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## Who will be the next football coach?



**School district plans to announce new hire at Jan. 23 school board meeting.**

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE  
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The wheels are already turning to hire a new head football coach for the Pampa Harvesters after Heath Parker's announcement last month that he will step down from the coaching job to become full-time athletic director.

David Young, superintendent of Pampa Independent School District, said Thursday that while final authority to hire all teachers falls with the school board, it is done so with the recommendation of the administration.

"It's the same process as hiring an algebra teacher, except a football coach is a little more high-profile," he said.

Young said the district has received more than 100 applications for the job and he is impressed with their overall quality.

While resumes did come in from all over the country, the majority were from Texas or nearby states, Young said.

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## Gray County Crime Stoppers' Crime of the Week

STAFF REPORT

Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving this week's Crime of the Week.

During the night time hours on Dec. 25 leading into the early morning hours of Dec. 26, an unknown subject or subjects stole a total of four vehicles from various businesses in Pampa. The businesses included Frank's Hardware, B&G Power Equipment and A&T Yard Service. All of the vehicles were later recovered after being abandoned in rural areas outside of the city limits. The suspects in this case have yet to be identified.

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## Big, bad machine



Photo by Della Moyer

Rick Dunn, Freedom Museum board member, driving the museum's half-track in Pampa.

## Pampa's Freedom Museum lends military vehicle to Christian film.

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK  
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The Pampa Freedom Museum is known for having all sorts of war memorabilia, including an army tank, which has been outside the museum for several years. The tank struck the fancy of Amarillo native and Hollywood producer

Bradley Dorsey, who is currently filming the third installment of the faith-based movies "Revelation Road."

"We were originally looking for a tank for the movie and I had seen the one outside the museum in Pampa, so I called to find out if it was able to operate; it wasn't," Dorsey said. He continued on his search and eventually got back in touch with the Freedom Museum when an employee suggested that he use the half-track they had available instead.

This particular half-track was

used in both World War II and the Korean War. It was built in 1942 and can hold up to four passengers. According to Walter Miller, assistant curator at the Freedom Museum, this is the first time the museum has been contacted to use one of its artifacts in a movie.

"Revelation Road 3" is based in post-apocalyptic America. The main character is a drifter named Josh McManus, played by David A.R. White, who goes to a small town trying to save a girl's life.

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## Sealing Pampa Regional's future

### CEO, Prime Healthcare officials address public on change to not-for-profit.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE  
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Brad Morse, CEO of Pampa Regional Medical Center, along with several officials from Prime Healthcare, PRMC's parent company, held a public reception Wednesday in the hospital's cafeteria to explain the process of the Pampa hospital becoming not-for-profit.

Prime Healthcare Services announced earlier this week that it has donated PRMC to the Prime Healthcare Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity, effective Jan. 1.

The Prime Healthcare officials also responded to questions and comments from the audience.

On the surface, changing its status from for-profit to non-profit means the Pampa hospital will no longer have to pay the same local, state and federal taxes it did as a for-profit business.

The officials, however, explained that every business, whether for-profit or non-profit, has to make a profit to



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

From left, Harsha Upadhyay, Prime Healthcare vice president of clinical operations; Brad Morse, PRMC CEO; Luis Leon, Prime Healthcare president of operations; Jim Summersett, regional CEO for Prime Healthcare in Dallas; and Tommy O'Gorman, CFO of Dallas Medical Center and PRMC.

ensure its survival.

By become a non-profit, Brad Morse, CEO of PRMC, said the hospital ensures its future because "everything the hospital makes must be put back into the hospital. This is going to seal the future of the hospital."

Tommy O'Gorman, CFO of Dallas Medical Center and PRMC, said there

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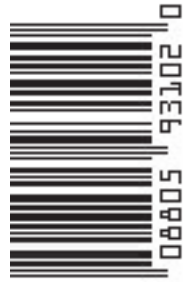
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# Future

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responsibilities, some mandated by the state, that go along with being a non-profit business.

He said PRMC must now devote 4 percent of its revenue to charity care.

O’Gorman said the hospital now will be required to do a yearly needs assessment in which a project to benefit the community is identified.

“We have an obligation to the community,” he said, adding that PRMC will still have to pay property taxes on most of its buildings.

Luis Leon, Prime Healthcare president of operations, said that the company had just placed \$7 million into an account for PRMC. Morse added that Prime Healthcare had already invested \$15 million in the Pampa hospital before the transition to

non-profit.

Morse and the Prime Healthcare officials said little will change at the hospital. There will be no changes in staff or management and most of the hospital’s board of directors will be the same, Morse said.

Each year, Prime Healthcare donates one of its hospitals to its non-profit foundation. So far, six of the company’s hospitals have become non-profits.

Jim Summersett, regional CEO for Prime Healthcare in Dallas, said Knapp Medical Center in Weslaco was donated to the foundation last year and that the transition was seamless.

He said the difference is what you do with the profits.

“The excess revenue goes back into the hospital,” he said, adding that 80 percent of all the hospitals in the United States are now non-profits.

One of those in the audience making a comment

Wednesday night was Judge Richard Peet, who oversees the Gray County Court of Commissioners, the elected governing body for the county.

Peet said he is aware the change will mean the county and school district will need to make up a revenue shortfall.

“Certainly we are going to see some financial impact because you don’t have to pay taxes,” Peet said.

He added, however, that whatever benefits come from the hospital going non-profit will likely benefit the community in the long run.

Morse said the hospital will continue to gain the confidence of the community, as there are people out there still wondering if from one year to the next the hospital will still be in business.

He added that in the future he would like to see an assisted-living facility on the hospital campus.



The half-track is loaded onto a trailer that was provided by Frank’s Hardware and Rental of Pampa.

Photo by Della Moyer

# Movie

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White also starred in the previous two installments. He is deceived into tracking down a mysterious cult-leader called The Shepherd and discovers his part in fulfilling a biblical prophecy.

Dorsey said the half-track is an important part of the film and it will be used mainly for an action scene in the movie in which the film’s bad guy, played by James Denton, will be standing on the back of the vehicle while shooting a rocket launcher as he attempts to maintain control over a small town by guard-

ing the main entries. Denton is known for his longtime role as Mike Delfino on “Desperate Housewives.”

Dorsey was born and raised in Amarillo and moved to Los Angeles two and a half years ago to pursue a career in producing films. Aside from the “Revelation Road” movies, Dorsey has produced many films, including, “A Greater Yes,” which is a true story about Pampa native Amy Newhouse and her battle with cancer. He also has a major role in that film.

He has decided to return to the Panhandle area to film “Revelation Road 3.”

“Originally we had planned to use the Pampa airport for filming, but we decided to go with Amarillo

instead,” he said. Dorsey said other parts of the film will be shot in Happy and other areas in the Panhandle.

The post-apocalyptic Christian film promises lots of action and will be filmed in and around Amarillo for the next three weeks. It is being produced by Pure Flix Entertainment, which is the nation’s largest producer of Christian films.

If interested in being an extra for “Revelation Road 3,” email extras@katzkasting.com. Dorsey said several extras are still needed, especially for filming next Tuesday and Wednesday.

“Revelation Road 3: The Black Rider” is expected to be released in fall of this year.

# Coach

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“Right now we are in the process of narrowing it down to 10 for a committee to interview,” he said.

Those interviews will be conducted next week by a committee that includes Gene Suttle, principal of Pampa High School, other PHS staff, parents and community members. Young estimated the committee has between seven to nine members.

“By the end of next week they will determine a number of finalists,” Young said. “I don’t know how many that will be, it might be the top two or top four. They will forward those finalists to the athletic director (Parker) and me. We will do some final-round interviewing and make a recommendation for a hire at the Jan. 23 board meet-

ing.” Young said that meeting, the first one in the new administrative building, will be a busy one for the school district.

Along with announcing the new coach, a reception and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the new center.

“It will be a busy agenda,” he said.

Young said the district would like to have the new coach working at PHS before Feb. 3, the day that the UIL announces realignment for school districts in Texas. “It’s an exciting deal,” Young said of the hiring process. “I have no idea how it is going to turn out.”

# Man crashes into Conn. gas station, steals banana

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## This Land Is Our Land

# Whatcha gonna do when they come for your guns and ammo?

Last Friday, unknown to most Americans, a secretive U.S. court ruled that the Federal Government can, in fact, collect guns and ammo from inside our homes. This in the midst of conflicting court decisions from other federal courts about the constitutionality of this act.



**BRUNO BALTODANO**

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court approved the gun and ammo collection program, said Dennis Rodman, a spokesman for the Central Security Service.

This latest development makes it lawful for the government to collect and store the guns and ammo without obtaining a separate court approval for neither violating the privacy of our homes nor storing the guns and ammo of private Americans.

Also on Friday, government lawyers turned to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

to block a federal judge's decision that threatens the guns and ammo collection program.

Lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union, who are spearheading the effort to oppose the program, said they hope to take the issue now directly to the Supreme Court. It was only because of the ACLU's actions that the secretive government maneuvers were exposed.

Vito Corleone, who filed the class-action suit against President Barack Obama and top administration national security officials, said he intends to file a writ of certiorari directly to the Supreme Court because the guns and ammo collection program is a matter of great public importance.

Judges sitting on the surveillance court granted the government a three-month window to collect guns and ammo in all Americans' homes.

When asked why the government did not immediately make the information public, Rodman said that officials didn't make the ruling because it was going through declassi-

sification procedures.

"It is the administration's view, consistent with the recent holdings of the United States District Courts for the Southern District of New York and Southern District of California, as well as the findings of 15 judges of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, that the guns and ammo collection program is lawful," Rodman said.

This after just last month a federal judge in the District of Columbia ruled that the government's plan to collect guns and ammo was likely unconstitutional. The Obama administration has said it is appealing the adverse ruling.

Under the guns and ammo collection program, federal agents will collect all guns, rifles and ammunition within the U.S. and will store them for five years. Rodman says the government will not use the guns and ammo itself unless it needs them to fight a specific terrorism case, then it will use the guns and ammo as it sees fit.

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## When political loyalty mattered

After having worked in or reported on the last 12 U.S. presidential elections, I am convinced that successful politicians who regularly run for and win public office possess an extra olfactory



**MARK SHIELDS**

nerve that enables them to sniff changing political winds, often long before the rest of us have even noticed the leaves stirring.

The late Strom Thurmond was very good at his business, which was winning statewide elections in his native South Carolina.

As a combat veteran of D-Day, he returned home and led a 1946 primary field of 11 Democratic candidates for governor before winning the runoff. He charged that his surviving opponent was not a strong enough supporter of President Franklin Roosevelt.

In 1948, after the 37-year-old Minneapolis Mayor Hubert Humphrey had galvanized the national Democratic Party at its Philadelphia convention with a historic summons "to get out of the shadow of states' rights and to walk forthrightly into the bright sunshine of civil rights," Thurmond bolted the national party and ran for president on the states' rights ticket, winning Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

In 1950, Thurmond lost the Democratic Senate primary to incumbent Sen. Olin Johnston, but in 1954, he made history by becoming the first man in the U.S. whose name was not printed on the ballot to win a Senate seat by write-in votes over a nominee. (In 2010, Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski, as a write-in candidate against the Democratic and GOP nominees, was able to keep her Alaska seat.)

Having won the Senate seat as an Independent and Democrat, Thurmond, broke again from the Democrats over federal civil rights laws and endorsed Republican Barry Goldwater, who carried only six states (South Carolina being one of them) against Democratic president Lyndon B. Johnson.

Thurmond switched parties himself and beginning in 1966, won six more six-year Senate

terms as a Republican.

But what about this extra olfactory nerve in winning politicians we spoke of earlier?

In 1976, as the U.S. was about to elect Jimmy Carter, its first Southern president in the post-civil rights era, former President Gerald Ford nominated, and the Senate confirmed, the first black federal judge from Dixie, Matthew Perry, who had been a civil rights lawyer in South Carolina.

After serving on the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, Perry was later nominated to the U.S. District Court for the district of South Carolina, where he served with distinction. Today in Columbia, S. C., judges and juries hear cases and seek justice in the Matthew J. Perry Federal Courthouse.

It should be noted that Perry's nomination to become the first African-American U.S. federal judge from the Old Confederacy was sponsored and supported by Thurmond, who also was the first Southern senator to hire a black professional on his Senate staff. Thurmond was no plaster saint. He was, I believe, wrong more often than he was right. But he did in fact change.

A word about political loyalty: In 1980, Thurmond backed former Texas Gov. John Connally to run against Ronald Reagan for the presidency. Connally had not won a single primary by the time South Carolina's took place in March, and had the strong smell of loser about him. Reagan was sailing to the nomination.

But Thurmond had endorsed Connally and meant it. I followed him the last week of that primary campaign as he introduced Connally as the "only president tough enough to deal with the Soviets and tough enough to deal with the Congress," telling me Connally "is the best presidential candidate in my lifetime." The message was unmistakable: If Thurmond is with you, he sticks. He won't cut and run if and when things go bad. And if Thurmond is against you, you're in for a fight. Loyalty is more than an applause line in a Fourth of July speech. Not a whole lot of that around these days.

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## Right and left of the Hispanic vote

It is widely accepted that Hispanics will become a larger share of the American electorate in the years to come.



**MICHAEL BARONE**

This is a matter of simple arithmetic. Less than one-tenth of adults counted in the 2010 Census classified themselves as "Hispanic" (a term invented by the Census Bureau for the 1970 count).

But one-quarter of children were similarly classified. Many of them the offspring of illegal aliens, were born in the U.S. and thus entitled to citizenship.

It's true that Hispanics may not be as large a share of voters as is sometimes projected. There has been zero net migration from Mexico to this country since 2007, and, given advances in Mexico, immigration at the 1982-2007 levels may never resume.

In any case, Hispanics are bound to form some larger percentage of the electorate than the 10 percent recorded in the 2012 exit poll, and one that inevitably will be targeted by both parties and many candidates.

Which is why it may be helpful to expose two myths about Hispanic voters advanced by both the political right and the political left over the past few years.

One, advanced hopefully by the right, is that Hispanics are highly religious and family oriented, and as a result are natural cultural conservatives.

The picture these analysts paint looks much like 1950s Irish-American Catholics, regular Mass attenders with large families. But in fact, Hispanic rates of divorce, unmarried motherhood and single-parent families are significantly higher than among whites (though lower than among blacks).

Latin Catholicism has traditionally been more lenient on mores than traditional Irish-influenced American Catholicism; the Catholic Church has not survived for nearly 2,000 years without adapting to local terrain.

Recent polling shows that Hispanics are as accepting of same-sex marriage as most Americans and that opposition to abortion among Hispanics is higher than average only among immigrants and not among their children and grandchildren.

"Family value" themes may resonate among the one-sixth of Hispanics who are evangelical Protestants, but not so much among others.

A second myth about Hispanic voters, advanced by many on the left, but also ruefully by some on the right, is that they are big government liberals.

This finds backing in surveys where Hispanics are more likely than aver-

age to say that they favor a bigger government providing more services and less likely to favor a smaller government providing fewer services.

In the 2012 campaign, this translated into support for Obamacare. Obama campaign strategists noted that the law was unpopular among voters generally, but evoked very positive responses from Hispanics.

So the Obama campaign, generally mum on Obamacare in English, ran Obamacare spots in Spanish-language media.

The numbers seem to look different now. Since the Obamacare rollout, Gallup's numbers show that the president's job approval has declined more among Hispanics — 23 percent — than among any other demographic group.

If Hispanics had difficulty, like everyone else, in using the English-language Obamacare website, they had even more difficulty with the Spanish-language version, which wasn't operative at all for weeks.

Hispanics with roots in societies where government is crony-ridden and corrupt may have expected government that would be trustworthy and efficient in the United States. Hey, who doesn't want free stuff from such a government?

But practice proved different. The Obamacare rollout — just like the government programs that encouraged home mortgages for not necessarily creditworthy Hispanics

— has not produced the favorable results they may have expected.

By my estimate, about one-third of the homeowners foreclosed on in the years just after the housing price collapse were Hispanics. Their dreams of accumulating wealth through ever-rising house prices were shattered.

And the dreams of getting subsidized health insurance through a website just as efficient as Amazon.com seem to be getting shattered too. Government in the United States is beginning to look as unreliable as government has traditionally been south of the border.

People tend to form their political attitudes over the years as they experience how political parties' policies work out in practice. People who have been voting for many years tend to have fixed attitudes because they already have plenty of experience, and one new episode doesn't usually make much difference.

Most Hispanic voters, in contrast, don't have years of experience voting in the United States. They may be more susceptible to revising their attitudes in light of recent events.

Which is to say, the Hispanic vote is up for grabs.

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# McDonnell apologizes after gift scandal

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Outgoing Virginia Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell apologized in a major speech Wednesday to lawmakers for a gift scandal that eroded his political standing, but claimed strong economic leadership and new transportation funding as lasting achievements.



Bob McDonnell

McDonnell said in his last State of the Commonwealth address — an annual political event in Virginia — that he'd broken no laws and gave no one special treatment. But he conceded in the speech to assembled members of the state House and Senate that his actions left an "adverse public impression." The governor is currently under federal and state investigation for accepting thousands of dollars' worth of gifts from a former chief executive of Star Scientific Inc., a dietary supplement maker. McDonnell has not been charged with any

crime. He said he was "deeply sorry" for the pain he had caused the state.

McDonnell's speech to Virginia's General Assembly came on the first day of the 2014 legislative session. His successor, Democratic Gov.-elect Terry McAuliffe, is to be sworn in Saturday.

McDonnell's annual address to lawmakers was one of his last opportunities while in office to define his legacy. He focused much of his address on Virginia's economic growth, saying the state logged a net gain of 177,000 new jobs on his watch.

McDonnell claimed his strong economic stewardship also helped boost the state government's reserves from \$295 million to more than \$1 billion. He also cited the first major overhaul of the state's highway and transit funding scheme since 1986 as another achievement together with lawmakers — securing billions of dollars in funding for projects in the coming years.

A year ago, McDonnell's was an ascendant

political star in the Republican Party. He had led the influential Republican Governors Association in 2011 and was being watched as a popular governor in a swing state near the nation's capital. But he leaves office amid unresolved investigations, his political future unclear.

Despite the gifts scandal, McDonnell remains popular with many in the Virginia legislature, where he'd served as a delegate before being elected the state's attorney general and then governor.

"I hope history will treat him kindly and with the respect and honor he deserves," said Sen. Walter Stosch, R-Henrico.

McDonnell had previously apologized for his actions related to Williams, but Wednesday was his first opportunity to do so directly to the General Assembly.

Speaking to reporters after his speech, McDonnell said it was "a good and wholesome and proper thing to do."

The apology was well received by legislators from both parties.

# Guns

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Meanwhile, pressure on the Obama administration is mounting in Congress. In a letter to the White House Friday, Sen. Woody Allen (R-Wyoming) demanded to know if federal agents will also collect guns and ammo from democratically elected government officials.

"Will federal agents collect guns and ammo from members of Congress or other elected officials?" Allen asked.

By now, you must all know that I am joking. No secret court has approved federal agents to collect our guns and ammos. And, last I checked, Dennis Rodman is still an unemployed former NBA player an currently visiting North Korea and having tea with Kim Jong-un, Vito Corleone is still the fictional character in Mario Puzo's excellent novel, "The Godfather," and Woody Allen has never been a Republican Senator from Wyoming.

But, I am willing to bet good money, that at least a few of you got a little angry about the idea of the government coming into your house and getting your guns.

So, why am I putting you on?

To make a point of course, and that point is that, in America, we care more about the government taking our guns and ammo than our personal data.

If only we were just as protective of their privacy as we are of our sporting rifles.

Go through my column again and replace every "guns and ammo" with "telephone and electronic data."

Except for that and the names, all of the information in my column is true. But, outside of Senator Rand Paul (he's real, I could never make up a name like that) there is very little anger out there about the NSA's overreach and violating our constitutional privacy rights. And that, my friends, is a shame.

Now, here is the real

meat of the issue. The government counts on this level of apathy to take the proverbial elbow when they should only be allowed to shake our hands. Let me repeat myself, at the risk of being cruel. the government counts on your apathy in order to violate your civil liberties.

Our constitution protects civil rights and civil liberties. Our elected government officials respond to their constituency. We, the people, tell them when "enough is enough."

Government has no business collecting your guns or listening to your phone call to your aunt Helga. So, tell them. It will listen.

Well, that is how it is supposed to work.

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**3rd grade:** Andrew Brown, Miguel Campos, Eric Castillo, Manuel Fuerte, Ashley Galindo, Koy Johnson, Myrna Ramirez, Zachary Telkamp  
**4th grade:** Kaia Gawsaway, Gabriela Lopez, Itzell Perez, Sierra Rodriguez, Gabrielle Tennison  
**5th grade:** Rebecca Marker  
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# Gray County marriage applications — Dec. 1, 2013-Jan. 1, 2014

**STAFF REPORT**  
 sha Marie Dallas. Applied Dec. 4.  
 • David Lee Helms and Karen Rae Cox. Applied Dec. 6.  
 • James R. Lopez and Amber Ellwanger. Applied Dec. 6.  
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 • Derek Steven Cooper and Ashlee Ann Swartz. Applied Dec. 16.  
 • Joseph Louis Garcia and Brandyn Denise Gilbert. Applied Dec. 16.  
 • Ricky Shelby Hawn and Melissa A. Helmueller. Applied Dec. 16.  
 • Cody Wayne Robertson and Angela Myra Chaney. Applied Dec. 16.  
 • Christian Acosta Vargas and Catalin Garcia Salgado. Applied Dec. 18.  
 • Michael Peppe Armstrong and Sophia Navarette. Applied Dec. 20.  
 • Bo Brooks Likes and Rebecca Jade Miller. Applied Dec. 20.

# Texas firefighter uses beer to put out tire blaze

HOUSTON (AP) — Whatever works when it comes to fighting fires. An off-duty Houston firefighter has used beer to extinguish a tire fire on a truck hauling a load of the brew. Capt. Craig Moreau and his wife on Monday night were driving home after a trip to Austin when they came upon an 18-wheeler on fire. Moreau and the trucker, whose rig had brake problems that started the tire on fire, tried using a small extinguisher. Moreau says he thought the fire was out, but then crawled under the rig and the blaze had flared up. The firefighter then asked the driver what he was hauling — and the answer was beer. Both men began shaking and spraying cans of beer on the blaze and put out the fire. Nobody was hurt.

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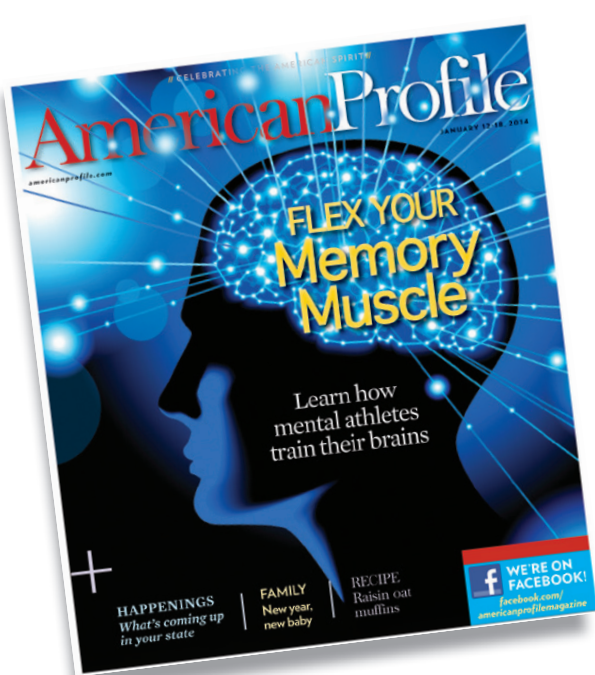
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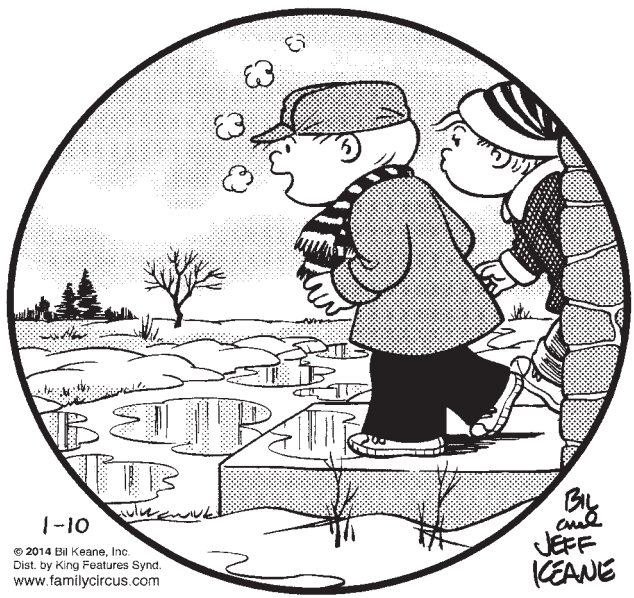
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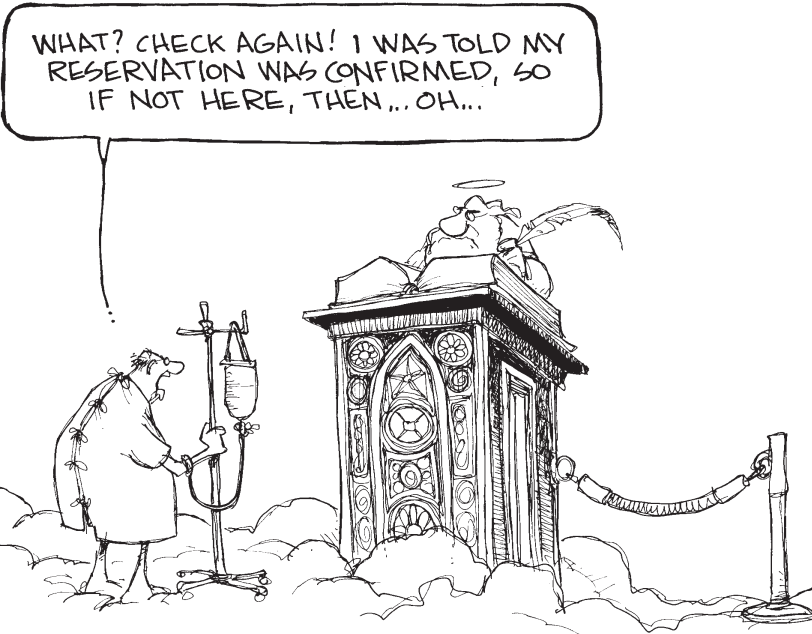
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# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014:  
 This year you will be more active in your day-to-day life, either by getting into a new hobby or by learning about a new facet of your work. You also will identify more closely with a friend. You both are becoming more like the other. If you are single, you are in a period where you will meet people with ease. You will know when you meet the right person. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy relating more than you have in a while. GEMINI could seem flaky or distracted.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 ★★★★★ Round up your friends and get together for an event you have been discussing. Apply any seriousness to winning a bet or to a fun game you enjoy with your pals. An unexpected conversation might leave you giggling. Tonight: Hang out with a loved one and pals.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ You'll need to ride a wave of spending with caution. A partner or someone involved with a joint financial matter would like you to employ more self-discipline. Go where you can enjoy yourself. Take a drive and meet a friend halfway. Tonight: Opt to try a new spot.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ You feel energized and no longer can deny the child within. No matter how judgmental a partner might be, you will discover how much he or she really enjoys this side of you. Allow more laughter into your relationship. Tonight: Let the lighter side of life emerge.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ You might choose to spend some time by yourself. You tend to be unusually gregarious during the holiday season, and feeling worn down is normal. You could discover just how tired you are once you let go. A friend encourages you to take action. Tonight: Not to be found.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ A partner seems to cast a haze or an attractive aura wherever he or she is. Make plans to get together with friends, and enjoy wherever you are. You have the right words to draw someone else out of his or her shell.

News could be surprising. Tonight: Paint the town red.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You'll bring others together, and you even may host a spontaneous party. Perhaps you asked a friend to come over and help you paint a room, and everything evolved from that request. Discuss what is on your mind, yet remain open to other approaches. Tonight: Take the lead.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You might not be able to suppress your desire to take off. Make a point of going where you want, even if it's only for a few days. Trust that your yearning to get away is for a good reason. Tonight: Try a new spot or a new type of cuisine.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ Make time for a special person in your life. Taking a walk or going to a favorite spot will help both of you clear the air. You can be over-serious and demanding at times. Try to relax, and let go of that dimension of your personality. Tonight: Dinner for two.

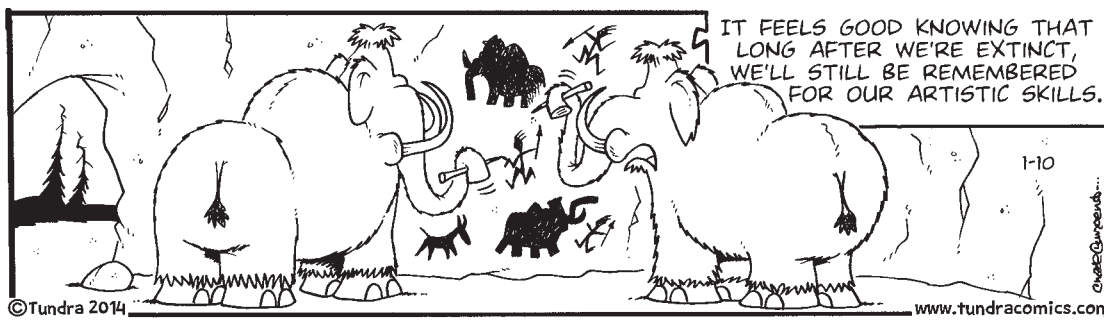
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You often make the first move, but at present there is little reason to do that, as a certain admirer will be seeking you out. You might be too involved or concerned with a personal matter to notice. Tonight: Sort through your many invitations.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ You might decide to play it low-key during the next few days. Understand that you have a lot of little projects and errands to take care of. Consider how you would feel if they were completed. With that in mind, proceed. Tonight: Don't make a fuss.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Your idea to get a potential loved one involved in what you would like to do could be executed with ease. Realize that you might not have considered the ramifications. Just go with the moment, especially if plans are going to be launched. Tonight: Be the intriguing Aquarian.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Hang close to home. You need to do some resting up, as you have been pushing yourself very hard. Know that there is nothing you can't accomplish, but you do need to have adequate sleep. Keep it low-key, and be with your immediate loved ones. Tonight: Order out.

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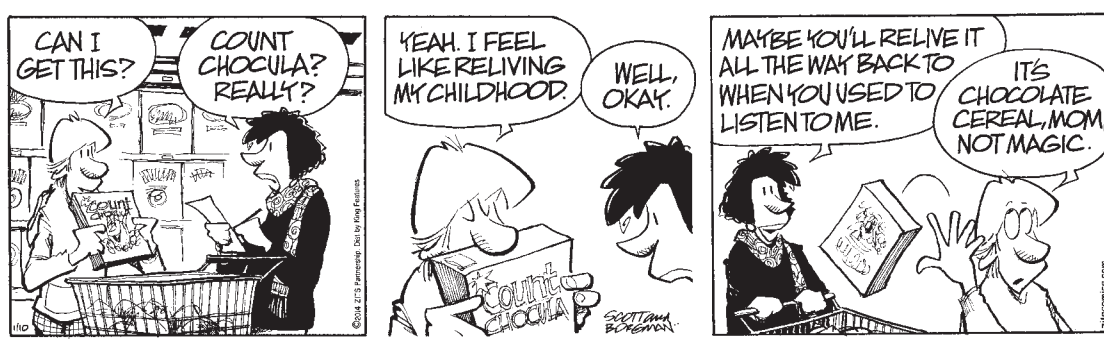
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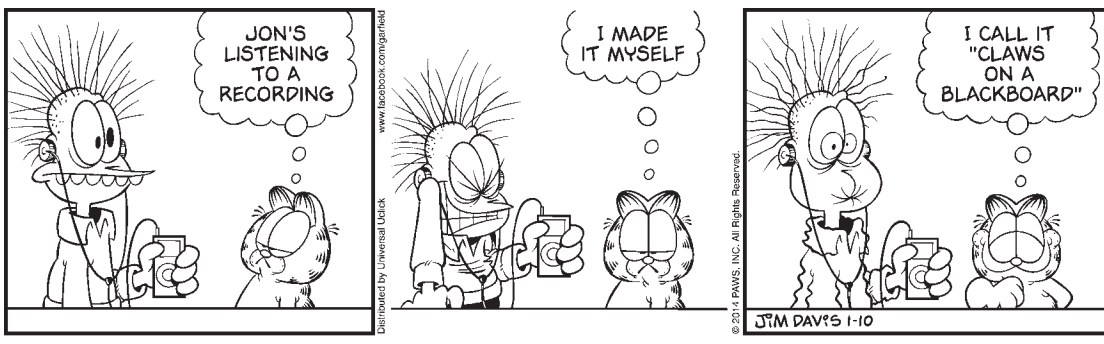
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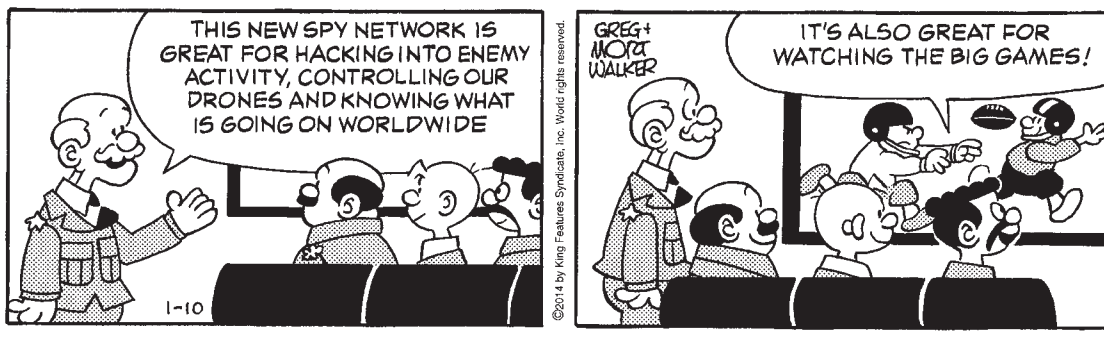
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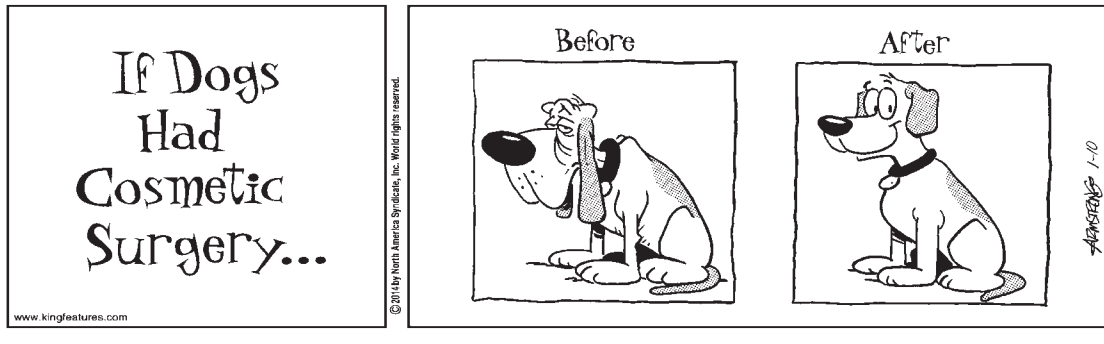
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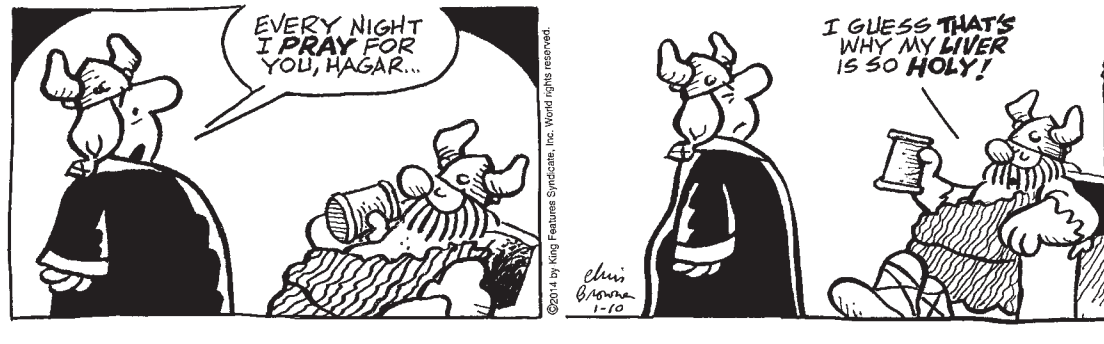
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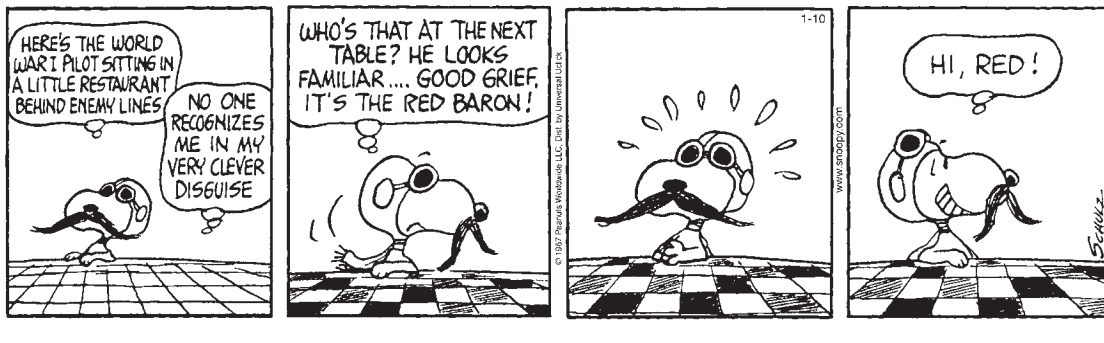
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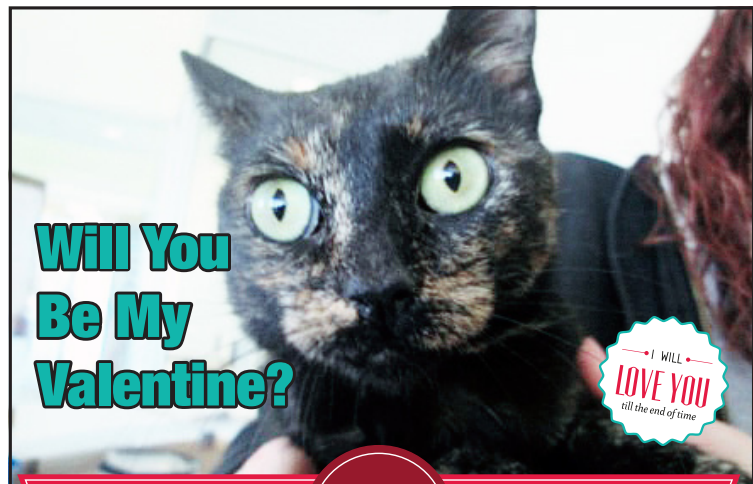
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend of two years, "Clint," recently brought a large framed picture of his deceased wife into our home. He placed it on his dresser in front of framed photos of us together.

His wife died three years ago. We are living together in a condo Clint bought for me. He made it clear from the beginning that he didn't want to move me into "her house."

Clint also still wears his wedding ring. He carries guilt and doesn't seem to have made closure. I told him I don't feel comfortable with her picture "looking at us." He doesn't think there should be a problem. Should I move on? — **IN THE SHADOWS**

**DEAR IN THE SHADOWS:** That Clint still wears his wedding ring tells me he may not have accepted his wife's death. How sad for him.

Ask him to move his wife's picture to a room other than the bedroom because, while he doesn't think it's creating a problem, it is creating one for YOU. If he can't bring himself to do that — and join a grief support group — then you should consider moving on.

I socialize with people my age in church circles, card clubs and dining-out groups who can't understand why I'm always so busy. They don't reach out except to people they already know. As people get older, that group is constantly shrinking. Join a religious group, community clubs and organizations. Volunteer to read at schools and libraries. Visit a senior group or center.

Many people of all ages fear they won't be accepted. But if they show up with a friendly attitude, they will be. You have to contribute — whether it's with a smile, an opening remark or some other welcoming gesture.

I served in the military, taught Sunday school, led Girl Scouts, garden clubs, church and neighborhood groups while following my husband through eight states and raising three children. My husband was often away in his business, but we had a strong, supportive marriage. He joined me in many activities when he could be home.

I think many people have forgotten we must give in order to get. When we reach out to others, most of the time those people reach back. — **NOT LONELY IN WOODSTOCK, ILL.**

**DEAR NOT LONELY:** It's easy to see why you have a wide circle of friends. Your positive energy leaps off the page.

There are two types of people in the world: those who come into a room and their attitude says, "Here I am!" and those who come into a room and their attitude says, "There you are!" You are one of the latter. If people want a warm welcome, they should keep in mind that the happier they are to see others, the happier others will be to see them.

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Yesterday's Answer: JOYOUS, LAMELY; RANCID, WINTRY; PHOBIA, SULTRY

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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## Manziel leaving Texas A&M for NFL draft

(AP) — Johnny Football is heading to the NFL.

Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel declared for the NFL draft on Wednesday following two spectacular seasons in which he became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy and helped the Aggies make a splash in their first two years in the Southeastern Conference.

"After long discussions with my family, friends, teammates, and coaches, I have decided to make myself available for the 2014 NFL draft," Manziel said in a letter posted online by the university. "The decision was not an easy one, but we all felt this was the right time to make the next step toward a professional career."

Some NFL draft analysts have Manziel ranked as high as the third overall pick in mock drafts.

In a style befitting his record-setting career, Manziel led the Aggies to a 52-48 come-from-behind win over Duke in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl on New Year's Eve in his final college game. Texas A&M trailed 38-17 at half-time before Manziel guided them to the victory by finishing with 382 yards passing with four TD tosses and 73 yards rushing and another score.

"In all of my years of coaching, Johnny Manziel is the most exciting football player I have ever seen," A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "We appreciate everything he has done for Texas A&M and Aggie football and wish him nothing but the best."

Manziel became the first freshman to win the Heisman in 2012 after setting numerous school and SEC records

while leading Texas A&M to an 11-2 record and a victory over No. 1 Alabama in its first season in the SEC.

His dynamic play created a frenzy and pushed him into a stratosphere of celebrity that few college athletes have reached. That began to cause problems since Manziel, who is from Kerrville, Texas, still had three years of eligibility remaining.

He followed his Heisman-winning season with a high-profile offseason of road trips to Las Vegas and the NBA Finals. Manziel met Heat star LeBron James and rapper Drake, and he posted some tweets that made headlines. One that brought the ire of Aggie fans was when he said he "couldn't wait" to get out



**Johnny Manziel**

of College Station.

His most embarrassing blunder came during the summer when he departed early from a quarterback camp for high school players run by the Manning family in Louisiana. Manziel said it was a mutual decision after he overslept and missed meetings and activities.

Manziel's trouble continued when he got back to football. He was suspended for the first half of the Aggies' season opener against Rice for what the school said was an "inadvertent" violation of NCAA rules. He was investigated for allegedly accepting money for autographs from memorabilia brokers, a violation of NCAA rules that could have led to a much lon-

ger suspension.

The Aggies were supposed to contend for a national title in Manziel's encore. But another standout season by the dynamic quarterback wasn't enough to overcome a porous defense that was among the worst in the nation. Texas A&M finished 9-4.

Manziel shook off his early season drama to lead the SEC with 4,114 yards and 37 touchdowns and he topped the team in rushing with 759 yards and nine more scores. He threw more touchdown passes, had more yards passing, a better completion percentage and averaged more yards an attempt than he did in 2012.

Manziel set an SEC record with 5,116 yards of total offense in 2012 also led the SEC in total offense in 2013.

Manziel was again a fi-

nalist for the Heisman in 2013, but Jameis Winston stole his thunder with a season much like Manziel's a year before to take home the award to Florida State. Manziel finished fifth.

Hall of Fame quarterback Fran Tarkenton tweeted about Manziel following the announcement.

"Would love to see Johnny Manziel in a Vikings uniform. This guy is the real deal. He will be a big time player on Sundays," Tarkenton tweeted.

The Vikings have the eighth overall pick in the draft.

The Houston Texans, who play about 100 miles from College Station, have the No. 1 pick in the draft and need a quarterback, though most mock drafts have Louisville's Teddy Bridgewater going No. 1.

## Broncos figure to be better this time around

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — The last top seed to open its playoff run against a team it had just lost to at home in December was the 2008 New York Giants, who were beaten again by Philadelphia in the rematch.

Six years later, the Denver Broncos and another Manning brother open against the San Diego Chargers, who held the highest-scoring team of the Super Bowl era to its lowest point total of the season in a 27-20 upset in Denver last month.

The Broncos figure to be a different team than the one that took the field on the final Thursday night game of the season, however.

This time, they'll have Wes Welker, Champ Bailey and Jeremy Mincey, but they'll also be without Von Miller, who's set to undergo surgery to repair his torn right ACL on Thursday.

The Chargers (10-7) and Broncos (13-3) have played 108 times but never in the postseason.

"This is why you have the offseason work, this is why you meet as often as

you do in April, May and June," Peyton Manning said. "It's for opportunities like this."

Manning wasn't in the mood Wednesday to reflect on his record-setting regular season, focused as he is on trying to win another Super Bowl ring that would match brother Eli's pair.

Manning will have his stellar slot receiver back from a concussion that forced him to miss that last game against the Chargers, when the Broncos had three straight three-and-outs that helped San Diego turn an early touchdown deficit into a 24-10 lead.

The Broncos were 2 of 9 on third downs that night, when they sorely missed Welker.

"Big time," wide receiver Eric Decker said. "He's a guy that has done very well on third down and just on any down. When you lose a weapon like that, you have to fill the shoes and I don't think we as a team did a good enough job of having a successful first down, minimizing the third-and-longs and taking advantage of some opportunities we had."

## No taint: Maddux, Glavine and Thomas reach Baseball HOF

NEW YORK (AP) — A new generation of starting pitchers and a self-proclaimed Mr. Clean of the Steroids Era will be ushered



**Greg Maddux**

into baseball's Hall of Fame this summer. For tainted players, however, the doors to Cooperstown remain bolted.

Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and Frank Thomas were elected on their first ballot appearances Wednesday, when Craig Biggio fell just two votes short.

Maddux and Glavine will join their former Atlanta Braves manager, Bobby Cox, at the July 27 induction along with Joe Torre and Tony La Russa, also elected last month by the expansion-era committee.

But Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and other stars whose accomplishments were muddied by accusa-

tions of steroids use lost even more ground, dropping below 40 percent in an election where 75 percent is needed.

And on his first day as a member of baseball's elite, Thomas said the living members among the 306 Hall of Famers don't want those with sullied reputations.

"Over the last year, doing a couple of charity events with Hall of Famers that are in, they've got a strong stance against anyone who's taken steroids. They do not want them in. They don't care when they started or when they did it, they do not want them in," he said. "I've got to take the right stance, too. No, they shouldn't get in. There shouldn't be cheating allowed to get into the Hall of Fame."

Making their second appearances on the ballot, Clemens dropped from 37.6 percent to 35.4 in voting by senior members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, Bonds from 36.2 to 34.7 and Sosa from 12.5 to 7.2.

Bonds, baseball's career home run leader, is the only seven-time MVP in major league history. Clemens is the lone seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

"As for what they did, I don't think any of us will ever really know," Thomas said.

"But I can just tell you, what I did was real and that's why I've got this smile on my face right now because

the writers, they definitely got it right."

Mark McGwire, appearing for the eighth time, fell from 16.9 to 11 percent — down from a peak of 25.6 in 2008. Rafael Palmeiro will be dropped from future ballots after falling to 25 votes and 4.4 percent — below the 5 percent threshold necessary to remain eligible. One voter submitted a blank ballot.

"I can go home and sleep at night and rest," Thomas said, "so I don't have to worry about all the nonsense that the other people are going through, because I know I won't be getting a call in the middle of the night from someone saying, oh, he did this or he did that."

Miami Herald columnist Dan Le Batard, saying interested fans were more qualified than voting reporters, said he turned his ballot over Deadspin.com, which allowed readers to vote on how it should be cast.

"I hate all the moralizing we do in sports in general, but I especially hate the hypocrisy in this," Le Batard said in remarks posted by

Deadspin. "I always like a little anarchy inside the cathedral we've made of sports."

BBWAA Secretary-Treasurer Jack O'Connell declined comment.

Maddux and Glavine become the first primarily starting pitchers to enter the Hall whose careers began after Bert Blyleven, who debuted in 1970. Maddux reached the major leagues in 1986 and Glavine a year later.

They also are the first teammates on a starting rotation to be elected together since 1946. Add in Cox, and the induction will be dominated by Braves.

"It's fitting, given the influence those two guys had on my career," Glavine said. "The thing that would have disappointed me the most had it not happened would have been a lost opportunity to go in with Bobby and Greg."

Maddux, eighth on the career list with 355 wins, was picked on 555 of 571 ballots. His 97.2 percentage was the eighth-highest in the history of voting.

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