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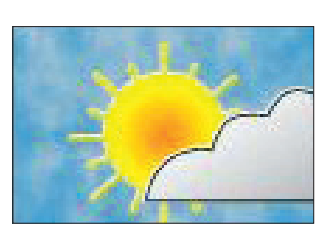
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A South Carolina man died on injuries resulting from this accident which occurred shortly before 5 p.m. Tuesday afternoon at the 175 mile marker of Interstate 20. Otis Owens, 58, of North Charleston, S.C., was declared dead at Scenic Mountain Medical later that afternoon.

S.C. man killed in I-20 rollover

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Icy conditions may have been a contributing factor in a two-vehicle accident on Interstate 20 that killed a South Carolina man Tuesday afternoon.

Otis Owens, 58, of North Charleston, S.C., died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident, which occurred at approximately 4:55 p.m. Tuesday along the 175 mile marker of Interstate 20.

A Department of Public Safety spokesperson said Owens was westbound on the interstate when he lost control

of his 2001 Toyota Tundra. Owens, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected when his vehicle overturned entering the median.

The vehicle continued into the eastbound lane, striking a 2008 Honda CRV driven by Katherine Najar of Coahoma, the report stated. No injuries were reported from the occupants of Najar's vehicle.

Owens was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where he was declared dead at 5:38 p.m. His body was subsequently taken to Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Officials offer tips on dealing with cold weather

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

With Tuesday's cold snap dropping temperatures below freezing, officials with the city of Big Spring are urging local water customers to take precautions this winter season.

"We're really hoping people will take proper precautions as the temperature drops," said Todd Darden, assistant city manager and director of public works. "That means

leaving your hot and cold water dripping just enough to keep the pipes from freezing, as well as insulating any exterior pipes or fixtures.

"We also suggest people take old newspaper or towels and stuff them in their meter boxes to help keep them from freezing. The boxes are underground, but they still sit in a void, so they are susceptible to the freezing temperatures and could burst."

Darden said area residents should also remember



Darden

to insulate any sewer lines that are above ground or not buried at a safe depth, which would be 12 inches to 18 inches.

"If people don't take precautions, I expect we'll be handling quite a few emergency water cut-offs," he said.

Darden said freezing temperatures can also cause numerous breaks in the city's

main water lines — deemed "Code Blue" by city officials — something he's hoping to avoid during the current cold snap.

"As long as the temperature warms up gradually, we should be OK," said Darden. "However, if the warmer weather comes back quicker than we're expecting, we could certainly see a lot of main breaks in the city."

And while the final outcome of the city's "Code Blue" is ultimately up to Mother

Nature, city repair crews do have something else working in their favor.

"We've seen a pretty drastic reduction in the number of main breaks, even during Code Blue, thanks to the water line replacement program we've been working with over the years," said Darden.

"The newer pipes aren't as susceptible to the weather changes, among other things. However it goes, we'll be ready," he added.

Council OKs multi-agency grant writer agreement

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Icy weather may have hampered an update for the Big Spring City Council regarding its ongoing bond projects, but it didn't stop municipal officials from giving the go ahead to fund a multi-agency grant writer for Howard County.

Butch Davis, engineer with Parkhill Smith & Cooper and coordinator for the city's ongoing bond projects,



Sjogren

was unable to attend Tuesday's meeting and deliver a planned update, thanks to icy roads between Big Spring and Lubbock, but will make the presentation in the near future, according to city officials.

The council did unanimously approve — with Councilwoman Stephanie Horton absent — an inter-local agreement between the city and several lo-

cal agencies to hire a grant writer.

The plan calls for the Big Spring Independent School District, Howard College, Howard County, the city of Big Spring and the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation to each donate \$20,000, and Coahoma ISD and Forsan ISD to donate \$10,000 each.

The agreement calls for the grant writer to be employed by the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board, according to City Attorney

Linda Sjogren, and answer directly to the government agencies funding the project.

"This group of entities is trying to solve community-wide problems, and one of the ideas they came up with was to jointly hire a grant writer," said Sjogren. "Howard College worked out a deal with Permian Basin Workforce Development Board ... and this deal will allow us to have a

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By popular request: Symphony to perform people's choices Saturday

Herald Staff Report

Strike up the band, er, orchestra.

The Big Spring Symphony will hold its third subscription concert of the 2008-2009 season when it stages "People's Choice" at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students



Graumann

and are available at the chamber of commerce, Blum's Jewelers, Big Spring Herald, Faye's Flowers, First Bank of West Texas and Heritage Museum.

Keeping with the theme of the evening, the orchestra is fea-

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Ticket deadline nears

Friday is the last day to buy tickets for this year's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet, scheduled for Feb. 5 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tickets for the banquet are \$25 apiece and can be purchased at the chamber office, located at 215 W. Third. Tickets will not be available at the door, said Nancy Newell, executive assistant to Chamber Director Debbye ValVerde.

Friday is also the deadline for businesses to reserve tables for decorating. Cost is \$125 and also includes four banquet tickets.

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Obituaries

Beatrice Banks



Beatrice Banks, 70, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church.

Beatrice was born to Magnolia and Sydney Detiege on Oct. 5, 1938, in Tomball. She was the third of 11 siblings. Beatrice attended Colbert High School in Dayton, Texas. In 1961, she followed her brothers, the "great Jokeys," to West Texas

where she found herself having the time of her life. She met her love, Holston Banks, and they married on Nov. 10, 1961, and immediately began their family.

Beatrice was known for her loving and kind words. She expressed her love through giving. She was a cheerful giver. She not only would give to her husband and children and grandchildren, she extended her love to family, friends and strangers. Beatrice was a loving wife, the world's best mother and grandmother, true sister, a giving aunt, a wonderful friend and a good and faithful servant of the Lord.

Beatrice was a mother at home and the mother of Shiloh House of Praise in Big Spring where she cooked every first of the month for the Church Fellowship Dinner. She supported her pastor/son Holston Banks Jr., and the first lady Linda Banks by willing to work hard and fill in for any task needed to be done throughout Shiloh House of Praise. She also extended her support with other local churches being in fellowship and helping wherever needed. Part of Beatrice's testimony stated she had prayed

for a better job and God blessed her to find employment at the Dewey Ray's residence for 20 years. While being employed at the Rays, she also held a full-time job at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop.

Mrs. Ray introduced Beatrice to Marie Hall while working at both jobs, where she was blessed to be offered a lifetime job and worked for 28 years. She retired in 2008.

During her service at the Halls' residence, Marie Hall became a part of our family. We all adored her. Beatrice would find great joy every time she went to work. She witnessed the gift of giving from her former employer, Marie Hall.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure they ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:38

Beatrice inspired her loved ones and friends to love one another. She lived her life for love of friends and family. We loved her, but God loved her Best.

Beatrice leaves to cherish her wonderful memory, her loving husband of 45 years, Holston Banks Sr. of Big Spring; her oldest son, Clifford Detiege and fiancé Stephanie Stacker of San Antonio, Bernedette Valentine of Big Spring, Holston Banks Jr. and his wife Linda of Big Spring, Priscilla Smith and her husband John D. Smith of Temple, Belinda Scott of Round Rock, Tyrone Banks and his wife Robbi of Odessa, and youngest son, Timothy Banks and his wife Monica of Big Spring.

In addition to her husband and seven children, Beatrice leaves to cherish her memory three sisters, Juanita Williams of LaPorte, Mary Jones of Baytown and Geneva Briggs of Dayton; five broth-

ers, Roy Detiege, Earnest Detiege, Sidney Detiege and Joseph "Shorty" Detiege, all of Dayton, and Clifton Detiege of Brady; 30 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and an abundance of friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Edna Mae Arceneaux; brother, John Detiege; nephew, Derrick Briggs; grandchild, Damian Valentine; son-in-law, Louie Scott; brother-in-law, Joe Banks; and mother-in-law and father-in-law, Pauline and Holston Banks.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Lynelle Ringener

Lynelle Ringener, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-3-0-1. Sum It Up: 10

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-4-3-3. Sum It Up: 13

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-3-6. Sum It Up: 17

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-2-24-22-16.
Number matching five of five: 0.

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	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
<i>Local and Intermediate Sources</i>	\$9,604,389	\$1,171,297	\$10,775,686
<i>State Program Revenues</i>	16,745,763	905,845	\$17,651,608
<i>Federal Program Revenues</i>	390,684	4,477,983	4,868,667
<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$26,740,836	\$6,555,125	\$33,295,961
EXPENDITURES:			
<i>Current</i>			
<i>Instruction</i>	\$14,314,743	\$2,551,649	\$16,866,392
<i>Instructional Resources and Media Services</i>	416,531	8,494	425,025
<i>Curriculum and Staff Development</i>	90,744	364,715	455,459
<i>Instructional Leadership</i>	280,317	27,311	307,628
<i>School Leadership</i>	1,574,769	10,342	1,585,111
<i>Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services</i>	846,571	282,494	1,129,065
<i>Social Work Services</i>	67,547	14,232	81,779
<i>Health Services</i>	298,916	11,800	310,716
<i>Student Transportation</i>	748,709	-	748,709
<i>Food Services</i>	-	2,840,394	2,840,394
<i>Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities</i>	1,204,566	12,196	1,216,762
<i>General Administration</i>	1,059,452	-	1,059,452
<i>Plant Maintenance and Operations</i>	3,637,558	1,821	3,639,379
<i>Security and Monitoring Services</i>	26,544	-	26,544
<i>Data Processing Services</i>	423,381	137,297	560,678
<i>Debt Service - Principal</i>	429,523	490,000	919,523
<i>Debt Service - Interest</i>	60,106	387,902	448,008
<i>Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees</i>	300	300	600
<i>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</i>	581,855	-	581,855
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$26,062,132	\$7,140,947	\$33,203,079
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	\$678,704	\$(585,822)	92,882
<i>Other Financing Sources and (Uses):</i>			
<i>Sale of Real Property</i>	10,345	-	10,345
<i>Transfers In</i>	-	452,728	452,728
<i>Transfers Out (Use)</i>	(452,728)	-	(452,728)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)</i>	(\$442,383)	(\$452,728)	10,345
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	\$236,321	\$(133,094)	\$103,227
<i>Fund Balances - Beginning (September 1, 2007)</i>	\$5,689,293	\$293,704	5,982,997
<i>Fund Balances - Ending (August 31, 2008)</i>	\$5,925,614	\$160,610	\$6,086,224

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News in brief

House to vote Wednesday on economic stimulus plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's expansive and expensive plan to jump-start the economy is all but certain to clear its first hurdle when the Democratic-controlled House votes on a \$825 billion version that melds new spending and tax cuts.

Republican support, however, is in doubt when voting takes place Wednesday.

With Democrats enjoying a comfortable majority and expected to fall in line behind Obama, they don't need help from GOP lawmakers to win House passage of his top priority of economic recovery. But Obama wants Republican support to illustrate his promise of a new style of politics that rejects partisan gridlock.

Despite his desire for partisan backing, the House was moving the bill toward a passage vote that was expected to be largely along party lines.

Senate committees were working on a separate version of the measure that enjoyed only slightly

more support from Republicans. Congressional leaders have promised Obama they would send him the measure, which could be the single largest bill ever to go through Congress, by mid-February.

Obama heading to Pentagon to discuss Iraq withdrawal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama often has said he will issue orders to swiftly close down the Iraq war. Now military leaders are getting a chance to tell the new commander in chief how they could comply, and why he might want to wait.

Obama was to hear the opinions of the four U.S. military service chiefs on Wednesday in a meeting the White House called one more step toward fulfilling his promise of withdrawing all combat troops from Iraq. The Joint Chiefs of Staff will be ready with a rough sketch of what would be required to fulfill the president's timetable for a 16-month withdrawal.

Defense officials have said they can meet Obama's campaign pledge, but several officials have sig-

naled that a fast withdrawal could upset the fragile security that currently holds in Iraq.

"We are developing other options as well," Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday. "We are laying out, with each of the options we will present to him, our view — each of the commander's — of the risks associated with that timeline."

Israeli warplanes pound Gaza smuggling tunnels

JERUSALEM (AP) — President Barack Obama's new Mideast envoy sought Wednesday to boost a 10-day-old Gaza cease-fire that was thrown into turmoil, as Israeli warplanes pounded Gaza smuggling tunnels in retaliation for a Palestinian bombing that killed a soldier.

The Israeli Cabinet met to consider how far to go in its response to Tuesday's bombing.

U.S. envoy George Mitchell said it was "critical" that the cease-fire be extended, as he met Egypt's president before heading to Jerusalem, published reports stated.

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turing pieces frequently requested by members of the audience.

"I have been keeping mental notes of pieces people actually requested over the years," said Dr. Keith Graumann,

music director and orchestra conductor. "While we would be forever playing all of the requests, I have programmed what I think are some of the most requested."

Topping the request list, Graumann said, are piano concertos by Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff. Performing movements from Tchai-

kovsky's first and Rachmaninoff's second piano concertos will be guest artist Esther Park, a recent graduate of the Juilliard Music School in New York.

"We will also feature members of our own orchestra in a performance of the often-requested Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 by Bach," Gra-

umann said. "Soloists for the Bach concerto will be concertmaster and violinist Dr. Susan Baer, flutist Anna Henry and harpsichordist Sigurd Ogaard."

Other popularly requested pieces to be played include Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave) by Mendelssohn, Blue Danube Waltz by Strauss and

Bolero by Ravel.

"This will be a wonderful variety of favorites for the orchestra, for the audience and for myself", Graumann added.

For more information, contact the Big Spring Symphony office at 264-7223.

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full-time grant writer working on county-wide projects."

According to Mayor Russ McEwen, the idea for the agreement came from recent meetings between several local entities trying to solve some of the problems faced by Howard County as a whole.

"I've learned so much about education since we started meeting, and the challenges facing our educational systems are beyond comprehension," said McEwen. "I know one of the things we're really looking for, and benefits us all, would be the development of some type of vocational training in our high schools — all three high schools, as well as Howard College. Believe it or not, there is no vocational training in the city of Big Spring right

now, at any level whatsoever. There are a lot of kids that are dropping out of high school and not progressing because we don't offer avenues other than core curriculum type situations."

McEwen said the grant writer would also allow the agencies to take advantage of federal stimulus funds, many of which are expected to be directed at something the city of Big Spring has a huge stake in: infrastructure.

"Additionally, as you look at stimulus packages that are coming down from the federal government, we need to be in a position where we can put our best foot forward and try to be part of that," said McEwen. "Everything we're reading is it will be about infrastructure, and as we all know, we have plenty of problems and we could do untold amounts of water line, sewer line and street work.

"We believe this will be a positive thing for us, but beyond that, I truly believe that if any one of the entities receives a grant because of this particular position, then it will benefit the entire community. If Howard County has money for bridges, we're going to benefit. If the school districts gets money for education, we'll all benefit. It's my expectation the city of Big Spring will get direct benefit from this, but even if we don't get any direct money, it's still going to be beneficial to our community. It's something we need to do."

Several other local agencies — including Howard County, Big Spring ISD, Big Spring

EDC and Howard College — have already shown their support for the position, and agreed to fund the project.

Also during Tuesday night's meeting, the council voted unanimously to award the bond project to renovate

and repair downtown roadways to local contractor Price Construction.

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Beatrice Banks, 70, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church.

Johanna Crow, 78, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Tammeye Jan Atkinson, 59. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lynelle Ringener, 82, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Weather conditions at the time of the accident were described as "snowy, icy and sleeting," the report continued.

It was the second traffic fatality of the day, following the death of a Big Spring woman following an accident on State Highway 350 Tuesday morning.

Tammeye Atkinson, 59, of Big Spring was pronounced dead at the scene of a one-vehicle crash approximately a half-mile from the Big Spring city limits on State Highway 350 shortly after 5:40 a.m. Tuesday, according to Department of Public Safety Sgt. Thomas Moore.

"The trooper investigating the crash determined the cause was unsafe speed on an icy roadway," said Moore.

"The vehicle went into a side skid and slammed into a culvert and rolled a couple of times. She was pronounced dead at the scene."

Moore said Atkinson, who was driving a 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt at the time of the wreck, was not wearing her seatbelt.

Big Spring Emergency Medical Service personnel responded to eight traffic accident calls Tuesday. Eight persons were transported to local hospitals with undisclosed injuries, while several other people refused medical treatment, reports stated.

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OUR VIEW

Remember to join us Saturday during symphony concert

The third concert of the Big Spring Symphony's 2008-2009 Times to Remember subscription season is set for Saturday and will feature the music requested by the symphony's listeners following previous concerts.

The orchestra's "Audience Choice" performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

Music Director and Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann said he has been keeping mental notes of pieces people have requested over the years.

Esther Park will be guest artist for the concert and will play the concertos with the symphony. Park is a recent graduate of Juilliard in New York City and is presently continuing her studies in Germany.

The concert will also feature members of the orchestra in a performance of the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 by Bach. Soloists in the Bach concerto will be concertmaster and violinist Dr. Susan Baer, flutist Anna Whitlock Henry and harpsichordist Sigurd Ogaard.

Other popularly requested pieces to be played include Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave) by Mendelssohn, Blue Danube Waltz by Strauss and Bolero by Ravel.

We encourage our readers to make plans now to attend the "Audience Choice" concert Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are just \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students and are available at the Herald, Blum's Jewelers, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Faye's Flowers, the Heritage Museum and all First Bank of West Texas locations. They'll also be on sale at the door the night of the performance.

We hope to see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we get the facts straight from Your word, Lord.

Amen

Presidents ... are elected

In this country, the media are rightfully diligent in the way they scrutinize politicians. We go into their personal lives, their tax records and their questionable associations. We even question the "vetting process" by which politicians investigate one another. But when foreign despots give themselves honorable positions and titles, we help to perpetuate their lies.

Take Cuba's Raul Castro. I could think of many words to describe him — including "dictador," "tirano" and "caudillo" — but "presidente" is not one of them.

Call me romantic, idealistic, naive — I don't care — but I come from the school of thought that says presidents are elected by the people.

Castro was first appointed in 2006 to temporarily take power for his ailing brother, Fidel, who had been in power since 1959 without ever being freely elected by the Cuban people.

A little history: As the leader of the revolution that overthrew the Fulgencio Batista dictatorship, Fidel became prime minister of Cuba in February 1959, until that position was abolished in 1976 and he was "elected" as president of the Council of State and president of the Council of

Ministers. This means that in a totalitarian, one-party system, he was elected by a group of his own henchmen.

Although Fidel stayed in power much longer than the dictator he replaced — without ever holding free elections — many in the U.S. media still called him "president." And when he handed power over to Raul in July 2006, no one questioned why. Everyone assumed that Raul would take the reins of the dictatorship, and some started to call him "the new president of Cuba."

Elections? Of course! In February 2008, when it became obvious that Fidel was too ill to continue in his role as Cuba's top tyrannical ruler, Fidel formally resigned, and Raul was "elected" president of the "Council of Castro Puppets" that "elected" his brother in 1976.

Yet an amazing number of news reports — simply by failing to explain how the Castros were "elected" — mislead many people into believing that they are popular, democratic leaders.

If you go to one of those fact-check Web sites, where you allegedly can get accurate answers to your questions, you might find some who tell you that Raul Castro was elected president of Cuba Feb. 24, 2008, without even explaining who elected him or noting that Cuba has not had free elections in more than 50 years.

In the Cuban-American com-

munity, where Raul is considered just as illegitimate as his brother, the term "presidente" becomes disrespectful and downright offensive when it is placed before the name "Castro."

You say, "President Castro decided to ..." and some of my fellow Cuban-Americans will stop you in the middle of your sentence.

"Excuse me. Don't insult my intelligence," they will tell you. "Presidents are freely elected."

Of course, Cuban-Americans know that Raul has been and will continue to be as totalitarian and ruthless as his brother and that calling him "president" diminishes the true character of one of the world's most repressive governments.

For this reason, among Cuban-American Internet activists, there is a new e-mail campaign to get the U.S. media to stop describing Raul Castro as Cuba's president.

Their e-mails say they are tired of seeing how the liberal American news media have turned freedom-loving Cuban-Americans into the villains — often described as hardliners unwilling to bend — and the tyrannical Castro brothers as the victims of the U.S. economic embargo.

Every time a reporter or TV pundit says "President Raul Castro," Cuban-Americans are reminded that some things are still upside-down in this world.

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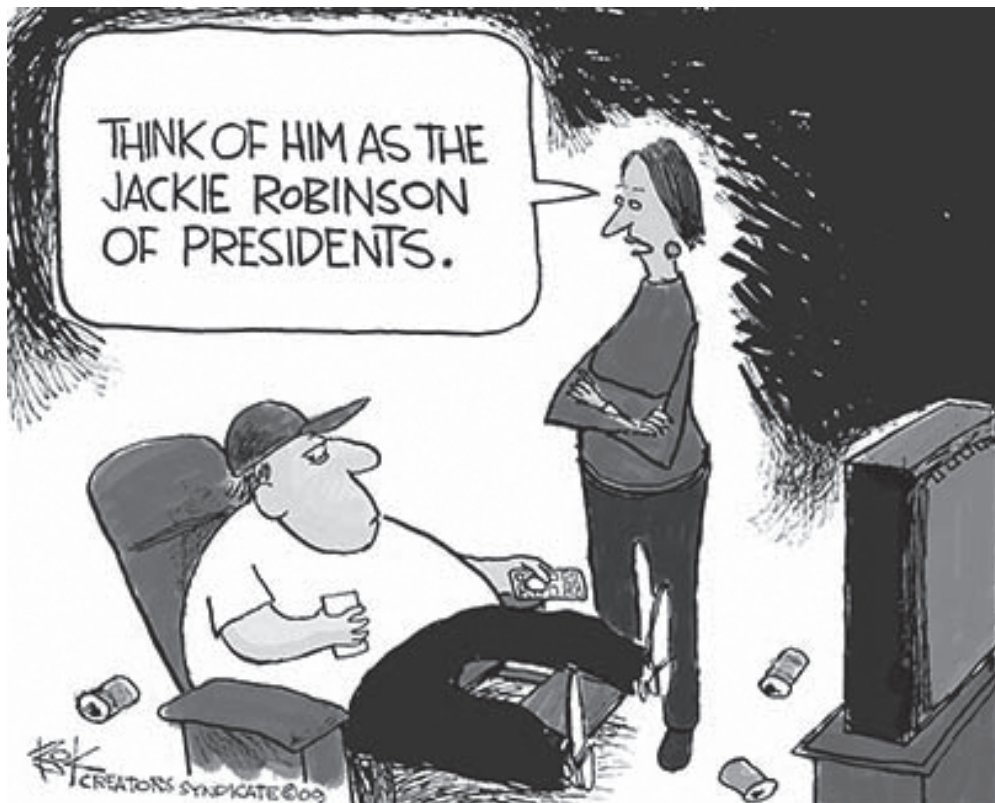
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Obama's right way of doing things

During his campaign, presidential candidate Barack Obama cast President Bush as having done everything wrong. So, what will the now President Obama do right? If his first week is any indication of what is to come — not much. Being president isn't an experiment where one takes classroom theory on failed political systems of the past and says, "I can make it work."

On only his second day in office, Obama called for Israel to open its borders with Gaza. Obama plans to seek a lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians. A noble idea even if it is Pollyanna. He believes his administration will be able to convince Hamas to end rocket fire into Israel by having Israel withdraw its forces from Gaza.

His naiveté may warm the hearts of liberal classroom theorists who, like Obama, want to believe that everyone can get along if they talk and make nice-nice. But Israel knows better. Israel has experienced the treachery and deceit of Hamas. The Gaza Strip is vital to Israel's security concerns — and she knows with empirical factuality that no amount of talk, negotiation, promised ceasefire, and/or outside monitoring will stop Hamas and anti-Israel insurgents from using the Strip to threaten the security of her people.

I don't condemn him for wanting to end said conflict, but to attempt same by legitimizing Hamas and undermining Israel's security is not the formula for

success.

Interestingly, while Obama expresses deep concern for Israeli and Palestinian loss of life, he expresses no such concern when it comes to the murder of unborn children, both here and abroad.

Abortion is the number one killer of blacks in America today. Irresponsible and unreasonable white people prevented blacks from sitting at lunch-counters roughly 45 years ago. And as he rightly pointed out during his inaugural address, same was wrong. But today, more often than not, black women are encouraged to murder approximately 1,500 unborn children daily.

From 1882 to 1968 there were 3,446 blacks lynched in the U.S. Today, that number is surpassed approximately every 32 hours. Obama says he does not believe in abortion, but believes in a woman's right to choose — at the same time he speaks of personal responsibility. I say, it is irrefutably irresponsible for him to advocate laws and sign executive orders removing reasonable restraints on abortion and allowing for the free flow of American tax dollars to support entities in foreign countries for the express purpose of murdering the unborn. It is inconsistent to support the lives of committed terrorists and codify the genocide of unborn American children, and black unborn children specifically.

Pursuant to that point, in signing executive orders for the closure of Guantanamo Bay, he shows more compassion for terrorists than he does for unborn children.

During his presidential campaign, Obama attacked members of the Bush administration and President Bush for appointing them. Yet, after prescribing his

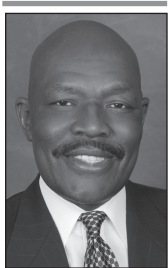
highly touted strict ethics code as part of the vetting process for his appointees, he selected as Secretary of Treasury a presumed financial wunderkind who forgot to pay his taxes.

He is hiring known lobbyists even though he swore such would not happen in his administration. He has appointed William Lynn for Deputy Defense Secretary, even though Lynn is a former lobbyist for defense contractor Raytheon. He has appointed William V. Corr, the executive director of the special interest anti-cigarette group Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, as Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. His is choice for Secretary of Health and Human Services is former Sen. Tom Daschle — who, while not a registered lobbyist, has worked since losing his Senate seat in 2006 for one of DC's major lobbying firms. And his wife, Linda Daschle, is a celebrated lobbyist.

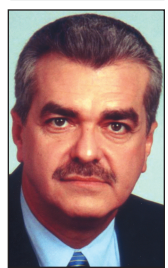
But armed with raw criticism of President Bush for his handling of all policies and with his mantra of change — Obama has already made exceptions to his own hailed ethics policy, presumes to accomplish that which has never worked in the history of Israel and the Palestinians, shows complete disregard for the families of those lost on 9/11 — and tangentially for American security — and values the quality of life for those who purpose to destroy us more than he does the unborn future of America.

Yes sir, it certainly looks like he is going to do things the right way juxtaposed to Bush's wrong way.

Mychal Massie is chairman of Project 21-The National Leadership Network of Black Conservatives, a conservative black think tank located in Washington, D.C.



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Bishop Thomas Tschoepe

Bishop Kevin J. Farrell, the seventh bishop of Dallas, today spoke for Catholics throughout the diocese, "We mourn the passing of a wonderful leader, bishop and priest. Bishop Thomas Tschoepe was instrumental in building up the Catholic Church in Dallas. He built churches to meet the needs of the growing Catholic population and established ministries and programs in English and Spanish that helped so many people to grow in their faith. I ask that all join me in prayers of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tschoepe's leadership, life and priesthood and that Eternal Light now shines upon him."

During Bishop Tschoepe's tenure in the Diocese of Dallas, he continued to enact the reforms dictated by Vatican II that his predecessor had begun to implement. The years immediately following Vatican II were times of great change. Bishop Tschoepe ministered to a flock that included Catholics who welcomed those changes as well as others who did not.

During his episcopacy, the Diocese of Dallas experienced great growth in every direction. Fifteen new parishes were established by Bishop Tschoepe: Church of the Incarnation DD, Irving, 1973; St. Francis of Assisi, Lancaster, 1973; Holy Spirit, Duncanville, 1974; Our Lady of the Lake, Rockwall, 1975; All Saints, Dallas, 1976; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Plano, 1976; St. Joseph, Richardson, 1976; Corpus Christi, Ferris, 1977; St. Michael the Archangel, Garland, 1980; St. Jude, Allen, 1981; Our Lady of Fatima, Quinlan, 1983; St. Francis of Assisi, Whitesboro, 1983; Holy Family, Van Alstyne, 1983; St. Ann, Coppell, 1984 and St. Michael the Archangel, Grand Prairie, 1985.

Ministry became very specialized as the church attempted to respond to new challenges brought on by Vatican II. Bishop Tschoepe also established many new diocesan offices including Diocesan Archives Museum, Family Life Office, a full-time Vocations Office, Deaf Apostolate, Diocesan Youth Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, the Archbishop Sheen Center for Communications and the Office for Pastoral Planning and Research. Other services were expanded, including the Catholic Schools Office, the diocesan newspaper, Texas Catholic, Catholic Charities, the Diocesan Tribunal and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, which was established as the Office of Religious Education.

On Dec. 12, 1976, Bishop Tschoepe promulgated the Vatican decree redesignating Sacred Heart Cathedral as the Cathedral Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe (Catedral Santuario de Guadalupe). The Cathedral Parish had earlier been combined with Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

Prior to his appointment as Bishop of Dallas, Tschoepe served as chancellor and vicar general before being appointed Bishop of San Angelo in 1966.

He is survived by three sisters: Vera Duesman and Clara Simmel, both of Pilot Point, and Bertha Holley of McKinney. He was preceded in death by a sister, Nettie Ross, and three brothers, Paul Tschoepe, John Tschoepe and George Tschoepe. He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including the Rev. Msgr. Leon Duesman, pastor of St. Ann Parish, Coppell and the Rev. Msgr. Jerome Duesman, pastor of Holy Family Parish, Irving.

The Vigil for the Bishop with Reception of the Casket will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 28, at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe 2215 Ross Ave. in Dallas with The Most Rev. Kevin J. Farrell of the Diocese of Dallas, presiding. A memorial mass will be celebrated Wednesday evening

at 7 p.m. in the cathedral. The body will lie in state in the cathedral and available for visitation until 9 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29 in the cathedral followed by Entombment at the Crypt of the Bishops located at the main altar in Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

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Tammeye Jan Atkinson

Tammeye Jan Atkinson, 59, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born April 6, 1949 in Big Spring to Emma and Douithett Buchanan. She married Bunky Atkinson in 1967. She had worked

at the Big Spring State Hospital, MHMR, Big John's Feed Lot and currently at the Wal-Mart Pharmacy. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband: Bunky Atkinson of Big Spring; two sons: Jamie Atkinson and Clay Atkinson, both of Big Spring; one daughter: Shelita Atkinson, of Big Spring; one sister: Nancy Bond of Big Spring; one brother: Donnie Buchanan of Colorado City; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters: Cynthia Franklin and Brenda Sherrod.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

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Ruby Henson Haggard

Ruby Henson Haggard (Mrs. J. Alex) 82, of Stanton, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, died at her home Monday, Jan. 26, 2009.

She was born Feb. 24, 1926, to Minyard Henson and Velma Bell Henson in Westbrook (Mitchell County). At the age of six months

she moved with her parents to Martin County where they were involved in farming and ranching and where she remained a resident until her death. Ruby attended school in Martin County and graduated from Courtney High School as valedictorian of her class in 1943. On Dec. 24, 1943, she married Alex Haggard in Stanton and they spent the next 58 years rearing their family and managing their farming and ranching operation.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ola Mae Henson, her parents and husband, Alex.

Ruby is survived by her son, Larry Haggard of Midland; two daughters and sons-in-law, Alexis Gayle and Gene Wheeler of Stanton and Joanna and Jeff Leighton of Sumter, S.C.; and two granddaughters, Dr. Erin Wheeler Cook and husband Kevin of Stanton and Paige Elizabeth Leighton of

Sumter, S.C.; sister, Sue Henson Standefer of Dallas; and brother, Nathan Heidelberg of Midland.

The family will receive friends Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Graveside services for family, friends and loved ones will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Ruby Haggard was a gracious, dedicated and active Martin County Community leader who set a standard for everyone regarding community service and caring. Ruby was a very giving person and her philanthropy was well known throughout Martin County and West Texas. In the 1970s she was selected as the Martin County Woman of the Year for her outstanding community service.

Mrs. Haggard's affiliations and memberships over the years included the Stanton Study Club, Stanton Music Club, Martin County Historical Commission, co-author of the history book "Martin County, Its Land and Its People 1881-1978," Martin County Library Board, Stanton Garden Club, Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors, Martin County Bicentennial Committee, Martin County Home Demonstration Club, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and lifelong member of the Downtown Church of Christ.

Ruby's strong belief in education led her to establish the J. Alex and Ruby Henson Haggard Schol-

arship Fund with the Permian Basin Area Foundation to enable young men and women with outstanding academic and community service records to have the opportunity to pursue their educational dreams.

Memorials may be directed to the scholarship fund in care of the Permian Basin Area Foundation, 200 North Loraine, Suite 500, Midland 79701 or to any of the following of Mrs. Haggard's special interests: Friends of the Martin County Library, P.O. Box 882, Stanton 79782; Evergreen Cemetery Association of Stanton, P.O. Box 1087, Stanton 79782; Martin County Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 1233, Stanton 79782; or to the Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Take Note

• Big Spring High School Class of 2010 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school library to discuss the prom. For more information, contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

• The Howard County Pachyderm Club will meet Thursday at noon at the Big Spring Country Club off Driver Road. Lunch may be purchased for a nominal fee. Come and join us. Contact Melanie Gambrell for more information at (432) 267-7387.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA cur-

rently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cook-

books can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane

Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

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Area roundup: Grady gets big win over Sands

Herald Staff Reports

LENORAH — While arctic weather kept most area basketball games from taking place, nothing could keep Grady and Sands off the hardwood.

At this point in the season, a win couldn't have meant more than Grady's 72-59 victory over Sands Tuesday night.

With the win, the Wildcats momentarily sit alone atop the District 9-IIA standings with a 5-1 record. The

Mustangs drop to 4-2 and sit in third — a half-game back of Borden County whose game was canceled Tuesday.

Sands jumped on Grady early, holding a 6-point, 21-15, advantage after the opening stanza. However, Grady outscored the Mustangs in every other period.

The Wildcats took a 1-point lead into the break and had extended it to 4 heading into the final frame. The fourth was Grady's most impressive showing of the night, outscoring Sands 20-11 in the stanza.

The Wildcats were led by Jacob Rodriguez and Dylan Cox, who each scored 21 points.

Shane Teague added 17, blocked four shots and nabbed eight rebounds.

Cox finished with a double-double as he also pulled down 14 boards.

Sands got 21 points from Seth Fry, while Ethan Zant chipped in 13 and Xavier Elizondo scored 10.

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AP photo/Charlie Riedel

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, left, chats with his roommate James Farrior during the team's media day for Super Bowl XLIII Tuesday in Tampa, Fla.

Faithful comeback

Warner's resurgence rooted in faith, hard work

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Four years ago Kurt Warner was having a hard time finding a job.

No matter that he had been to two Super Bowls and won one of them, or that he'd been an NFL and Super Bowl MVP.

The perception was that he was washed up, finished, that his storybook career was approaching an ignominious end.

Then the 37-year-old quarterback wrote the most amazing chapter of all with a season that might cement him a spot on football's Hall of Fame, especially if he can lead the Arizona Cardinals, of all teams, to a Super Bowl victory Sunday over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"Hopefully, it would recognize him for exactly what he is — one of the best players to ever play his position," his coach, Ken Whisenhunt, said.

Warner's story is rooted in a deep faith and a persistent drive to be the very best he can be as a person and a football player.

"My objective is hoping that every player that I've played with, every place that I've been, that in some



AP photo/Charlie Riedel

Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner is interviewed by reporters during the team's media day for Super Bowl XLIII Tuesday in Tampa, Fla. The Cardinals will play the Pittsburgh Steelers in the Super Bowl Sunday. Warner's faith was one of the hot topics of the annual media day Tuesday.

way, shape or form, I leave my stamp on those people and those places," he said at the Super Bowl media day on Tuesday. "That's what I want my legacy to be. The football stuff, that's all gravy."

The football stuff impresses his Pittsburgh counterpart, Ben Roethlisberger.

"He's gone through so much and done so much," Roethlisberger said. "To me, I love watching him play. He throws an unbelievable pass and — you know what? — I have a lot of respect for him and the way he plays the game."

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Born not to lose

Grown-up Big Ben leads Steelers

By ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Ben Roethlisberger was along for the ride, and he knows it.

Some teams win a Super Bowl because of their quarterback, the Pittsburgh Steelers managed not to lose one in Detroit three years ago despite Big Ben's self-described bad game. Tom Brady, he was 't.

As nervous as a teenager taking his driver's test, Roethlisberger was 9-of-21 with two interceptions and a 22.6 passer rating. He was so ineffective, the Steelers needed a wide receiver, Antwaan Randle El, to throw the pivotal touchdown pass as they beat Seattle 21-10.

Roethlisberger became the youngest quarterback to win a Super Bowl at age 23, but he was as surprised as he was happy. Not long after, the mood of a player better known for his competitiveness than his perfectly placed spirals began to change.

"I obviously got a little bit upset I didn't play so well, I let the guys down and I didn't help the team win the game," Roethlisberger said Tuesday, a three-deep crowd huddled around his Super Bowl media day podium. "It fuels the fire that you want to come out and play a better game the next time. You have to get over the initial hoopla, the flash, the lights and just make it a game."

Just a game. There's no such thing to Roethlisberger, who is such a competitor that he rarely holds the door open for someone because he doesn't want anyone — sometimes, even a date — beating him outside.

A friendly game of cards, a swat of the ping-pong paddle, a determined dribble of the basketball — almost anything sets off Big Ben, the man who refuses to lose. So imagine what a football game does.

Imagine what this second Super Bowl in four years is doing, the one he will play Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals and coach Ken Whisenhunt, his offensive coordinator in that Detroit Super Bowl.

Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner doesn't need to imagine. To beat the Steelers, he must outplay Roethlisberger, and he knows how difficult that can be. A classic pocket passer, Warner watches on tape how the 6-foot-5 Roethlisberger shakes off 300-pound defensive linemen, escapes a pass rush and creates a big play out of a broken one.

"He's so much more athletic than me. He's got a big, strong arm, he has an ability to make plays in and out of the pocket that's so different from me," Warner said. "I'm a guy that stays in there and is really built on just staying in there and making the forward pass as opposed to making a whole bunch of plays outside the pocket. He's got great strengths outside of that part of it, which obviously I don't."

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AP photo/Jerry Larson

Texas' Justin Mason, left, blocks the shot of Baylor's Curtis Jerrells, right, in the first half of an NCAA basketball game Tuesday in Waco. Texas defeated Baylor for a 23rd straight time, 78-72.

No. 11 Texas fight past Baylor, 78-72

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

WACO — Texas coach Rick Barnes was talking about how hard his team fought, expounding on all the things the 11th-ranked Longhorns had to do to win.

Still, Barnes really shouldn't have been all that surprised with the outcome.

In his 11 seasons, the Longhorns have never lost to Baylor.

Texas made it 23 consecutive victories in the series Tuesday night, when A.J. Abrams scored 19 points while matching the Big 12 career record for 3-pointers in a 78-72 victory over the Bears.

"We knew both teams would dig in and play as hard as we can play," Barnes said. "Defensively, I thought we were really good. Offensively, we go through spurts where we struggle. ... This was as complete a win as we've had as a team."

And yet just another victory for the Longhorns (15-4, 4-1 Big 12) against the rival located less than 100 miles north on Interstate 35. Baylor last won in the series in 1998.

"Like all Baylor fans, we're tired of being on the short end," said coach Scott

Drew, now 0-12 against the Longhorns.

Baylor (15-5, 3-3), coming off a 19-point loss at Oklahoma that was its 29th straight loss in that series, was within a basket of the Longhorns with 1:23 left when LaceDarius Dunn hit two free throws.

But Abrams then dribbled inside the 3-point line with a minute to play and hit a jumper for his last points of the game. Abrams then fouled Tweety Carter on a 3-pointer shot, but Carter missed all three free throws — having already missed his only other two in the game.

"You've just got to take what the defense gives you," Abrams said. "I had open shots in the first half from 3. Obviously they were going to make adjustments and you've got to change."

Abrams matched the Big 12 record with his 338th career 3-pointer, his third of the game coming 14½ minutes into the game. He didn't make another one, leaving him tied with Jeff Boschee, who played at Kansas from 1999-2002.

"He's been a great player for four years," Drew said. "He does a great job coming off screens. ... We did a pretty good job, but lost him a couple of times in the zone and that hurt us."

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Their personalities are similar. Warner's career has gone through numerous ups and downs, yet he persevered and now has a chance to win a second Super Bowl. So does Roethlisberger, whose competitiveness drives Pittsburgh's offense.

"Ben needs to win," said defensive end Brett Keisel, one of his best friends on the team. "I could be joking around, playing basketball, we could be playing H-O-R-S-E, and all of a sudden he wants to bet. When he bets, he just has this face, this look that comes over him that he's going to win. Me, being the smart guy I am, I never bet."

But Roethlisberger does on occasion. He was seen with friends cele-

brating his birthday last year at some of Las Vegas' more expensive betting outlets, not long after signing a new contract guaranteeing him \$36 million. Still, he believes in sharing the wealth.

During an off weekend in November, he took his offensive linemen to Chicago for an all-expenses-paid weekend. He treats them to dinner regularly, doing so again Monday night at a Tampa steakhouse — a team-building gesture that ignores the 46 sacks, the shoulder injury and concussion he absorbed this season.

That's why Keisel and some other teammates say Roethlisberger's near-fanatical will to win might be what sets him apart from most other quarterbacks. Roethlisberger has led 18 comebacks in the fourth quarter or later that won or tied a game, five this season.

And which NFL quarterback won

the most games by age 26? Brady? Dan Marino? John Elway? Joe Montana? No, Roethlisberger, with 51. In a few days, he could join only Brady by winning a second Super Bowl before he turns 27.

Consider this, too: Roethlisberger has started during each of his five NFL seasons. Terry Bradshaw, against whom all Steelers quarterbacks are measured, didn't become an unquestioned starter until midway through his fifth season, in 1974. Before then, Bradshaw endured several awful seasons, benchings for Terry Hanratty and Joe Gilliam, while he did a lot of growing up.

So much has happened to Roethlisberger during those five seasons: Going 13-0 as a rookie before losing in the AFC title game; winning the Super Bowl in his second season; the motorcycle crash that seriously injured him in 2006; the down season

that followed; a comeback year (32 touchdowns, 11 interceptions) under a new coach in 2007; another Super Bowl appearance this season, despite a falloff in production (17 touchdowns, 15 interceptions).

His reckless, playground style creates some of the punishment he absorbs. He doesn't believe any play is irretrievably broken, so he hangs onto the ball longer than many quarterbacks.

The sacks created by that determination don't seem to bother him as much as the criticism he gets for taking them. This season, he was unhappy with, of all people, Jerome Bettis — a teammate-turned-commentator who was pivotal to Roethlisberger's early development.

"It may sound mean, it may sound rude, but if you're sitting behind a desk, I really don't care what you think about me," Roethlisberger said.

AREA

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Sands 21 12 15 11—59

Grady 15 19 18 20—72

Leading scorers: Sands (14-8, 4-2): Seth Fry 21, Ethan Zant 13, Xavier Elizondo 10.

Grady (18-5, 5-1): Jacob Rodriguez 21, Dylan Cox 21, Shane Teague 17.

Garden City 40, Robert Lee 20

ROBERTLEE — Garden City's Bearkats remained perfect in District 10-IIA play Tuesday, shutting down rival Robert Lee with a 40-20 win.

Robert Lee was held to just five points in the first half, while the Bearkats rattled off 21 and coasted to victory from there.

Brett Chudej scored half of Garden City's points with a game-high 20 points.

The Bearkats host Blackwell at 8 p.m. Friday.

Garden City 11 10 6 13—40

Robert Lee 3 2 9 6—20

Garden City (11-8, 5-0): Brett Chudej 20, Hayden Halfmann 5, Adam Montes 4, Aaron Long 4, Cole Schwartz 3, Michael Clarke 2, Reggie Halfmann 2.

Robert Lee: Logan Philly 6, Josh Gallegos 5, Hayden Dillard 4, Stetson Nesbit 3, Cody Brosh 2.

Free throws: GC 7-12, RL 3-5. 3-point goals GC 1 (Montes), RL 1 (Nesbit). Total fouls: GC 7, RL 14. Fouled out: None.

Girls basketball Garden City 44, Robert Lee 13

It's not hard to tell why Garden City's Lady Bearkats are ranked 12th in the state.

The Lady 'Kats blasted Robert Lee, 44-13, Tuesday night on the road, led by 16 points from Morgan Schwartz.

However, it was the Lady 'Kats' defensive presence that dictated the game. They held the Lady Steers to just two points scored in each of the first three periods. Garden City led 34-4 at the break and called off the dogs in the second for the easy victory.

Garden City hosts Blackwell at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Garden City 22 12 5 5—44

Robert Lee 2 2 2 7—13

Garden City (23-3, 6-0): Morgan Schwartz 16, Macy Schwartz 8, Paige Niehues 7, Melissa Hirt 7, Britton Avery 3, Kate Halfmann 3.

Robert Lee (13-10, 2-4): Saucedo 5, Perez 3, Minjarez 3, Brisdin 2.

Free throws: GC 3-6, RL 2-4. 3-point goals: GC 3 (Ma. Schwartz 2, Niehues), RL 1 (Perez).

Sands 35, Grady 25

LENORAH — In a game deciding who sits in control of the second seed in District 9-IIA, the Grady Lady Wildcats got off to a slow start, allowing the Sands Lady Mustangs to pull out the 35-25 win.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon waxing in Pisces is like a poet who takes the mic on the stage of a beatnik coffee house and proceeds to infuse our creativity with soulful words that resonate on multiple levels. We might not make sense of the tones, but they spark our imaginations and unite all who experience them. Click your fingers in appreciation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People ask you the weirdest questions. It's nothing to take personally, though. When someone projects their expectations onto your life, the result is always a bit awkward. Deflect discomfort with humor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you're feeling energetic and creative it takes no time at all to do your work. You probably didn't wake up with such revved up energy, though, so expose yourself to something that inspires you, and do it quick!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whenever talkative people are assembled, you can be found in the middle of it, stirring the conversation to a frenzy. You have such a fun influence on others that you could be put in charge of group projects and activities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Here's how to cure an uneasy feeling: Stop asking yourself so many questions. You're confusing things that will be clear to you once you stop guessing, speculating and wondering.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Just because you're an optimist doesn't mean you're always in a good mood. It does mean that you can't maintain a foul mood for long, though. Your sense of humor kicks in to brighten everything.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is safe for you to tell someone how much you care about him or her. The language will flow easily when you do. There is nothing inappropriate about your honest emotions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a near obsession with doing things right. A responsible person, after all, will go to the ends of the earth to deliver on his or her word. Even you will be surprised about what you're willing to do to be conscientious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Instead of asking what others think about the situation, ask what they feel. Upon hearing the emotional involvement of others you'll be able to assemble a plan for collective happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hiring someone to do the work that you usually do can be frustrating. The other person is not likely to do the job as well as you would. But be patient. There is still some good that comes out of the arrangement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The process of creation is mysterious. You may feel like you're tapped out of solutions and that there is nothing left in your well to apply to your work. And yet, when you sit down to do a job, it gets done. Magic!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The chattering voice of so-called intellect is a little out of control

today. Don't let your mind harass your life. Quiet it down. A nice cup of tea, relaxing music and a bit of warm sunshine should do the trick.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to know it all. In fact, most people will be quite annoyed if you do. Some topics are better left unaddressed. When you don't know and you don't care you're free to take on only the important tasks.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My husband is a good provider, father and citizen. But he's a bad husband. He's thoughtless and years ago stopped paying much attention to me. There's someone else who has captured my interest, but I'm not sure if it would really work out. What should I do? — Birthday (8/11/1965)"

Leos have a crucial need for attention and lots of it. And Leo will go to the ends of the earth for the person who gives her the attention she craves, even changing her entire life and focus if she thinks that attention will keep coming. You have natal sun and also Mercury in Leo and you enjoy dressing stylishly, telling stories and making people laugh.

You also have a stock of coquettish games you play and you often flirt just to make people feel better. Sometimes what happens in marriage is that the

same old "tricks" that used to work lose their magic due to familiarity. Find new ways to delight your partner and capture his attention. This is the fun and loving thing to do. Also consider that this period of your marriage could be teaching you something. Lavish yourself in attention so that you don't need so much of it from your husband or anyone else.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Gorgeous chanteuse Sarah McLachlan was born under a musical Aquarius sun with her natal Mercury, the planet of communication, in Aquarius as well. However, that's not her only talent. With Venus and the moon in Capricorn she's one shrewd businesswoman. She has created projects such as the founding and helming of Lilith Fair and there are more such ventures in her future.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

	1	9		7	3		5	
6							7	4
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		1	8		3	4		2
9	4							8
2		7	4			6	5	

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

No Business Like Show Business

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A Q 7 3
♥ K 6
♦ Q 8 4 3
♠ A K J

WEST
♦ J 10 9 4
♥ Q 1 9 3
♦ A 10 6 2
♠ 5

EAST
♠ —
♥ 10 7 5 2
♦ K J 5
♣ Q 10 8 7 4 3

SOUTH
♦ K 8 6 5 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ 9 7
♣ 9 6 2

The bidding:
North 1♦ East Pass South 1♠ West Pass

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Every declarer occasionally runs into an unlucky distribution which, as the cards lie, appears to make the contract hopeless. But sometimes what seems an impossible task may turn out to be manageable after all.

Take this case where South got to four spades and West led a heart. Declarer won with dummy's king and cashed the trump ace, on which East unexpectedly showed out. Undaunted, and for want of anything better to do, South next led a low diamond to his nine.

West won with the ten and shifted

to his singleton club, taken by dummy's ace. A second diamond lost to East's jack, and a heart was returned. Declarer won with the ace, ruffed a heart and ruffed a diamond. He then cashed the Q-K of trumps, producing this position with South on lead needing two more tricks to make the contract:

North
♦ Q
♣ K J

West
♠ J
♥ J
♦ A

East
♥ 10
♣ Q 10

South
♠ 8
♥ 9 6

Superficially, it might seem that declarer must lose a spade and a club, but when South now led a club, the second loser disappeared.

If West ruffed, that would be the last trick his side could score. If West discarded a heart instead, declarer would win the club with the king and ruff a diamond to produce his 10th trick. And if West discarded the ace of diamonds, declarer would take the club king and lead the established queen of diamonds, discarding his remaining club and again finishing with 10 tricks.

Whatever West did, South could not be stopped from scoring two more tricks to make his contract.

Tomorrow: Chalk one up for declarer.

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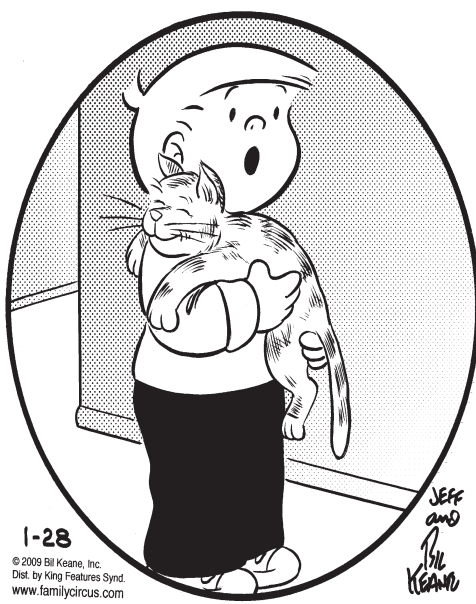
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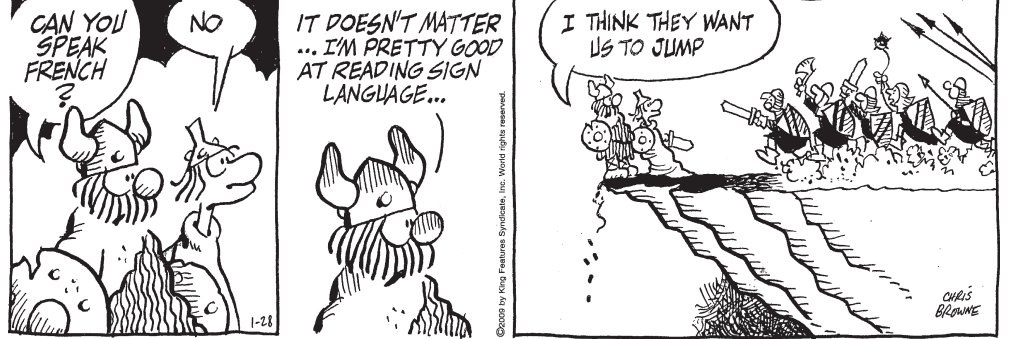
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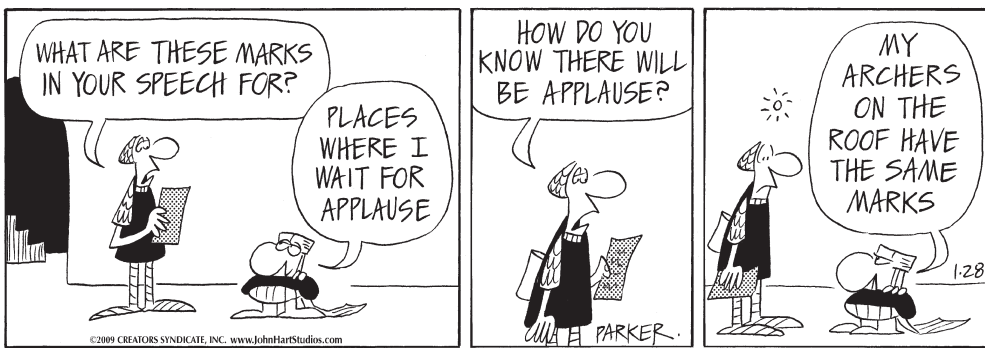
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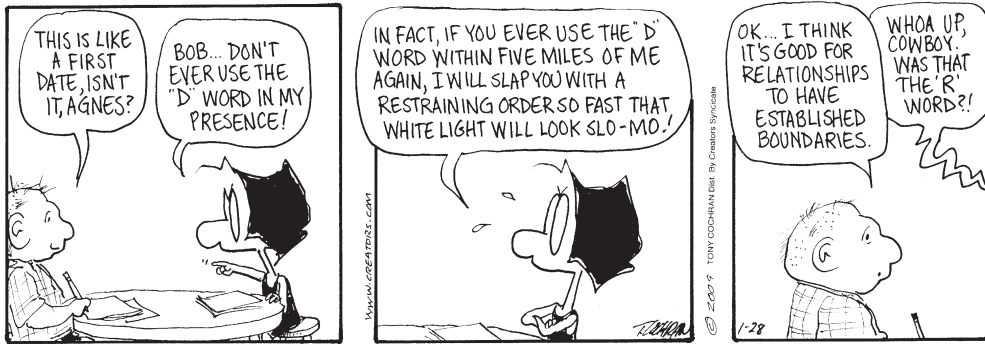
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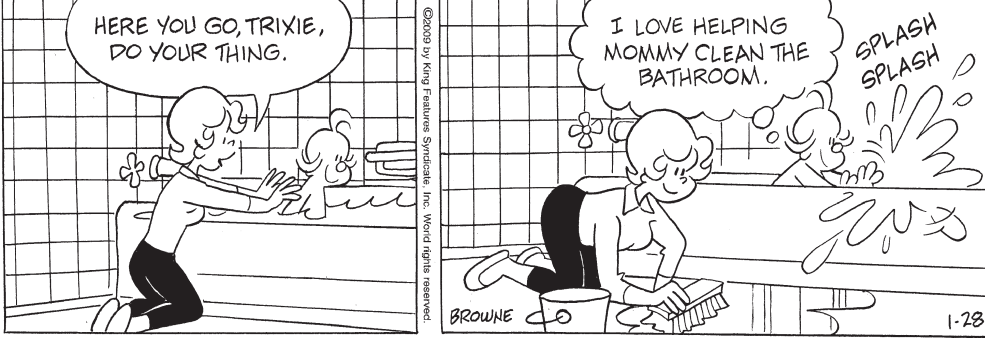
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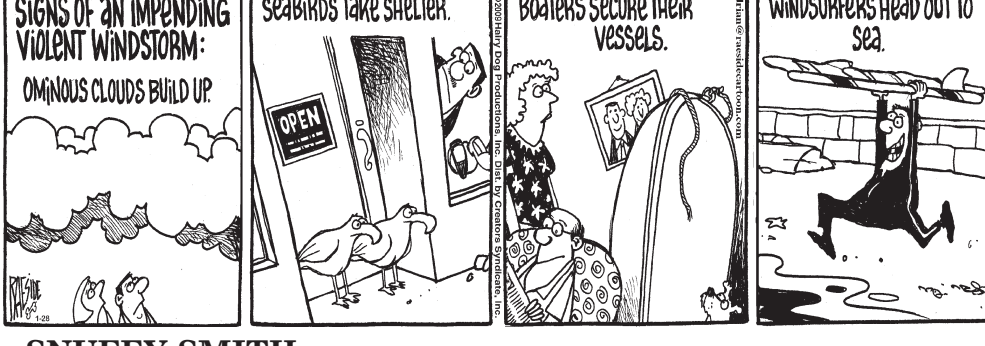
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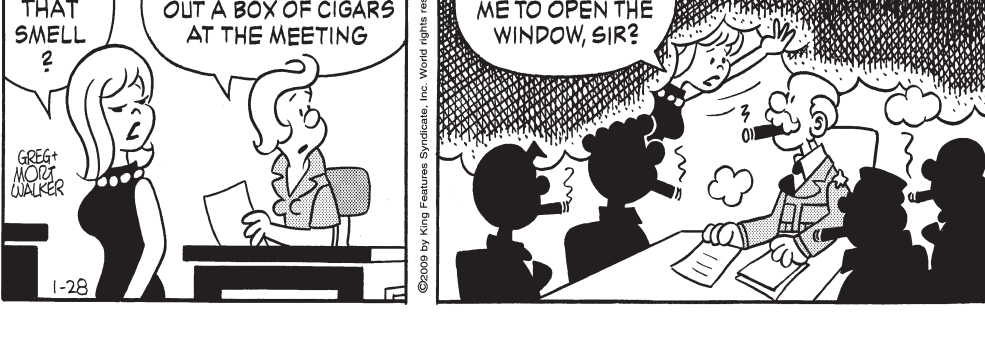
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In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.
In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.
In 1878, the first daily college newspaper, Yale News (now Yale Daily News), began publication in New Haven, Conn.
In 1909, the United States withdrew its forces from Cuba

as Jose Miguel Gomez became president.
In 1915, the United States Coast Guard was created as President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill merging the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service.
In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court; Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member.
In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.
In 1969, a major oil spill off Santa Barbara, Calif., occurred as a Union Oil well blew out, sending oil and natural gas into the Santa Barbara Channel.
In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.
In 1978, fire swept through the historic downtown Coates House hotel in Kansas City, Mo., killing 20 people.
Today's Birthdays: Musician-composer Acker Bilk is 80. Actor Nicholas Pryor is 74. Actor Alan Alda is 73. Actress Susan Howard is 67. Actress Marthe Keller is 64. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 59.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy is 54. Actress Harley Jane Kozak is 52. Movie director Frank Darabont is 50. Rock musician Dave Sharp is 50. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 47. Rock musician Dan Spitz (Anthrax) is 46. Country musician Greg Cook (Ricochet) is 44. Gospel singer Marvin Sapp is 42. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 41. Rapper Rakim is 41. DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 41. Actress Kathryn Morris ("Cold Case") is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Anthony Hamilton is 38. Rock musician Brandon Bush (Train) is 36. Singer Joey Fatone, Jr. ('N Sync) is 32. Rapper Rick Ross is 32. Actress Rosamund Pike is 30.

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- ACROSS
- 1 Fiddle stick
- 4 Light lunches
- 10 Arabian sultanate
- 14 Clean-air org.
- 15 Brunch order
- 16 Flimsy, as an excuse
- 17 Wood-shop tool
- 19 Salon supplies
- 20 Triple-decker cookie
- 21 Bring under control
- 22 Make cents
- 23 Italian restaurant staples
- 26 Worked up
- 28 Star Wars mentor
- 34 Dancer Charisse
- 37 Monte
- 38 Enrico Caruso, for one
- 39 Suite component
- 41 Pepper grinders
- 43 15 Across ingredient
- 44 Choreographer de Mille
- 46 Filled to the gills
- 48 Used to be
- 49 McCartney #1 album of '74
- 52 Verdi heroine
- 53 From the Dark Ages
- 57 Hair line
- 59 Finish third
- 63 Scotland
- 64 Neck of the woods
- 65 Victorian house feature
- 68 Reducing regimen
- 69 Permits
- 70 Martini ingredient
- 71 "Smooth Operator" singer
- 72 Heaven on earth
- 73 Ames and Asner
- DOWN
- 1 Dizzy Gillespie's music
- 2 Verdi work
- 3 Part of Great Britain
- 4 Distress signal
- 5 Doctors' org.
- 6 Easter preceder
- 7 Alan of M*A*S*H
- 8 Consider
- 9 Run of wins
- 10 Inherited wealth
- 11 "Are we through?"
- 12 "I'll say!"
- 13 Bird house
- 18 Dorothy's dog
- 24 Dancing with the Stars network
- 25 Thailand, once
- 27 Understand
- 29 Place for a watch
- 30 Muslim's Almighty
- 31 Nick of Lorenzo's Oil
- 32 Gaucho's weapon
- 33 Ruffles feathers
- 34 Zodiac creature
- 35 Hindu discipline
- 36 It's a Wonderful Life actress
- 40 Do 35 Down
- 42 53 Across laborer
- 45 Golf-green material
- 47 Deserved
- 50 Caribbean port
- 51 Former Georgia senator Sam
- 54 Get away from
- 55 Get away from
- 56 Things to mow
- 57 Goalie's protection
- 58 Verdi solo
- 60 Sentry's shout
- 61 Scandinavian capital
- 62 Trounce
- 66 Doughboys' conflict, for short
- 67 "This recording"

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WARNER

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Warner's return to the top is a dominant theme leading up to this Super Bowl, just as it was in his 1999 season.

"Most times when you do something great, it's not overnight," he said. "It's not something that comes easy. It comes with a lot of hard work, a lot of time, a lot of commitment."

The comment pretty much sums up his life.

Warner played for Northern Iowa, but didn't start until he was a senior.

Then he tried out for the Green Bay Packers, but was quickly released. So it was back to Cedar Rapids, where he got a job stocking shelves for a supermarket.

His route from there to the NFL included three seasons with the Iowa Barnstormers of the Arena Football League and two years with the Amsterdam Admirals in NFL Europe.

Before the 1999 season,

Warner was a backup with the Rams when starter Trent Green was injured. Coach Dick Vermeil turned to Warner, and the result was one of the most prolific offenses in NFL history.

In the next three years, despite missing five games because of injury, Warner threw for 12,612 yards and 98 touchdowns. There was the Super Bowl championship season and the near-miss against New England in 2001.

But injuries to his finger and hand in 2002 signaled the beginning of the end of his days in St. Louis.

He lost the starting job to Marc Bulger and was released by the Rams after the 2003 season.

"I never felt like the physical part of my game ever disappeared," Warner said. "I felt like that was always there. The one question I had when I left St. Louis was would I ever get the opportunity to display that again."

He signed a one-year deal with the New York Giants, but was replaced by rookie Eli Manning

10 games into the season after an awful game against the Cardinals.

At 33, Warner found no serious offers, except from the lowly Cards.

Even in Arizona, success never came easily.

Warner was limited by injuries to 10 starts in 2005. In 2006, then-coach Dennis Green made Warner the starter after training camp, but again he was replaced by a rookie — when Matt Leinart took over five games into the season.

Whisenhunt replaced the fired Green in 2007, and Warner had to prove himself all over again.

Whisenhunt kept Leinart as the starter, but sent Warner into three games to operate a productive, no-huddle offense. Then Leinart went down with a broken collarbone five games into the season, and Warner had the job full time.

He played despite a dislocated elbow in his left, non-throwing arm, earning even more respect from his teammates for his toughness.

Warner threw for 3,417

yards and 27 touchdowns, but at season's end it was the same old story: Leinart was the starter.

Whisenhunt, though, assured Warner he'd have an opportunity to compete for the job in training camp, and after the final preseason game of 2008, Whisenhunt made Warner the starter.

"It was a week and a day before our first regular-season game," Whisenhunt said, "and I stayed up all night making the decision."

Warner found an offensive rhythm with his powerhouse group of receivers and the Cardinals took flight. His statistics this season rival those of his St. Louis days, finishing second in the NFL in completions (401), second in completion percentage (67.1), second in yards passing (4,583) and third in passing touchdowns (30).

But Warner hints at

retirement. His wife Brenda would like him at home with their seven children and he'd have more time to work with his First Things First foundation.

It's a Christian organization to match his

faith-based life.

"Everything I do, everywhere I go, I'm trying to live up to or represent Jesus," Warner said. "Having the faith I have is first and foremost in my life."

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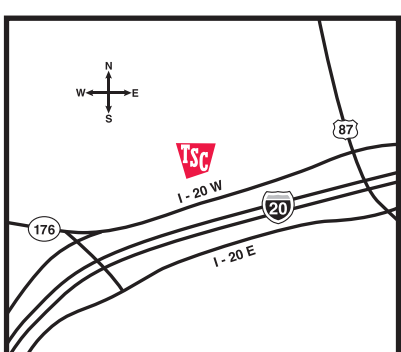
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