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Forsan employees make donation

Some longtime Forsan Independent School District employees are "giving back." John and Nora Stillwell recently donated \$1,000 to the schools college scholarship fund.

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BRIEFLY

More blood drives slated for the area

There are several upcoming United Blood Services drives scheduled in Big Spring.

Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., a blood drive is scheduled in the Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway.

Blood drives are also scheduled in February. From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Feb. 3 a blood drive will take place in the Rip Griffin Truck and Travel Center. From 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Feb. 17 a blood drive is set at the VA Medical Center. And the last opportunity to donate blood in February is from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Wal-Mart Feb. 21.

To donate blood an individual must be at least 18 years old or 17 years old with parent's permission and weigh more than 100 pounds. Bring a list of all medications currently being taken to the site.

For more information, contact Peggy Hards at 432-569-5531.

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Coahoma ISD hires consultant for facilities study

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Independent School District is a long way from calling for major improvements in its facilities, but school officials are taking a long, hard look at the subject.

Some of the district's buildings are more than 50 years old, while others are in need of at least some form of renovation, officials say.

Going on the theory that "forewarned is forearmed," the district has hired a consulting firm

to take the first of four possible steps in mapping out a solution to the problem.

Parkhill, Smith and Cooper of Midland will send a consulting team to Coahoma and will spend the next few weeks assessing the state of the school district's infrastructure.

Jay Edwards of PSC told school trustees Thursday night that the firm's first step will be what he called a "preliminary facility condition assessment," basically a general overview of what does or doesn't need fixing.

If trustees want to proceed fur-

ther, the second step for PSC would involve formulating a master plan to determine the district's infrastructure needs for the next 10 to 20 years. Preliminary estimates of the costs involved would be made available, allowing the board to decide which way it wanted to proceed.

Completion of the master plan would take between six and eight months, Edwards said.

No one is calling for a bond election yet, Interim Superintendent Wayne Mitchell said, but if things come to that,

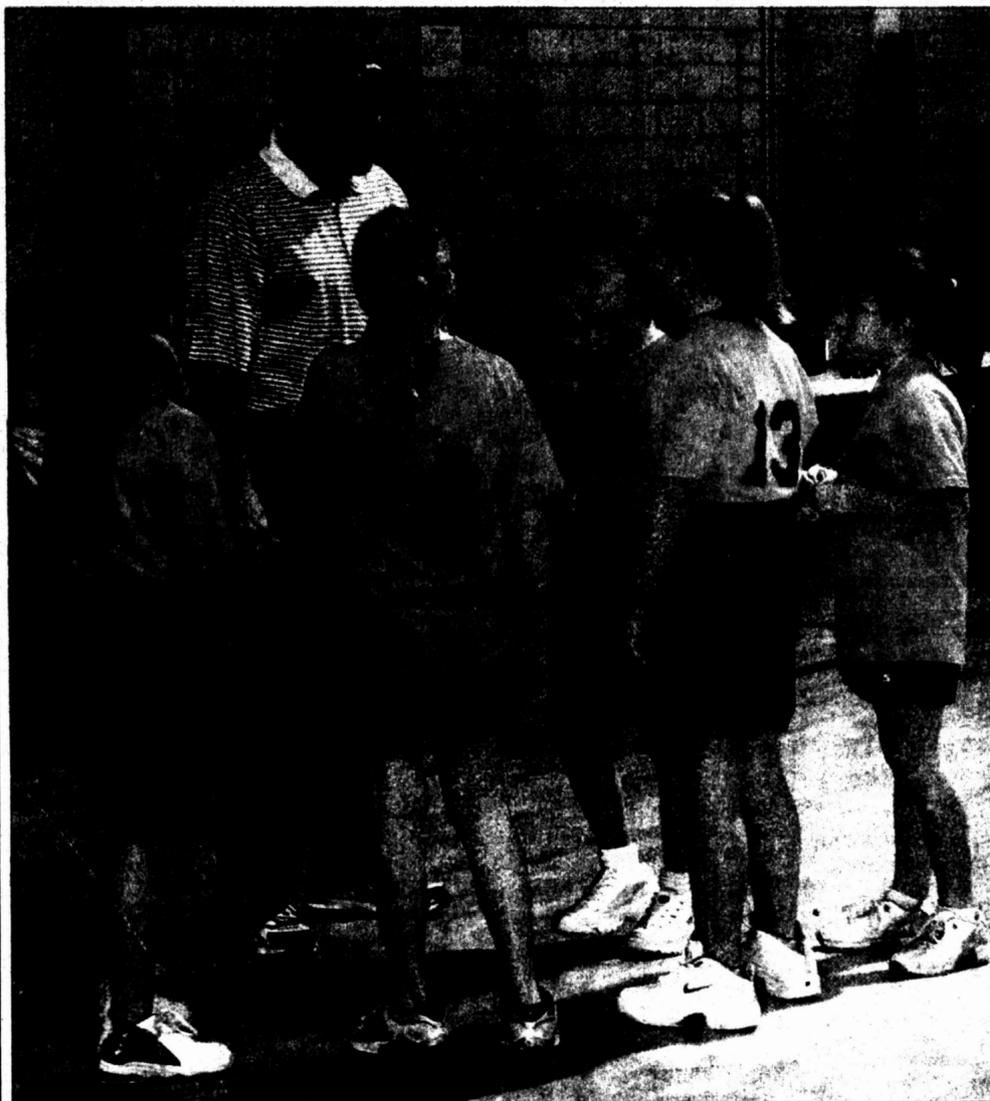
PSC would proceed to Phase 3 of its proposal.

In that phase, PSC would conduct a "pre-bond design plan," which would include specific estimates and materials explaining in detail what would be constructed. Edward said the firm would even establish a web site where taxpayers could view architectural designs and itemized cost estimates.

Phase Four, a traditional contract between the firm and school district, would only pro-

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DISCUSSING THINGS



Hotshots Coach Chad Wash gives instructions to his team during a timeout of their game with the Lady Raiders in YMCA Youth Basketball League action Saturday morning.

Council Golf course plan to get second look

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members are expected to consider final approval of funding for renovations at the city-owned Comanche Trail Golf Course, which drew fire from golf enthusiasts during its first pass through the council chambers two weeks ago.

Council members approved a \$130,000 subsidy for the municipal golf course during the 2004 budget session for improvements to holes 10, 11 and 16, including tee boxes, greens, fairway work, cart paths and irrigation. Two weeks ago the council voted 6 to 1, with Councilman Greg Biddison the lone dissenter, to award the contract to Cornerstone Golf Services.

The council voted unanimously to raise green fees at the facility as well, also part of the agreement reached during the 2004 budget sessions.

Similar renovations were completed at the course's second hole in June 2004 — the same renovations golf enthusiast Patsy Sharpnack referred to during the Jan. 11 meeting as a "disaster."

"The surrounding area on Hole 2 — you can't even walk around it without ruining your shoes. Hole 2 is being called the sewer now. That's what people are calling it. It's just pathetic," Sharpnack told council members.

Sharpnack went on to criticize other aspects of the course, including the clubhouse, cart trails and lack of a driving range.

McEwen called for patience from Sharpnack and other dissenting golfers, saying it takes time for greens to mature. The mayor also defended the subsidies the city is putting forward to finance the renovations.

"It's an attempt to make

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AARP to again provide tax assistance

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

As millions of Americans prepare to wade into the jumble of numbers and formulas that is our tax code, the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) is getting ready to lend a helping hand to local residents.

AARP will begin its annual Tax-Aide program Monday, Jan. 31, in an effort to help area residents make sense of the tax laws and forms that seem to get more complicated each year.

Hopkins said the program is a necessity for many area residents who can't afford to have their

taxes prepared by a professional, and the heart and soul of the operation is its volunteers.

"AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns," she said. "These volunteers help people complete their

returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

Hopkins said the volunteer-based program is designed to help people that might not otherwise be able to file a tax return.

"The AARP program

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Johnny Carson, 30-year king of late night TV, dead at 79



Former "The Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson died at the age of 79 at his home in Malibu, Calif., on Sunday.

By LYNN ELBER AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Johnny Carson didn't invent the late-night TV talk show but he made the most of it.

His "Tonight Show" monologues, celebrity banter and the corny but winning skits all had the Carson touch of heartland charm and humor that remained on the polite side of risqué.

When he died Sunday, his quiet retirement of nearly 13 years hadn't dimmed the memory of his three decades as king of late-night or the admiration of entertainers and others.

"All of us who came after are pretenders. We will not see the

likes of him again," said David Letterman, host of CBS' "Late Show."

President Bush described Carson as "a steady and reassuring presence in homes across America for three decades. His wit and insight made Americans laugh and think and had a profound influence on American life and entertainment."

Carson died early Sunday morning, according to his nephew, Jeff Sotzing. He did not provide further details, but NBC said Carson died of emphysema — a respiratory disease that can be attributed to smoking — at his Malibu home.

Carson often had a cigarette in hand in the early years of

"Tonight," eventually dropping the on-air habit when smoking on TV became frowned on. But he remained a heavy smoker for some years afterward, said a former associate who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The boyish-looking Iowa native with the disarming grin, who survived every attempt to topple him from his late-night talk show throne, was a star who managed never to distance himself from his audience.

His wealth, the adoration of his guests — particularly the many young comics whose careers he launched, like Letterman — the wry tales of multiple divorces:

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Obituaries

T.D. Peacock



T.D. Peacock, 86, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 21, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, in the Nalley-Pickle & Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. today.

He was born Aug. 11, 1918, in Necessity and married Edna Ruth Dillard Dec. 21, 1937, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Sept. 1, 1989.

T.D. moved to Knott in 1945, where he farmed for many years, moving to Big Spring in 1958. He worked for civil service as a jet mechanic for 30 years, first at Webb Air Force Base and then at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock.

Upon his retirement in 1985, he moved back to Big Spring. He had served in the United States Marine Corps. He loved to travel and spend time with his family. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ray and Debbie Peacock of Midland, Larry and Frances Peacock of Caddo Mills and Dale Peacock of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Larry Brockman of Granbury and Kay and Gary Seager of Marshall; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Romona Brockman of Sweetwater and Iva and Jesse Morrell of Casper, Wyo.; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Sgt. Jimmie Peacock in 1970, seven brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials to Mobile Meals, P.O. Box 765, Big Spring 79721-0765.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

*Paid obituary*

Gene Gordon Whitaker

Gene Gordon Whitaker, 76, of Cameron, died Jan. 18, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services will be announced at a later time and his body was cremated.

Whitaker, a self-employed geologist, was born Feb. 9, 1928, in Big Spring to John and Linnie Whitaker. He married Johnnie Mae Graham in 1974 and was a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife, Johnnie Mae Whitaker of Cameron; sons Basil Mowdy of Grand Junction, Colo., John Mowdy of Odessa and James Peking of Del Rio; daughters Jeaneane Firm of Fort Worth and Sue Mowdy of Irving; one brother, Joe Whitaker of Big Spring; sister Mary Anna Jones of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Isaiah Loranzo Penalber

Isaiah Loranzo Penalber, infant son of Denise Mary Gomez and Martin Penalber of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Fay Yates Reed

Fay Yates Reed, 86, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, in an Odessa care facility. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-7-10-37-40. Bonus Ball: 22. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$57 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-12-23-32-33. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 7-2-4

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Isolated morning showers. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Warmer. Lows near 40. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. West winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows near 40. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs near 60. North winds near 10 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows near 40.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 60.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 40.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 60.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

- **EMILIO HERRERA**, 43, of 1302 Stanford, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

- **HECTOR CASTANEDA**, 20, of 2000 Runnels, was arrested Sunday on four local warrants and a Howard County warrants.

- **JOSEPH OLVERA**, 18, of 101 N. Goliad, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage - enhanced.

- **KODY JACKSON**, 19, of 3217 Fenn, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage - enhanced.

- **NATASHA MORRIS**, 18, of 911 S. Scurry Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage - enhanced.

- **DANA LOCKHART**, 21, of 1302 Leatherwood, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants and a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.

- **BRANDON RUSHIN**, 35, of 1611 Harding, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while license suspended and displaying a fictitious inspection sticker.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson.

- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported in the 800 block of Wood.

- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED - SECOND OFFENSE** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 3800 block of Highway 80.
  - in the 700 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 3900 block of Hamilton.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- **DAVID SHAWN MENDEZ**, 18, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for consumption of alcohol by a minor - third offense enhanced.

- **PHILLIP MICHAEL PADRON**, 19, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor - third offense enhanced.

- **MICHELE LYNN STOAKS**, 19, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - two counts.

- **EARL PERRY HANKE**, 46, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

- **JESSIE CASTILLO JR.**, 40, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

- **LASANDRA JACKSON**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery.

- **JESSE WYATT COLEGROVE**, 56, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and duty on striking unattended vehicle.

- **JUAN ROBERTO MENJAREZ**, 48, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

- **LORELL GONZALES**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

- **ALVINO ROCHA**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

- **DALE ROBERT SCHENCK**, 22, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a warrant for burglary.

- **ROBERT DIAZ JR.**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

- **ASSAULT - FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 3900 block of Gail Highway.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2900 block of Collins Road.

Take note

□ **A WRAP-UP FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS MEETING** is set for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Dora Roberts Community Center. All Adopt-A-Spot participants as well as committee members are asked to attend. A discussion on the next event will take place. Call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or 213-5444.

□ **ODYSSEY HEALTHCARE HOSPICE** invites all caregivers to an appreciation dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Christ Community Church fellowship hall, 1008 Birdwell Lane. The dinner is for all past and present caregivers. Make a reservation by calling Sadie Watkins at 263-5999.

□ **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning Feb. 2. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM EXHIBIT "TEXAS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY"** remains open through Jan. 31. Admission fees are waived for patrons viewing the exhibit. The museum is also accepting donations of costumes to be used with the new theme party area opening in May. Call the museum at 267-8255.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

- Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2400 block of Cheyenne at 12:10 p.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster at 2:18 p.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway at 6:28 p.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon at 7:13 p.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Brooks at 6:41 a.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg Street at 2:10 p.m. Saturday. Service was refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler at 11:19 a.m. Saturday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 8:53 a.m. Saturday. One person was transported to the Big Spring VA.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 12:59 a.m. Saturday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson at 11:09 a.m. Saturday. Service was refused.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 18th Street and Gregg at 12:45 a.m. Saturday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of N. Main Street at 4:03 p.m. Sunday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter at 6:27 p.m. Sunday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street at 8:04 p.m. Sunday. Service was refused.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Donley at 4:26 a.m. Sunday. Service was refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Highland at 5:52 a.m. Sunday. Service was refused.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of W. Second Street at 10:58 p.m. Sunday. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of NE Second Street at 1:36 p.m. Sunday. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Carson's air of modesty made it all serve to enhance his bedtime intimacy with viewers.

"Heeeeere's Johnny!" was the booming announcement from sidekick Ed McMahon that ushered Carson out to the stage. Then the formula: the topical monologue, the guests, the odd animals, the broadly played skits such as "Carnac the Magnificent."

But America never tired of him; Carson went out on top when he retired in May 1992. Actress-singer Bette Midler, who memorably serenaded Carson on his next-to-last show with "One More For My Baby," recalled him warmly Sunday.

"I was his last guest, and it was one of the most moving experiences of my life. He had it all. A little bit of devil, a whole lot of angel, wit, charm, good looks, superb timing and great, great class," Midler said in a statement.

His generosity to up-and-coming comics who got their big break on "Tonight" was lauded by Bill Cosby and others.

"Johnny was responsible for the beginning and the rise of success for more performers than anyone. I doubt if those numbers will ever be surpassed," Cosby said in a statement.

McMahon said Sunday that Carson was "like a brother to me."

"When we ended our run on 'The Tonight Show' and my professional life continued, whenever a big career decision needed to be made, I always got the OK from 'The Boss,'" McMahon said.

Carson's personal life



Jay Leno appears as a guest with Johnny Carson on "The Tonight Show" on April 28, 1977. Carson died at the age of 79 at his home in Malibu, Calif., on Sunday.

could not match the perfection of his career. Carson was married four times, divorced three. In 1991, one of his three sons, 39-year-old Ricky, was killed in a car accident.

Nearly all of Carson's professional life was spent in television, from his postwar start at Nebraska stations in the late 1940s to his three decades with NBC's flagship late-night show.

Carson chose to let "Tonight" stand as his career finale. He had a private life that suited his nature and refusing involvement in other show business projects.

"I just let the work speak for itself," he told Esquire magazine in 2002. Carson did find an out-

let for his creativity: He would send a joke occasionally to Letterman, who lost the battle for "Tonight" but remained a Carson friend. Some bits made it into Letterman's monologue.

Carson made his debut as "Tonight" host in October 1962 and quickly won over audiences. He even made headlines with such clever ploys as the 1969 on-show marriage of eccentric singer Tiny Tim to Miss Vicki, which won the show its biggest-ever ratings.

In 1972, "Tonight" moved from New York to Burbank. Growing respect for Carson's consistency and staying power, along with four Emmy Awards, came his way in the late 1970s.

His quickness and his ability to handle an audi-

ence were impressive. When his jokes missed their target, the smooth Carson won over a groaning studio audience with a clever look or sly, self-deprecating remark.

Politics provided monologue fodder for him as he skewered lawmakers of every stripe, mirroring the mood of voters. His Watergate jabs at President Nixon were seen as cementing Nixon's fall from office in 1974.

He made presidential history again in July 1988 when he had then-Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton on his show a few days after Clinton came under widespread ridicule for a boring speech at the Democratic National Convention. Clinton traded quips with Carson and played

"Summertime" on the saxophone in what was hailed as a stunning comeback.

Competing networks tried a variety of formats and hosts to challenge Carson, but never managed to best "Tonight."

There was the occasional battle with NBC: In 1967, for instance, Carson walked out for several weeks until the network managed to lure him back with a contract that reportedly gave him \$1 million-plus yearly.

In 1980, after more walk-out threats, the show was scaled back from 90 minutes to an hour. Carson also eased his schedule by cutting back on his work days; a number of substitute hosts filled in, including Joan Rivers, Jerry Lewis and Jay Leno, Carson's eventual successor.

"No single individual has had as great an impact on television as Johnny. He was the gold standard," Leno said.

Rivers was one of the countless comedians whose careers took off after they were on Carson's show. After she rocked the audience with her jokes in that 1965 appearance, he remarked, "God, you're funny. You're going to be a star."

In the '80s, Carson was reportedly the highest-paid performer in television history with a \$5 million salary alone. His Carson Productions created and sold pilots to NBC, including "TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes." Carson himself made occasional cameo appearances on other TV series.

He also performed in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, N.J., and was host of the Academy Awards five times in the '70s and '80s.

Carson's graceful exit from "Tonight" did not

avoid a messy, bitter tug-of-war between Leno and Letterman to take over his throne. Leno won, and on May 25, 1992, became the fourth man to hold the job after Steve Allen, Jack Paar and Carson. Letterman landed on rival CBS.

Born in Corning, Iowa, and raised in nearby Norfolk, Neb., Carson started his show business career at age 14 as the magician "The Great Carsoni."

After World War II service in the Navy, he took a series of jobs in local radio and TV in Nebraska before starting at KNXT-TV in Los Angeles in 1950.

There he started a sketch comedy show, "Carson's Cellar," which ran from 1951-53 and attracted attention from Hollywood. A staff writing job for "The Red Skelton Show" followed.

The program provided Carson with a lucky break: When Skelton was injured backstage, Carson took the comedian's place in front of the cameras.

Producers tried to find the right program for the up-and-coming comic, trying him out as host of the quiz show "Earn Your Vacation" (1954), the variety show "The Johnny Carson Show" (1955-56), the game show "Who Do You Trust?" (1957-62).

A few acting roles came Carson's way, including one on "Playhouse 90" in 1957, and he did a pilot in 1960 for a prime-time series, "Johnny Come Lately," that never made it onto a network.

In 1958, Carson sat in for "Tonight Show" host Paar. When Paar left the show four years later, Carson was NBC's choice as his replacement.

After his retirement, he and his wife, Alexis, traveled frequently.

AARP

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provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those

that don't speak English and people with low to moderate income," Hopkins said.

"People need to be able to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the

mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms. They also need to bring any forms that show their 2004 earnings and their 2003 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

Hopkins said Tax-Aide will continue throughout the tax season.

"We'll begin doing taxes at the Senior Center beginning Jan. 31, and continuing each Monday through April 11," said Hopkins. "For those that are homebound and can't

get to the center with their tax information, if they will call us, we'll be happy to pick up the information and get the taxes ready."

The Senior Center is located at 1901 Simler Drive on the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

For more information on the program and volunteering, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

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COUNCIL

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our golf course more playable and more attractive to everyone," said McEwen. "This council has already agreed in budget session to go above and beyond what the course is making. We're willing to subsidize the golf course by thousands of dollars. We can debate all night long whether or not this is an improvement. I believe the larger greens that are contoured and make play more attractive is an improvement to our golf course."

While the three-hole project will cost approximately \$143,000 to complete, Director of Public Works Director Todd Darden said completing the master plan's vision

of the facility is cost more — a lot more.

"There are two basic versions we've looked at for what the master plan calls for," said Darden. "The completion of all of the items, which include a new clubhouse and a driving range, is going to cost between \$1.7 million and \$2.4 million, overall."

The council is also expected to hear a brief presentation by Ray Rappold, who represents Evos Homes of Santa Rosa, Calif. According to Leigh Corson, director of administrative services for the city, the company is looking the possibility of renovating the Settles Hotel.

"He and his staff have toured the building, reviewed available documents and met with city staff," said Corson. "Based on the information they've gathered,

they would like to enter into the pre-development stage to determine whether or not it is feasible to develop the settles for retail and commercial space, as well as affordable housing."

"If the council agrees to explore this possibility, Evos requests we enter into a contract giving them the exclusive right to develop the Settles for a four year period. During that time pre-development studies will be completed. If the council decides to enter into the agreement with Evos, there will be some cost to the city associated with the pre-development activities."

Also on the agenda are: • Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute that agreement with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Inc. for profes-

sional services to furnish miscellaneous engineering consulting and design services.

• Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute and agreement with Howard County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 for the sale of water.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a financial agreement with Northside Community Center.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute and agreement with J. Phillip Furqueron for architectural consulting and design services for the Northside Community Center building.

• Emergency reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a lease purchase agreement and related agreements.

Consider budget amendment and authorize the purchase of a pickup for the offender program.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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ceed if a bond issue passed voter muster, Edwards said.

But talk of a bond issue at this early stage is a

case of putting the horse before the cart, Edwards said.

"We're taking this a few small steps at a time. We don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves," he said. "We're going to structure this to be at as minimal a cost to the dis-

trict as possible."

Mitchell agreed with Edwards, but added that the district definitely needs to address the issue of deteriorating facilities sooner rather than later.

"We're going to have to do something in the near future, as far as our facil-

ities are concerned," he said. "We're better off doing something up front."

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## EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Physical exams, new drug cards are good news

There was a dose of good medicine last week for both Medicare beneficiaries and those people who are under 65 and are uninsured.

Both the federal government and major drug manufacturers are at work in the two areas, respectively.

It is good news for the El Paso area, where economic conditions leave many citizens without health insurance. Government and health organizations point out that, as of Jan. 1, new enrollees to Medicare are eligible for a one-time "welcome to Medicare" physical exam.

And all Medicare recipients now have access to free cardiovascular and diabetes screening. That is especially important in the El Paso region, where diabetes has reached epidemic status, according to health officials.

This new law was mandated by President Bush in December 2003. Its main goal is to help lower the cost of medical care through prevention of diseases. Also, 10 major drug companies are offering a new discount card to help the 45 million uninsured Americans. It will go into effect next month. The cards will be good for purchases of more than 275 brand-name prescription drugs and a host of generic drugs.

The move comes amid a survey of Americans who overwhelmingly say — 66 percent — that the government should begin to cut deals with prescription drug companies to lower the cost of prescription medicines.

THE TIMES  
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## YOUR VIEWS

## TO THE EDITOR:

You better believe it matters that there were no weapons of mass destruction. We bombed and invaded a country because its leader was "a bad man."

Most Americans still don't understand that Iraq was not responsible for 9-11. We could have

taken all the money we spent on Iraq and saved Social Security. Instead, we re-elected a president whose father had a grudge against Saddam. It's not worth the physical or financial cost.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You are never distant, Lord, You are always with us, ready to help everyday.

Amen

## The differences are really there

The president of Harvard University is the last person you'd expect to venture politically incorrect opinions on gender and intelligence, but then Lawrence H. Summers is no ordinary Ivy League president. Last week, at a conference organized by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Summers questioned whether discrimination is entirely responsible for the dearth of female professors in science and engineering at America's elite universities. According to some participants at the conference, Summers suggested that innate differences in math and science aptitude between men and women might be partly responsible. The remarks caused one participant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) biologist Nancy Hopkins, to walk out, later telling reporters that she would have "either blacked out or thrown up" if she had remained to listen to Summers. So much for rigorous intellectual debate.

But as uncomfortable as it might make feminists, the empirical evidence points to small but important differences in scientific and mathematical abilities between men and women. On average, women perform better on verbal tests, while men demonstrate greater visual-spatial capabilities, and these differences are more striking at both the lower and upper extremes of intellectual ability. Boys outnumber girls in remedial reading classes — by large ratios, in most studies — but they are even more likely to outnumber

girls among the most gifted in math and science. In one study of gifted pre-adolescent students conducted by Johns Hopkins University, boys outperformed girls among the top scoring students on math by 13-to-1.

For years, feminists have tried to explain away these achievement differences by suggesting that girls are not encouraged properly to pursue math and science. Lately, some have even started blaming the way in which these subjects are taught: too much emphasis on competition and being "right," too little on collaborative learning and nurturing self-esteem. But socialization alone can't explain the wide differences in ability, especially at the highest levels of mathematical and scientific achievement. Summers was really just articulating what most researchers in this area believe — that biology plays a bigger role in explaining these differences than socialization does.

Although Summers' original comments were made in closed sessions to an academic group — and are therefore not available for public scrutiny — critics were quick to take to the barricades. For example, Hopkins later told the Boston Globe, "It is so upsetting that all these brilliant young women [at Harvard] are being led by a man who views them this way." She went on to describe studies that, according to the Globe, "indicate that women score higher on math tests if there are fewer men in the room while they are taking the test." Perhaps the Globe misrepresented Hopkins' statement; Hopkins is an accomplished scientist who should know better than to attribute a cause-and-effect relationship to such specious data.

But Hopkins is also an outspo-

ken feminist. She made a name for herself in the mid-1990s by charging that MIT discriminated against female scientists, allotting them less lab space and giving them fewer plum assignments. Hopkins later led a university-appointed group to study her own charges, which — surprise, surprise — found gender discrimination at MIT "subtle but pervasive," even though the group's report fell short of offering evidence of such discrimination in differential salaries, for example. The report nonetheless concluded that gender bias "stems largely from unconscious ways of thinking that have been socialized into all of us, men and women alike." Summers, an economist, would have trouble accepting that kind of explanation. As he explained to the NBER conferees, if a school practiced that kind of discrimination against women, another school would gain an advantage by hiring them away. Since there is no evidence that is happening, Summer told the Globe "the real issue is the overall size of the pool, and it's less clear how much the size of the pool was held down by discrimination."

He may not have won any friends among the women-as-perennial-victims set, but Summers deserves high marks for opening up for debate some of the shibboleths of academe.

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## Rice explained our reality

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice helpfully explained it all for us. The problem is that we are living in an alternative reality. What we think we know is not true. We have always had enough troops in Iraq. There are 120,000 trained Iraqi soldiers ready to take over. The president has condemned torture, so what else is there to say? Why torture happened, whose fault it is and why it is still happening at Guantanamo is not a problem because the president has condemned it. Secretary Rice also condemns it, so why raise questions about the fact that she wrote a letter to get an anti-torture clause in the intelligence appropriation bill taken out?

What, do you want to insult her integrity? Secretary Rice did say that mistakes were made, but she does not know who made them or who should be held accountable. And, of course, as we all learned during the last election, no matter what happens, it is never, ever President Bush's fault. Oh, goody, another Texan with a big job in Washington. We're so proud. Jonathan L. Snare has been named to head the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Just the guy we would have chosen ourselves, because his background is so relevant. No, he's not an expert in health or safety, but he used to be the lobbyist for Metabolife, the ephedra diet pill that attracted so much unpleasant attention. Ephedrine was finally barred in 2003 after the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) decided it had caused 155 deaths. I guess we're lucky Bush didn't put Snare at the FDA.



MOLLY IVINS

According to the Washington Post, Metabolife spent more than \$4 million lobbying the Texas Legislature between 1998 and 2000. Snare was also general counsel to the Republican Party of Texas from 1999 to '01 and has extensive experience in election law.

Exactly how this qualifies him to head OSHA is unclear — maybe he's a quick learner. He did join the solicitor's office of the Department of Labor in June 2003, where the Labor Department's announcement says, "Snare focused on issues at OSHA, as well as the Wage and Hour Division and the Mine Safety and Health Administration." Wage and Hour, you may recall, has made what business considers a great leap forward by making overtime pay optional, whereas the Mine Safety people have just had their budget cut.

Snare was formerly with the Texas law firm Loeffler, Jonas & Tuggey. That would be W's close friend and big-time money-raiser Tom Loeffler, who ran for governor of Texas on the grounds that he was "tough as 'bob war.'" To prove it, he proudly claimed to have played football with two broken wrists. (Loeffler also wore shower caps on his feet while showering during a visit to San Francisco back in the '80s lest he get AIDS through his feet. (I tell this story not to make Snare ridiculous by association but just because it's a good story.)

Snare is actually the second fox assigned by Bush to guard this particular henhouse. The assistant secretary is John Henshaw, a former health and safety chief for the chemical company Monsanto. In 40 months on the job, Henshaw axed three down proposed regulations from the agency's agenda, according to NPR — toxic chemical exposure regs, metalworking fluids regs, flammable and combustible liquids reactive chemicals

that kill people and so forth.

Snare was generally well-liked and well thought of here in Texas, but that still doesn't make him an expert on health and safety issues. OSHA is now so toothless, with so few inspectors that they can only look at a tiny percentage of plants in this country.

Henshaw also encouraged partnership with industry. According to NPR reporter Peter Overby, "What OSHA has done is turn away from regulating; less stick more carrot. Now its goal is to work with industry instead of mandating health and safety standards." He also reports the new alliances business encouraged by Henshaw do not include worker representatives. "That's not the only way in which previous policies at OSHA have been stood on their head. OSHA used to recruit its top appointees from state agencies and job safety organizations. In the Bush administration, it draws appointees from business and anti-regulatory groups."

Well, Snare will certainly fit right in, then. This administration disdains the whole idea of ergonomic injuries, also called repetitive stress syndrome, despite the fact that millions of people have them. It's one thing to ignore ergonomic injuries since people seldom die of them, but chemical exposure and many other problems are life-threatening. Workplace deaths were up last year, but the agency claims illness and injuries were down. I hate to sound like a cynic, but I'd like to know how they changed the reporting requirements on the last two.

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## Inter

By SUSAN KREIM

The Dallas Mornin

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# Interpreters help patients understand

By **SUSAN KREIMER**

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Sometimes patients ask Maria Valdez what they should do.

"I'm there just to interpret, not to give advice," said Valdez, guest relations representative at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. "Translating medical terminology can be a tongue twister."

Without her help, health care providers and Spanish-speaking patients with limited English proficiency would be at a loss for words.

Patients at other U.S. hospitals aren't as fortunate. Fewer than a quarter of these facilities are staffed with skilled interpreters, the journal Pediatrics reported in 2003. And most of them don't have adequate training.

The good news is that hospitals, social service agencies and interpreter associations are taking steps to improve the numbers. They are determined to launch, sustain or expand interpreter services for an increasingly diverse pool of patients.

Almost one in five people, or 47 million of those age 5 and older, spoke a language other than English at home in 2000, up 15 million from 1990, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Meanwhile, the number of Spanish speakers surged 62 percent, rising from 17.3 million in 1990 to 28.1 million in 2000.

"The need for interpreters in the health care setting is high," said Elaine Quinn, administrator of cross-cultural programs at the Texas Department of State Health Services in Austin.

"Many people speak English to converse over the more mundane day-to-day stuff. However, it is often difficult to verbalize



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Maria Valdez and Randy Elms are medical translators at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

signs, symptoms and other concerns. ... The vocabulary is not the everyday words people use," explained Quinn, also treasurer of the National Council on Interpreting in Health Care (www.ncihc.org) in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Four years ago, she helped establish the Translation & Interpreter Network at Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth, improving immigrants' access to health care, immigration and social services in Dallas and Tarrant counties.

A group formed in May — the Texas Association of Healthcare Interpreters and Translators

(groups.yahoo.com/group/TAHIT) — is pursuing state legislation to mandate trained interpreters in health care and social service arenas.

"The use of unqualified interpreters may result in liability for hospitals, clinics and physicians because of the potential harm" to patients arising from miscommunication, said Patricia Yacovone, the association's founder and a freelance interpreter in the Austin area.

Failure to offer equal services constitutes discrimination under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Facilities violating the law could lose federal funding, she said.

tion, hospital costs and medical mistakes mount.

The national program (www.hablamosjuntos.org), funded with \$18.5 million from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of Princeton, N.J., is intended to produce better health outcomes for Latino patients.

Among the sites is the School of Public Health at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. All must cultivate an extensive medical interpreting system.

Other institutions use telephone-based interpreters and

rely on employees who speak the same foreign languages as patients.

"Existing staff who can provide medical interpreter services on an as-needed basis — called dual-role interpreters — will become increasingly valuable," Soltoff predicted.

Baylor uses this approach, as well as the telephone option, for languages other than Spanish, said Randy Elms, manager of guest relations and volunteer services. The hospital employs six Spanish interpreters.

"For our hospital, the majority of our need is Spanish," he said.

"The second would be Vietnamese, but that's still a very low percentage."

The Spanish interpreters perform other duties.

"Here," Elms explained, "their title is guest relations representative, so they handle compliments and complaints as well as interpreting, tours and notary services."

To succeed, experts say, interpreters must be fluent and possess customer service skills along with knowledge of medical terminology.

Maureen Scharton, a native of Belize, has interpreted in health care settings since 1982. She manages interpreters, including sign-language users, at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

"What I like most about my job is knowing that each day we, as interpreters, impact the lives of the limited-English-proficient person and the health care provider in a very positive way by facilitating understanding in communication between them and bridging the language and cultural gap," she said.

## If you are sick, then please, please, stay at home!

Special to the Herald

You hit the snooze alarm three times; finally pull yourself out of bed only to stand in the shower desperately trying to clear your stuffy head. It happened; you've caught the dreaded flu, which in Texas occurs in late December, January, and February. Confident you have the stamina to tough it out for an eight-hour work day? Your coworkers disagree and want to send you a message: STAY HOME.

As the job demands of workers continue to increase and with so much of our time being spent in the office, it's no surprise that our coworkers are the number-one spreader of germs. A recent report from the Texas Department of State Health Services indicated the influenza activity has risen to the "widespread" classification for the first time this flu season, signifying there is an increase in flu and flu-like illnesses in at least half of the state's regions.

Not only do health officials advise you to stay home from work, school, and public events, but coworkers are fighting back and saying enough is enough. Many believe they have the right to tell coworkers, "Don't be the martyr, we don't need you here, and we don't want you here. In clear words, we don't want your germs!"

"We share cubicles, office equipment, and kitchen facilities with close interaction ongoing and unavoidable," said Jeppe Gustin Ross, human resource director for the Texas Medical Association. "I think all

employers have an obligation to offer resources for preventing employee illness, but I also think employees have an obligation to their coworkers. Sick employees do a service to themselves and their coworkers if they stay home and get healthy before returning to work."

A growing problem for many American workers is they don't get paid if they stay home due to an

illness. According to a June 2004 report by the National Partnership for Women and Families, 47 percent of Americans working in private industry have no paid sick days. For the workers who do, sick time often is used for other reasons, such as caring for a sick child or elderly parent. When an employee becomes sick with no sick leave remaining, he or she may believe the only

option is to show up to work, spreading germs to those around them.

Businesses are equally vulnerable during the cold and flu season because of lost productivity. One simple and effective way to reduce employee illness and absenteeism is to encourage year-round healthy lifestyles, according to Madisonville family physician Andrew Eisenberg, MD, chair of

TMA's Council on Public Health." The most important information we can share with employees is information we share year-round: eat a proper diet, with 25 percent of calories taken at breakfast, avoid alcohol and tobacco products, and moderate your caffeinated beverage intake."

To get through this cold and flu season, Dr. Eisenberg also suggests frequent hand washing,

avoiding very crowded areas such as shopping malls, grocery stores, and movie theatres. If impossible to avoid, try visiting during off-peak times. Most importantly, avoid the temptation to attend public events if you are ill. Dr. Eisenberg hopes helpful tips will prompt people to examine their lifestyles and use the recommended alternatives to staying healthy this winter.

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# Good news!



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John and Nora Stilwell recently donated \$1,000 to the Forsan College Scholarship fund. This is the second such donation from them.

## Forsan college fund gets boost from Stilwells

Some longtime Forsan Independent School District employees are "giving back."

John and Nora Stilwell recently donated \$1,000 to the schools college scholarship fund.

John worked for Forsan schools as the maintenance director for many years. Though his work was in the background, he played a vital role in providing a safe, comfortable environment that allowed teachers to teach and students to learn, according to Randy Johnson, Forsan Independent School District superintendent.

Nora also worked for Forsan ISD for many years. She served as an instruc-

tional aide at Elbow Elementary and drove a bus.

"She has taken great pride in being able to donate this money in hopes that it will encourage the same children that she helped teach to read. These children, soon to be young adults, will have assistance in reaching their goals of a college education due to her financial sacrifice," said Johnson.

The Stilwells now live in San Angelo. The Forsan Scholarship Committee is currently accepting donations. Donations can be sent to: Scholarship Committee, c/o Dianna Walker, Business Manager, Forsan ISD, PO Drawer A, Forsan, 79733



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Goliad sixth-grader Lupita Sifuentes, left, receives some pizza from Salvation Army Capt. Russ Keeney. Sifuentes and the rest of Patsy Sanchez's class earned the pizza party by collecting 4,000 cans of food for the Salvation Army's food drive.



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Todd Davis of TBM Chili Team was just one of several chili cooks who braved the biting cold to compete in the 16th annual Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff.



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Paul George, part of George's Roadhouse Gang, gives his chili a stir during the 16th Annual Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff.

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TORONTO Jalen Rose scored his 22 points fourth quarter hand Charlotte eight straight Toronto defeat Bobcats 103-84.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Howard rodeo team sets fund-raiser

The Howard College rodeo team has set up a third-annual fund-raiser for Thursday, Feb. 3, and Friday, Feb. 4.

The event will start at 1 p.m. and take place on the campus of Howard College and throughout the community.

The college rodeo team needs goats for its upcoming hometown rodeo in April. The college will give \$10 to anyone willing to send their goat to Howard College.

#### New York changes coaches, still loses

NEW YORK (AP) — Desmond Mason scored 22 points to lead six Milwaukee players in double figures, and the Bucks spoiled the debut of New York coach Herb Williams, defeating the Knicks, 101-96.

It was the 10th loss in 11 games for New York, and came one day after Lenny Wilkens stepped down as coach. Williams, an assistant under Wilkens, assumed the job for the rest of the season. But Sunday, at least, it was the same disappointing result for the Knicks.

Stephon Marbury had 33 points to lead New York, and Jamal Crawford added 20. But it wasn't enough to stop Milwaukee from picking up its fifth road win of the season.

Joe Smith and Reid each had 14 points for Milwaukee.

#### Nowitzki's big play sends Dallas to win

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored nine of his 35 points in the final 5 minutes — including a three-point play with 17.9 seconds left — to lift the Dallas Mavericks past the Denver Nuggets 95-93 Sunday.

After Kenyon Martin gave the Nuggets the lead with 27.5 seconds left, Nowitzki drove to the basket, hitting the tying layup and getting the foul call.

The go-ahead free throw wasn't as automatic as it might've seemed. After making 43 straight foul shots coming in, Nowitzki had already missed five. But he nailed it, and the Mavericks held on for their fifth straight win and 10th in their last 12.

Martin, who grew up in Dallas, led Denver with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

#### Rose leads Raptors to win over Bobcats

TORONTO (AP) — Jalen Rose scored 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter to help hand Charlotte its eight straight loss as Toronto defeated the Bobcats, 103-92.

Rose had 12 points during Toronto's pivotal 19-4 run in the final period, when the Raptors outscored the Bobcats 26-12.

Morris Peterson added 26 points and Chris Bosh had 21 for the Raptors, who won five straight home

## Howard's Davis to be inducted into WJCAC Hall

### Special to the HERALD

Harold Davis, Howard College's first men's basketball coach and athletic director, will be inducted into the newly established Western Junior College Athletic Association's "Hall of Fame." The special ceremony will take place between the women's and men's basketball games Monday at around 7:30 p.m. The Hawk basketball teams host New Mexico Junior College in conference action.

WJCAC Conference Commissioner John Green is elated to finally have the Hall of Fame established and under way.

"The WJCAC conference is a national powerhouse with many great coaches and players getting their start in the highly competitive atmosphere," said Green. "We look forward to recognizing those individuals who have set a very high standard in the past years which allows us to enjoy the prestige that comes with being associated with the WJCAC. We know there are many individuals who will be deserving of induction



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and with time we will grow the Hall of Fame to show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the conference."

It was evident to Howard College officials that Harold Davis, who served as coach of the Jayhawks — what Howard's athletic teams were called then — from 1947-1951 and 1952-1958, should be nominated for this first time award.

"We are very appreciative of Harold and the contributions he has made and continues to make for the betterment of Howard College and our community," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Harold Davis was hired

in 1947 as the first basketball coach and athletic director at Howard College.

In only four short years, he built a championship team at Howard, becoming a dominant force in Texas and national junior college basketball. Soon after Davis' 1951 team won the conference and state championships, he was recalled by the U. S. Marine Corps for service in the Korean conflict. Harold served five years active duty during WWII and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart for action in Iwo Jima.

During the eight years after his return from the Marines, Davis' teams

had spectacular successes. The Jayhawks won three more conference championships and reached the finals of two state championships, losing one championship game by one point. The Jayhawks also qualified for eight NJCAA Regional Tournaments where they won two championships and lost by only one point in the finals of another. Davis' teams twice advanced to the National Tournament and one of those teams finished in the Final Four with a record of 34-6. During those eight years, his teams averaged 24 wins and 8 losses per year. His

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## Fourth time charms Philly as Eagles get over 'super' hump

• Dominating defense stifles Vick as Eagles head to Jacksonville

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer  
PHILADELPHIA — Fireworks soared above the roof of "The Linc." A blizzard of glitter swirled in the bitterly cold breeze. Fans toasted their team and each other with beers and hugs.

It was a Super-sized celebration four years in the making. And quite a relief, too.

Yo, Philly, how's this sound?

Your Eagles are going to the Super Bowl.

Donovan McNabb & Co. overcame the burden of three straight losses in the NFC championship game and warmed a frozen city's heart, stuffing Michael Vick and the Atlanta Falcons 27-10 Sunday.

McNabb isn't satisfied yet.

"There's no relief for me," he said. "We'll have relief after the Super Bowl. We set a goal of winning the Super Bowl, not just the NFC. So that's where I'm going. We're excited, but we're not done."

The Eagles already have soothed a city's fragile psyche, burying the disappointment of the last three years and pulling within one victory of Philly's first major pro championship since the 76ers won the NBA title in 1983.

Twenty-four years ago,

the Eagles made it to their first — and, until Sunday, only — Super Bowl with a team coached by Dick Vermeil and led by Ron Jaworski. They fell flat in the title game, losing to the Raiders 27-10.

That score went the Eagles' way this time. They will meet defending champion New England in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 6 for the NFL championship.

"We want to go to Jacksonville and get some closure and finish this up," receiver Freddie Mitchell said.

The fourth consecutive appearance in the NFC title game proved to be the charm for the Eagles, even though they didn't have top receiver Terrell Owens — reduced to the role of MVC (Most Valuable Cheerleader) on the sideline.

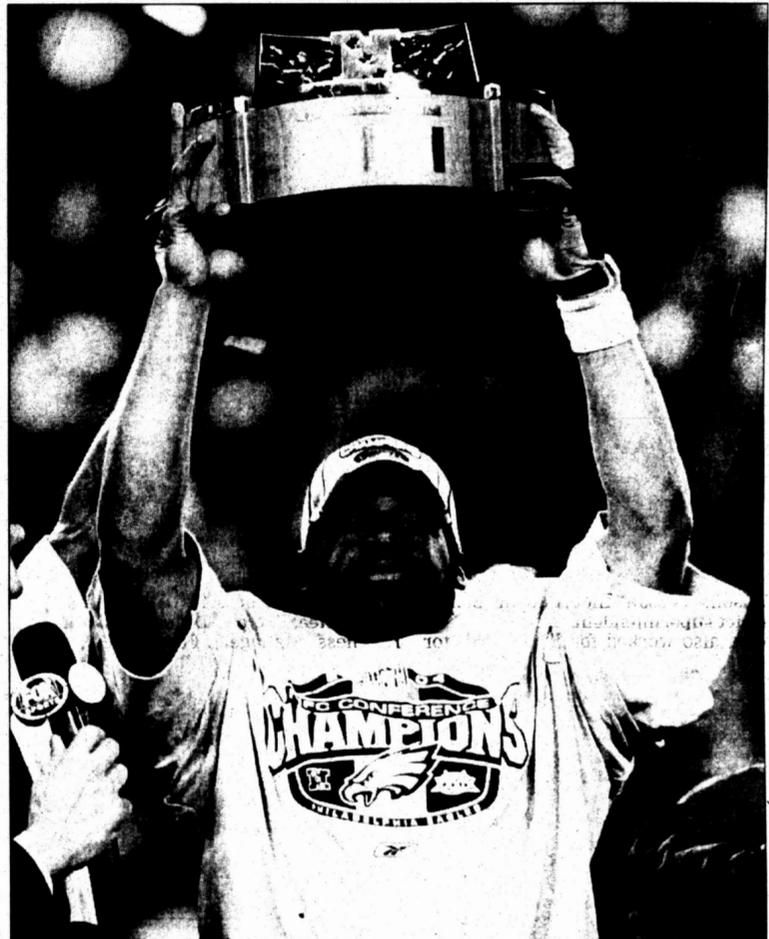
Nothing was going to stand in the way of this team, which entered the season with a Super Bowl or bust mentality and met those enormous expectations.

McNabb threw a pair of touchdown passes to Chad Lewis, including the clinching score with 3:21 remaining.

That turned the final minutes into a delirious coronation, the 67,717 fans saluting a team that fulfilled its destiny.

"This team has great personality," coach Andy Reid said. "Everybody here in Philadelphia loves 'em."

The Eagles will be going for their first NFL title



KRT photo/Jerry Lodriguss, Philadelphia Inquirer  
Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb holds up the NFC championship trophy after the Eagles defeated the Atlanta Falcons, 27-10, at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Penn., Sunday.

since 1960, which pre-dates the Super Bowl by six seasons.

McNabb completed 17-of-26 passes for 180 yards, a workmanlike performance that solidified his position as one of the game's best quarterbacks. He also ran 10 times for 32 yards.

Vick's debut on the Super Bowl stage will have to wait. He completed just 11-of-24 for 136

yards, while the Eagles stifling defense kept him from pulling off one of his signature runs.

He ran it just four times for 26 yards, but gave up even more yards on the sacks. The Eagles didn't blitz much — a change in philosophy — but they made sure Vick didn't get a chance to warm up.

"I didn't get outside the pocket," Vick said. "I think that was their first priority."

Philadelphia led only 14-10 at halftime, a bit too close for a team that had lost to St. Louis, Tampa Bay and Carolina in the last three NFC title games.

But, as the sun gave way to a nearly full moon over Lincoln Financial Field, the Eagles dominated the final two quarters. Akers connected from 31 and 34 yards, then McNabb and Lewis teamed up to finish off the Falcons with their 2-yard touchdown.

Owens, who didn't play because of a severe ankle injury, had a prominent role nonetheless.

He drew plenty of attention with his sideline antics, flapping his arms and waving a towel that didn't need any encouragement.

And he may just recover in time for the Super Bowl.

"I have a feeling he will," Reid said.

McNabb worked his passes around to eight players, led by Brian Westbrook with five catches for 39 yards. Westbrook also handled the bulk of the running load, carrying 16 times for 96 yards.

After the game, it was time for the party — Philly-style.



KRT photo/Ron Cortes, Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia Eagles defensive tackle Corey Simon gives head coach Andy Reid the traditional Gatorade bath after it was clear the Eagles would beat the Atlanta Falcons in the NFC Championship game and go to the Super Bowl. The Eagles defeated the Falcons, 27-10, in Philly Sunday.



KRT photo/Jerry Lodriguss, Philadelphia Inquirer  
Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook takes the ball down the Atlanta Falcons' 13 yard line during third quarter action in the NFC Championship. The Eagles defeated the Falcons, 27-10, at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Penn., Sunday.

# Defending champs rough up rookie QB Roethlisberger as NE heads back to SB

• New England hopes to become just second team to win three Super Bowls in four years

By ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer  
PITTSBURGH  
Nobody beats Brady and Belichick in a big game, not even Big Ben.

Tom Brady and Bill Belichick were an unstoppable combination again for the New England Patriots, exposing all of the Steelers' weaknesses to end their 15-game winning streak and win the AFC championship 41-27 Sunday night.

Brady gave the inexperienced Ben Roethlisberger a lesson in quarterbacking a championship game, throwing two touchdown passes — one to Deion Branch that gave New England a 10-0 lead in the first quarter.

Belichick also upstaged can't-win-the-big-one Steelers coach Bill Cowher, improving to 9-1 as a playoffs coach and matching Vince Lombardi's NFL-best playoff coaching record.

Brady has a record of his own: 8-0 as a post-season quarterback, bettering Troy Aikman's 7-0 record at the start of his playoffs career.

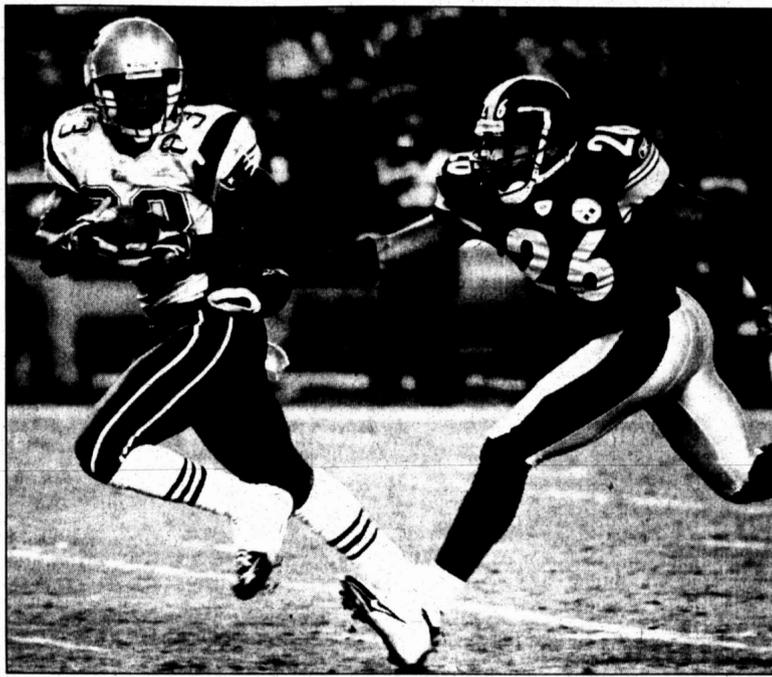
Now, the defending champions will play the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl Feb. 6 in Jacksonville, Fla.

The Eagles ended their three-game losing streak in the NFC championship game by beating Atlanta 27-10 earlier Sunday.

The Patriots can become the first team to win three Super Bowls in four seasons since Dallas did it between the 1992-95 seasons.

This game was a near-replay of Pittsburgh's breakthrough 34-20 win Oct. 31 that ended New England's record 21-game winning streak. Again, an under-pressure quarterback kept making mistakes as a team seized a 24-3 lead in the first half.

Unfortunately for the Steelers, they couldn't throw a red flag from the sidelines to overturn this replay, which saw Roethlisberger throw three costly interceptions in his first loss in 15 NFL



New England wide receiver Deion Branch (83) out runs Pittsburgh's Deshaea Townsend (26) for a first-quarter touchdown during the AFC Championship game between the Steelers and Patriots, Sunday at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, Penn. The Patriots defeated the Steelers, 41-20 and will now advance to the Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., which will be played Sunday, Feb. 6.

starts. So much for that all-Pennsylvania Super Bowl, too, in what would have been a therapeutic matchup for a state that had seen its two teams lose six of seven conference championship games in the last 11 seasons.

The Steelers publicly toed the Cowher-dictated corporate line, saying they understood New England's role as a 3-point favorite despite their 15-game winning streak and NFL-best 16-1 record. Privately, they were motivated by the perceived slight and linebacker Joey Porter promised they wouldn't flop in a title game again.

Then, they went out and flopped, generating boos from their normally adoring crowd even before the Patriots led 24-3 by half-time.

New England didn't have an injured Corey Dillon during that Halloween game, and the presence of the 1,635-yard rusher was supposed to make a big difference in the rematch. Instead it was Branch, also injured and out of the first game, who made the big plays with a touchdown catch, touchdown run and

another long reception that set up a score.

Branch got behind cornerback Deshaea Townsend for a 60-yard scoring pass on the play after Jerome Bettis fumbled on a fourth-and-1 at the Patriots' 39, and it was 10-0 New England halfway through the first quarter. It was Bettis' second fumble in 10 carries over two games after he went more than a season without fumbling.

Adam Vinatieri kicked a 48-yard field goal — matching the longest in 4-year-old Heinz Field — following Roethlisberger's first interception, on Pittsburgh's opening drive.

Branch, a tough matchup for the Steelers' average secondary because of his speed, came back in the second quarter with a 45-yard reception to the 14 when Brady alertly found him between defenders in Pittsburgh's cover-2 defense.

Two plays later, defender Willie Williams fell, allowing David Givens to slip undefended into the end zone on a 9-yard scoring pass play, and it was 17-3.

That wasn't the worst of it in a half that exposed

all the flaws Pittsburgh adeptly covered up all season: Roethlisberger's lack of big-game experience and a suspect secondary.

With the Steelers driving for the first time in the half, Roethlisberger made yet another rookie mistake, and it all but finished off Pittsburgh.

Roethlisberger was looking for tight end Jerome Tuman along the Patriots sideline, but Rodney Harrison stepped in front for an 87-yard interception return touchdown.

The loss ends Roethlisberger's personal 27-game winning streak, which dated back to his senior season at Miami of Ohio last year.

## DAVIS

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overall record at Howard was 222 wins and 113 losses for a career average of 20 wins and 10 losses per year.

Harold Davis also coached other sports for Howard College. His baseball teams won three league titles, advanced to the finals of the state tournament one year, and qualified for the NJCAA Regional Finals in another year. Davis also coached golf teams which won two state championships.

Davis resigned from the HCJCD in 1958 to become the head basketball coach at the University of Texas at El Paso.

However, as much as he enjoyed his coaching career, he also had ambitions to be successful in the business world. Therefore, having attained his primary coaching goal of being a coach at an NCAA Division I university, Davis accepted an offer to return to Big Spring to join Gamco Industries in its initial stages.

His tradition of success continued as he rose to the position of president and chairman of the Board of Gamco, and also executive vice president and chief operating officer of Gamco's parent company Siboney, which was headquartered in New Mexico City.

For his contributions to the community, he was named the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 1996. Another honor Davis received in 2000 was the prestigious award of Distinguished Alumni from the University of North Texas in Denton.

Davis was elected to the Howard College Board of Trustees in 1971 and after 35 years is still actively serving on the board as vice-chairman. Having retired from Gamco Industries in 1992, Harold and wife Janell remain vital supporters of the Howard College athletic program. Assistant Athletic Director Stan Feaster said, "Howard College is very fortunate to have Harold and Janell as longtime fans. Harold has been a good friend to me for the past 15 years and I also appreciate him being a mentor to me as well as all of the Howard College coaches throughout the years."

Harold and Janell have two children and four grandchildren. Their son Alan and his wife Mary and grandchildren Rebecca and Claire live in Abilene. Their daughter Chris Manis and her husband Bob and grandchildren Lesha and Matthew resides in Aledo.

Other inductees among the WJCAC are: Nolan Richardson of Western Texas College and Roger Staubach of New Mexico Military Institute.

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# Agassi escapes powerful serve

By JOHN PYE

AP Sports Writer  
MELBOURNE, Australia — The serves came so hard, a blizzard of blinding shots, that even Andre Agassi didn't know where to stand.

Agassi, an eight-time Grand Slam champion and master serve returner, was almost dumfounded by the sheer, unrelenting power of Joachim Johansson's game. Somehow, Agassi weathered a record 51 aces by the 6-foot-6 Swede Sunday to win 6-7 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3) 6-4 and reach the quarterfinals.

"It's a phenomenal weapon he has," Agassi said. "Joachim was hitting the ball so big — what can you do but react?"

Agassi's reward for surviving this ace-athon is a showdown with top-ranked Roger Federer, who is on a career-best 25-match winning streak and hasn't lost since August.

Federer's latest victory was far less complicated than Agassi's — a 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (4) defeat of Cypriot qualifier Marcos

Baghdatis. The 34-year-old Agassi, seeking a fifth Australian title, was just getting his breath back after his fourth-round win over 11th-seeded Johansson when he was asked about Federer.

"Who's Roger?" he joked.

So the stadium announcer started reeling off Federer's resume: 14 consecutive wins in tour finals, a four-match streak against Agassi.

"Yada, yada, yada," was Agassi's quick response, playing to the crowd at Rod Laver Arena, before turning serious: "He's set a whole new standard."

Booming serves accounted for more than half of Johansson's 96 winners.

"There was a good 25 times out there where I felt like I knew where it was going, was leaning that way, and if I jumped and threw my racket, I probably wouldn't touch it," the eighth-seeded Agassi said. "That doesn't count all the other times where I was wrong."

Agassi broke Johansson three times and said the high-kicking bounce the 22-year-old Swede gets off his serve makes it one of the most dangerous.

"He's a great player — he's one of the best players of all time," Johansson said. "I mean, if he respects me, it's a good feeling for me."

Federer, whose 11 titles in 2004 included three majors, has won 48 of 50 matches.

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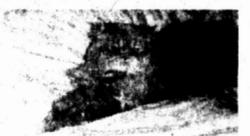
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
When the moon enters Leo this afternoon, all the inventive energy of the Aquarian solar influence is given dimension. The impending full moon adds the exhilarated buzz that comes from letting creativity sing through us. Creativity, like love, isn't something one needs to generate. Its energy is already present, and we need only be open to it!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Prepare for a change of events in your social life. The sudden entrance or exit of a certain individual sets off a fortuitous chain of events, enabling you to pursue your dreams with energy and enthusiasm.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You feel as though your life is a reality TV show -- you're constantly "on" and don't seem to have as much privacy as you're accustomed to. Your existence is more glamorous than you think. Enjoy your skyrocketing ratings.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You are of two minds regarding an important career path. One road

requires much patience and waiting, the other immediate action. If you're really stuck, ask yourself, "What would fellow Gemini Clint Eastwood do?"

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Small changes you make to your life, if practiced consistently, can tally huge benefits for you over time. Don't forget that every journey begins with a single step, and every step begins with a single thought.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone else's trash is your treasure. Check out flea markets, used bookstores, eBay, vintage clothing stores and other places where you're likely to turn lead into gold.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may have to revise your plans based on someone else's schedule. Try not to fret too much. While this sudden shift may be frustrating and could inconvenience you temporarily, the end results will be worth the wait.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're magnetic, effortlessly drawing people to you and widening your already large circle of friends. Embrace the new, more sociable you. A romantic partner is being very mysterious. Adopting a wait-and-see attitude is best.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). A message from a far-off friend may bring an invitation to travel and perhaps study abroad. Make your plans well in advance so you have time to save up. A change of scenery would do you good.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Money's a little tight as bills for the holiday season roll in. Penny pinching is definitely not your style, but a little self-control serves you well. Do you really need to buy more books, or can you visit the library?

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a calming effect on those around you, a trait that may prove valuable in the business world. Just be sure your boss doesn't see you as irreplaceable, or you'll never convince him or her to give you that promotion.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let your innate courage guide you into your future. Just because your dream sounds far-fetched, that's no reason to abandon it. Use your common sense, but allow your creativity equal say. The two aren't mutually exclusive.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A project that encountered delays last month heats up once again. You've had plenty of time to plot and think - the time to act is now!

Self-doubt's a major waste of time. Lead by the strength of your convictions.

**ASTROLOGICAL BABY SPECIAL (PART ONE OF TWELVE):** The Magical Baby Aquarius. The child born between Jan. 20 and Feb. 18 is truly tomorrow's child, bringing the gift of hope and anticipation to his or her parents.

When this baby gazes into the distance, he or she is likely not looking at the rocking horse 10 feet away but at the future -- maybe next year, maybe next century. The ideas of the future are always running like a ticker tape in baby's mind, and the information can be easily accessed. Time and space are less linear to Aquarius baby, and this is why the child grows to be so creative. Parents and the world at large will begin to impose the structure of reality on Aquarius baby, and to some degree, Aquarius will learn to see things as others do. But Aquarius always leaves a mental window of possibility wide open. Parents of Aquarius babies should be careful not to squash childhood fantasies by being too mired in logic. Allowing for invisible friends, belief in fairies and other childhood mythology will be key to

the Aquarian child's development. Also, though Aquarian babies are quite bright, they often are learning in such a well-rounded, multidimensional way that progress appears at first subtle to the parent -- and then suddenly, one day, the child's genius emerges full blown!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Alicia Keys is up for eight Grammy Awards this year, and she'll know the outcome on Feb. 13 at the famed awards show. With so many lucky, expressive planets in her sign at this time, she can't help but take home more trophies to add to her collection. Aquarius folks are not highly competitive, but they do well in competitions because they don't take them too seriously and are quickly adaptable.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a middle-aged, divorced lady with two older teens at home. I am conservative and have a good job in a medium-sized town.

I have been dating "Gregg," also divorced, for over a year, and everything is going great. He is responsible, kind, sensitive, and a wonderful, passionate man. We have been making tentative plans to marry, and we love each other very much.

Here's the catch. Once, I noticed Gregg wearing women's panties. He thought it was too dark for me to see him, but when he got undressed and went into the bathroom, I turned on the light and saw a nice pair of lacy, nylon panties. I was shocked because Gregg is a macho guy. When he came back in the room, I was holding the panties. He was embarrassed, but came clean and told me he has been a cross-dresser since childhood. He apologized for not telling me sooner. I don't want to end our relationship, but I also



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

don't want to see him dressed as a woman. Gregg said that he dresses up once or twice a week for a few hours, that it relaxes him and is important for his mental health. He said that when he is all dressed up, he can pass for female and no one can tell. He showed me a picture of himself as a woman, and I must say, he looks very pretty.

I am good-natured and think I could handle it if he does it when I'm not around. But I'm worried that my children or family will make a fuss if they

find out. Please advise me, as I am in love with a wonderful man but very confused. -- Hoosier Panties in an Uproar

Dear Hoosier: You have a healthy, tolerant attitude, which bodes well for your future with Gregg. Understand that Gregg is not going to give up cross-dressing, but he should respect your request that he not do it in front of you or your family. However, it is still quite possible that someone will find out. Before making any commitments, please get more information on the subject. We recommend Tri-Ess ([tri-ess.org](http://tri-ess.org)), a support group for heterosexual cross-dressers and their partners.

Dear Annie: I am getting older, and while I have many friends, I have no family members. I have started giving away many of my things to people who will treasure them. However, when I die, I will need someone to clean out my closets and drawers and dispose of my basic possessions. I do not want my friends to

deal with this. Are there people who handle this sort of thing? -- San Dimas, Calif.

Dear San Dimas: Yes. Talk to a lawyer and draw up your will so your wishes will be followed. Then appoint someone to be your executor. It can be a friend, or your lawyer, banker, etc. Let them know the situation, and ask them, when the time comes, to hire a service to clean your home and donate or liquidate your possessions.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter about a girl whose sister takes things without asking. I have the same problem with my cousin, "Josie."

We are good friends, but sometimes after she comes over, I end up missing items. Once it was my cell phone charger, another time, my housecoat. My mom told me to confront her, but when I called Josie about it, she had a handful of excuses such as, "Your charger was right by my stuff, and I took it by mistake," or "I thought the housecoat was my

mom's."

I find it creepy that when Josie visits, she is looking for a chance to steal something. I love her because she is family, but I don't want her over at my house anymore. What should I do? -- Family Issues in Florida

Dear Florida: Your mother ought to discuss Josie's kleptomaniac with her parents. She needs help. Meanwhile, visit with Josie at HER house.

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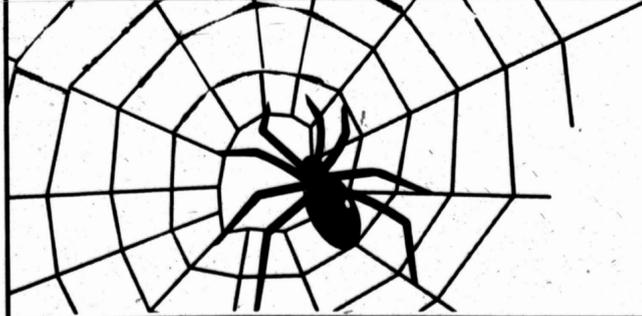
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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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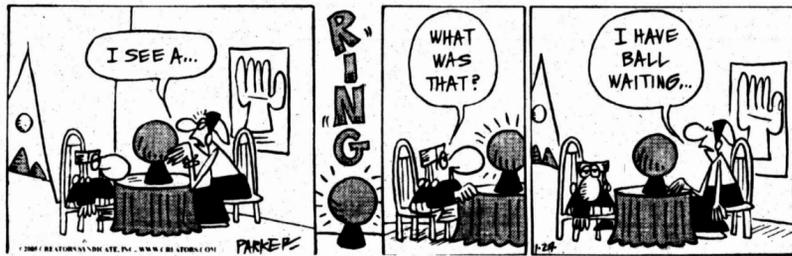
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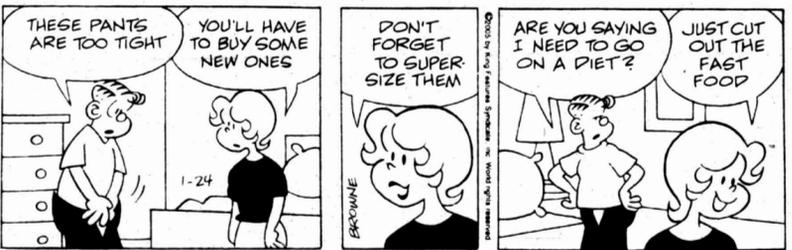
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2005. There are 341 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 24, 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California...

ference in Casablanca, Morocco. In 1965, Winston Churchill died in London at age 90. In 1972, the Supreme Court struck down laws that denied welfare benefits to people who had resided in a state for less than a year.

Ernest Borgnine is 88. Evangelist Oral Roberts is 87. Actor Marvin Kaplan ("Top Cat") is 78. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 69. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 66. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 64. Singer Aaron Neville is 64. Actor Michael Ontkean is 59. Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 55. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 54. Bandleader-musician Jools Holland is 47. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 45. Country musician Keech Rainwater (Lonestar) is 42. Comedian Phil LaMarr is 38. Olympic gold-medal gymnast Mary Lou Retton is 37.

Answer to previous puzzle: WAMPUM COINSLOT, AMARNA IMMOBILE, SOLEMN REPROVES, PRESET CLU LEOS, ETIQUETTE, EWER SUMTER SAC, LEAVES IN ASALL, GIVENATKINGTO, AREST VANTAGES, RDS RAVINE PYRE, DEFLOGGERS, ETTU FLA DABSAT, CRANKOUT ETALIA, CONCERTO ESCORT, ENGENDER POKEYS

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