

PERRY'S RISE PUTS WARY G.O.P. ELITE IN ROMNEY CAMP

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Pawlenty Decision Seen as Signal in Battle for Party's Soul

By JEFF ZELENY and MICHAEL D. SHEAR

TAMPA, Fla. — The rising presidential candidacy of Gov. Rick Perry of Texas is stirring excitement for many Republican voters but is creating unease in some quarters of the party's establishment, particularly over his views of the Social Security program, which are at the root of an intensifying competition with Mitt Romney.

The decision on Monday by Tim Pawlenty, a former Republican presidential rival, to support Mr. Romney's campaign signals the beginning of an effort by some party leaders to try to slow the ascent of Mr. Perry — or to push him to explain positions that are considered provocative.

In announcing his endorsement on Monday, Mr. Pawlenty said he believed Mr. Romney was the only candidate with the "unique qualifications to confront and master our severe economic predicament." The judgment of Mr. Pawlenty, who dropped out of the presidential race last month, was carefully watched by some Republicans because he knows both men well.

The endorsement was a visible marker in a quietly continuing battle for the soul and direction of the Republican Party between traditional party leaders and grass-roots conservatives. To some degree it is a clash of styles and of principle versus pragmatism, but it also encompasses foreign and domestic policy differences, some of which have surfaced in the presidential campaign as intensified.

The comments Mr. Perry has made about Social Security — questioning its financial footing and its constitutionality — were at the center of a Republican presidential debate here Monday night. The intense focus on the topic has caused anxiety among some Republicans working to win a Senate majority and keep control of the House next year.

"The people who are on Social Security
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Fuel Explosion in Kenya Kills Scores

Joseph Mwangi lost two of his children when fuel leaking from a pipeline ignited in a poor neighborhood in Nairobi. Page A5.

Two-Tier Pay Now the Way Detroit Works

By BILL VLASIC

DETROIT — They are a cornerstone of Chrysler's unlikely comeback: 900 employees turning out a Jeep Grand Cherokee sport utility vehicle every 48 seconds of the working day at an assembly plant here.

Nothing distinguishes them from other workers at the Jefferson North plant, except their paychecks. The newest workers earn about \$14 an hour; longtime employees earn double that.

With the economy slumping and job creation once again a pressing issue in the White House and Congress, the advent of a two-tier wage system in Detroit is spiking employment for one of the country's most important manufacturing industries. The new jobs, which are seen as long term, are being watched closely by economists, executives in other industries and Washington policy makers

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Libya's War-Tested Women Cling to New Power

By ANNE BARNARD

TRIPOLI, Libya — Aisha Gdour, a school psychologist, smuggled bullets in her brown leather handbag. Fatima Bredan, a hairdresser, tended wounded rebels. Hweida Shibadi, a family lawyer, helped NATO find airstrike targets. And Amal Bashir, an art teacher, used a secret code to collect orders for munitions: Small-caliber rounds were called "pins," larger rounds were "nails." A "bottle of milk" meant a Kalashnikov.

In the Libyan rebels' unlikely victory over Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi, women did far more than send sons and husbands to

the front. They hid fighters and cooked them meals. They sewed flags, collected money, contacted journalists. They ran guns and, in a few cases, used them. The six-month uprising against Colonel Qaddafi has propelled women in this traditional society into roles they never imagined. And now, though they already face obstacles to preserving their influence, many women never want to go back.

"Maybe I can be the new president or the mayor," Ms. Gdour, 44, said Monday afternoon as she savored victory with other members of her rebel cell. They are three women who under the old government ran an underground charity that they transformed

into a pipeline for rebel arms.

But in the emerging new Libya, women are so far almost invisible in the leadership. Libya's 45-member Transitional National Council includes just one woman. The council's headquarters does not have a women's bathroom.

In neighboring Egypt, women have had trouble preserving gains from their own revolution. And in his exceedingly eccentric way, Colonel Qaddafi may have had a more expansive view of appropriate female behavior than some conservative Libyan families.

Still, much as Rosie the Riveter irreversibly changed the lives of American women after World

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In Suburb, Fight Over Silence On Bullying of Gay Students

By ERIK ECKHOLM

ANOKA, Minn. — This sprawling suburban school system, much of it within Michele Bachmann's Congressional district, is caught in the eye of one of the country's hottest culture wars — how homosexuality should be discussed in the schools.

After years of harsh conflict



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Kyle Rooker, with his mother, Rebecca, has been harassed.

between advocates for gay students and Christian conservatives, the issue was already highly charged here. Then in July, six students brought a lawsuit contending that school officials have failed to stop relentless antigay bullying and that a district policy requiring teachers to remain "neutral" on issues of sexual orientation has fostered oppressive silence and a corrosive stigma.

Also this summer, parents and students here learned that the federal Department of Justice was deep into a civil rights investigation into complaints about unchecked harassment of gay students in the district. The inquiry is still under way.

Through it all, conservative Christian groups have demanded that the schools avoid any descriptions of homosexuality or same-sex marriage as normal, warning against any surrender to what they say is the "homosexual agenda" of recruiting youngsters to an "unhealthy and abnormal
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Eye on the Ball

Novak Djokovic defeated Rafael Nadal, 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-1, to win the U.S. Open. Page B13.

Fatherhood Cuts Testosterone, Study Finds, for Good of the Family

By PAM BELLUCK

This is probably not the news most fathers want to hear.

Testosterone, that most male of hormones, takes a dive after a man becomes a parent. And the more he gets involved in caring for his children — changing diapers, jiggling the boy or girl on his knee, reading "Goodnight Moon" for the umpteenth time — the lower his testosterone drops.

So says the first large study measuring testosterone in men when they were single and childless and several years after they had children. Experts say the research has implications for understanding the biology of fatherhood, hormone roles in men and even health issues like prostate cancer.

"The real take-home message," said Peter Ellison, a professor of human evolutionary biology at Harvard who was not involved in

the study, is that "male parental care is important. It's important enough that it's actually shaped the physiology of men."

"Unfortunately," Dr. Ellison added, "I think American males have been brainwashed" to believe lower testosterone means that "maybe you're a wimp, that it's because you're not really a man."

"My hope would be that this kind of research has an impact on the American male. It would

make them realize that we're meant to be active fathers and participate in the care of our offspring."

The study, experts say, suggests that men's bodies evolved hormonal systems that helped them commit to their families once children were born. It also suggests that men's behavior can affect hormonal signals their bodies send, not just that hormones influence behavior. And
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AOL has parted ways with the TechCrunch founder, after questions over journalistic conflict of interest. PAGE B1

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Over meat industry objections, six rare but toxic strains of the bacteria will be banned from ground beef. PAGE B1

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Forty years after the prison uprising, recordings of talks between Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and President Richard M. Nixon have been made public, shedding light on issues like the governor's decision not to negotiate in person before violence that left 39 dead. PAGE A24

Audio files of the conversations:
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Guilty Verdict in Bribery Case

A former chief of the MediSys Health Network, the first of eight defendants indicted in a scheme to bribe New York legislators, was convicted. PAGE A24

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Genes Enlisted in Cancer Fight

A gene therapy used with success in two patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia gives scientists hope that it could be useful against other cancers. In the process, T-cells (the brown orbs at right) are removed from a patient, given new genes that program them to attack the cancer and are returned to the body. PAGE D1



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A vigorous heart now beats at the center of this revitalized revival of the 1971 musical, which opened on Monday night at the Marquis Theater. A review by Bbn Brantley. PAGE C1

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