Beetle Bailey


26,2011. es in your life. Some of which you won't be comfortable with; others you might
like. You will choose to like. You will choose to spend a lot of
time by yourseif, more so than usual. Use ime by yourseri, more so than usual. Use
this time to rest, digest what is happening and intemalize it. If you are single, check out anyone you meet with care. Someone
could be different from the could be different from the person he or
she portrays. If you are attached, you might she portrays. If you are attached, you might
take more of a back seat than in the past. Your sweetie might not understand why a new you is emerging. Share more. VIRGO reads you cold.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll
Have, 5 -Dynamic; 4 Positive; 3 -Average: Have, 2-Synamice
2-Soso 1 -Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
$\star \star \star \star$ All work and no play can be
debilitating. yet it is Monday debilitating, yet it is Monday. You must de-
liver professionally or within your immediliver professionally or within your immedr-
ate circle. Pace yourself, make lists. Demonstrate just how efficient you can be when you try. Tonight, Do only what you mus. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) $\star \star \star \star \star$ Allow your creativity to to others who could be judgmental. You are asking for negative feedback. When you are ready, encourage greater give-
and-ake. Listen and share more. Others and-take. Listen and share more. Others
appear to be unusually receptive. Tonight. Sqpeareze in some fun.
GEMIN (May 21-June 20) GEMIN (May 21-June 20)
$\star \star \star \star$ Getting out the front door could be a major effor. You really would like to stay home. Who could blame you? If you
can get enough done playing the recluse. then why not? Otherwise, know that this, too, will pass. Tonight, Head home. Touch base with someone at a distance
$\star \star \star \star$ Speak your mind, but under stand that not everyone wants to hear your conclusions. You might feel fustrated as you hit a brick wall. Use this moment to experiment with other styles of communicating. You want your points heard, LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
$\star \star \star \star$ Keep your eye on your budget.
whether deciding to bring treats in to work
or buy a git (even for you'). It is so easy
to overspend and justify it. Keep your eye
on increasing funds rather than depleting them. Tonight, Balance your budge
VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 22)
$\star \star \star \star \star \star$ Allow greater give-and-take
between you and others. Someone in daily life - it might even be at work could stress you out. There is an implicit misunderstanding between the two of you. Whatever clearing it up soon. Tonight, LIBRA (Sept. 22 -Oct 22 )
$\underset{\star \star \star \star \text { You simply arent }}{\text { Lilling thent (Sept. } 23 . \text { Oct. 22) }}$ $\star \star \star$ You simply aren't willing to
discuss everything that is on your mind Make that OK, though a child or loved one knows something is going on. This person
might try to pry you open. Enjoy the attenmight try to pry you open. Enjoy the atten-
tion rather than get annoyed Tonight ahead.
SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21)
$\star \star \star \star \star$ Zero in on what you want.
There could be some confusion
There could be some confusion about a work, health or day-to-day matter. You aren! giving one either. If you see confuaren! giving one elither. Tr you see confu-
sion, step in and clarify. Tonight, Wherever the crowds are.
SAGITTARIU
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dee. 21)
$\star \star \star$ Take a stand and move forward $\star \star \star$ Take a stand and move forward
in handling a career in handing a career-related or key persona
matter. Others will intuitively follow you rather than question you. You might want to add to the moment, making what you
desire possible. Tonight. The ball is in your
hands.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
$\star \star \star$ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. This person could be an expert
or someone who offen tosses a different or someone who often tosses a different
perspective on situations. Be careful with perspective on siuations. Be carefur wid
financial commitments. Tonight, Let your imagination rock and roll. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
$\star \star \star \star \star$ Alt $\star \star \star \star \star$ A partner or fiend pulls in close
and has a lot to share. You might have a and has a lot to share. You might have a
mild sense of uneasiness with this person because he or she is so different from you. e.t. ie or he has a lot to offer. Tonight, Chat over dininn. 19-Mauch 20) PISCES (Feb. 19-Mach 20)
$\star \star \star \star$ Defer to others and maintain $\star \star \star \star$ Defer to others and maintain
a sense of independence. Several friends, amily and loved ones express their desires, each with a different, implicit agenthing. Tonight, Remember, you make the thing. Toni


Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts


## CASA

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every month and become a part of they visited him consistently, he began
his life. Phillip had never interacted to trust that they were really interested to a large degree with anyone but his in him and his future. He was eventurelationship with his CASA volunteer ally placed in a center many miles from changed that. After many months of home. His dedicated CASA volunteers her consistent visis with Phillip, his maintained telephone contact with him
CASA volunteer attended an event for weekly and even made the long trek to Phillip that included his foster family. see him in his placement. He was able Upon her entering the room, Phillip to show such improvement that he was turned around, looked at her and called able to leave this placement and return
out her name. He came running over to a home like setting. To assist with to hug her. What an amazing example of how her involvement in his life had
allowed him to connect with her! The allowed him to connect with her! The CASA volunteer also was able to look
at the case through new eyes and with much patience, encouraged the mother in her efforts to regain custody of her
son. Today, Phillip is living with his son. Today, Phillip is living with his
mother and three brothers because his mother and three brothers because his
CASA volunteer was unwavering in her desire to see him have a permanent home.
John was a teenager when he was placed in foster care because his parents stated they were no longer able to
control his behavior. He was placed in a group home in another city and had lost contact with anyone he had ever a group home in another city and had teer. Your support of the United Way
lost contact with anyone he had ever helps make that possible. Please make a
known. His CASA volunteers began to
difference in the lives of these children visit him in his new placement. After this transition, his CASA volunteers
helped him get enrolled in school, made sure his records were transferred to that school, helped him get the school sup-
plies he needed and gave him encourplies he needed and gave him encour-
agement all along the way. John is so excited to be where he is at now and
he has developed a strong trust in his he has developed a strong trust in his
CASA volunteers. He is determined to graduate from high school and be
to to graduate from high school and be
succesfful in his life. No doubt he he will accomplish his goals because his CASA volunteers are cheering him on all the way.
Many abuse Many abused and neglected children teer. Your support of the United Way Con
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## Dear Abby.. <br> By Pauline \& Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm go- and go to school full-time, to me. He recently told me
ing through a divorce and so that's not an option any- my story ing through a divorce and so that's not an option any- my story wasn't worth lis-
have decided not to be- time soon. - LOOKING tening to, which makes me give decided not to be- time soon. - LOOKING tening to, which makes me
gin dating until it's final. FOR A DATE -IN THE wonder if he's insecure or I'm doing this because I FUTURE
wouldn't be comfortable DEAR LOOKING $\begin{aligned} & \text { just doesn't care for my } \\ & \text { company. I feel devalued }\end{aligned}$ wouldn't be comfortable DEAR LOOKING company. I feel devalued
dating someone who is still (BUT NOT LOOKING): and I'm beginning to be dating someone who is still (BUT NOT LOOKING): and I'm beginning to be

married. I told myself I If you're asking me how weary of his "zingers." | married. told myself |
| :--- |
| would politely explain this to get a man to ask you woury of his "zingers. | to any gentleman who asks out so you can tell him, in his company, but my wife me out, but no one has - "No, I'm not ready", I'm and I have no problem with

and I'm a little bothered by sorry but I can't help you. his wife. Any suggestions? and I'm a little bothered by .sorry but I can't help you. his wife. Any suggestions?
it. No one approaches me I don't know the circum- - SICK OF THE ZINGat all. I don't wear my ring stances of your divorce, ERS IN MILWAUKEE and I consider myself to be but if they were hurfful, it DEAR SICK OF THE a very attractive person. is not uncommon for the ZINGERS: This "friend"
| have had several boy- injured party to "become may think he's being clevI have had several boy- injured party to "become may think he's being clev-
triends throughout my life. invisible" until he or she er, triends throughout my life, invisible" until he or she er, or he may be utterly
and looking back at them heals enough to once again tactless. If you'd rather and my marriage. I realize send out "available and not be around him, foran mas the first to show interested" vibes. You say low your instincts and

an interest and ask them you're not quite there yet, avoid him. His wife and | nut. I'd like it if a guy ap- which may be why you're yours can continue their |
| :--- | first move. I'm worried that not attracting any interest. frienstship, and if the the

While your schedule woman asks why there when m ready to date it is so full -u unless you no more foursomes, she that approaching a stranger or through your job - Once they see their social that approaching a stranger or through your job - Once they see their social
is a little unnerving, but I'm your love life may have to circle is shrinking, he may beginning to take it person- stay on hold until you can change his ways. And if he squeeze it in.
DEAR ABBY: 1 have a doesn't, you will no longer
Plo to tolerate his rud suggest going to activities outside the friend who routinely makes
home to meet people. I work offhand, sarcastic remarks


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## Sports

## PHS swim teams test waters in meet-like atmosphere



Staff photo by Andrew Glover
Sophomore Morgan Graet breathes during the Sophomore Morgan Graef breathes during the
100 -meter freestyle at the Pampa Youth Center.
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 Senior Karl Pfitzner takes a breath during the 500-meter freestyle at the Green and Gold Meet Saturday in the Pampa Youth Center.


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