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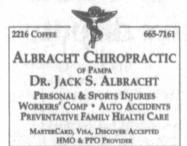
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Drug abuse causes majority of crimes committed



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By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Drug abuse is directly or indirectly involved in 75 to 80 percent of crimes committed in Pampa, and in 87 percent of the 2,700 arrests made by Pampa Police Department in 2005, according to Police Chief Trevlyn

Pitner was one of four speakers at Thursday evening's substance abuse awareness meeting, "Drug Trends in Pampa," which began at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

There were 255 drug

arrests by PPD in 2005, including 47 by the department's narcotics officer, Pitner said. Crimes indirectly related to drug use include burglaries, thefts, disturbances and forgeries, he

One improvement in drug violation statistics concerns methamphetamine labs.

"A couple of years ago, we were stopping rolling meth labs. Last year, no meth labs were found in Gray County," Pitner said.

The police department works closely with other

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City has spent nearly 29% of capital expenditure budget

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

As of Tuesday, the city of Pampa has spent or encumbered almost 29 percent of its 2005-2006 capital expenditure budget.

Pampa City Manager John Horst reported to the city commission at their meeting Tuesday afternoon that the city has spent or encumbered \$995,973 of its \$3,491,755 capital In many instances, the ectual cost expenditure budget for the year.

That includes \$52,525 for a new phone system; \$114,747 for software for the police department; \$243,500 for a new fire engine; \$69,992 for three new police vehicles; \$136,842 for renovation work at M.K. Brown Auditorium; \$29,319 for a water truck; \$250,000 for a wastewater collection truck, and \$3,673 for trees and cart trails at the golf course.

was less than the budgeted amount.

Horst said that the city funds are also in good shape.

"We are in budget and over on revenues on several funds," Horst

Revenues for the general fund are \$991,025 over expenditures. Revenues for M.K. Brown Auditorium are \$37,208 over expenditures. Water and wastewater fund revenues are \$166,142 over expenditures. Landfill revenues are \$30,157

over expenditures.

City Finance Director Robin Bailey said the \$208,237 in excess funds for the library is misleading because part of that excess will go to the general fund to cover a loan.

The golf course is \$5,280 in the red, but that is because work on the course is done in the winter and the majority of the revenue comes in during the summer, Horst said.

Second band named for Martinez benefit

By MARILYN POWERS

Staff Writer Room to Breathe, a small jazz band, and Bo Salin & The Brakes Are All Gone will provide music at a Mardi Gras party Saturday to raise funds for medical expenses of Chris Martinez, 35, of Pampa.

The party will begin at 7 p.m. at The Lone Star, 1300 S. Barnes, and will include a silent auction, live auction, food, drinks and dancing. A 50/50 raffle will be held, and a number of door prizes will be given away.

Martinez suffered head injuries, facial lacerations and a broken back when he was ejected from a vehicle Nov. 22, 2004 near Price, Utah, between Provo and Moab, according to his

brother, Miguel, also known as "Mikey."

Martinez was traveling with his mother, father, brother and daughter at the time of the accident, and was the only one seriously injured.

Martinez was released from BSA Hospital in Amarillo on Feb. 6. Effects of the Utah accident have included short-term memory loss and reliance on a wheelchair to move about.

"He didn't injure his spinal cord, so we're hopeful that in time he'll be walking again," Mikey said.

The Utah crash was not the first major accident for Martinez. He was also badly injured in a motorcycle acci-

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Punk rock band's name causes campus closures

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) - Authorities shut down four buildings at Ohio University after a police officer noticed a sticker that said "this bike is a pipe bomb" before finding out the message was the name of a punk rock band, a university spokesman

Police noticed the sticker on a bicycle early Thursday, then blocked streets around a university-owned restaurant where it was found. A bomb squad from Columbus, about 65 miles away, pried apart the bike with a hydraulic device normally used to rescue accident victims trapped in cars.

Claude man arrested on child porn charges

AUSTIN-Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's Cyber Crimes Unit investigators announced today grand jury indictments in two child pornography cases, including a Claude man.

Mike Lee Campbell, 50, was indicted Wednesday by an Armstrong County grand jury on nine counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of promotion of child pornography. The indictments allege

that in April 2005, Campbell used a Web camera to display child pornography online to a person whom he thought was a 13-year-old girl. The "girl" was actually an undercover Cyber Crimes investigator.

In September 2005, a

search warrant was executed at the grain elevator in Claude where Campbell worked as facility manager. A computer and external media were confiscated, and forensic exams later revealed pornographic images and video of children.

Promotion of child pornography is a seconddegree felony punishable by up to 20 years in state prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Possession of child pornography is a third-degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in state prison and a fine of up to \$10,000; however, a new state law that went into effect Sept. 1, 2005, makes the possession

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Smith to run again for school board post

By DENNIS SPIES

Charles Smith, who represents Place 4 on the Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education, has filed for re-election to that post.

Smith is an environmental health and safety consultant and trainer for Evergreen Consulting Co. He has served on the board for one 3-year

"In the past three years the board has worked hard on budgets, leadership, communications, facilities, academic achievement, goals and improvement, just to name a few," he said. "I feel as part of that board I have been able to contribute and actively participate in

"We work well together and have a common goal, the goal of providing the best education we can for the children of the community."

Smith emphasized that teachers in the community work hard on the curriculum, have peer meetings, take training and whatever is necessary to improve the methods used in training the community's children.

"This is an enormous responsibility

and requires a lot of effort on everyone's part," he said.

"In addition," he said, "we are looking at the current condition of all of our facilities. Lee Porter has done an outstanding job of working with various community committees and the board. As a member of the facilities committee, I know how large a task this has

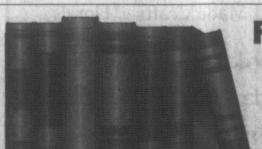
Smith said work remains to be done. "We have a lot of work to do on facilities, academic achievement and

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HOHN, Richard Lee Thomas "Tom" - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Rocky Point Cemetery, Moyers, Okla.

SMITH, Loretta Elayne Austin — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Lefors.

Christine K. 'Kelley' Diaz, 48

PITTSBURG, Kan. - Christine K. 'Kelley' Diaz, 48, died Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at Mount Carmel Regional Medical Center in Pittsburg. Memorial services and inurnment of cremains were held Feb. 26 at Manhattan, Kan.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bath-Naylor Funeral Home of Pittsburg.

Mrs. Diaz was born Nov. 22, 1957, at Manhattan, to Milton M. and Violet M. Keck Kelley. She attended Manhattan schools and graduated from high school there.

On March 21, 1976, she married Raymond Diaz at Manhattan. The couple later divorced.

Mrs. Diaz was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her father, Milton; and by two infant brothers.

Survivors include three daughters, Crystal Diaz and Melissa Brown, both of Overland Park, Kan., and Karrah Reichard of Mound City, Kan.; an adopted son, Kenneth Bailey of Overland Park; an adopted daughter, Kennesa Bailey of Chickasha, Okla.; her mother, Violet Kelley of West Moreland, Kan.; four sisters, Phyllis Hupe of West Moreland, Kathy Eden of Overbrook, Kan., Connie Diggs of Hutchinson, Kan., and Karen McWhirf of Lawrence, Kan.; and 18 grandchildren.

Loretta Elayne Austin Smith, 59

AMARILLO — Loretta Elayne Austin Smith; and her father, Glen Austin. Smith, 59, of Amarillo, died

March 2, 2006, at Amarillo. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church of Lefors with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Smith was born May 6, 1946, at Elk City, Okla. She was a long time resident of the Pampa and Borger

She was preceded in death by a son. Jeffrey Smith; a granddaughter, Erin Kaye

Survivors include a daughter, Desiree Hamil of Amarillo; three sons, Glen Smith of Skellytown, Rich Smith of Pampa and Dennis Smith of Centennial, Colo.; her mother, Rubye Vehon of Amarillo; two brothers, Randall Austin of Garland and Rick Austin of Amarillo; and 11 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to March of Dimes, Golden Spread Chapter, 104 SW 6th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101, or a favorite

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Smith

Pampa PD

Emergency Services

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

Sixteen traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 2800 block of Charles. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the police department lobby and the intersection of Rham and Hobart streets.

Warrant service was attempted on two

One burglar alarm was reported. A welfare check was made in the 100

block of South Nelson. Suspicious person calls were received

from the 1900 block of North Sumner, the intersection of Alcock and Wells streets and the 200 block of West Harvester.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1200 block of Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Harassment was reported in the 2200 block of North Russell.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby.

A disturbance was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of North Zimmers. A garage door was dented, resulting in damage estimated at \$50.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of East Kingsmill.

Theft was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby. One incident occurred in the 1100 block of Darby, where a scanner valued at \$169.97 was

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of South Christy.

Burglary was reported in the 1700 block of West 19th.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Thursday, March 2 2:49 p.m. - A 1983 Chevrolet 300 Deluxe, driven by Cathleen Sue McDonald, 34, 101 Faulkner, and a 2003 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Cynthia Turner Hinds, 44, 120 S. Nelson, collided in the 900 block of West Rham. No injuries were reported. McDonald was cited for backing without safety.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, March 2

Annie Virginia Andrews, 57, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Crest by Pampa Police Department for theft by check.

Darell Neil Campbell, 24, of McLean was arrested by GCSO on a Randall County motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

Justin Wehrenberg, 17, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license.

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

Thursday, March 2

9:19 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to Turtle Creek Road on a medical assist.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 55. Wind chill values between 30 and 35 early. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. South wind between 10 and 15

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Windy, with a south-southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 mph. and 15 mph. Winds could

cloudy, with a low near 45.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 65. North-northwest between 10 and 15 mph.

gust as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. East-northeast wind around 10 mph becoming south-

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Southsoutheast wind between 10

Saturday Night: Partly and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. South wind around 15

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 71. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 44.

cloudy, with a high near 65. Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

Police seek information on missing family

HERMINIE, Pa. (AP) — A family of six hasn't been seen in more than a week and state police are asking for the public's help in finding them.

The McFarlane family — father Darren, 26, mother Elizabeth, 31, and their four children, ages 3 to 9 — last had contact with family or friends Feb. 20, Trooper Jeanne

Martin said Friday.

The oldest child, Christopher, 9, was inschool Feb. 22, but that's the last time anyone reported seeing any member of the family, Martin said.

Police found no indications in the family's Westmoreland County home that they had packed for a trip, or any other clues about

where they might be.

"There are coats in the house for the kids, shoes and things like that," Martin said. "We have no idea where they are or if they are OK." Darren McFarlane is supposed to report

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for military service in Wichita Falls, Texas, in April, Martin said, although she wasn't specific about what unit or branch or service. Police have no reason to believe the family is traveling to Texas.

The family may be traveling in a maroon 1990 Jeep Cherokee Laredo with the Pennsylvania license plate FRC0596.

Anyone with information about the family is asked to call the state police in Greensburg at 724-483-3288.

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Lawmakers give cities time to resolve dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) Members of the Texas congressional delegation have agreed to give Dallas and Fort Worth seven months to try to resolve the controversial Wright Amendment issue.

The two cities' mayors asked Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, for a legislative moratorium last week. In a

Thursday meeting, Hutchison obtained cooperation from North Texas' eight House members and Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

Dallas Mayor Laura Miller and Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief will seek resolutions from their city councils asking Congress to suspend action to repeal or amend Wright the Amendment until Oct. 1.

"If the two cities Congress for time to work this out, and if our delegation is united in trying to give them that time, then that will be very persuasive to members of Congress," Hutchison said. "We will have to stand together as a delegation to do that."

The cities are in pursuit of a plan to resolve the dispute over the 1979 law, the Wright restrictions.

which limits long-haul flights from Love Field in Dallas, the home of Southwest Airlines. Southwest has lobbied for lifting the amendment's

restrictions. American Airlines, a unit of Fort Worth-based AMR Corp., has staunchly fought any effort to weaken the Wright Amendment

'If the two cities pass resolutions asking Congress for time to work this out, and if our delegation is united in trying to give them that time, then that will be very persuasive to members of Congress."

> — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison R-Texas

pass resolutions asking to protect its hub at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Members of Congress from other states aren't bound by Thursday's agreement. Last year, Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., successfully added his state to the Wright perimeter. Bond and other lawmakers have expressed interest in either repealing or weakening

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the overall process of education," he said.

Smith added that he would like to continue to work for a better educational system for Pampa.

Smith and his wife, Karen, have been married for 23 years. They have three children, Christopher, Matthew and Hannah.

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He is a graduate of Pampa High School and attended Louisiana State University, Lubbock Christian College and Texas Tech.

He has served on the board of Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and has worked with Boy Scouts, and Optimist baseball and basketball.

He is a member of Environmental Assessment Association, the National Society of Environmental Consultants, and is a trained outreach trainer for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

He and his wife attend St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Benefit

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dent about a year ago, according to Wendy Henderson.

An advance donation of \$20 per single or \$30 per couple will be collected. Donations at the door will be \$25 per person.

Advance tickets are available at Hamburger Station, 11820 Highway 60, and Onie's, 1222 N. Price Road, or call Wendy at 806-440-1463 or Trina at 806-662-4032.

A fund has been established at Bank of America for all donations. Checks may be made to the Miguel A. Martinez Special Fund.

Drugs

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agencies such as Gray County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers and federal law enforcement, which helps in investigations and arrests.

Tobacco use by juveniles can lead to use of other substances, he said.

"I feel tobacco for a young person is a gateway drug. It leads to drugs and alcohol," Pitner said.

"Pampa Police Department is as heavily armed and well equipped as any other police force in Texas. We have machine guns, AR-15 assault rifles, and other equipment.

"In a town of 15,000, we should not have to have that. We shouldn't have to have school liaison officers. One of the main reasons all that evolved is over drugs," he said.

"The towns around here have more officers per capita, and that speaks well of Pampa," Pitner said.

PPD received between 25,000 and 26,000 calls in 2005, or about 70 per day. Four to five officers are on patrol at any one time, he

"Patrol officers stumble onto things. They may stop someone for something else and get them for drugs," Pitner said.

Substance abuse can create a variety of hazards for law enforcement officers.

"Our drug problem is a big part of our worker's compensation claims," Pitner said. The chemicals used to make methamphetamine can cause illness and injury. Pitner said he has had his lungs burned by anhydrous ammonia, a component of meth.

Officers are also in danger when confronting someone under the influence of a

"People do things they wouldn't do sober, and have strength they wouldn't have sober," Pitner said.

Lesley Gershmel, Pampa High School counselor, spoke about substance abuse among students.

"I moved here in 1992. When I came here, the kids bragged about drinking and drug parties. I was shocked at how openly they talked about it," said Gershmel, who had worked for three years in a treatment program for addicted adolescents before coming to Pa

Lynn Switzer, 31st District attorney, explained her responsibilities and how the justice systems works.

"It usually takes a year, sometimes two or three" for a person to complete the judicial process after being arrested, she said.

Felony cases are brought to Switzer for consideration. She reviews them and presents those which meet the requirements of the case to a grand jury, which may indict, no bill or pass a case for further investigation.

If a person is indicted on a felony, they will be arraigned before a district judge. The arraignment includes determination of legal representation for the defendant and a plea by the defendant.

The defendant may plead guilty or may go to trial for the charge.

From January 2003 to January 2006 in the 31st district, which is made up of Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties, there were 86 cases of possession with intent to manufacture and deliver a controlled substance, Switzer said. Of those, 25 were in Gray County.

Possession of a controlled substance was the charge in 376 cases during that time period in the 31st Judicial District. Gray County had 164 of the possession cases.

Possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance accounted for 21 cases for the period, nine of which were in Gray County.

Other charges often related to drug abuse are forgery, fraud and identity theft, Switzer said.

Sharon Braddock, executive director of Genesis House, also addressed Thursday night's audience.

"We work with the kids, and that's where it starts. We work with ages 13 through 17 on alcohol and drug problems. We get referrals from juvenile probation, Child Protective Services and parents,' Braddock said.

Genesis House, which has been in Pampa 35 years, started as a grass-roots effort, Braddock said. It is licensed by the Texas Department of Protective and Family Services as a care facility, and by the Department of State Health Services as a treatment facility. Braddock has been with the facility for 15 years, 12 of them as executive director.

"Three things set us apart from other treatment centers: Our kids go to public school, we allow the kids to wear their own clothing, and we're co-ed," she said.

"I don't think I've ever talked to a kid who started with cocaine, meth or inhalants. They started with alcohol, tobacco or marijuana," Braddock said.

Thursday's program was the third in a six-part series on substance abuse awareness. Future meeting dates are March 23, "Community Role"; April 27, "Path of Destruction"; and May 4, "Life After Drugs -- It Is Possible".

All meetings are free and open to the public. All are scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Refreshments are provided.

Pampa High School's video production class is recording each of the meetings in the series. The recordings will be available through the high school counselor's office.

For more information, call 669-4800, extension

'Evening of Jazz'



Pampa High School Jazz Band will be sponsoring its fifth annual "Evening of Jazz" at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. The event will include food and, of course, jazz music. The Jim Laughlin Quartet from Amarillo will be joining the band for the performance. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any PHS band student. Tickets are also available at Tarply's Music, Holmes Sporting Goods, or by calling Greg or Jacque Haddock at 665-0572. Tickets will be on sale until Sunday.



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charges stackable on punishment at the discretion of the judge.

The timing of the investigation of Campbell makes him subject to the new statute, so he could face 90 years in prison on the possession charges if convicted of all nine counts.

A San Marcos man was also indicted Wednesday on nine counts of possession of child pornography.

Ron James Guzman, 38, of San Marcos was indicted by a Hays County grand jury on the charges, which represent the first case handled by the Texas Attorney General's Office which involves an offender who allegedly stored sexually explicit videos of children on a portable dig ital music player.

Guzman was also indicted on six counts of of promotion child pornography.

Cyber Crimes investigators executed a search warrant at Guzman's home in April 2005 after receiving a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The tip alleged that Guzman was posting sexually explicit images of children online.

Forensic exams of external media and an iPod confiscated from reportedly Guzman revealed several images and video of child pornography. He was arrested Jan. 11 by unit investigators and is being held in the Hays County Jail.

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Viewpoints

Giving 100 percent to the 'race of life'

Olympics, I caught an interview by gold medalist Carl Lewis as he was questioned about his longevity in the sport.

The 35-year-old sprinter looked into the eyes of the interviewer and said frankly:

"When I'm done with this sport, I want to leave everything I have on the track. I'm gonna give it everything I have until there is nothing left to give."

What Carl Lewis said with that brief statement is that

effort in everything we do.

much different than an Olympic race. Where we finish has a lot to do with the amount of effort demonstrat-On average, small efforts deliver small results while big efforts can usually deliver big results.

Good and bad experiences have taught me the following lessons regarding the mine our reaction to the ever race of life:

The first lesson is to stay in your lane. Everyone has his or her own personal lane we should give 100 percent in this life. It is not defined

by discreet boundaries but outside of our control. The race of life is not rather by the things we can control or influence. It's in is to run at your own pace. at someone else's pace is to

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Columnist

that we control our physical and emotional well being and it's here that we deter-

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changing environment that surrounds us However, should we cross over into someone else's lane, we risk exposure to events that are

mistake made in any race is to run at someone else's pace. We are

uniquely

created and endowed with unique abilities that cannot be matched by anyone else on earth.

The race of life is best

The second lesson learned that suits our abilities. To run The biggest risk running past or missing the opportunities that our Creator has predestined just for you.

> The last lesson learned is to never look back. The great baseball player Satchel Paige once said, "Don't look back because something might be gaining on you."

The race of life should take place looking toward opportunities, not backward at mistakes. It is virtually enjoyed when we use our impossible to give 100 per-

uniqueness to develop a pace cent effort to anything if we are busy looking at past mistakes.

> To focus on them while trying to move forward is like driving a car while looking in the rear view mirror; it's an accident waiting to happen.

> Stay in your lane, run at your own pace and don't look back and at the end many will look back on your life and repeat the scripture found in 2 Chron 3:21; "He did it with all his heart and prospered."

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 3, the 62nd day of 2006. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Seventy-five years ago, on March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States. On this date:

In 1706, 300 years ago, composer Johann Pachelbel, best remembered for his "Canon in D," died in Nuremberg, Germany, at age 52.

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

We are creatures of the moment; we live from one little space to another; and only one interest at a time fills these."

> — William Dean Howells American author and editor (1837-1920)

In 1849, Congress created the Minnesota Territory.

In 1879, Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood the first became woman to be admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi" for RCA Victor.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar mod-

In 1974, nearly 350 people died when a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from

Orly Airport in Paris. In 1991, in a case that sparked a national outcry, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police

officers in a scene captured on amateur video. In 1991, 25 people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado

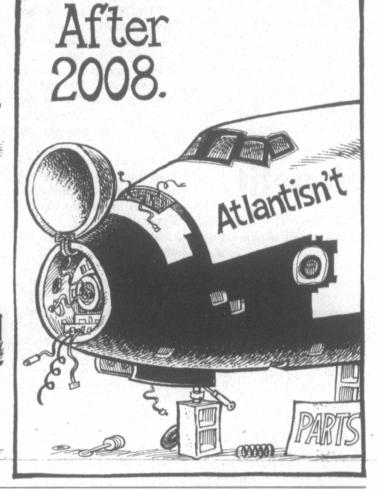
Springs airport. Ten years ago: Israel declared all-out war on the militant group Hamas after a bus bomb in Jerusalem killed 19 people, including the bomber, the third such suicide attack in

Five years ago: A plane carrying members of a National Guard engineering crew crashed in heavy rain near Macon, Ga., killing all 21 people on board. The foot-and-mouth scare made its way from Britain to mainland Europe with the discovery of blisters on the snouts of three pigs in northern Belgium, sparking drastic measures. John Ruiz became the first Hispanic WBA heavyweight champion by defeating

Evander Holyfield in a unanimous 12-round decision. One year ago: President Bush visited CIA headquarters, where he promised agency employees they would retain an "incredibly vital" role in safeguarding the nation's security despite the creation of a new post of national director of intelligence. Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett became the first person to fly around the world alone without stopping or refueling, touching down in central Kansas after a 67-hour, 23,000-mile journey.

Today's Birthdays: Socialite Lee Radziwill is 73. Actress Hattie Winston is 61. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 59.

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Nation's political parties do switcheroo

I've been American folklore lately, and I ran across what was supposedly one of Teddy Roosevelt's favorite jokes.

He asks a young man why he is a Democrat. "Well," the young man replies, "my great-grandfather was a Democrat, my grandfather was a Democrat, and my father was a Democrat."

"Well," Roosevelt replies, "suppose they had all been horse thieves. What would

"In that case," the young man replies, "I'd probably be a Republican."

This was brought to mind by the snide and racist comment by TV talking face Bryant Gumbel, when he scoffed at the Winter Olympics and said there were so few blacks, it looked like a Republican conven-

Now the embittered Gumbel is not important, but what he said provides an opening to point out that political parties actually stand for nothing except winning elections and distributing patronage. Their positions on issues fluctuate with time and depend on what they think will help

reading them win.

At the present time, most black folks perceive the Republican Party really as an anti-African-American

party, and they generally vote overwhelmingly Democrat.

Columnist There was a time

Charley

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when Republicans were called "black Republicans." They were the anti-slavery party and the party that during Reconstruction gave African-American men the right to vote. At the same time, the Democratic Party was the white-supremacy

The bitter and bloody conflict between Southern Democrats and Republicans set the stage for bad race relations that we are still dealing with, although ironically, the two parties are now perceived in an opposite way. When Democrats finally ousted the Reconstruction Republicans, in no small way by terrorizing and murdering black voters, they set about to undo practically everything the Republicans had done.

For years in the South, "Republican" was a hated word, akin to "damned Yankee." There was no Republican

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Party in the South speak Democrat primaries were only choice

voters had in picking their candidates, winning since Democratic nomination was tantamount to winning the office.

I must also point out that all this, including ending Reconstruction, was done with the collusion of Northern Democrats. A deal was cut. The Northerners said you vote Democrat and we'll let you do what you want with the Negroes.

For years, anybody trying to register as a Republican in most Southern cities would be met by scorn and insult. I had a neighbor, originally from Iowa, who told me that Florida in the 1930s and to blacks. tried to register as a Republican, he was told to his face, "Nobody but n-

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So how did the two parties switch positions? Well, it began in the Gilded Age, when the Republican Party showed its true colors as the party of Big Business. That carried right on through to the Great Depression, and there were no African-Americans in big business. They fell in love with Franklin Roosevelt. Even so, Democrats could still count on the Solid South. That cracked during the civilrights campaign, when several Southern states went for Barry Goldwater. Then Richard Nixon adopted his Southern strategy, part of which was to keep as many blacks as possible from vot-

So today, the Republican Party that freed the slaves and gave blacks the right to vote is perceived as a party hostile to blacks, and the Democratic Party, which once counted on the Ku Klux Klan to help it win elections, is perceived to be when he first moved to the party most sympathetic

And what's more, both See REESE, Page 5

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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San Antonio Express-News on ethics supervisor needed for federal lawmak-

There's an interesting bipartisan contest taking place in Congress. Democrats and Republicans seem to be trying to outdo one another to propose the most comprehensive lobbying and ethics reform.

That these issues are even on the table is a good development. The bribery admission by Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., the Abramoff scandal and the unseemly

connections between the office of former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and K Street lobbyists have in recent months highlighted the ethical challenges on Capitol Hill.

But even the most stringent rules on gifts and travel won't mean a thing unless there's a credible way to investigate and disclose ethics violations. As the current scandals have played out, Congress has proven incapable of policing itself.

The new majority leader in the House, John Boehner, thinks it's a congressional duty for members to oversee themselves. It may be their duty, but they're failing to perform it. Despite all the recent scandals, the House ethics

committee - split by partisan divisions — hasn't met in more than a year.

House Democrats and Republicans have each introduced legislation to create an office staffed by professionals to audit the filings and activities of lobbyists. Members of Congress should be subject to the same independent oversight.

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., has included in his ethics reform package the creation of an independent ethics enforcement commission. More than 30 states, including Texas, have some form of commission to monitor or enforce ethics.

By now, it's very clear that Congress

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perceptions are correct, as far as perceptions go. Underneath the perceptions, however, is the basic truth that both parties stand for winning, no matter what it takes. Whether they are for or against any issue or any-

body depends entirely on how they think it will affect the vote. They both pander to their respective constituen-

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College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 8 the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is today. Late registration postmark deadline is March 17. The cost is \$29 without and \$43 with the Writing Test (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration). Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's Web site at www.actstudent.org

 Amarillo College Lamplight Youth Theatre will present "Little Women" at 7:30 nightly today, Saturday and Sunday at Ordway Auditorium on campus. Admission will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

 Gray County Genealogical Society and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host

a free genealogical workshop from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the Amarillo, will host two all-you-can-eat church. Classes will include "How fish frys from 6-8 p.m. today and April do I begin?," "It's all in the Name," "Our Scotch/Irish Ancestors" and "Computers and Genealogy." To register or for more information, call Cindy at 669-1174 or 669-9547. Bring a brown bag lunch for a special "gab" session between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

 Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, Saturday, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA

memberships are available. Pampa Book Club meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Lovett Memorial Library. The list for the next two months is March 8 "Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd; and April 12 "One Soldier's Story" by Bob Dole

or "Dying Thunder (Red River Wars)" by Terry Johnston.

 Amarillo Women's Forum will meet from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. wednesday at the Amarillo Club. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Majorie Jenkins. Cost will be \$16 per person. The forum is currently seeking nominations for its 2005 Distinguished Service Awards through March 15. For a nomination packet or more information, call (806) 352-7425.

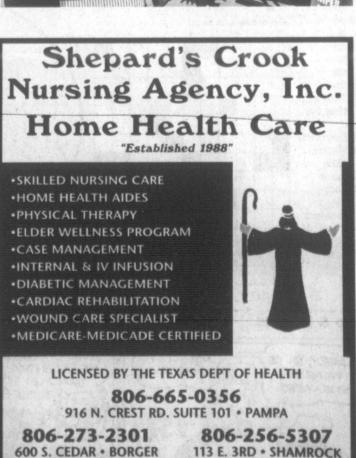
 The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Wednesday, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.







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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 53-year-old husband insists on raising the window shade and turning on the light when he takes a bath and when he washes up in the morning. He strips naked to brush his teeth and wash his face while standing 4 feet from the window. The window is large, and it starts just above the bathtub. I have asked him not to do it because I don't think it's appropriate. I have told him he will be regarded as the "weird old man" in the neighborhood. When I told him the situation bothered me, he stopped for a few weeks. Now he's at it again. Our yard is large and open, so there's an opportunity for the neighbors to see what's going on. How do I get him to stop? Or should I just let him continue and try to get over it? -- WANTS LESS SOUTH-ERN EXPOSURE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR WANTS LESS: Your husband isn't "going" to be regarded as a "weird old man" in the neighborhood ñ- he's already there. That you told him it bothered you and he felt compelled to start again indicates to me that he gets a thrill out of exposing himself in situations where he could get caught. Because he's in his own home, I don't think he's breaking any laws. However, rather than argue over it, I have a suggestion: Contact a window company and have the bottom half of the bathroom window "frosted." That way, your husband can parade around the way nature made him, and if anyone happens by, there won't be any embarrassment.

DEAR ABBY: I run a small day-care business out of my house. I watch only the children of relatives or friends. One of my friends wants me to start watching her young daughter, "Sierra," who will turn 6 this summer. The problem is Sierra is terrified of animals, large and small.

We have a dog, three cats and a guinea pig. Sierra refuses to even get out of the car and stand in my yard. I think they should find day care elsewhere. They, however, keep insisting that Sierra will be "just fine" and that she understands that, come summer, she'll have to come to my house. Abby, I think it's cruel and insensitive of them to expect Sierra to "get over it" just like that. I have asked them to start asking Sierra to get out of the car and slowly work her way up to coming in before summer starts, but they just laugh and shrug it off. Please help me make them understand without my having to come right down and refuse to take the child. I'm afraid I'll lose friends over this. -- "MARY POPPINS" IN KEN-TUCKY

DEAR MARY P.: I believe it was your namesake who coined the phrase, "A spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down." Because your concerns are realistic, sweetly tell your friends that you have instituted an "entrance exam." Unless they can prove to you that their daughter can get out of the car, enter your house and interact with the other children, you cannot accept her. They are doing her -ñ and you -- a disservice by ignoring her animal phobia. Their child may need professional help to get over it. Say it with a smile, but for everyone's sake make the statement. For the parents to pretend that their daughter's terror of animals will vanish with no intervention on anyone's part is not only unrealistic, it's unfair to their daughter, to you, and to the other children in your care. If they're unwilling to take action, they are not "friends." They are just poor parents who are trying to unload their problem. onto you.

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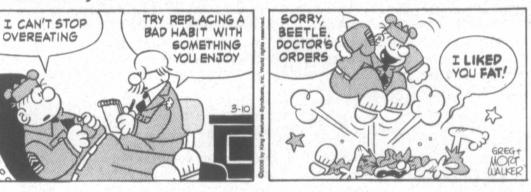
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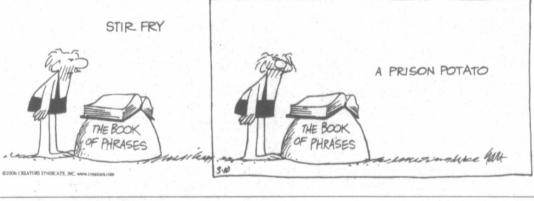
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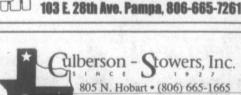
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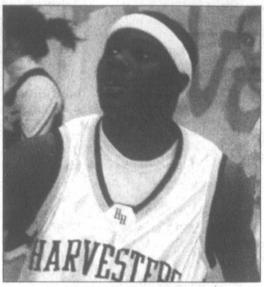
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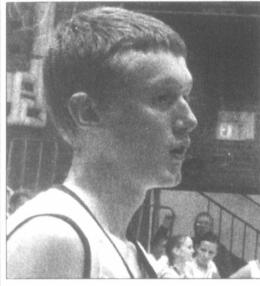
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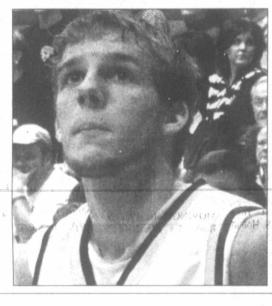








Four of the starting five Harvester varsity basketball players have been named to the District 3-4A All-District team. Seniors Jarett Kotara (top row, left) and Sharod Young were named to the First Team. Junior Tyler Hall (middle row, left) and senior Braydon Barker were named to the Second Team. Freshman Matt Smith (right) received Honorable Mention. Pampa, under first year head coach Dustin Miller, finished the season 25-7 overall, 8-2 in district 3-4A. The Harvesters won the Bidistrict and Area Championships as well.



Pampa teams in action

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

With the season winding down, the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters soccer teams go for district wins this afternoon when they host Palo Duro. Games will begin at 4:15 at the Harvester Soccer Complex.

Softball

The Lady Harvesters are on the road for the annual Burkburnett Tournament that got under way today. Coach Bobbi Gill's girls started the season with a loss to Lubbock Cooper but won three in a row to enter the tournament with a 3-1 record.

Baseball The undefeated Harvesters (6-0) host Woodward Saturday afternoon. The two schools will offer up a double-header with

game one beginning at 1 p.m.

Friday's Sports Briefs

PRO FOOTBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The prosecutor in the Minnesota Vikings' boat party case denied that race played any role in his decision to charge four black players and not two white men for their alleged conduct on a cruise last October.

Lawyers for Minnesota Vikings players Daunte Culpepper and Moe Williams accused prosecutor Steven Tallen of racial discrimination on Wednesday. They served a motion on Tallen asking for the dismissal of charges against the two players, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Culpepper, Williams, Fred Smoot and Bryant McKinnie face trial on misdemeanor charges of indecent conduct and lewdness for their alleged behavior on two cruise boats last October on Lake Minnetonka. They have pleaded not guilty.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans decided they will pay a \$1 million fee to keep quarterback Steve McNair this season but allow him to become a free agent after 2006.

The move means the Titans won't have to pay a \$50 million option that would have extended McNair's contract through 2009, the quarterback's agent said. Still, the agent estimated McNair will take up more than a quarter of the team's salary cap space.

MIAMI (AP) — Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson resumed their duel at opposite ends of Doral, and the outcome didn't change. Woods was still one shot better.

In a balmy start to the Florida swing,

Woods again reached the 603-yard 12th hole in two shots and ran off a string of birdies along the back nine for an 8-under 64 and a one-shot lead over Mickelson and four others in the Ford Championship.

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - David Higgins, Wang Ter-chang, Simon Dyson and Thonchai Jaidee shot 6-under 66s to share the first-round lead in the Indonesia Open.

BASEBALL

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) - Pedro Martinez confirmed he will not pitch in the World Baseball Classic because of his sore toe, leaving the Dominican Republic without three of its biggest stars.

All-Star sluggers Manny Ramirez and Vladimir Guerrero also recently withdrew from the Dominican team.

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Cincinnati Reds pitching coach Vern Ruhle has cancer, but plans to stay with the team while getting treatment.

The 55-year-old Ruhle informed Reds players, then accompanied the team to Lakeland for its spring training opener. He didn't disclose the type of cancer he has, but said doctors expect him to make a full recovery.

TENNIS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Top-seeded Roger Federer moved into the semifinals of the Dubai Open with a 6-3, 6-2 win against Robin Vik.

PRO BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets claimed guard Rick Brunson off waivers from the Seattle SuperSonics.

M.U.D., Winborne remain unbeaten

City of Pampa Winter 4 on 4 Volleyball League Standings Feb. 27, 2006

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Easy's	1	5

MEETINGS & EVENTS

VanGilder to host volleyball league; umpires needed for POYC season

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Volleyball

Pampa High School head volleyball coach Sonia VanGilder has organized the Pampa Spring Volleyball League for girls in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades.

Registrations will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the PHS girls' gym from 3 p.m to 4:30 p.m. Registration forms and player fees will be due at that time.

Cost for the league is \$35 and each player will receive a Tshirt, instruction on volleyball basics from Coach VanGilder, games and awards.

Practice will begin March 20 with games beginning March

For more information, contact Coach VanGilder at 669-4800

Umpires Needed

Make a little extra money and help our community youth by becoming a member of the Pampa Umpire's Association and serve as an umpire for the upcoming baseball season.

This year will mark the first time the Pampa Optimist Youth Club will use sanctioned, paid officials to umpire little league and Babe Ruth baseball, as well as girls fast pitch softball

You can umpire as many or as few games as you want. All umpires must be sanctioned members of the Pampa Umpire's Association and wear the association's official shirt.

An instructional clinic will held at 4 p.m. March 12 at the Recreation Park Softball Complex.

For more information on becoming an umpire or getting involved in POYC baseball as a volunteer or coach, contact Todd Alvey, 665-5428, Shane Stokes, 669-5740, or Kevin Davis, 665-7843.

Fleet feet



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa's Chase Phillips (#11) works the ball against Caprock recently. Both the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters face PD today at 4:15 at the Harvester Soccer Complex.

WBC: Japan 18, China 2

TOKYO (AP) — Tsuyoshi Nishioka and Kosuke Fukudome hit back-to-back homers in the fifth inning today to lead Japan to an 18-2 rout of China in the World Baseball

Seattle Mariners slugger Ichiro Suzuki, the only position player from the major leagues representing Japan, went 1-for-6 with 1 RBI. Hideki Matsui of the New York Yankees and Chicago White Sox infielder Tadahito Iguchi opted to sit out the tourna-

China tied the game 2-2 in the bottom of the fourth at Tokyo Dome on a two-run homer by catcher Wang Wei that just cleared the wall in right field. Playing before a crowd of 15,869, Japan quickly regained the lead in the fifth inning and never looked back.

Nishioka connected for a three-run homer to left and Fukudome followed with a solo shot to right that gave Japan a 6-2

Bexar County wooing Marlins

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Bexar County's Antonio Express-News. "It's the first step top official said he will present a stadiumfinancing plan to the Florida Marlins in an effort to lure the team to South Texas.

County Judge Nelson Wolff said the plan involves using public and private funding to raise the estimated \$300 million it would take to build a stadium.

"We look forward to discussing this plan with Judge Wolff," Marlins president David Samson said in Friday's editions of the San

of a long, interesting process to see if there is a match.'

Already in weekly communication with the Marlins, Wolff said he would attempt to put the proposal on the November ballot if negotiations with the team pick up speed.

Wolff's proposal follows the same plan used to build the AT&T Center for the San Antonio Spurs, which opened in 2002 at a cost of \$189 million.

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**** Though you might not care about present confusion, it engulfs you, making life difficult, if not frustrating. Ask questions and find out what you need in order to make a solid decision. You might believe that others are acting flaky. Tonight: Do your own thing.

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dous source of mirth and laughter. A loved one or special partner could be touchy, to say the least. Though you have been happy, much could change quite quickly. Share your caring. Tonight: Don't take anyone or anything for grant-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ** You need to get through a project whether you want to or not. Others have expectations that you will want to fulfill. A situation close to your home or heart is changing right in front of you. Don't make assumptions. Check out the facts. Tonight: A must appearance.

*** You talk a good game, and you see much more than others right now. The problem is, you will not be able to convince them of anything. Get off the

soapbox and detach. You will be happier and so will those around you. Tonight: Check out a communication or message. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Work with others, but know that vou cannot be an endless reservoir of support or funds. You need to speak and

act accordingly. Help others bottom out and get to the root of a problem. You might want to rethink a question. Tonight: An intimate dinner for two. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Others run the show and understand much more than you realize. Think before you leap. Lady Luck, though still present, might not be there to bail you out quite so quickly. Listen to others. Your popularity soars. Tonight: Sort

through information.

*** Getting through to others takes talent and interest. You might want to understand much more of what makes others tick. Getting to know yourself and your motives much better might very well be step number one. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Your creativity surges. How it might impact you depends on your station in life. Others might become the Romeo or Juliet of the social scene. Others will indulge in fun repartee. Your imagination runs haywire. Tonight: Ever playful, no matter what age you are.

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Religion

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

God hates bigotry – racial bigots spread hatred, fear

racial bigotry, but before we can really talk about it we have to discuss a few preliminaries.

By definition, a bigot is a prejudiced person who is intolerant of any opinions differing from their own. Now technically speaking, that makes God a bigot. God is the truth and therefore anyone who has an opinion different than God's is wrong.

God is completely intolerant of those who do not surrender to His son, Jesus Christ - so intolerant that they will spend eternity in hell. No that is really intolerant, but it isn't the bad kind of bigotry. It is simply the King ruling His creation.

Well, what then is the bad kind of bigotry? This article is much too brief to discuss all types of bigotry, so I just want to limit it to addressing a few things concerning racial bigotry.

First, one of the bad kinds of racial bigotry is also sometimes called racism. Racism is the inherent belief in the superiority of one race over all others and thereby the right to dominance.

I wonder how God feels about this kind of attitude? Well, since Genesis 3:20 says that Eve was the mother of all living, then that would mean that God made Adam and Eve with all of the possible racial genetic combinations already programmed inside, so God doesn't evidently think that one race is superior to another. Therefore God is not a

Are you a racist? Do you to all others. How?

This article is about the sin of think that your particular race is superior to all others? If so, then God and you are on different pages. And that would be a very, very bad thing with eternal consequences.

An easy way to pick out possible racists is to listen to their

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vocabulary. Racists are big on using derogatory slang words to talk about other races. You know what I mean - the "N" word when talking about someone with black or brown skin color; the "S" word when talking about someone with light brown skin color; the "C" word when talking about about someine with white skin color; or the other "C" word when referring to someone with Oriental heritage; or the "R" word when referring to a native American Indian, etc.

Using one of these words doesn't automatically make someone a racist. They can just be speaking out of ignorance, but keep your eyes peeled if you hear one of these words pop out. You might just be looking at a

But racial bigotry isn't limited to racists. A person can be just as big of a racial bigot even if they don't see their race as superior

A person can be a racial bigot if they point fingers at any particular race with a condescending or condemning attitude. You might hear them talking about "that white community" or "those people down in the hood.'

This type of racial bigot isn't as easy to recognize as the racist, but just watch carefully the impact they have on others when they talk. If their words stir up feelings of bitterness, hatred, anger and suspicion toward another race, then they are a racial bigot. And you know what? Even some who stand in pulpits are racial bigots.

If my preaching causes my church members not only to love another race less, but also encourages them to be even more suspicious of that other race, then I am a racial bigot just examine the fruit - and this type of racial bigot can be any color, so keep your eyes peeled, and if you find yourself listening to a racial bigot either plug up your ears or get up and walk out and don't go back.

God hates racial bigotry. He hates the snobbery and arrogance. He hates the anger and hatred and bitterness. Racial bigots will spend eternity in hell! So if you don't love "all of the colors in the rainbow," you better repent, and if you have been listening to a racial bigot, stop listening and get away from. them today.

God bless.

Church briefs

At 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa, 900 E. 23rd, will host a meeting on a proposed new community youth center in fellowship hall of the church.

Organizers hope the effort will reach out to "unchurched" youth within the community. The meeting is open to all interested parties.

Calvary will also offer an awareness class for teens from 4:30-6 p.m. starting April 2 in fellowship hall of the church.

Fellowship Baptist 622 East Church, Francis, will host a southern gospel music concert at 10 a.m. Sunday. Special guest groups will include Nelda Johnny and Flanagan and Terry and Rosie O'Toole. After the concert, the church will have dinner on the grounds. The public is welcome and admission is free.



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Maryland churches break IRS tax rules

BALTIMORE (AP) -Campaign finance reports show that more than 100 churches in Maryland have gone against federal tax law by making campaign contributions to political candidates in recent years.

Across Maryland, at least 115 churches have given to about 40 candidates of both major parties since 2000, according to a review by The (Baltimore) Sun. Although the donations are generally small and sporadic, they go against Internal Revenue Service regulations that prohibit churches from advocating for specific political candidates.

Churches that give to candidates can face revocation of their tax-exempt status or a 10 percent excise tax on the contributions, according to the IRS.

Critics of the nonprofit tax code say it stifles the free speech and undermines churches' advocacy for their communities. Others argue that allowing congregations to become politically active could turn the collection plate into a vehicle tax-free campaign finance.

On Friday, the IRS released a report showing that nearly three-quarters of 82 tax-exempt organizations investigated nationwide during the 2004 election campaign had participated in some form of prohibited political activity including 37 of 47 churches that were reviewed.

First Assembly



▲ First Assembly of God Church of Pampa, 500 S. Cuyler, will host revival services with the Rev. Kevin Akins Sunday through March 10. Akins will be appearing at First Assembly at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through March 10. All are invited to attend the upcoming services. "Witness real people," a news release from First Assembly said, "who have come to tell about a real God through testimony and scripture."

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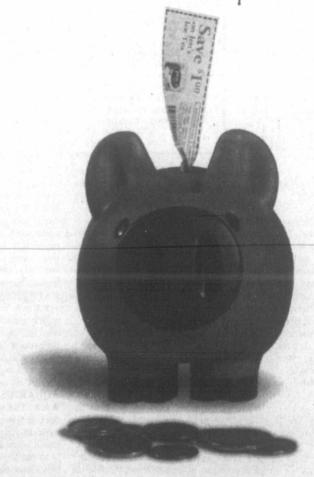
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