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## PRMC's Golden Phoenix unit offering outpatient care

■ *Geriatric psychiatric unit looks to reach more people around Pampa area*

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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 Pampa Regional Medical Center's geriatric psychiatric unit, the Golden Phoenix, now offers outpatient mental

health services.  
 "We felt like we wanted to reach more people in this area, because a lot of people are hesitant in coming into an inpatient setting," said Lisa Needham, community education coordinator of the Golden

Phoenix and behavioral health outpatient program services. "They would feel more comfortable with an outpatient setting." Some patients might want mental health services, but not necessarily qualify for inpatient services.  
 "They might not be to that point yet where they need inpatient, but they still need and want a little bit of help," said Jeannine Day, Director of the Golden Phoenix and the outpatient program. Outpatient services can also be key to

patients who are leaving the inpatient program.  
 "A lot of our patients, when they leave here, they go into outpatient treatment, so it's not just cold turkey," said Needham. "They're still getting some counseling to transition."  
 The behavioral health clinic is geared toward people 50 and older who have mental health needs, such as depression, that don't require hospitalization.  
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## DOOR TO DOOR



**Toby Bias** of the Pampa Police knocks on a door during the department's 2012 warrant roundup, which ended last weekend. During the eight-day roundup, the city cleared 240 warrants and accumulated \$73,621 in fees (\$57,196 in paid warrants and \$16,425 sat out in jail). Precinct 2 cleared 119 warrants and accumulated \$44,000 in fees.



staff photo by **Mollie Bryant**  
**Shelby Huff**, financial aid assistant at Clarendon College Pampa Center, posts a dollar bill on a bulletin board or campus touting the school's financial aid options.

## Eyeing future, CC touts financial aid

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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 During the previous academic year, over 75 percent of Pampa's Clarendon College student body received financial aid, totaling almost \$7 million.  
 With the end of the academic year approaching and another on the horizon, David Hall, director of enrollment services for the campus, said that he believes cost does not have to be a barrier for those interested in attending the school.  
 "Financial stuff is more easy for us to handle than people would imagine," he said. "There's lots of resources available here that we can provide."  
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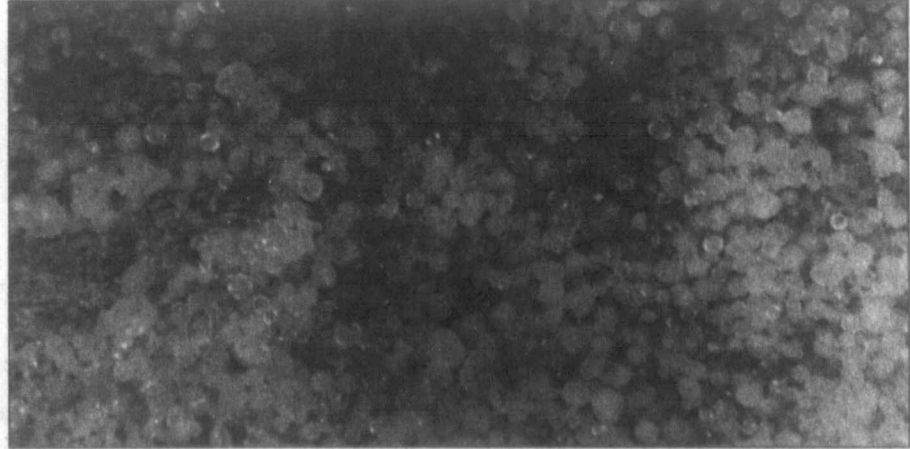
## Republican Women impressed with candidate forum turnout

■ *Group hopes to carry over momentum for state GOP chairman's visit in April*

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
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 Jana Vinson, president of the Top O' Texas Republican Women, beamed as she spoke about the turnout at the candidate forum sponsored by the TOTRW and Pampa Retired Teachers on Tuesday evening.  
 There were no official attendance numbers, but with every seat at the Chamber of Commerce's M.K. Brown Room occu-

piated, it was easy to see why Vinson was smiling.  
 "I'm so pleased," Vinson said. "We were hoping for this kind of attendance, but we had no idea. We started out with 50 chairs. I would guess there were 125 people, at least."  
 "I was hoping for even a little less than that," chimed Gaye Whitehead, TOTRW secretary. "When I began to see the flood of people come on, I was so excited"  
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## RUDE AWAKENING



staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**  
**Several Pampans** were kept up late overnight by the sound of pea-sized hail pelting their walls and windows. National Weather Service equipment at Perry Lefors Airport caught a thunderstorm passing through the area between 1:35 and 1:55 a.m.

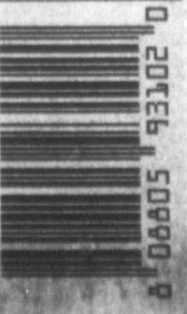
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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 46 Low 30	High 51 Low 33	High 68 Low 41

**Today:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Wind chill values between 20 and 30 early. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

**Tonight:** A slight chance of rain before 10 p.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 10 p.m. and midnight, then a slight chance of snow after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Saturday:** A slight chance of snow before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., then a slight chance of rain after 10 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 51. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Saturday Night:** A chance of rain before 4 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow. Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. South southwest wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 41. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

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**PAMPA OPTIMIST** Baseball & Softball Sign-Ups, March 20, 21, 22 & 23rd, 5:30-7:30pm. No late sign-ups!

## Romney facing skeptics in Republican South

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mitt Romney faces a tough sell in the Deep South. With Mississippi and Alabama primaries coming up next Tuesday, there's concern that he's too slick, not really a conservative. In a region where the evangelical vote is important, some are skeptical about his Mormon faith.

But if Romney wins the Republican nomination and it's a November

choice between him and Democratic President Barack Obama, the former Massachusetts governor may be just good enough for some Southerners.

"If push comes to shove and he gets the nomination, I'll go in the voting booth like this and vote for him," says Mississippi retiree David Wilke, holding his nose.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who represented Georgia for 20

years and now lives in Virginia, needs to win every state from South Carolina to Texas to get to the convention this summer, spokesman R.C. Hammond says.

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum's staff says he'll be aggressive in states where Gingrich expects to perform well.

Gingrich scored an early primary victory in South Carolina and won this week in Georgia. Rom-

ney added a Virginia win this week — Gingrich and Santorum weren't on the ballot — to his Jan. 31 win in Florida, which is culturally not entirely a Southern state, despite its geography. Santorum won Tennessee.

After Mississippi and Alabama next week, Louisiana votes March 24, North Carolina and Texas May 8, Arkansas May 22 and Texas May 29.

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## Obituaries

### Mary Jo Tolbert, 80

HAMILTON—Mary Jo Tolbert, 80, went to be with the Lord on March 7, 2012, in Southlake.

Funeral services will be at the Park Heights Church of Christ in Hamilton, on March 10, 2012 at 10:30 a.m., with burial at the Bullock Cemetery, (on FM 717, just north of Ranger and the Eastland County Line, Stephens County, Texas), at 3:30 p.m. on that same day. Visitation will be at the Park Heights Church of Christ in Hamilton, on Friday, March 9, 2012, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home of Breckenridge.

Mary Jo Tolbert was born March 6, 1932, in Pampa, the daughter of Derrell William Coffman and Era Fulbright Coffman. As a child in Pampa, she learned to play piano and sing, which began her lifelong love of music. At Pampa High, Mary Jo was President of the F.H.A., involved in band, orchestra, and Latin Club, and a member of the National Honor Society. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1950 and married George Gist Tolbert that same year.

They moved to College Station, where Mary Jo worked in the Texas State Chemist Laboratory until they had their first child. After George graduated from veterinary school from Texas A&M in 1956, George and Mary Jo moved to Hamilton, where they brought up seven children. She loved her family and her church — Park Heights Church of Christ. She spent almost all of her adult years teaching children's bible classes, running vacation Bible schools, and assisting with the youth program at the Church of Christ. She also supported mission work by writing and publishing the Mission News, which informed everyone on the work and needs of the missionaries supported by the church.

She also blessed many people with her music. She sang solos at weddings and coordinated a cappella groups for weddings and funerals. She also played piano for fun and accompanied her children and children from the commu-



Tolbert

nity at band contests. Once she had reared her children, Mary Jo commuted to Tarleton State University in Stephenville where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1987.

Mary Jo was predeceased by her brother, Derrell Coffman; and her grandchild Stephen Tolbert. She is survived by her husband of over 60 years, George Gist; her children, John Charles of Midland, David William of Oak Ridge, N.C., Ruth Suzanne Sheppard of Midland, Joe Derrell of North Richland Hills, Vivian Clyde of Colleyville, Luisa Kay Hillje and Mitchell Strail of Austin; 18 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are requested to be made to Made in the Streets, P.O. Box 93165, Southlake, TX 76092, www.madeinthestreets.org or charity of choice.

The family invites friends to leave a condolence or share a memory of Mary Jo in the online guestbook at [www.meltonkitchens.com](http://www.meltonkitchens.com).

### Eva Lorene Sitz Puckett, 97

Eva Lorene Sitz Puckett, 97, died March 7, 2012, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Puckett was born July 25, 1914, in Sherman. She had been a longtime resident of Vernon before moving to Pampa in 1994. She married J.B. Puckett and he preceded her in death in 1991. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include a grandson, Dwayne Puckett and wife Stacy of San Antonio; a granddaughter, Rhinon Puckett of San Antonio; daughter-in-law, Doris Puckett of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Dan Keith Puckett in 2008, a sister and three brothers.

Memorials may be made to Coronado Healthcare Center, 1504 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Puckett

## For the record

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, March 8 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 15 traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department responded to 11 medical calls.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported seven animal related incidents.

**Wednesday, March 7** Suspicious persons were reported at the 800 block of North Duncan and the 1000 block of North Russell.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 2200 block of North Coffee.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 500 block of

North Nelson.

Criminal trespassing was reported.

A burglary occurred at the 300 block of South Miami.

A suspicious person was reported at the 500 block of North Zimmers.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 400 block of North Doyle.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of West Brown.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of East Frederic.

**Thursday, March 8** A suspicious person was reported at the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Stolen vehicles were reported at the 2700 block of North Comanche and the 100 block of West 30th.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1900 block of North Banks.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, March 8 at 7 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 7** Josette Rancee Ponce, 37, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant.

Melissa Lynn Henry, 31, was arrested by deputies on a motion to revoke probation regarding theft of services and on a capias pro fine warrant regarding issuance of a bad check.

Devin Wayne Gober, 26, was arrested by DPS officers for possession of marijuana.

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# MORNINGRUSH

## Texas grew drier in past week

LUBBOCK (AP) — Parts of Texas have grown drier as a lack of substantial rains and windy conditions have led to less moisture in the soil.

The U.S. Drought Monitor map released Thursday indicates more of West Texas slipped back into the worst drought stage the past week.

Statewide, 20.6 percent was in exceptional drought, up from 14.7 percent last week. But rain was forecast for much of the state in the coming days.

The only area in exceptional drought east of Interstate 35 is in South Texas along the Gulf Coast.

No drought exists in about 6 percent of Texas.

Recent rains helped ease the Dallas-Fort Worth area and other parts of Texas out of the drought.

Last year was the state's driest on record.

## Perry wants to fund program

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has told Texas health officials to find a way to pay for a women's health care program if the federal government pulls Medicaid funding amid a fight over Planned Parenthood.

The governor sent a letter Thursday telling the head of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to work with legislative leaders to identify money to keep the program going.

Perry's office made a copy of that letter available to The Associated Press before it was released to the public.

The program was expected to close when the state starts enforcing a law keeping money from clinics affiliated with abortion providers.

The Obama administration has said it will halt funding for the program then because federal law requires women to be able to choose any qualified clinic.

## Jury backs U.S. claim to accounts

HOUSTON (AP) — A jury has ruled that U.S. authorities can try to seize \$330 million from foreign bank accounts controlled by convicted Texas fraudster R. Allen Stanford.

The Houston federal court jury determined Thursday that there was sufficient evidence that the frozen funds were among the \$7 billion investors lost in a Ponzi scheme Stanford operated over 20 years. The same jury convicted Stanford this week on 13 of 14 fraud-related counts.

Thursday's decision doesn't mean U.S. authorities will get the money. Others are also vying for control of much of it.

Stanford could be sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison. U.S. District Judge David Hittner set a June 14 sentencing date.

## Prison gang leader sentenced

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Texas prison gang leader has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for involvement in violent crimes investigated as part of a federal racketeering case.

A federal judge sentenced 35-year-old Karlos Bouchot in Corpus Christi Thursday for crimes he helped to orchestrate using an illegal cellphone while already in state prison.

Bouchot had pleaded guilty in April to a murder conspiracy and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. He and 13 other Raza Unida gang members and associates were charged in the racketeering investigation. A gang associate, 24-year-old Jose Manuel Ledezma of Brownsville, was sentenced to 27 years in prison for brokering a deal to sell methamphetamine.

A U.S. attorney's office statement says Bouchot conspired to kill another gang member for stealing Raza Unida drug money.

## Okla. leaders shelve insurance plan

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Legislative leaders are shelving a plan to comply with the new federal health care law and set up a state health insurance exchange.

In a joint statement released late Thursday, House Speaker Kris Steele and Senate President Pro Tem Brian Bingman say they plan to wait until the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the constitutionality of the new law.

The nation's highest court is expected to rule later this year on a challenge by several states that the law is unconstitutional.

Gov. Mary Fallin says she supports the Legislature's decision and remains hopeful the court will strike down the law.

Last year, the Republican-controlled Legislature rejected \$54 million in federal money to set up the state exchange, in part because of bitter opposition from tea party activists and other conservatives.

# How to choose a builder for a new home

## HOME HOW-TO

Whether the kids have all grown up and moved out or if the kids are on the way and it's time to expand a living area, building a new home is an exciting, yet often agonizing, experience. The reasons for building a new home are many, but regardless of the reason, the process of choosing a builder should remain the same.

Andrew Nadalin, president of Pace 2000 Inc. and a fourth generation builder and craftsman, offers the following advice to prospective homeowners with their eyes set on building a dream home to call their own.

- Look for a builder with a solid reputation. A builder's reputation speaks volumes, but it doesn't have to speak for itself. That's because a builder who has spent years providing personal service, innovative design and quality workmanship will no doubt have a host of happy former customers ready and willing to offer their input. If during the interview process a builder appears reticent to share his work or experiences with previous customers, this should be a red flag. Reputable builders will be proud of their work and more than willing to show it off.

- Find a builder who is flexible. You will be paying to build your home, not the builder's home. A builder should be flexible and ready and willing to meet your needs, no matter how unique they might be.

- Look for a builder who does more than build. A good builder should do more than just build. A builder should provide a network of qualified professionals to make the process go more smoothly. This network should include real estate and building consultants, interior designers, architects and engineers. Such connections can provide peace of mind and will also illustrate that

a builder is both respected in the community and is intent on ensuring your home becomes the dream home you envision it to be.

- Don't build on the cheap. Buyers who plan to build their own home are in the unique position to ensure their home is as safe and high-quality as possible. This isn't

always the case when buying a resale, so make the most of your opportunity and use only top-of-the-line construction materials and features and choose a builder with experience in working with such materials and features. Building on the cheap could prove disastrous in the not too distant future, so don't sacrifice on quality when building a new home.

More information on selecting the right builder is available online at [www.pace2000homes.com](http://www.pace2000homes.com).



# British agents meet with U.S. on cartels

EL PASO (AP) — As Mexican drug cartels make inroads into Europe, British authorities hope to learn investigation techniques and tactics the U.S. has developed in decades of battling drug-smuggling organizations along the border.

Three undercover agents from the Serious Organised Crime Agency of the United Kingdom are meeting with U.S. agents in El Paso, along the U.S. border with Mexico, to discuss drug trafficking organizations.

"The most important lesson that we have shared with SOCA, is that if they are not prepared to deal with the Mexican cartels, they will spread like a cancer and will entrench themselves in the economy and community in an attempt to 'legitimize' their illicit profits. They must also be aware of the violence that will undoubtedly follow," Oscar Hagelsieb with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations office in El Paso said Thursday.

Hagelsieb said authorities believe Mexico's Sinaloa cartel has drug distribution networks in England and has also established footholds in France and the Netherlands, among other places in Europe. He did not provide additional details.

Hagelsieb said Mexican crime groups have previously made attempts to

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, March 9, the 69th day of 2012. There are 297 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

### On this date:

In 1661, Cardinal Jules Mazarin, the chief minister of France, died, leaving King Louis XIV in full control.

In 1796, the future emperor of the French, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. (The couple later divorced.)

In 1861, the Confederate Congress, meeting in Montgomery, Ala., authorized the issuing of paper currency, in the form of interest-bearing notes.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing 18 Americans.

In 1932, Eamon de Valera was appointed head of government of the Irish Free State.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In 1954, CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on "See It Now."

In 1962, the science fantasy novel "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle was first published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington, D.C., killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. (The siege ended two days later.)

In 1987, Chrysler Corp. announced it had agreed to buy the financially ailing American Motors Corp.

In 1992, former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin died in Tel Aviv at age 78.

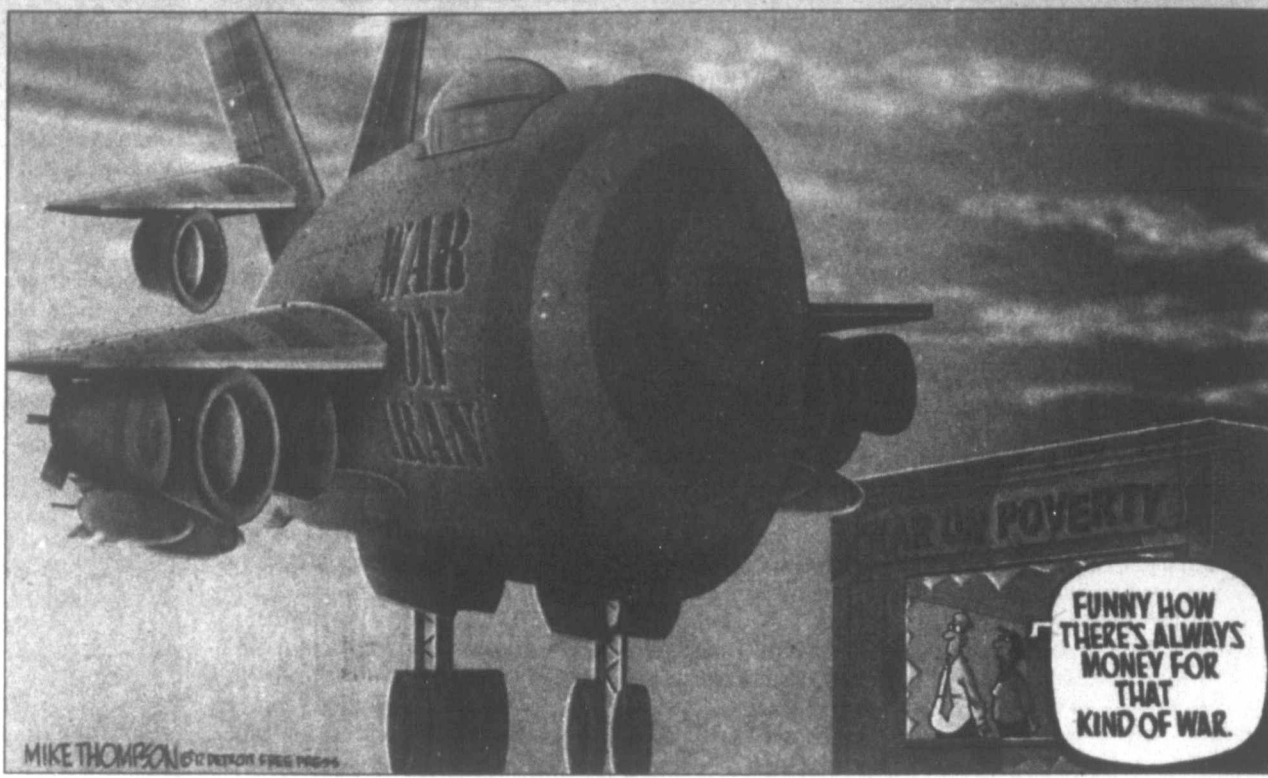
**Ten years ago:** Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin, the 1960s black power radical formerly known as H. Rap Brown, was convicted in Atlanta of murder in the shooting death of Fulton County Sheriff's Deputy Ricky Kinchen. (Al-Amin was sentenced to life without parole.) The space shuttle Columbia's astronauts released the Hubble Space Telescope into orbit after five days of repairs.

**Five years ago:** Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and FBI Director Robert S. Mueller acknowledged the FBI had improperly used the USA Patriot Act to secretly pry out personal information about Americans: they apologized and vowed to prevent further illegal intrusions. Brad Delp, lead singer for the band Boston, was found dead in his southern New Hampshire home; he was 55.

**One year ago:** After a trip to the International Space Station, shuttle Discovery ended its career as the most flown U.S. spaceship, returning from orbit for the last time. Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation abolishing the death penalty in his state and commuting the sentences of all remaining death row inmates. Turkish television aired an interview with Moammar Gadhafi in which the Libyan leader said his countrymen would fight back if Western nations imposed a no-fly zone to prevent the regime from using its air force to bomb government opponents.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Sen. James L. Buckley, Conservative-N.Y., is 89. Singer-actress Keely Smith is 80. Singer Lloyd Price is 79. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 78. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 76. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 76. Actress Trish Van Devere is 71. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 70. Former ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 69. Rock musician Robin Trower is 67. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 64. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 64. Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 63. Magazine editor Michael Kinsley is 61. TV newscaster Faith Daniels is 55. Actor Tom Amandes is 53. Actor-director Lonny Price is 53. Actress Linda Fiorentino is 52. Country musician Rusty Hendrix (Confederate Railroad) is 52. Actress Juliette Binoche is 48. Rock musician Robert Sledge (Ben Folds Five) is 44. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 41. Actress Jean Louisa Kelly is 40. Actor Kerr Smith is 40. Actor Matthew Gray Gubler is 32. Actress Brittany Snow is 26. Actor Luis Armand Garcia is 20.

**Thought for Today:** "Cowardice asks, Is it safe? Expediency asks, Is it politic? Vanity asks, Is it popular? But conscience asks, Is it right?" - William Morley Punshon, English clergyman (1824-1881).



## Can the president muzzle the Dogs of War?

When President Obama disparaged "loose talk about war" against the theocratic regime in Tehran, he wasn't minimizing the consequences of atomic weapons in the hands of the mullahs. The danger of terrorists acquiring a bomb would be multiplied by a regional arms race. The international nonproliferation regime would be crippled if not destroyed. The prestige of the United States would suffer fresh damage, and yes, Israel would be gravely threatened.

Yet it is hard to understand why anyone -- in Washington, Jerusalem or anywhere else -- would argue with his view that sanctions, covert action and diplomatic engagement should be exhausted before anybody resorts to bombs and missiles. Unlike his irresponsible critics on the right, Obama cannot ignore the potential costs of another Mideast war, which could wreck fragile economies both here and abroad, increase the peril to U.S. troops in Afghanistan as well as throughout the region, and perhaps escalate into a global conflict of unpredictable scope.

He may have noticed that the same crew of neoconservative pundits and officials who pushed us into invading Iraq and then botched the occupations of that country and Afghanistan are now the most eager proponents of a military confrontation with Iran. These figures dominate the foreign policy team of ultra-hawk Mitt Romney (who, like so many of them, contrived to avoid serving in Vietnam despite his supposed enthusiasm for that misadventure).

No doubt the problem with Iran is real if sometimes exaggerated, as

U.N. inspectors who were expelled from that country last year will no doubt tell their superiors in Vienna on Monday. The Tehran regime's refusal to let the inspectors complete their work is only one among many indicators of suspicion that the regime is expanding its nuclear capacities, which it still claims are strictly for peaceful use.

For Obama, the question is how far the regime's military industries have proceeded toward building a bomb -- and what he can do about it. At the moment, both U.S. and Israeli intelligence assessments suggest the regime has not yet decided to build a bomb -- but is definitely creating the capacity to do so.

In his recent remarks before the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and a contemporaneous interview with Jeffrey Goldberg of The Atlantic magazine, Obama dispelled the complaint so assiduously promoted by his political adversaries -- that he will stand by and do nothing while Iran acquires a bomb. That claim fits within their broader narrative of his supposed hostility to Israel, which he carefully and forcefully refuted at the same time.

On Mideast peace, he simply differs from the neoconservatives and the government of Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu on how much Israel must be prepared to concede for the sake of peace with the Palestinians. He has adopted no position that is not considered entirely legitimate in Israeli politics -- although

Netanyahu and his party often functioning as GOP operatives in U.S. politics, have collaborated with the Republicans in portraying Obama as an enemy of Israel.

As for Iran, the truth (as such serious experts must surely know) is that the Obama administration has pursued a multifaceted international campaign to

deprive the regime of its nuclear dreams. Although he sought a constructive relationship with Tehran from the beginning of his administration, the mullahs and their competitors in Persian politics have scarcely encouraged that approach with their defiance of international norms and their brutal repression of their own people. So in tandem with Israel, Obama has evidently authorized a wide-ranging covert effort to forestall and frustrate Iran's military complex, including interference with its computer systems and undercover sales of defective equipment to its military purchasing agencies.

Now he is demanding time to let sanctions work. In the meantime, he is seeking agreement with Netanyahu on exactly what that would mean -- whether the "red line" that Iran must not cross is to build a nuclear weapon, as Obama has just suggested, or to obtain the capability to build one, as Netanyahu insists. That critical distinction may represent the difference between a tense peace and a precarious war.

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JOE CONASON

**Q: Some days it's very breezy, and other days, there seems to be no wind at all. What causes wind?**

**A:** There are several reasons why it's windy one day and calm the next, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

Wind is caused by air flowing from an area of high pressure to an area of low pressure, he explains.

"Add to that the rotation of the Earth," he adds. "The Earth's rotation also affects air flow. And during daylight hours, the heat from the ground causes a convective reaction to occur, meaning heat is moving away from the Earth's surface and sunlight causes an excess

## Weather Whys

### What is wind?

of energy buildup. At night, the convection is much less, meaning winds die down. Nature is always trying to balance things out, and the result of trying to balance and equalize pressure from one area to another results in wind."

**Q: Are there different kinds of wind?**

**A:** Winds that blow uphill are called upslope winds, and winds that blow downhill are called downslope winds, McRoberts adds.

"Winds that blow from large bodies of water inland are called sea breezes. Santa Ana winds are dry winds that can fan forest fires, especially in California.

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# Romney

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Santorum and Gingrich are invoking God and country as they campaign in Mississippi and Alabama. They're winning applause by saying Obama has been a weak ally for Israel, a point that resonates with Christian conservatives.

Romney and Obama also expressed support for Israel this week in speeches to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, but Mary Dockery, director of a Christian youth group in central Mississippi, said she's voting for Santorum because she believes he's the most pro-Israel candidate.

"In God's word, he tells us about the blessings of those people who support Israel," Dockery said at a Santorum rally Wednesday night at the Mississippi Agriculture Museum in Jackson.

Santorum didn't mention Gingrich during his appearance at the rally before about 400 people, but he drew parallels between Romney and Obama on the government's role in health care. A boy at the rally hollered, "Obamneycare," momentarily drawing attention.

"If we win in Mississippi, this will be a two-person race," Santorum told the audience, which included several families with young children and some people wearing tea party shirts.

Roughly 200 people turned out Thursday morning to hear Gingrich at a Jackson hotel. He spoke at length about oil production but got the most applause when he said Obama has an arrogant belief in big government.

"Obamaism is a repudiation of the Declaration of Independence," Gingrich declared.

Still, Romney is supported by top Republicans in many Southern states, including in Alabama, and he'll speak in Birmingham on Friday. He's been endorsed by former Alabama Gov. Bob Riley, though Riley concedes Romney is an underdog in the state.

"Mitt Romney is the only candidate with the leadership and business experience to take our country through this difficult economic situation and bring us out stronger," Riley said. "If there was ever time to have a job creator in the White House, it is now."

In Louisiana, which holds its primary in two weeks, state Republican Executive Director Jason Dore said support for GOP candidates seems to be fluctuating to match the national battle over the nomination. He said Romney supporters are particularly active in the New Orleans area, while Ron Paul is getting much of the attention on college campuses.

"Gingrich and Santorum

seem to both ebb and flow all the time," Dore said.

In Mississippi, Romney has been endorsed by most statewide elected officials, including Gov. Phil Bryant, who announced his support on Thursday shortly before a Romney rally in the coastal city of Pascagoula. Bryant had previously supported Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who has dropped out. Both of Mississippi's Republican National Committee members, Henry Barbour and Jeanne Luckey, are supporting Romney.

"Folks in Mississippi are just like Republicans in other places. They care about jobs and the economy and who can beat Obama. That's why I'm supporting Romney," said Barbour, a prominent state lobbyist whose uncle, former Gov. Haley Barbour, is withholding an endorsement until Republicans choose a nominee.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal endorsed his friend Perry. When Perry dropped out of the race, Jindal said he'd wait and endorse the eventual nominee.

Waiting to hear Gingrich speak Thursday in Jackson, Shane Brown, a 43-year-old nondenominational Christian minister, said he and his wife are not Romney fans but they're resigned that he will probably win the nomination.

"He just does not seem like a real person," Brown said. "We're going to end up getting a candidate that the base doesn't really love. You may go vote for him, but you're not going to tell 10 people to go vote for him."

He said that enthusiasm gap will hurt the Republicans. "I think that's something the party establishment doesn't quite understand."

Cal Jillson, a Southern Methodist University political science professor, said Romney can claim success if he wins one-third of the primary vote in Mississippi and Alabama.

"Gingrich is there as a son of the South," Jillson said. "And Santorum is there as a Yankee but as a Yankee social conservative."

Wilke, 71, worked 31 years as an industrial equipment salesman and lives in a rural area outside Jackson. Wearing a shirt emblazoned with a large American flag and a baseball cap with "USA" in red, white and blue, he attended the Santorum rally Wednesday night in at the state agriculture museum.

He said he's about 95 percent in support of Santorum and 100 percent in support of Gingrich. Wilke said he likes Santorum's social conservatism, and he believes Gingrich would wipe the floor with Obama in a debate.

Romney? Don't even get

Wilke started. Too rich. Out of touch. Too slick, and too likely to say one thing to an audience up North and other things to audiences down South, Wilke said.

"I've got to tell you the truth: I don't trust the man," Wilke said. "He's too wishy-washy."

And Wilke said the Republican primary has been too negative: "I don't want (Santorum) bashing the Mormon and I don't want the Mormon bashing Newt."

Bettye Fine Collins of Birmingham, Ala., a Republican National Committee member, said she's supporting Santorum in the primary because "he has never flip-flopped on conservative values." But she said she'll back Romney if he wins the nomination. She said Santorum's background, as the son of the coal miner, will appeal more to the common man and woman than Romney's. She said Obama won in 2008 by targeting the common voter.

"We didn't target the people who are out there struggling to make a living," Collins said.

In Montgomery, Ala., Candy Sumrall, a 56-year-old transportation worker and declared "strong Newt supporter," said she thinks many people will vote for Romney because the media have proclaimed him the front-runner. She believes Gingrich is the only person with a real chance to defeat Obama.

"All the things Romney flip-flopped on, you don't change the way you think and what you believe because you think that's what people want to hear," Sumrall said. "Mitt Romney is Obama lite."

Jillson said the South will remain solidly Republican in November.

"If Romney is the nominee, he will certainly win as much of the South as McCain did last time," Jillson said. "The fight will be in the periphery. It will be Virginia and Florida. The rest of the South is pretty secure."

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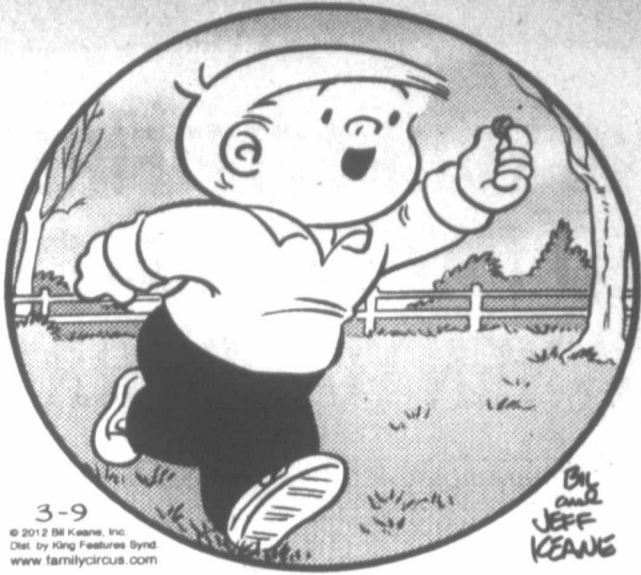
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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, March 10, 2012:

This year you relate on a one-on-one level, and people are more open as a result. You also come to understand what ails a key person in your life. You can work together to get past this issue. If you are attached, this person could be your sweetie. If you are single, you might encounter stiffness when relating to new people. You are more open than in the past. Use care with joint finances. You might be best off being the only person in control of your finances. LIBRA can be overly serious, but you need to honor his or her feelings.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Defer to others as much as you want. Note that a partner or loved one might be too down in the dumps to make a decision. Be willing to pick up the slack in this case. Your sensitivity to a changeable situation really will make a difference. Tonight: Follow the crowds.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Know that even you, the Bull, have a limited amount of energy. You can only push so far. You have had a lot on your plate. Remain sensitive to various factors. Your imagination is a resource you need to tap into more often, especially when making plans. Tonight: Don't push.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your creativity might fill in when plans fall flat or become too tried-and-true. Realize when you have had enough. Express your ingenuity and expectations. Someone you care about needs your time but keeps pushing you away. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ The basics do count, and you might be surprised at the role you play within a certain group of friends. Your nurturing and caring really count. You might not know which way to go with a child or loved one. Just be yourself, and everything will work out. Tonight: At home.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Where you are is where the crowds can be found. You might find that a friend drags you down, but you can change the scenario, if you so choose. Let go, and allow yourself to be less judgmental. Make sure to touch base with a sibling or close relative. Tonight: Hang out.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your finances play a big role in making plans. You do not intend to be difficult, but you might need to veto certain ideas. Under no circumstances should you create stress. In time, stress could evolve into resentment. Tonight: Treating yourself and others doesn't need to break the bank.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your sense of direction sets the tone. How you handle a personal situation could change. You have been withdrawn, serious or maybe even negative. None of these approaches have worked. Willingly head down a new path. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Take your time, and be more centered about what you want. Somehow, another person misses the point and might cause a problem. Detach, and try not to get involved. Tonight: Make it OK to be a bit lazy.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You cannot help but be yourself. Make plans surrounding a favorite hobby or pastime. Include your friends, and you will have a close-to-perfect time. Someone you care about could be way too serious for your taste. He or she might need some alone time with you. Tonight: Be the ringmaster of the party.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You cannot minimize the importance of an older friend or relative in your life. You can only push so hard to meet your responsibilities, yet this person needs to feel important. Share more with him or her and other pivotal ties in your life. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ If you feel like taking off for the day, do. A change of scenery always renews you. At the same time, you could meet halfway with a friend who lives at a distance. Your creativity soars as you revise your budget. Know when to say enough. Tonight: Where you can escape the here and now.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ A relationship weighs you down. You have difficulty discovering what works and what you need to do. Detach some, and you will see things differently. Tap into your imagination more often. Music helps the process. Tonight: Be with that special friend.

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# Sports

## Harvesters' defense can't back up hitting in 8-7 loss

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In their three previous games, the Pampa Harvesters' bats haven't had much pop, as they racked up a combined total of eight hits. Thursday in the opener of the Midland Tournament, Pampa's bats came alive with seven hits, but defensive errors hampered that effort in an 8-7 loss to Midland Bulldogs JV.



Snelgrooes

Both teams had to battle the weather as there were 30 mph winds and a wind chill of 25 degrees. Pampa jumped out to a 3-0 lead. Junior Jordan Lemons hit an infield single that scored senior Cole Engle. Senior Zach Graves hit a two-RBI double to left to score senior Collin Killgo and Lemons.

"We put the ball in play really well," Snelgrooes said. "The wind was blowing 30 mph. straight in and we are able to hit some balls hard for doubles and put pressure on them."

Defensively, the Harvesters looked like they were going to get out of the first quickly, as sophomore Ethan Hunt got a strikeout and a flyout. Midland extended

the inning with three walks, two errors and a single. The Bulldogs scored three runs and ended the first tied.

The Harvesters (3-7) scored a run in the second and broke the game open in the third with three. Pampa's offense was aided by three errors with two coming in the third. Graves hit a sacrifice fly to left to extend the lead to 5-3. Lemons stole home on a double steal attempt.

Midland responded in the bottom half with two doubles, single and a groundout scoring four runs. The Bulldogs weren't able to take the lead as Hunt struck out their final batter.

The Harvesters were held scoreless in the fourth and Midland took advantage. Starting pitcher Travis Wilbanks led off with a walk. Travis Garza courtesy ran for him and scored on a dropped third strike giving the Bulldogs the lead.

Hunt (2-1) took the loss, giving up eight runs on five hits, walked five and struck out three. Snelgrooes said Hunt pitched well enough to win.

"We didn't make plays behind him," Snelgrooes said. "We got to do that. I know it's cold and nasty but you got to make plays behind your pitcher."

This is the fourth straight loss for Pampa and fifth in their last six games. The Harvesters continue play at 12:30 p.m. against Pecos.



Senior Collin Killgo swings at a pitch in Feb. 24 game. The Harvesters scored seven runs on seven hits Thursday against Midland JV but lost 8-7.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

### NFL FREE AGENCY

## Teams start bidding for newly released quarterback Manning

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Sent packing by his only NFL team, one he transformed from afterthought to Super Bowl champion, Peyton Manning said goodbye to the Indianapolis Colts with a shaky voice and tear-filled eyes, then got ready to find a new place to play quarterback.

At a podium alongside owner Jim Irsay, who cut the injured star Wednesday rather than pay a whopping \$28 million bonus due this week, Manning was by turns wistful, nostalgic — he got choked up while praising the Colts' equipment managers — and forward-looking.

The only four-time MVP in NFL history now figures to become as coveted a free agent as the league has ever seen, assuming he can assuage any lingering concerns about the series of neck operations that forced him to miss all of 2011. Arizona, Miami, Seattle, Tennessee, Washington and the New York Jets all have been rumored as possible destinations; Manning's former offensive coordinator in Indianapolis, Tom Moore, worked for the Jets as a consultant last season.

"Nobody loves their job more than I do. Nobody loves playing quarterback more than I do. I still want to play. But there is no other team I wanted to play for," said Manning, who turns 36 this month.

Still, he acknowledged: "We all know that nothing lasts forever. Times change, circumstances change, and that's the reality of playing in the NFL."

Another reality: Manning should command plenty of offers on the open market. It's not very often that teams get a crack at a QB who's thrown for more than 50,000 yards and nearly 400 touchdowns, been picked for 11 Pro Bowls, and been a Super Bowl MVP. Manning's importance to the Colts' success was never more apparent than last season, when their record plummeted to 2-14 without him.

"I have no idea who wants me, what team wants me, how this process works," Manning told a group of reporters in South Florida, where he has a home and flew after the news conference. "I don't know if it's like college recruiting where you go take visits. I mean, this is all so new to me."

Reports of other clubs' interest began emerging a while back, and they'll only intensify now. Because he was released and went on the waiver wire Wednesday, Manning is allowed to negotiate and sign with any club immediately; he does not need to wait until the free-agent period

that begins next Tuesday, and said his agent already was taking calls.

"I literally have not had one conversation with anyone about these teams. It's been so hard for me trying to figure out some closure with my situation with the Colts," Manning said. "I haven't thought about teams, and I don't know who is interested. I really don't."

Reaction poured into Twitter feeds from all around the sports world — not merely from NFL players publicly lobbying for their teams to sign Manning. Dwyane Wade of the NBA's Miami Heat urged Manning to head to that city's Dolphins, while tennis' Andy Roddick, the 2003 U.S. Open champion, observed: "The colts cutting Peyton feels like the north pole kicking out Santa."

That's about right. The stark first sentence of the official team statement read: "The Indianapolis Colts today released quarterback Peyton Manning."

Even if the news first leaked out Tuesday — and had been anticipated for weeks, if not months — it was odd to see those words written about a player so synonymous with the horseshoe helmet that Irsay said Manning's No. 18 will never again be worn by a Colts player.

Fans of various teams can start imagining what Manning might look like in their colors. Picture Joe Montana heading from the 49ers to the Chiefs or Emmitt Smith switching from the Cowboys to the Cardinals.

"For those of us who are so used to him being there day in and day out, it would be a little like (Yankees captain) Derek Jeter changing teams. He really is that iconic guy that represents the franchise. It's a hackneyed phrase, but he truly is the face of the franchise, and has been," said former Colts vice chairman Bill Polian, who drafted Manning out of Tennessee with the No. 1 overall pick in the 1998 draft and was fired this January. "It will be a little strange not having him there."

That is why Wednesday provided such an awkward and unusual scene for Manning and Irsay. Their NFL lives have been so closely intertwined, yet they stood inches apart in jackets and ties while discussing their separation.

Rarely do star athletes who are not retiring show up at a news conference to let the world know they've been dumped. And while Manning and Irsay — indeed, all of the NFL — was aware this profitable partnership was due to end now, the emotions showed by both seemed raw

and real. "This has not been easy for Jim," Manning said, "and this has certainly not been easy for me."

Each paused frequently to try to compose himself while speaking during their appearance in a room at the Colts' complex normally reserved for celebratory news conferences, such as the hiring of a new coach or general manager — two other significant steps Irsay took recently as he essentially starts from scratch. The room is lined with banners honoring some of the team's greatest stars, including, of course, Manning himself, flanked by Pro Football Hall of Famers Eric Dickerson and John Mackey.

Indianapolis needed to cut Manning this week to avoid paying him a bonus from the \$90 million, five-year contract he signed in July, although both owner and player insisted the decision was not really about money. The Colts are widely expected to begin moving on by taking Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck with the No. 1 overall pick in April's draft.

Irsay repeatedly used the word "rebuilding" and acknowledged: "We're definitely a few years away."

Manning, Irsay said, "is on the mend to try to resume his career."

Manning hopes to be playing in the NFL at the start of next season.

Still, he said Wednesday: "I'll always be a Colt. I always will be. That'll never change."

When the news conference ended, Manning reached over to shake hands with Irsay, who instead tried to offer a hug, and they wound up settling for pats on the shoulder before walking off together and leaving the room.

Clearly, this was not an easy adieu for Manning.

Mentioning Colts employees he'll no longer be around, Manning paused to collect himself while noting: "We've got the

greatest equipment guys in the world."

"I think about those type of relationships — not necessarily always on the field, and the touchdown throw to win the game. It's the behind the scenes. The laughs. The stories. The times spent together. Those are the memories. Those aren't going away," he said. "Those will be with me for the rest of my life."

Manning will forever be thought of around these parts as the QB who led the Colts to an NFL championship, barking out signals while waving his arms at the line of scrimmage to change a play after reading the defense — something he did as well as anyone.

He'll be remembered, too, for turning a basketball-loving city into a football hotbed that hosted the Super Bowl a month ago.

During that Super Bowl week, the hottest topic of conversation was Peyton Manning, not his younger brother Eli, who wound up leading the New York Giants to the title.

"There will be no other Peyton Manning," Irsay said, adding that he hoped Wednesday's joint appearance would serve to "honor incredible memories and incredible things that he's done for the franchise, for the city, for the state."

Manning started every meaningful game for 13 seasons — 227 in a row, including the playoffs — and took Indianapolis from perennial also-ran to one of the NFL's model franchises and the 2007 Super Bowl title.

In the two decades before he arrived in town, the Colts won 116 games, one division title and made the playoffs three times. With Manning taking snaps, the Colts won 150 games, eight division titles, two AFC championships and the franchise's first league championship since moving from Baltimore in 1984.

### Schedule Changes

- Softball's games against Everman and Arlington Heights in Fort Worth were rained out Thursday. Rest of tournament schedule is to be determined as of press time.
- The Baseball team's game against Pecos Friday in Midland is moved up to 12:30 p.m.
- The Varsity Boys and Girls Golf teams' competition in the Pampa Tournament Friday is canceled and will start on Saturday.

The Pampa News will keep you informed of changes as we are made aware.

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**TOTRW**

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because a lot of work, a lot of phone calls, a lot of emails go into contacting those candidates to make them want to come to Gray County. ... Every candidate I talked to was overwhelmed, going 'Wow, what a wonderful event.' That will make them want to come back here."

In addition to virtually every candidate for Gray County offices, all four candidates for the District 88 Texas House of Representatives post (Pampa's Mac Smith, as well as out-of-towners Jim Landtroop of Plainview, Gary Walker of Plains and Ken King of Canadian) were in attendance, as were U.S. House candidate Pam Barlow of Bowie and Texas State Board of Education hopeful Marty Rowley of Amarillo. Current 13th district U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry sent a representative to the forum, and Annette Carlisle, who is running against Rowley for the state education board, was represented by Barry Haenisch, superintendent of the Pampa Independent School District.

Whitehead said that several non-local candidates expressed positive impressions about the area after seeing the high turnout.

"I did get to speak to Mr. Landtroop after the event and Mr. Walker," Whitehead said. "I think even their eyes were opened a little bit about how great Gray County is. They were a little surprised, and they thanked me over and over and wanted me to relay that message to everyone involved. They said they had no idea there would be this kind of turnout."

Forum guests, on the other hand, also expressed their satisfaction with the forum, according to Whitehead.

"I know for a fact that they got something meaningful out of it," said Whitehead. "I talked to several individuals and some conversations came back to me where people were asked, 'Did

you get your questions answered?' or 'Did they talk about what you wanted, what you were curious about?'"

"They said yes, 100 percent. We had some individuals that said, 'I never knew how informative these forums were until I came,' or, 'Now I can put a face with a name.' Whether it's state or local, it really was able to provide them some information about the people running for those positions to let them know who they are and what they're really about."

Vinson said that the high attendance proves that Pampa is a politically aware, civic-minded community, especially in an election year.

"I think people are very interested in the election and want to be informed voters," she said. "They came tonight to see who all is out there and what they have to say about what they can do to make a difference in our community."

Whitehead said that the TOTRW is hoping to see similar interest at the TORW's next public event, slated to be a visit of state GOP head Steve Munisteri, who is slated to appear in Pampa next month.

"When (Vinson) went to the Texas Federation of Republican Women's leadership day in Austin recently, she got to speak with the state Republican Party chairman," Whitehead said. "She extended an invitation to him to come visit Gray County, and he accepted. He'll be here at our April 18 meeting. We are going to extend that invitation to the public."

While the TOTRW regularly meets at the Pampa Senior Citizen's Center, a location for hosting Munisteri for the public has not yet been finalized, Whitehead said, adding that the TOTRW will release more details closer to the event.

**Outpatient**

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Patients come three times a week for group therapy and classes from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a meal provided.

"Dr. Alice Sanchez, who is our psychiatrist here on the unit, also provides services for each individual out there," said Needham. "She goes out to see them about once a week. She goes over if they're taking anything med-wise that might need to be adjusted, and then she can do that on an outpatient basis."

The classes are taught by Thomas Harris, a licensed counselor.

"They're all taught by him, and he uses different

mediums," said Needham. "He's got different books on different subjects, and they'll go over that. One is adult children of alcoholics, so he touches a little bit of everything. It's group led, and whatever's in group therapy that's troubling them, he'll try to address that in group."

Transportation can be provided to the clinic if needed.

"If they are located here in Pampa (or Borger) and they are coming to the outpatient, Panhandle Transit will pick them up and take them out," said Day. "We can set that up for them if they want or

need that service."

If someone is interested in seeking out the clinic's outpatient services, they can contact the clinic to set up an assessment. Needham said the clinic accepts medicare, and that most insurance covers the cost of outpatient services.

"Of course, each patient is responsible for their co-pays and their yearly deductibles, but if they're in a position where the co-pays are too much, Area Agency on Aging has other services that they might be able to qualify for to help cover those co-pays, so that helps," she said.

**Clarendon**

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Shelby Huff, financial aid assistant at Clarendon College Pampa Center, helps students in obtaining financial aid.

"Everybody when they start the process, they fill out an application for financial aid, and what that does is it applies them for federal and state grants," she said. "So, we're always pushing the grants, because that's the free money. I think of my job primarily to see what the students qualify for as far as free money, get them the money they're eligible for from federal and state grants, and there are student loans available, but we try to emphasize the grants."

Students begin by filling out the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which determines a student's eligibility for federal grants based on income and household size.

"The main federal grant is the Pell grant," said Huff. "That's the big one. And then there are smaller state grants, and it just depends on how the student graduated from high school and our budgets for the smaller state grants. I first see if the student qualified for the Pell grant, and then go to the state grants from there."

Students can receive up to \$5,500 for the academic year through the Pell Grant if they are full time students.

"If people don't qualify for Pell, we offer student loans as well, and those are guaranteed by the government, so there is a way to go to college if you really want to," said Raymond Jaramillo, Vice President of Off Campus Affairs and Dean of Workforce Development at Clarendon College.

The school offers internal scholarships as well for those who don't qualify for other forms of financial aid.

"The scholarship deadline is March 15, but we do accept applications after the fact, because we may not have enough applications by the due date, and some people may not accept their awards, may go to a different college, and that money

goes back into the pool, so we're always accepting applications for scholarships," said Huff.

She recommends checking out [www.collegeforalltexas.com](http://www.collegeforalltexas.com) for additional opportunities and information about financial aid.

"It's got lots of good information for outside scholarships," she said.

Lately, Huff has been speaking with Pampa High School students about opportunities out there for financial aid.

"We give a presentation where we explain the whole process, and we've gotten good feedback," she said. "The parents and students are letting us know that it's more help than they've ever received."

In the future, the Pampa campus also plans to host Bull Dog Days, which will give students the chance to go through the processes of applications, admissions, financial aid and registration in one go.

"It's very beneficial to the student, because they can sit down with us all in one day," said Huff.

"No one wants to come in the day of registration and stand in long lines, so that's what we're trying to do to address those needs ahead of time," said Jaramillo.

Clarendon College offers programs for LVN, EMS, cosmetology, welding, wind energy, office technology and medical transcriptionist and HVAC. The college will host an event in May that is geared towards its workforce programs.

"We have a big event here that all the local schools are invited to," said Christy Brooks, Coordinator of Workforce Development. "It's a technology day, where they can come in and get to tour each one of our programs. They get to come in, and do a hands on, fun activity, so that's pretty fun."

The school's deadline for preregistration for summer and fall semesters is April 17, with the priority deadline for financial aid on August 1.

**Cartel**

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establish a presence in Europe, "but not to the scope we are seeing now. The Sinaloa is the first cartel that can have an impact worldwide."

The British agents met with U.S. authorities in Texas to talk about surveillance tactics, special operations teams and cyber-crime units. The agents will head next week to Miami to learn about port operations in the U.S. On Thursday, they watched how ICE investigators and private contractors tore apart a car where a cargo of marijuana was intercepted. The seizure was made by Customs and Border Protection agents at the Paso del Norte Bridge in

this West Texas city. SOCA was created in 2006 and is responsible for investigating drug trafficking, criminal organizations, cybercrime, counterfeiting, the use of firearms and serious robberies.

In a statement read by one of the British undercover agents, the agency said it wanted its agents to come to El Paso because "it's always better to be exposed to the problems and the environment first hand."

"We want to learn from the special agents about the local, regional and international impact of the widely reported scale of drug trafficking that takes place across this border,"

the statement said.

The British agents were also interested in how El Paso has managed to remain one of the safest cities in the U.S. even though it's across the Rio Grande from Ciudad Juarez, a city afflicted by one of the highest murder rates in the hemisphere.

Hagelsieb said U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations collaborates with local agencies, targeting specific criminal groups and gathering intelligence on them. "We are able to intercept them at points of entry before they cross back and forth."


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