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Abatements OK'd for CPV Wind Ventures

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

CPV Wind Ventures of Massachusetts will receive a 90 percent tax abatement for the first four years of its operation in Gray County, followed by a 60 percent abatement for six years afterward, as a result of a vote following an executive session during county commissioners' meeting Thursday.

"They wanted a 100 percent abatement, but we felt that would not be fair to the residents of Gray County," County Judge Richard Peet

said after the meeting.

CPV Wind Ventures had asked for a 100 percent abatement for three years, followed by 80 percent for three years, ending with 60 percent for three years, Peet said.

The abatements settled upon Thursday will result in the county collecting \$383,592 in property taxes from CPV over a 10-year period. Beginning with the 11th year, the company will pay 100 percent of assessed property taxes.

"We'll collect \$94,000 more than if we'd gone with their recommen-

tion," Peet said. The company's suggested abatements would have resulted in the county's collecting \$289,000 in property taxes during the 10-year period.

Depreciation of the wind energy property will be figured in on taxable values each year, including the years that abatements are in effect.

A tax abatement means that the company will not have to pay an agreed-upon percentage of the assessed property tax. Tax abatements may be available within reinvestment zones as an incentive to

businesses to establish or expand operations within the zone.

County commissioners established a reinvestment zone in southern Gray County at earlier meetings this year as a result of CPV's interest in establishing a wind farm there.

The reinvestment zone covers approximately 1,219.09 acres along an area east of Highway 70 on the Trew Ranch. CPV plans to install 19 generators in Gray County, with another 38 in Donley County.

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Photo courtesy White Deer Land Museum
Weather spotters can learn about tornadoes at NWS classes.

Severe storm classes planned

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

The Amarillo National Weather Service will conduct two severe storm spotter classes over the next two weeks, which are free and open to the public.

This training is for those wanting to become certified as a Skywarn Spotter as well as those who just want to learn more about severe storms.

Skywarn spotters serve as the eyes and ears of the NWS, providing real-time ground reports. This information is used in conjunction with doppler radar, satellite and surface analysis to provide the best severe weather warning service to the public.

The NWS in Amarillo has forecast and warning responsibility for the Texas and

Oklahoma panhandles. Their primary mission is to protect life and property by issuing timely severe weather watches, warnings and advisories.

"The Amarillo NWS appreciates the dedication and commitment of these volunteers," said NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist Steve Drillette. "Despite the advanced radars and technology, the Skywarn spotters continue to play a vital role in the warning process."

The Texas and Oklahoma Skywarn Cellular Area Network will be recruiting storm spotters at both of these classes. Anyone interested in becoming a storm spotter for this organization can speak with

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Gray grand jury hands up 22 indictments this week

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

A Gray County grand jury handed up 22 indictments Thursday in 31st Judicial District Court, including five first-degree felonies, one second-degree felony and seven third degree felonies.

Steven Lee Cook, 50, was indicted on three counts of failure to stop and render assistance. The degree of these offenses has not been determined. On April 24, 2006, Cook allegedly drove a vehicle that was involved in an accident resulting in injury to three individuals. He intentionally left the scene of the accident without giving identifying information and without rendering reasonable assistance when it was apparent the individuals needed medical treat-

ment. Total bond amount for the three counts is \$22,500.

Paul Andre Brown, 34, was indicted on a first-degree felony for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, enhanced. On Aug. 24, 2006, Brown allegedly possessed a firearm before the fifth anniversary of the defendant's release from confinement following a felony conviction. On March 17, 2005, Brown was convicted of felony robbery and on Aug. 6, 1997, Brown was convicted of a felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Bond amount is \$25,000.

Brown was also indicted on another first-degree felony for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, enhanced. On Aug. 24, 2006, Brown allegedly pos-

sessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of four grams or more but less than 200 grams with intent to deliver. Bond amount is \$25,000.

Josephine Valenzuela Braddock, 36, was indicted on a first-degree felony for possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, enhanced. On March 15, 2006, Braddock allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of less than one gram within 1,000 feet of a drug free zone, a school. On Oct. 27, 1992, Braddock was convicted on a felony offense of robbery with firearms. On June 17, 2002, Braddock was convicted of a felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Bond amount is \$25,000.

James Michael Brown, 33, was indicted on a state jail felony for possession of a controlled substance. On May 20, 2006, Brown allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of less than one gram. Bond amount is \$5,000.

Bobby Ladell Dorsey Jr., 20, was indicted on a third-degree felony for possession of a controlled substance. On April 23, 2006, Dorsey allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams. Bond amount is \$7,500.

Tequilla Uvette Hall, 21, was indicted on a state jail felony for possession of a controlled substance.

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Duncan questions fairness of parks funding bill

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

While State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said he supports more funding for state parks, he questions the fairness of a bill before the Texas Senate.

Sen. Duncan, whose district runs from Pampa across West Texas to Lubbock, San Angelo to Midland, said this week he has reservations about proposals before the upper chamber during this spring's legislative session.

"A lot of the things that the park service wants are very good things," Duncan said, "but very lit-

tle of the new money would go to West Texas."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Agency is requesting \$35 million for repairs to Battleship Texas, \$30 million for acquisition and development of new parks near major urban centers and \$66 million for statewide repairs listed as major priorities.

"Not one of those needs exists in Senate District 28," Duncan said.

Additionally, the funding request would provide for 263 new full-time employees. Less than 10 would be employed in the 46 counties Duncan represents.

Duncan said he grew up in West Texas and has a commitment to preserving the scenic wonders of the area, but he questions where in the state the money will go and how his district will benefit.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife legislative appropriation is requesting another \$171 million into the state's parks system.

"I certainly support the concept of appropriately funding this system," Duncan said. "It's a decision we'll consider closely in the Senate Finance Committee."

As a member of that committee, who represents more than 625,000

West Texans and five parks facilities, Duncan said it's his duty to study how that amount of money would be distributed before he throws the weight of his support behind it.

"The funding our district would receive for personnel and operations comes out to less than one-half of a single percentage point of the total funding increase," Duncan said. "These facts give me some reason to pause."

He said he supports new funding for Texas parks and new funding for parks west of Interstate 35.

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Saturday **Sunday** **Monday**



Mostly sunny **Mostly sunny** **Partly cloudy**

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.
 Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
 Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South-southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 74. Calm wind becoming east-northeast between 5 and 10 mph.
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After approving rehab plan, board resigns

AUSTIN (AP) — The board of directors overseeing Texas' troubled youth prisons resigned today after recommending a systemwide rehabilitation plan that calls for stricter inmate supervision and new procedures for reporting and investigating sex abuse allegations.

The six-member Texas Youth Commission submitted resignation letters to Gov. Rick Perry that take effect late this afternoon, Perry spokesman Ted Royer said.

The board met briefly by conference call to hand over its power to acting executive director Ed Owens, who was hired to overhaul the agency dogged by accusations that inmates were sexually and physically abused in facilities around the state.

"I've got to instill and enforce that we are changing," Owens said. "As the plan says, it's a time for action."

The Texas Youth Commission incarcerates about 2,700 offenders ages 10 to 21 who are considered the most dangerous, incorrigible or chronic.

The commission has been in turmoil since reports surfaced last month that employees had covered up allegations that two officials at the West Texas State School in Pyote had molested male inmates.

Perry demoted the board's chairman and appointed special master Jay Kimbrough to oversee a sweeping investigation of the agency, which so far has produced hundreds of new inmate complaints of abuse.

But until Wednesday, when the full Senate voted for the board's ouster, the governor had been reluctant to replace them. He said there was no proof they'd done anything wrong.

The board members praised Owens' 24-point rehabilitation plan, which calls for improving staff-to-student ratios and redrafting complaint policies so top agency staff review all allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

But board member Gogi Dickson said the board should get credit for some of the plan's suggestions.

"These are recommendations that the board had wanted and asked for many years now," she said.

Advocates for inmates and their families said Owens is on the right track. But they said he also should have called for independent oversight through an inspector general or a juvenile justice ombudsman.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

ADAIR, Deven Ryan — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Deven Ryan Adair

MIAMI — Deven Ryan Adair was stillborn March 11, 2007, at Pampa, to Wesley and Nidia Adair of Miami.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery of

Pampa with Pastor John Henry, of New Life Christian Center of Guymon, Okla., officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Survivors include the infant's parents, Wesley and Nidia; grandparents, Johnny and Vanessa Adair of Optima, Okla., and Mike and Conchita Mendoza of Wheeler; and great-grandparents, Boyd and Shirley

Cannon of Optima and Francisco Enriquez of Wheeler.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Seventeen traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1300 block of North Russell.

An abandoned vehicle causing a traffic hazard was reported in the 800 block of South Reid.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Reid and Albert.

An accident was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2100 block of North Wells, the 1100 block of West Terry, the 1900 block of North Wells, the 500 block of North Magnolia, the 700 block of East Murphy, the 2600 block of Rosewood, the 400 block of South Barnes, the 600 block of South West, the 700 block of East Albert, the 500 block of North Zimmers, and at two undisclosed locations.

Lost property was reported in the 1500 block of Williston.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations.

Sex offender registration took place in the police department lobby.

Agency assistance was provided in the 200 block of North Russell and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Criminal mischief was reported at the intersection of 16th and Christy.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1200 block of

East Francis.

A 911 hangup call came in from the 1300 block of North Duncan.

An alarm was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1100 block of Crane, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Gray and Harlem and the 300 block of South Anne.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Thursday, March 15

Dwight Remon Nickelberry, 32, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Kalla Terrell, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

Jackie Freeman Salinas, 47, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for theft by check more than \$20 but less than \$500.

Friday, March 16

Russell Burle Cain, 32, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a fugitive warrant for possession of a controlled substance and no valid driver's license.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, March 15

No reported calls.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer.
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 West Texas Crude 57.55

Clinton campaign comes to Texas

NEW YORK (AP) — The first deadline in the presidential money primary holds promise and pitfalls for Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Locked in a high-profile fight with charismatic rival Barack Obama, Clinton's initial fundraising report will be a test of her strength as the party's front-runner.

Raise millions more than Obama and another chief rival, John Edwards, and the perception that she is the party's inevitable nominee will solidify. A less-than-decisive edge will lend credence to the view that the nomination is truly up for grabs.

The Clinton, Obama and Edwards campaigns have been trying to outfox one another in the expectations game. Each campaign has set a low bar for itself while predicting big numbers for the competition.

Clinton heads to Texas today, where she will attend four events in four cities over two days. She's expected at fund-raising events tonight in Austin and on Saturday in Houston, San Antonio and McAllen.

Clinton had a clear advantage over her rivals before anyone even established an exploratory committee. Not only could she transfer \$11 million from her Senate

account, she could tap those same donors for her presidential bid.

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first quarter ending March 31. After all, she has help from the man once called the fundraiser in chief — former President Clinton.

Clinton's husband will join her at major fund-raisers in New York on Sunday and Washington two days later. The former president has been the featured guest at a series of exclusive lunches and dinners, where attendees are asked to pony up \$4,600 — the maximum allowable contribution — to his wife's campaign.

Hassan Nemazee, a New York financier and longtime Clinton fund-raiser, hosted a dinner for about 100 guests Tuesday night with Bill Clinton the marquee attraction. People dined on beet salad and steak at Manhattan's swank Cipriani restaurant, and Clinton stayed past 11:30 p.m.

The event pulled in \$500,000 for his wife's campaign.

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AAA: Texas gas prices continue up

HOUSTON (AP) — Retail gasoline prices rose in Texas this week for a sixth week in a row, but more slowly than in the previous week, according to a survey.

The statewide average price for regular-grade gasoline rose 3 cents this week to \$2.41 per gallon, according to the weekly AAA Texas gasoline price survey released Friday. That was after an 11-cent increase the week before.

Nationally, the price average rose 4 cents per gallon to \$2.55 cents per gallon, according to an auto club statement.

"Pump prices in Texas have risen for the sixth consecutive week," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "Although current gas prices are relatively high for Texas motorists, prices in California are above \$3 a gallon for regular self-serve. The increase comes on the back of strong demand for fuel, seasonal refinery conversions to the production of warm-weather blends and a relatively high oil price."

The most expensive regular-grade gaso-

line was in Amarillo, where the average price rose 5 cents this week to \$2.51 per gallon. The cheapest gas was in Corpus Christi, where it rose 1 cent to \$2.32 per gallon.

These are average per-gallon prices of regular, self-serve gasoline in Texas metro areas and the change from last week, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch released Friday:

- Austin-San Marcos — \$2.404, up 3.6 cents
- Amarillo — \$2.513, up 4.9 cents
- Beaumont — \$2.379, up 2.4 cents
- Corpus Christi — \$2.317, up 1.3 cents
- Dallas — \$2.457, up 7.5 cents
- El Paso — \$2.457, up 3.1 cents
- Fort Worth — \$2.404, up 2.6 cents
- Galveston-Texas City — \$2.395, up 1.0 cents
- Houston — \$2.388, up 2.3 cents
- San Antonio — \$2.357, up 2.1 cents
- Texarkana (Texas only) — \$2.428, up 3.8 cents



Junior Red Cross volunteers to hold fund-raising dinner

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A fund-raising dinner to benefit the new Junior Red Cross Volunteers group is scheduled for March 27 at the Eastern Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell.

The come-and-go event begins at 5 p.m. and continues until 8 p.m. The menu includes a taco pile-on with drinks and dessert.

Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the Red Cross office or at the door.

"Right now, we have five junior volunteers," said

Valorie Foreman, adult volunteer leader of the group. Scheduled training sessions for the volunteers include first aid for children, cardiopulmonary resuscitation for children and baby-sitter training.

"We also plan to teach how to set up child care in the aftermath of a disaster," Foreman said.

Anyone interested in becoming a junior volunteer must be in fourth grade or older. For more information, call the Red Cross office at 669-7121.

Courtesy photo
Adult volunteer leader Valorie Foreman, standing at left, heads a new Junior Red Cross volunteer group based in the Pampa Red Cross office. Front row from left are Summer Seiber, visitor Maci Hatfield and Bobby Starr. Back row, right from Foreman, are Michael Foreman, Sierra Seiber, Matthew Foreman and Benjamin Foreman.

Jury

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On July 7, 2004, Hall allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of less than one gram. Bond amount is \$5,000.

Hall was also indicted on a third-degree felony for possession of a controlled substance. On April 23, 2006, Hall allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams. Bond amount is \$7,500.

Debra Kay Howard, 50, was indicted on a state jail felony for possession of a controlled substance. On April 13, 2006, Howard allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of less than one gram. Bond amount is \$5,000.

Jelani Rashad McNeal, 28, was indicted on a state jail felony for possession of a controlled substance. On March 10, 2006, McNeal

allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of less than one gram. Bond amount is \$7,000.

Jason Lowell Powell, 23, was indicted on a state jail felony for possession of a controlled substance. On March 25, 2006, Powell allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of less than one gram. Bond amount is \$5,000.

Christopher Dale Shouse, 30, was indicted on a third-degree felony for possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone. On March 27, 2006, Shouse allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of less than one gram within 1,000 feet of a drug free zone, school property. Bond amount is \$7,500.

Billy Dale Simpson, 33, was indicted on a third-degree felony for possession of a controlled substance. On Nov. 7, 2005, Simpson allegedly possessed a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of

one gram or more but less than four grams. Bond amount is \$5,000.

Michael Chad Simpson, 32, was indicted on a second-degree felony for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. On May 1, 2006, Simpson allegedly possessed, with intent to deliver, methamphetamine in an amount of 4 grams or more but less than 200 grams. Bond amount is \$50,000.

Lindsey Michelle Terrell, 22, was indicted on three different counts — on a first-degree felony for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, on a state jail felony for delivery of a controlled substance and on a third-degree felony for delivery of controlled substance in a drug free zone. On Aug. 24, 2006, Terrell allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of four grams or more but less than 200 grams and did deliver, by actual transfer to an individual, cocaine in an amount of less than one gram in a drug

free zone, a playground. Total bond is \$22,500.

Kari Kristine Terrell, 19, was indicted on two third-degree felonies for possession of a controlled substance and delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone. On Jan. 12, 2006, Terrell allegedly possessed a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of one gram or more but less than four grams and did deliver, by actual transfer to an individual, cocaine in an amount of less than one gram in a drug free zone, a playground. Total bond is \$15,000.

Daniel Jay Whitley, 36, was indicted on a first-degree felony for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in a drug free zone. On May 19, 2006, Whitley allegedly possessed, with intent to deliver, a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of 200 grams or more but less than 400 grams within 1,000 feet of a drug free zone, a playground. Bond is \$25,000.

Wind

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Donley County commissioners have established a reinvestment zone covering the portion of their county to be included in the wind energy farm.

Guidelines governing CPV's tax abatement were also decided at Thursday's meeting.

Any future expansion by CPV will be included in the abatement schedule at the same point in the schedule of life span. For example, if additional generators are added during the company's fifth year of operation in Gray County, a tax abatement of 60 percent would be applied to the new generators, and the abatement would end at the same time

the abatement for the original property ends.

The tax abatements would apply to new owners if CPV sells all or part of the wind energy farm.

The tax abatement would change if CPV sells electricity generated by its wind farm to an energy company that pays higher prices for the product.

CPV plans to sell electricity generated by the Gray-Donley counties farm to Southwest Power Pool, Peet said, by using available transmission capability.

"That electricity is not as high-priced as ERCOT. ERCOT buys at a higher rate," Peet said. "When new transmission lines go in, the electricity will be sold to ERCOT, more than likely. If they do that during the 10-year abatement period, the abatement would go to 60 percent

during the first four years, and 40 percent for the following six years."

Wind-generated electricity is a viable product for the Texas Panhandle, according to a study done by ERCOT, Peet said. The study divided up the state into 25 areas and rated each according to its capability of generating power using wind. An area consisting of Gray and Roberts counties, plus portions of Carson and Wheeler counties, rated fourth statewide in the survey, Peet said.

The top three sites are also in the Panhandle. An area southwest of Gray County is rated first, followed by an area south of the county. Third place went to an area near Perryton.

Other wind energy companies have expressed interest in establishing wind

farms in Gray County. Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley abstained from voting at Thursday's meeting concerning the CPV agreement because he has entered into an agreement with another company, Airtricity, concerning a potential wind farm that would include a portion of his land in the southwestern part of Gray County.

Dale Cummings, a consultant for CPV, was present at Thursday's meeting and was included in a portion of the executive hearing. He said the final decision concerning the abatements for CPV was agreeable to the company, Peet said.

Thursday's executive session lasted approximately one hour and was conducted at the conclusion of commissioners' open meeting.

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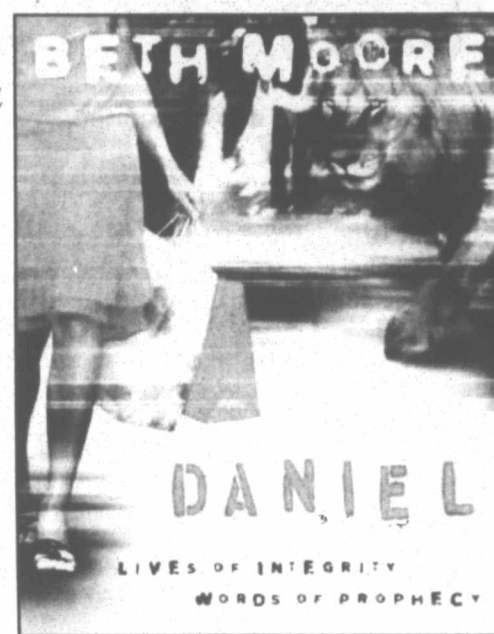
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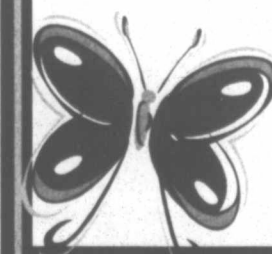
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representatives before or after the programs.

The first workshop will be held on Saturday at the Civic Center Heritage Room in downtown Amarillo. From 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., numerous booths regarding weather and emergency services will be staffed by local and regional vendors and non-profit organizations.

The general session will begin at 12:30 p.m. with topics such as the 2006 wildfires, tornadoes in the past few years and how to rate tornadoes with the new enhanced fujita scale. Speakers will be meteo-

rologists from television stations KAMR and KFDA, people from the National Weather Service in Amarillo and Nashville and a speaker from the OU Department of Geosciences. For additional information on this workshop, contact the NWS at 806-335-1121 or visit the Website www.srh.noaa.gov/ama.

The second training session will be a storm spotter class from 10 a.m. to noon, with registration starting at 9:30 a.m. on March 24. This will be held at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center at 1314 S. Polk St. in Amarillo.



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Viewpoints

Politics should be a kids-free zone ...

What kind of people are we? Is nothing sacred any more? Are there no limits on how far the media can go in digging into the personal lives of candidates?

It's beginning to look like the answer is a resounding "No!" A brand new form of child abuse is the media's pursuit of the children of political candidates in an effort to trap them into taking pot shots at their parents.

Case in point: The media's attempt to exploit a split between Rudy Giuliani's son and daughter by his previous marriage.

Anybody familiar with the former New York mayor's marital problems knows that his divorce from Donna Hanover was, to say the very least, bitter. What was not

known publicly was that it appears to have resulted in the estrangement from their father of the two children of the marriage.

That's a personal matter, one would think. Thanks to The New York Times, however, it's now very public.

Having no national security secrets to expose to al Qaeda and other enemies of the United States at the moment, the Times found time to go digging in their mud pit and drag Giuliani's two children into the mire.

Under photo caption "Noticeably Absent From the Giuliani Campaign: His Children," the Times reported that Giuliani's son Andrew Giuliani says he and his father are estranged and allowed as to how he would

not be campaigning for his dad. It doesn't seem to have occurred to the Times that Andrew, who has his own life to live, might just have things to do other than campaigning for his dad.

As NewsBusters commented, "The only way for the rest of the country to become aware that Rudy's children are 'noticeably absent' is for someone to go out of their way to make it a point to inform them about it."

"Here we have the bastion of leftism trying to get at a candidate through his children in stark contrast to the

tsk, tsking that the left indulged in during the Clinton years," NewsBusters wrote.

It appears that the Times, which railed at conservatives for allegedly picking on Chelsea Clinton, now considers candidates' children fair game ... if they are Republicans, that is.

The Times case, however, is far from the worst case of the exploitation of children. It now appears that a pedophile Web site in Panama has posted photos of Barack Obama's two daughters — a criminal act over

which the Senator has no control, since it is located in Panama.

During my Dad's campaigns, my sister Patti and my brother Ron didn't campaign for our father, but nobody tried to use their failure to hit the road for him as a way to attack Ronald Reagan by implying that this was a sign he wasn't a good man superbly equipped to be president of the United States.

It was understood they had other things to do.

What the public wants to know about Rudy Giuliani is if he wins the presidency is will he do something about taxes, is he going to be a strong proponent of our national defense and is he for the things I'm for?

I couldn't care less about

his relationship with his children. I don't care if his kids are not going to vote for him. That's his business and it's theirs, not mine.

One of the tragedies of our times is the fact that a man can no longer run for office alone — his whole family is dragged into the race. And that's enough to stop some very good men from even thinking about running. They just won't expose their families to the slime fests that campaigns have become, and to the media's lust for even a hint of scandal in their personal lives.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.



Michael Reagan
Columnist

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 16, the 75th day of 2007. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 16, 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was declared secured by the Allies.

On this date:

In A.D. 37, Roman emperor Tiberius died; he was succeeded by Caligula.

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1915, the Federal Trade Commission began operations.

In 1926, rocket science pioneer Robert H. Goddard successfully tested the first liquid-fueled rocket, in Auburn, Mass.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler decided to break the military terms set by the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre was carried out by U.S. troops under the command of Lt. William L. Calley Jr.

In 1978, Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped by left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.

In 1984, William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, was kidnapped by gunmen; he died in captivity.

In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in Beirut; he was released in December 1991.

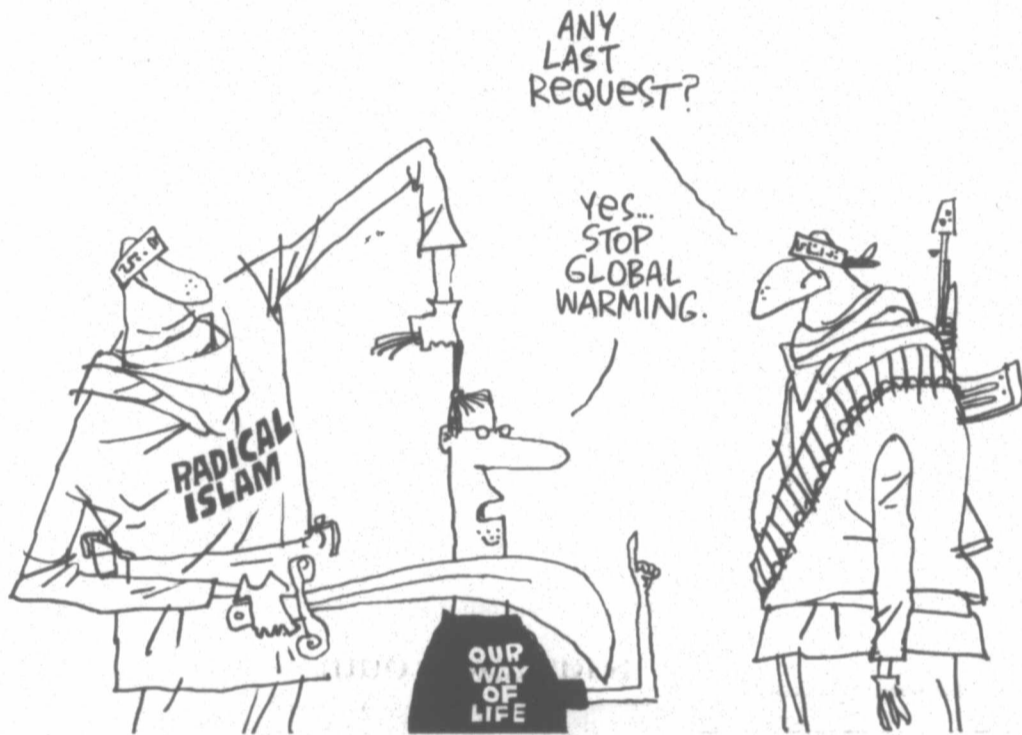
Ten years ago: At the request of a hobbled President Clinton, Russia's Boris Yeltsin agreed to delay their upcoming summit by one day to give Clinton an extra day to recuperate from knee surgery. Jordan's King Hussein knelt in mourning with the families of seven Israeli schoolgirls gunned down by a Jordanian soldier.

Five years ago: Gunmen killed Archbishop Isaias Duarte Cancino, a prominent critic of Colombia's leftist guerrillas, in Cali. Thirteen-year-old Brittanie Cecil was struck by a flying hockey puck during a game between the hometown Columbus Blue Jackets and the Calgary Flames; she died two days later.

One year ago: Iraq's new parliament met briefly for the first time; lawmakers took the oath but did no business and adjourned after just 40 minutes, unable to agree on a speaker, let alone a prime minister. The Senate narrowly passed a \$2.8 trillion election-year budget blueprint.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 81. Movie director Bernardo Bertolucci is 66. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 66. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 65. Country singer Robin Williams is 60.

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'The only joy in the world is to begin.'

— Cesare Pavese
Italian novelist
(1908-1950)

At least Gore's developed a sense of humor

The conservative robots, especially those on Fox News, are in a hysterical tizzy because Hollywood embraced Al Gore and the theory of global warming.

They are calling Gore a hypocrite because he leads a normal life. It is not necessary to abandon one's possessions and live like a hermit in order to advocate policies you think will help preserve the planet. I think it's a safe bet that the millionaires on Fox News have not abandoned their expensive pads or their first-class seats on commercial aircraft — which naturally burn far more fuel than a private jet.

The documentary narrated by Gore, "An Inconvenient Truth," is not accurate, but that only puts it on par with The New York Times and Fox News. Accurate data and reasoned discussion are the endangered species of intellectual life these days.

Nevertheless, it is a good thing that Hollywood has embraced global warming. It can at least afford solar heat and hybrid-powered limousines. I expect a rash of

movies in which climate change will play the role of villain. No doubt some Hollywood stars will rush down to the Antarctic and adopt a penguin or two. Global warming will also give them another reason to castigate George Bush, who needs castigating anyway for not solving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, among other things.

Since most of us now live in urban environments, it will probably be a good thing if Hollywood can, with its magic and imagination, cause us to look up at the sky once in a while to see if it's still there. I know that as I walked out of the theater after seeing "Twister," my eyes automatically looked up to check the sky for funnel clouds.

Hollywood isn't all bad, though conservative ideologues — at least those who make a living being ideologues — will beat up on

Hollywood, liberals and Democrats no matter what they do or say. You'd think these ideologues would realize how tiresome and predictable they've become, but, like Hollywood, they have their audience, and they pander to it.

Personally, I don't think there is much we can do about global warming, if indeed it is occurring. One has to remember that the Earth is several billion years old and has experienced both ice ages and warm periods several times with no input from humans. On a scale of several billion years, five warm winters is not a great marker for change.

Besides, as I've grown older, I've come to dislike cold weather more than I used to. I'm sure some of the folks in the Midwest and Northeast, battered with blizzards and ice storms, are wondering just what hap-

pened to global warming. As for rising seas, I've always wanted to live on the water but couldn't afford it. Maybe my present place, 50 miles inland, will one day be a beachfront property.

By and large, climate is one of those things we can't do much about. If indeed cosmic changes are a-coming, trading in your sport utility vehicle for a Mini Cooper is not going to stop it. The world is running out of oil, but all that is going to do is create a hot market for coal, which still exists in plenteous quantities.

So while I think it's OK for Hollywood to have a new idea to play with, global warming is way, way down on my list of things to worry about. It's so far down, I don't even remember what number it is.

As for Al Gore, look at the bright side: The guy has developed a sense of humor. That's not a small accomplishment.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:
■ **March 5**
El Paso Times on beefing up border security:

Gov. Rick Perry wants to give Texas border cities some money? Great, we'll take it.

He's requesting \$100 million from the state Legislature for border security, and we all know that involves not only stopping illegal drugs and harm seekers from crossing over, but it has a lot to do with the issue of illegal immigration where Congress is still playing wishy-washy.

We continue to point out, as does Perry, that border security should be

financed by the federal government, not by individual states. Federal money should come from taxes paid by citizens in all 50 states, not just from taxpayers in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

But taking the money, if it's made available? Why not? We could still call it protecting the border, but since the money goes to various local law-enforcement agencies, it could be looked at as a good way to help keep the proverbial "peace" in all facets of our society.

More officers, better protection against DWIs, as one example.

And there should be the stipulation that it be spent on enforcing laws, not on racial profiling as some contend has happened in other border security proj-

ects such as Operations Linebacker and Wrangler.

In the past year, Perry has ordered \$24 million in state and federal funds to be spent on border security. It led to an 8 percent drop in crime in border counties.

Money works. So what's wrong with this request for \$100 million?

Nothing is wrong. Let's take it and let's look at it as a way of beefing up the law-enforcement agencies that are paid to protect us.

Wish list

Highlights of the \$101,035,000 request over two years.

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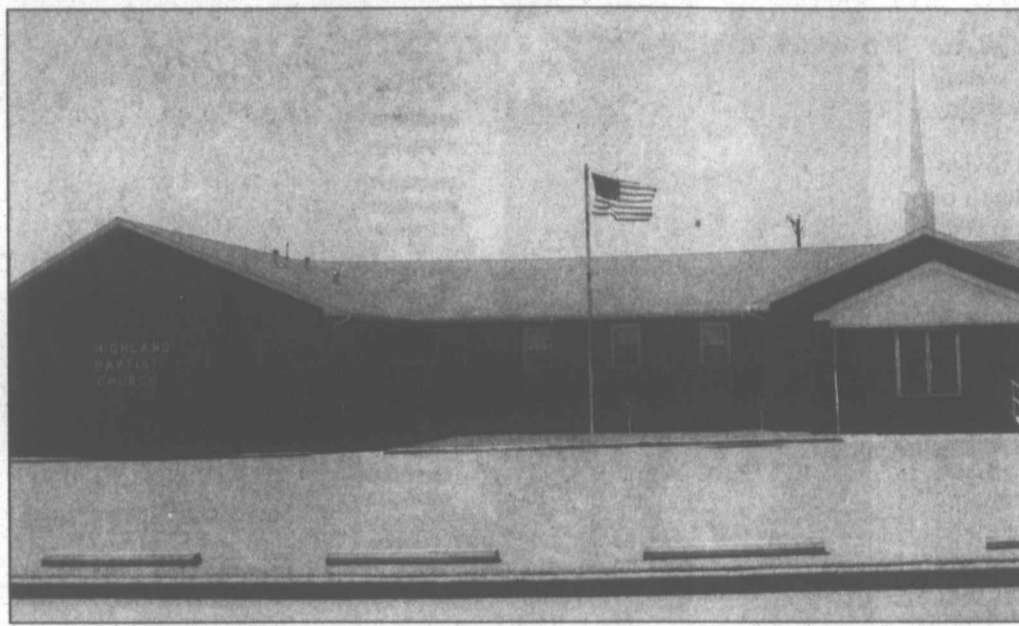
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Services: Sunday — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School,
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Women's Ministry; Wednesday — 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Bible Study, Team
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Activities: Vacation Bible School, senior
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Members: 290 resident members.

Denomination: Southern Baptist.

How long here: Since 1950.

Goals: To expand to meet growing needs in
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Mike Sublett

Hi-Land Christian



Some of us underestimate the depth of our relationship with Christ, while others of us overestimate the depth of our walk with Jesus. It would do well for us to

remember the apostles and their various callings as they walked with Jesus.

Calling #1 (wading pool). In John 1:35-51, Jesus called Andrew and an unnamed disciple, probably John, inviting them to accept Him as the Messiah, and to become his spiritual followers. Andrew definitely brought his brother Simon (Peter) to Jesus. John may have done the same with his brother James. Almost immediately afterward Philip and Nathaniel were added to the list.

Although occasionally accompanying Jesus on his trips, the disciples stayed with their secular occupations. This was probably in 27 A.D.

Calling #2 (4-feet of water). Then in early 28 A.D., recorded in Matthew 4:18-22 and Mark 1:16-20, Peter, Andrew, James and John became Christ's traveling companions and began their apostleship training in becoming "fishers of men." They left their nets that day, but probably still tended somewhat to their secular occupation of fishing.

Calling #3 (6-feet of water). Then just a short while later, recorded in Luke 5:1-11, Peter, Andrew, James and John left their fishing business entirely and became Jesus' permanent followers.

Calling #4 (6-feet of water). In Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17 and Luke 5:27-32, another disciple, Matthew the publican, forsook all to follow Jesus.

Calling #5 (high-dive water). This calling was the final one, and it was for all 12 of the apostles (Matthew 10:1-4, Mark 3:13-19, Luke 6:12.16). For all of them, it was the formal call to discipleship and apostleship.

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Church briefs

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 509 N. Hobart, will host a brisket dinner from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday at the church. Cost per plate will be by donation.

Highland Outreach Ministry of Pampa will provide a free meal to anyone in need from 12-2:30 p.m. Saturday in fellowship hall of Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks.

GOODLETT — Jody Miller will be featured by Pease River Playhouse at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Old Rock Gymnasium at

Goodlett.

"Jody Miller is a nationally known entertainer who has performed all over the world and is known for the songs she sings expressing her love for God and country. She has recorded numerous country songs that were at the top of the charts, and now she is sharing her talent by singing great gospel music," a news release from Pease River Productions said.

Miller's hits include "Queen of the House," "He's So Fine," "Silver Threads and Golden Needles" and "He Walks Like a Man."

Jetstream Ministries

Church of the Nazarene and St. Paul United Methodist Church, both in Pampa, will host Jetstream Ministries, Inc., featuring Paul and Trish Jackson at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 18, respectively. The Jacksons are recording artists on the Pinebrook and Clarion labels. They have been in the ministry — which involves speaking, drama, comedy, puppetry, music and more — since 1976 and have received numerous awards from Country Gospel Music Association including, among others, "Reciter of the Year," "Children's Ministry of the Year," "Lyricist of the Year," "Instrumentalist of the Year," "Sound Engineer of the Year," "Female Vocalist of the Year," and "Comedian of the Year."

St. Matt's to host storyteller

Have you ever wondered what it was like in ancient Israel? St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa invites the community at-large to come experience the Bible in a new way with storyteller Tracy Radosevic.

Radosevic will be at St. Matthew's March 18 and 19.

According to a press release provided by St. Matthew's, Radosevic is an internationally acclaimed storyteller who has toured the United States,



Tracy Radosevic

England, Australia and the Bahamas.

St. Matthew's encourages you to bring your neighbors and friends for this special ministry. Sunday services will be at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday services are scheduled at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. followed by a reception for Radosevic in fellowship hall of the church.

To find out more, contact the church office at 665-0701.

There are many casualties of a shipwrecked faith ...

I have been in the ministry for over seven decades and have been privileged to have several members of my family follow me into church ministry. In this article, I thought it might be spiritually challenging to provide a question-and-answer forum with the Rev. Michael Mills, husband to my granddaughter, Renee Mills.

Michael and his family plan to move to Stockholm, Sweden, this year to help train new pastors in the Christian faith.

Q: Michael, tell me a little about you and your family.

A: My wife Renee and I have been married for over

12 years and have been blessed with three beautiful daughters. Shortly after we married, the Lord called us to minister in churches in Liberal and Lawrence, Kan., then to study at Dallas Theological Seminary. In 2005, I graduated from DTS with a master of theology degree. Since then, we have been preparing as a family for missionary life in Sweden where we will be helping the churches train young pastors.

Archie Cooper

Pentecostal Holiness



Q: In what ways have you changed in your theological understandings since your youth?

A: Well, I do think quite differently about God and His work now. I was introduced to the writings of John Wesley at DTS and was profoundly impacted by them. Through Wesley, I was then introduced to the early church fathers whom Wesley read extensively. Through the study of the fathers (and church history), I discovered

a vast amount of Christian thinking that occurred centuries before in the Reformation of the 16th century and discovered that many of the teachings emphasized in my youth were relatively recent in origin and had unintended consequences.

Q: You mentioned that some of the teachings in your youth were "relatively recent in origin." What do you mean?

A: Simply, that many of these teachings have only been taught in the last 200 years or so. The church is

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"Danny Boy"

This tune is generally considered an Irish anthem although its author was English, and many Irish have never heard the song. In 1910, Frederic Weatherly, an English lawyer, songwriter and radio entertainer, wrote an unsuccessful song called "Danny Boy." In 1912, his sister-in-law from the United States sent him a copy of "Londonderry Air," and with a few changes, he adapted its tune to his version of "Danny Boy." Actually, "Danny Boy" is only one of one hundred songs written to the tune of "Londonderry Air." It is a love song from a woman to a man, but it is sung more by men than by women. The song is much more popular outside Ireland than within, and its author never set foot in Ireland.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family.

At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian.

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice—which he believed to be God's-spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than fifteen years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission—to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish.

Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, a religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for thousands of years.

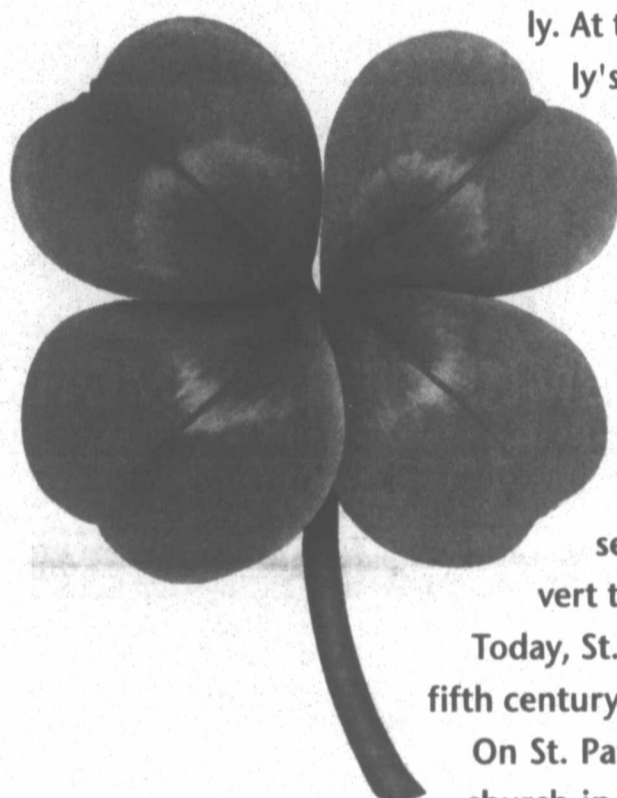
On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink, and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.

Over the next thirty-five years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies, like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

Up until the mid-nineteenth century, most Irish immigrants in America were members of the Protestant middle class. When the Great Potato Famine hit Ireland in 1845, close to a million poor, uneducated, Catholic Irish began to pour into America to escape starvation. Despised for their religious beliefs and funny accents by the American Protestant majority, the immigrants had trouble finding even menial jobs. When Irish Americans in the country's cities took to the streets on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate their heritage, newspapers portrayed them in cartoons as drunk, violent monkeys.

However, the Irish soon began to realize that their great numbers endowed them with a political power that had yet to be exploited. They started to organize, and their voting block, known as the "green machine," became an important swing vote for political hopefuls. Suddenly, annual St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans, as well as a must-attend event for a slew of political candidates. In 1948, President Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade, a proud moment for the many Irish whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in America.








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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The one-year anniversary of my husband's death is approaching. It has been a long and difficult year, but my children and I are mending. With the anniversary date coming up next month, we have all been feeling depressed. My problem is I have recently started seeing a gentleman ("Donald") who is kind, loving, generous, and understanding to both me and my children. Although I don't know where this relationship is heading, I do think he is special. Our conversations sometimes include my husband. (He also speaks of his ex-wife.) I do not want to make Donald feel like second fiddle to my deceased husband. How can I reassure him that although I am hurting over the loss of someone I loved for 20 years -- especially on anniversaries of certain events -- that my relationship with him is important to me? -- **STILL GRIEVING, MELBOURNE, FLA.**

DEAR STILL GRIEVING: The surest way to reassure Donald would be to address the subject. Ask him, "Does it bother you when I mention my deceased husband?" You may be pleasantly surprised to find that he understands completely. But if he doesn't, then you should tell him exactly what you have told me. I have always believed in the power of communication.

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a hard time making my friends understand that I would prefer not to go out for food or drinks to celebrate my birthday. I know their hearts are in the right place and have told them so, but they don't seem to get the message and are hurt by my not wanting to go out. I have many friends and family, and all of them want to do something different. I would prefer to let the day pass. Someone

went so far as to tell me that it is "attention-seeking" to not let people celebrate my day. Can you help me find the words to tell them I'm not interested without hurting their feelings? -- **BIRTHDAY GIRL IN WILMINGTON, DEL.**

DEAR BIRTHDAY GIRL: Try this: Explain that not everyone views birthdays in the same light. Some people find birthdays to be depressing, and pretending that they don't so others can celebrate makes them even more depressed. This is not an attention-getting device; it is simply a preference for marking the occasion with quiet contemplation instead of forced gaiety.

DEAR ABBY: Two of my co-workers, both of whom are married, are having an affair. It seems as if they don't care if they flaunt it. They take long lunches together, and apparently he is now visiting her house while her husband is out of town. She has small children, and now the children know the man as "Mommy's friend" who comes over when Daddy is gone." Abby, I have seen her write love notes while she's supposed to be working, and I have seen e-mails in which he confesses his love for her. I feel sorry for the spouses of these two people. Should I just mind my own business, let this continue, and let them get caught on their own? What would you do if you were in my place? -- **LOLA IN LAS VEGAS**

DEAR LOLA: I would mind my own business and let them get caught on their own. However, since the romance appears to be an open secret -- and being as it's Las Vegas -- I'd start a pool and take bets on how long it will take before one of the children mentions "Mommy's friend" to Daddy.

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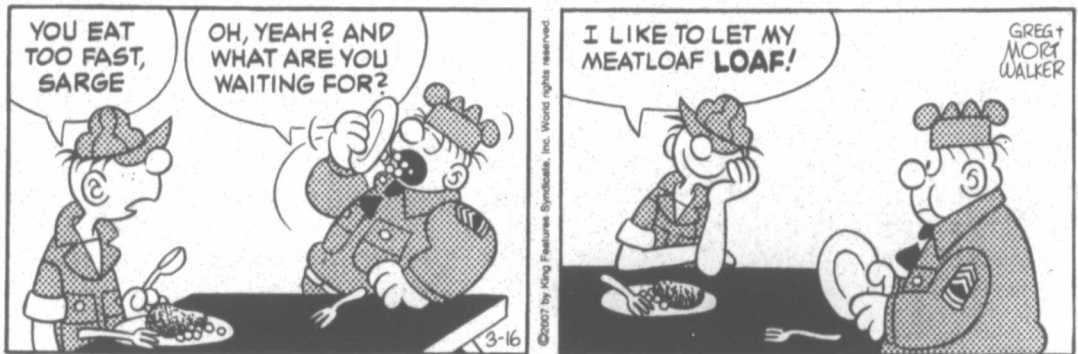
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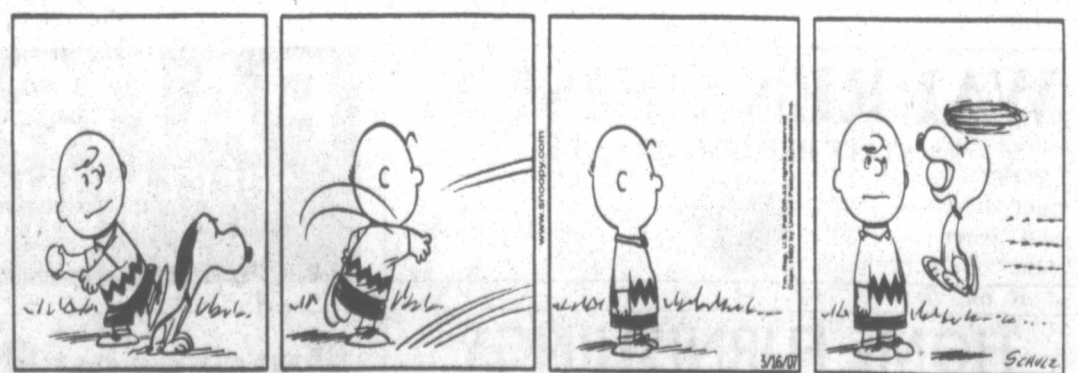
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 13 F. Scott's wife
- 14 Mouth part
- 15 Pole
- 16 Dress (up)
- 18 Mediterranean fruit
- 19 Old card game
- 20 It's picked in Hawaii
- 21 Bonanza stuff
- 22 Flat gray clouds
- 24 Quarry
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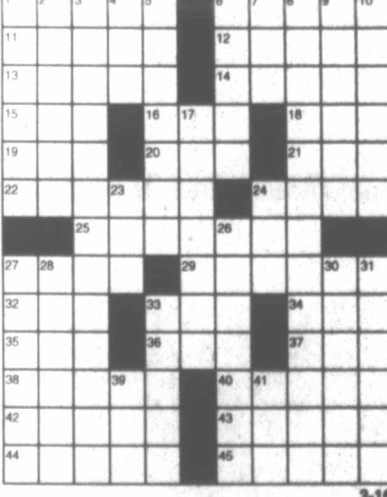


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- 6 Crest
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- 9 Call it quits
- 10 Theatrical Battle site of 1945
- 11 Common verb
- 12 Favor (Spanish "please")
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Sports Day

Krystkowiak's debut ends Spur's winning streak

MILWAUKEE (AP) — San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich warned the Spurs that facing a downtrodden team in its first game with a new coach can be dangerous.

Then they saw it for themselves. The Milwaukee Bucks made a winner of Larry Krystkowiak in first game as head coach, ending San Antonio's 13-game winning streak with a 101-90 victory on Thursday night.

Krystkowiak said he expected a strong effort from his players the first time out.

"A lot of times, you get a little adrenaline and spark," said Krystkowiak, a Bucks assistant who was promoted and given a multiyear deal hours after the team fired Terry Stotts on Wednesday. "I anticipated our guys playing hard."

So did Popovich, but he didn't necessarily get it.

It was a slightly off night for Spurs stars Tony Parker, Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili.

"That's not going to happen very often," Popovich said. "They're human beings, it can happen. But I'm more concerned with the lack of aggressiveness on both ends of the court."

Parker scored 15 points and played only 6:14 in the decisive fourth quar-

ter. Asked if Parker was one of the players he was referring to when he talked about a lack of aggressiveness, Popovich stood silent and waited for another question to be asked.

"I didn't play well at all," Parker said. "I'll try to do better Saturday against Boston."

Duncan had 13 points and 13 rebounds for his 36th double-double of the season, but was only 3-for-8 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter.

"It's our obligation," Duncan said. "We have to play well, and we didn't." Ginobili scored 12 on 2-for-10 shooting.

"We played terrible," Ginobili said. "We've got to realize that the streak doesn't matter."

Brent Barry scored 20 points to lead San Antonio.

Popovich said the team's winning streak obviously was going to end at some point, and now wants to see how his team will rebound from the loss, which comes after a victory over the Clippers that the coach wasn't entirely pleased with, either.

"Eventually, you're going to have an off night, but that doesn't mean that you like it, or accept it, or you just kiss it off," Popovich said. "To have that poor of a mental focus or mental atti-

tude two games in a row is disappointing."

The Bucks won despite losing starting guard Mo Williams, who was called for two technical fouls after arguing a foul call in the third quarter.

Williams became enraged and had to be restrained as he left the court, taking his jersey off and throwing it into the stands.

But the Bucks got a big lift from an unlikely contributor: Lynn Greer, who scored all of his career-high 14 points in the fourth quarter.

"The door for Mo closed tonight, and the door opened for Lynn," Krystkowiak said.

Greer, a rookie who has been inactive for most of the season, hit a 3-pointer to put the Bucks ahead 92-85 with 4:25 remaining in the game, then hit another 3 to extend the lead to 95-86 with 2:41 remaining.

"It was a lot of fun," Greer said. "(I'm) just glad Coach K had confidence to put me out there in the fourth quarter, and (I) made the most of it."

Williams' ejection was the second player ejection in as many games for Milwaukee. Center Andrew Bogut was fined \$25,000 for making an obscene gesture as he left the court after a home loss to Toronto on Monday night.

Former baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn dead at 80

By The Associated Press

Bowie Kuhn was baseball's bespectacled Ivy League lawyer and looked the part every day of the tumultuous 15 years he ruled as commissioner.

Prim and proper with wire-rim glasses, he stood ramrod straight — all 6-foot-5 of him. Detractors called him a "stuffed shirt" and "pompous," labels that amused him.

Despite his regal bearing, he was as ornery as the owners and players he feuded with over a span that became the second-longest tenure among nine commissioners.

Kuhn, who oversaw the sport's transformation to a business of free agents with multimillion-dollar contracts, died Thursday at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., following a short bout with pneumonia that led to respiratory failure, spokesman Bob Wirz said. Kuhn, who was 80, had been hospitalized for several

weeks.

"He led our game through a great deal of change and controversy," commissioner Bud Selig said. "Yet, Bowie laid the groundwork for the success we enjoy today."

Kuhn loved baseball long before he moved into its main New York office, having worked as a manual scoreboard operator at Washington's Griffith Stadium.

When Kuhn took over from William Eckert on Feb. 4, 1969, baseball just had completed its final season as a tradition-bound 20-team sport, one with no playoffs, a reserve clause and an average salary of about \$19,000.

Kuhn battled the rise of the NFL and a combative players' union that besieged him with lawsuits, grievances and work stoppages. Yet it was also a time of record attendance and revenue and a huge expansion of the sport's television presence.

San Antonio's bid for more pro sports teams losing steam

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Local officials have dreamed for years of landing a professional football or baseball franchise, but prospects are so dim that they are essentially giving up.

"Unless something really jumps up here in the near future, I'm buying into just saying forget it for now," said Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff.

Wolff said investment in other projects shouldn't be held up waiting for a sports

franchise that might never arrive.

Michael Sculley, a consultant hired by the county, has been urging officials to invest revenue from a proposed tax extension in San Antonio River improvements and construction of a performing arts center and a youth sports complex rather than holding it for a sports venue.

Recent discussions with officials from the NFL and Major League Baseball indi-

cated little interest in moving a team to San Antonio or putting an expansion team here, Sculley said.

San Antonio has a pro basketball team, the Spurs.

"I'm trying to convince them, saying, 'You guys can become heroes in the public eye by not wasting money on a potential professional team,'" Sculley said.

In 1999, Bexar County voters approved a 1.75-percent hotel-occupancy tax to help pay for the county's

share of the AT&T Center, home of the Spurs and a major rodeo event. But tax collections have been so good that the AT&T Center is expected to be paid off as early as 2010, a decade early.

Wolff wants to ask voters to extend the hotel tax for other uses. Sculley said it could be on the ballot next November.

Mayor Phil Hardberger said he supports the strategy of focusing on other projects.

"When you are developing things like the river and an arts center, you are continuing to attract people and money to San Antonio," Hardberger said. "There is more than one way to pursue a franchise, and one way is that you continue to build your city, build your infrastructure, and that makes your argument for us."

The city had hopes in late 2005 and early 2006 that either the NFL's New Orleans Saints, displaced by

Hurricane Katrina, or baseball's Florida Marlins, who indicated some interest in San Antonio, might move here.

Both teams are staying put, however, and Wolff said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell indicated in January that the league has no interest in San Antonio right now.

Marlins officials, who had initially explored relocation to San Antonio last spring, let the issue die.

Lakers take 7th straight loss against Denver

DENVER (AP) — A hefty fine and a seven-game losing streak. Things couldn't be worse for Phil Jackson.

Jackson got fined \$50,000 for accusing the league of having a vendetta against Kobe Bryant and then lost a seventh straight game for the first time in his 16-year coaching career Thursday night when the Los Angeles Lakers fell to the Denver Nuggets 113-86.

Yet, Bryant saw a glimmer of hope for the free-falling Lakers: Lamar Odom and Luke Walton returned from injuries that have wreaked havoc on the Lakers' lineup, and they played a pretty good first half, for what that's worth.

"What we're trying to do right now is just get better, that's what it's about. Until you get better, you just build that chemistry," Bryant said. "We're not a team that's built on the most talent in

the world. It's on chemistry.

"You saw flashes of that in the first half with that unit that was together all last season. We haven't been together this year, but some of that rhythm was there. It's definitely coming. I was surprised how well we clicked that first half considering we haven't played together all year."

In other games Thursday night, Milwaukee beat San Antonio 101-90 in Larry Krystkowiak's head coaching debut, and Miami beat New Jersey 93-86.

Linus Kleiza scored a career-high 29 points and Carmelo Anthony had 26 as the Nuggets handed the Lakers their 13th loss in 16 games.

Kleiza's previous career high was 24 points against Sacramento on Sunday in another nationally televised game. "It's not about national TV, it's just

that my game is coming along," Kleiza said. "We are coming along as a team. We are trusting each other more, and the coaches are trusting us, too. I think that is the biggest difference for us. I have been working on it a lot, and I have a long way to go still."

Kleiza shrugged off his career night. "It was just one of those games where the shots were going down. Melo and Iverson were doing a great job sharing the ball," he said.

Kleiza was doing a great job putting it through the hoop, hitting 10 of 13 shots, including 5-for-6 from behind the arc.

Iverson couldn't have picked Kleiza out of a crowd when he came over from Philadelphia three months ago, but said the second-year forward was the catalyst for the Nuggets' biggest win since the trade.

Sosa makes 40-man roster; Isringhausen returns to mound

By The Associated Press

Sammy Sosa celebrated his big news by hitting a home run that traveled so far it must have brought back memories of the good old days.

Jason Isringhausen also looked like his old self, wriggling out of a jam in his first outing since hip surgery.

After being told he'd made the Texas Rangers' 40-man roster, Sosa hit a long homer Thursday that almost sailed into the street beyond left field at Tucson Electric Park. His solo shot was just one of 26 hits in a game won by the Arizona Diamondbacks 15-12, but it was part of a big day for the 38-year-old slugger in his comeback after a year away from the game.

By making the 40-man roster, Sosa — fifth on the career home run list with 588 — becomes a major leaguer again. He was in camp on a minor league contract.

"I still have a ways to go,"

Sosa said. "Because I made the team doesn't mean I've got to slow down. No way."

"The reason why I took the chance to come here is because I know I can compete"

— Sammy Sosa
Texas Rangers

Sosa's home run off Edgar Gonzalez was his third in 10 spring training games. Although he struck out in his other two at-bats, the 1998 NL MVP is hitting .452 with seven RBIs.

"The reason why I took the chance to come here is because I know I can compete," Sosa said. "I believe that putting myself in that situation, coming here knowing I have to fight for a spot, is something that I

liked, something that I'm proud of."

The move nearly assures Sosa of making the 25-man roster for opening day — unless he gets hurt. He will be guaranteed \$500,000 for making the 40-man roster, and he can earn an additional \$2.2 million in performance bonuses based on plate appearances.

"I've been impressed with the adjustments he's made the last week or 10 days," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said. "It's hard to make evaluations on spring training, but when that's all you've got, you trust yourself and you trust your people."

The move was not yet official because other personnel shifts were necessary. "He's working hard to continue to get better, and we're going to give him that opportunity," Daniels added. "He can only take care of the business in front of him, and he's doing a good job."

Texas manager Ron

Washington stayed at the team's training complex in Surprise, Ariz., to watch Eric Gagne start a minor league game. The star closer pitched one hitless inning, striking out one. He threw 14 pitches, 10 strikes.

It was the second time the 2003 NL Cy Young Award winner has faced hitters in his comeback from a series of operations. He threw 11 pitches in a "B" game Monday, five strikes and six balls.

Isringhausen's spring training debut, a date circled on the Cardinals' calendar for months, was filled with the same sort of suspense that marks many of his ninth-inning appearances.

This outing was a big success not because St. Louis' closer worked his way out of a jam, but because his hip was not a problem.

Isringhausen, who missed the team's first World Series title in 24 years last season, loaded the bases with none out before escaping without

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 17, 2007:

You develop a very interesting style of communicating this year. Where there were rough edges, now there is discretion and diplomacy. As a result, people want to be with you more, and your professional life grows. Still, your unpredictable behavior has an impact — not always with the results you want. If you're single, others find you fascinating, and certainly you draw your share of suitors. The person you choose this month might not be the person you want come next year. If you're attached, there might be an inner battle between convention and freedom. **AQUARIUS** reads you cold.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You play a key role in getting events to happen. Bring friends together for a dynamic happening. Don't worry so much about a tendency to overindulge, even if you aren't Irish. Spending could be an issue. Tonight: A force to behold.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Tradition might be important, but for once, you might be in the mood to do something different. Whether you take off or visit with a favorite person makes no difference. "New" seems to recharge your batteries. Tonight: Give serious thought to a special relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ People often think of you as gregarious. Create a special day with an important someone you love and adore. Oddly enough, as hard as it might seem, you could be so dazzled that you forget

that today is St. Patrick's Day. Tonight: Know that you are being watched.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Listen to what is being said as well as what isn't said. Understand that perhaps there are alternatives. The only mistake you might make is not being around friends and people. Your popularity soars. Tonight: You can count on the fact that you are where the party is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Whether you throw the party or decide to pitch in on some project, you will be busy. Slow down enough to enjoy the people who surround you. Someone clearly wants to star in your attention. Let it happen. Tonight: Nap and then decide what appeals to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Sometimes you are in much better shape than you think. Your charisma and high energy make you irresistible. Use that magic to add to your life as well as the moment. Surprises come from partners and associates in general. Tonight: Be Irish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Don't get an attitude. You might opt to stay close to home rather than toss yourself into the festivities. In fact, mel- low might be how you want it; still, you will be subject to spurts of energy. Tonight: Touch base with a key person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Hanging out feels right. Sensuality is high; you are happy and full of energy. Why shouldn't you have what you want? Others want your company. Joking around, chatting and teasing need to happen naturally. You don't have to go far. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 31)

★★★★ Put yourself on a budget before you do any damage that could be most

uncomfortable. Understand your limits.

Laugh and relax, but a little self-discipline goes a long way. Even if everyone is outrageous, you seem to amplify the moment. Tonight: Get ready for the unexpected. You could be shocked.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You notice that you glow, whether you are into St. Patty's Day or have other plans. A good time is had by nearly all Goats. Your words could shock someone; and another person could jolt the living daylights out of you. Tonight: Remember, you are treating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Know when to back off and head in a new direction. You don't have to explain your behavior or decisions. Seize the moment, and the world can be your oyster. You might not intend to be secretive, but others find you mysterious. Tonight: Even more into the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Listen and share with friends. No matter what is going on or what your plans are, you'll have a good time. Let your hair down with friends. A little discretion goes a long way. Your change of behavior could shock your entourage. Tonight: Remember to treat yourself well.

BORN TODAY

Actor Kurt Russell (1951), singer Nat King Cole (1919), actor Rob Lowe (1964)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

Pillar concert



COURTESY PHOTO

Several teenagers from the youth group at Hi-Land Christian Church of Pampa recently attended a Christian rock concert in Amarillo, so that they could hear one of their favorite bands, "Pillar." Rob Beckley, Pillar's lead singer, not only generously posed for this picture, but for tons more photos, and autographed shirts, pictures and drumsticks as well.

Sublett

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They spent the rest of their lives in the deepest end of the pool. Oh, they struggled from time-to-time, but the deep water was their home for life.

What we need to learn from the apostles is that it isn't really important which part of the pool we are in today, as long as we are in the pool. Now if Jesus isn't your Lord and Savior you are in trouble. Know what you need to do? *Get in that pool today!*

Once in the pool, what is important is that next year finds us in deeper water, and then the year after that in even deeper

water until we find ourselves in the part of the pool where the high divers dive.

When that day comes, Jesus will use us to serve Him for the rest of our days in the deep water. He has no plans for us to slip back into the wading pool — not even for a fun-filled week or month or year. Backsliders will receive nothing from Jesus but WRATH. Once in the deep water, Jesus expects us to faithfully serve Him there. He doesn't wish it, dream it or hope it. HE EXPECTS IT! Our job is to fulfill that expectation.

So may the Lord keep leading us into deeper and deeper water until we can't ever touch the bottom again? That will require us to live by faith in Jesus to keep us afloat, and isn't that what a life of serving Jesus is all about anyway?

God bless.

Cooper

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1,800 years older than many of these teachings!

Q: You said that some of these recent teachings have had "unintended consequences." What do you mean?

A: I mean that every idea has a logical consequence, whether positive or negative. For example, the scriptures emphasize trusting Christ in every situation. Yet many evangelicals emphasize the moment of conversion to such an extent that the necessity of perseverance in the Christian faith (and the consequences if you don't) is overlooked. By over-emphasizing "assurance" to the exclusion of "faithfulness," the evangelical church has unintentionally given its people a ready excuse for living a compromised and ungodly life. I like to ask people, "Do you trust in

your past decision or do you trust in Christ today?" There is a big difference!

Q: So is our salvation up to us?

A: No, but there is tension that we must accept. In the letter to the Hebrews, the author exults that Jesus is both "the pioneer and perfecter" of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). He begins and will someday complete the process. But it is not yet complete, and we do have a part to play! The problem underlying the letter to the Hebrews is that a group of Christians are tired of being socially rejected and marginalized and are seriously considering giving up the faith! The message is: Don't shrink back from what Jesus started and be destroyed! (Hebrews 10:39) It can be compared with the Allies' military in the days between VE Day and VJ Day in World War II. While God's victory is assured, there may still be casualties until total victory is achieved upon Christ's return in glory. We must press on until that day.

Border

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— 41 new troopers and nine pilots for Texas Department of Public Safety at \$4.3 million.

— 110 new patrol vehicles and training

of more local police officers at \$8.3 million.

— 35 new DPS vehicles and more officers trained at \$3.6 million.

— Overtime for intensive patrol operations regarding border-related crime at \$24.4 million.

— Technology at \$11 million.

— 10 new wardens for the Parks and Wildlife Department at \$1.5 million.

will also be on hand to sign copies of her book. An exhibit with Tempel and Pruett is currently on display in the museum's Hazlewood Gallery. The reception was initially scheduled in January but was canceled due to inclement weather. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

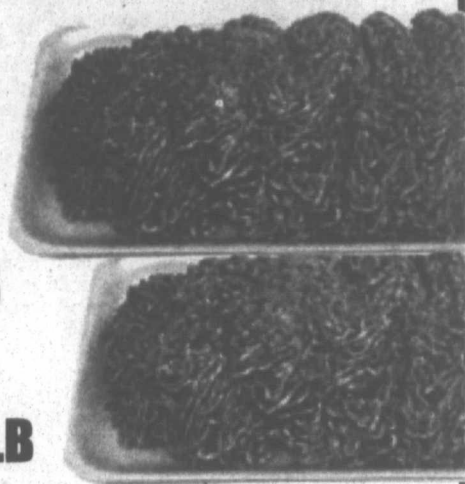
• **Carson County Historical Commission** will hold its annual meeting at approximately 8 p.m. Monday in Carson County Square House Museum's Hazlewood Education Building in Panhandle.

• **S.T.A.R.** will sponsor "Make Parenting A Pleasure" parent training for parents of children 6 and under on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through May 21 at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. For more information or to register for the free training, call (806) 359-2005.

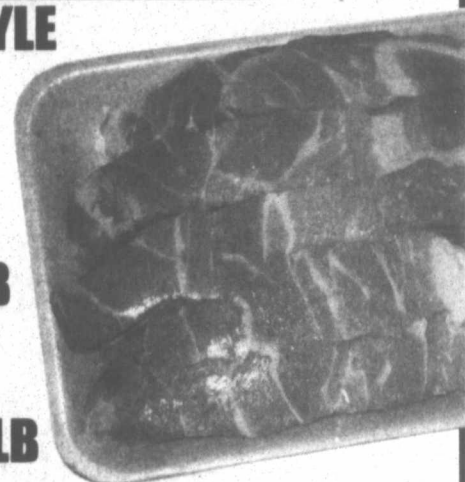
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