

## As long as there is jobs the immigrants will come

The people raising a hue and cry in Topeka for bills to hamper illegal immigration don't understand a lot of things.

First of all, they don't understand that whatever they do, it won't happen.

People come here to work because we have jobs and no one to fill them. They come illegally because we have no way to let them come work legally. A Mexican citizen trying to get here to work might have to wait 10 years for legal permission. These people want jobs now.

The state has no authority over immigration anyway. It's not against state law to be here without the proper paperwork and the state has no authority to regulate immigration.

It's a federal problem, but people scared of immigrants are frustrated because Congress hasn't done anything that works.

But if Congress can't do anything, why do they think the state can?

The state used to issue driver's licenses to immigrants, regardless of status. Then we changed the law to deny licenses to illegal immigrants.

Guess what?

People who hike or swim or fly across the border under cover of darkness have no fear of driving without a license. Or insurance. Shot ourselves in the foot with that one, Kansas did.

Another bill would deny state benefits to illegals. There's no reason, in fact, to offer any benefits to illegal immigrants. They come here to

work and we shouldn't offer them welfare.

But does anyone believe this bill will slow down the flow of immigration?

Not as long as there are jobs to be had.

Some people want to build a fence along the entire Mexican border, but the cost is astronomical, approaching a trillion dollars. Thank the Lord Kansas won't have to pay for any of that out of the state budget. No one knows who would build it anyway.

Others want to declare English as the official state language, claiming that "for the first time in the nation's history," a group of immigrants doesn't want to learn English.

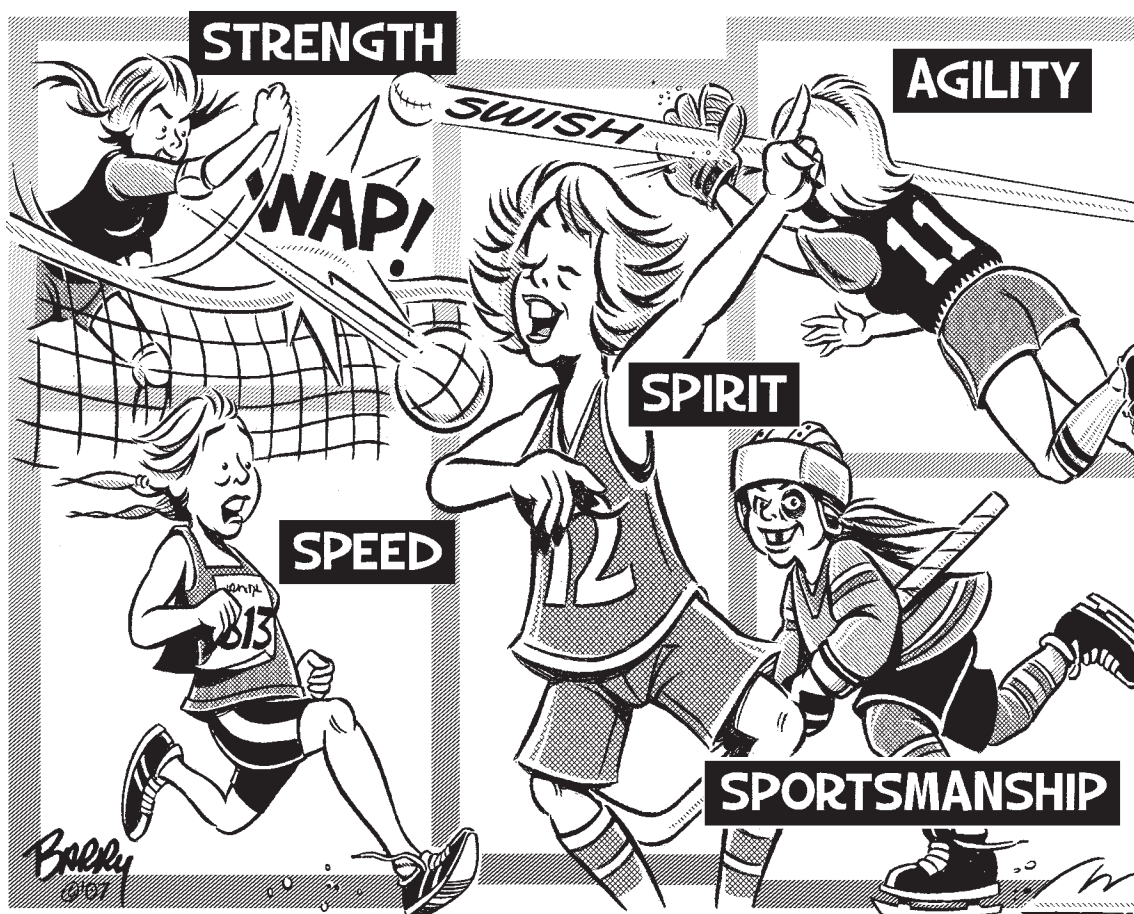
That's not true — most have to learn English to work, and children in schools learn English — but it belies the fact that across Kansas, schools held classes in German, French and other languages less than a century ago, yet those groups did learn English. So will today's immigrants.

Perhaps the biggest thing these people don't understand is that by playing to the rabid anti-immigration crowd, the Republican Party is throwing out all the work President Bush and his crew did to cultivate and incorporate the Hispanic vote into the GOP mainstream.

They will seal the party's fate as a minority for a generation if they keep this up. It's wrong, offensive and foolish.

But they don't understand much.

— Steve Haynes



WHEN YOU SUPPORT LOCAL SPORTS, DON'T FORGET THE GIRLS!

## News From the Past

### 20 years ago - 1987

The Cheyenne County Hospital has recently hired Shirley Billiar Adams, R.N. as the new administrator of the hospital. She replaced retiring administrator Helen Burnham, R.N.

Noble Dorsch, owner of Mill and Seed, is retiring. He and his wife, Barbara, leased the business to his son on Jan. 1. Noble ran the operation for 17 years.

R.M. Jaqua Abstract office held an open house on Dec. 29 to celebrate 100 years of business in Cheyenne County. Josephine Churchill, owner, was unable to attend but was represented by family members Martha Uplinger, Bob Uplinger, Bob Uplinger Jr., Karen Uplinger, Dawn, Julie and Eric Uplinger.

Lacy Jones was elected Job's Daughters Honor Queen. Kelley Milliken is the Senior Princess and Jill Straub the Junior Princess.

The city of St. Francis and

the St. Francis Public Library Board has announced they are now receiving bids for the construction of the new library building.

The Goodyear Award for Conservation in Cheyenne County was presented to the Cheyenne County Conservation District Board of Supervisors which includes Spencer Schlepp, Link Zwegyardt and Kenneth Knorr.

DeMolay sweetheart candidates are Leslie O'Brien, Joanna Scoby, Lacy Jones and April Montoya.

Richard Grace was elected president of the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce. Rick Lucas is the outgoing president.

An open house was held at the Modern Beauty Shop, successor to the Burnham Beauty Shop. The

establishment moved from its former quarters over the post office to a newly constructed building located on the south side of main street between the City Office and Roelfs Electric.

Vern Nolan, the Ford dealer in St. Francis, announced the near completion of his new garage building into which they have moved their equipment and stock.

The first meeting of the Cheyenne County Rural School Association was acclaimed a grant success. There were 22 district present, representing all parts of the county.

Several resolutions were discussed including one about retention of rural schools with an adequate tax base to support them with added state assistance and one that favored re-districting of rural schools where necessary to establish sound and substantial districts.

Kevin L. Winston, Lieutenant Kansas Highway Patrol Troop D, Goodland

## Extension Notes

### Don't be fooled by instant loan refund hype

By Tye Faulkender  
Ext. Director



Instant tax-refund loan businesses are becoming increasingly popular. People who want their refund immediately sometimes go to such businesses to get it the quickest way they possibly can.

These so-called instant tax refunds are highly promoted as "quick loans" to get access to taxpayers' money. Like all loans, however, they come with a cost. Getting past the "quick loan"

hurdle isn't the only thing taxpayers should be cautious about during tax season.

"With money in your pocket, you're tempted to buy all kinds of 'fun' things — maybe things that you don't really need, but would like to have," Carol Young said. "You need to get repeating to yourself, 'This is not extra money. I have not just won a special prize or the lottery. This is my money

that I've spent all year earning."

Before receiving tax refunds, taxpayers should think about what was on their "need list" prior to tax season: Paying off a credit card bill? Buying new tires or repairing the car? Upgrading their home computer? Saving for a vacation?

All of those needs will still be there, waiting for attention.

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



It's getting to the time of the year when people are a bit down. After busting our tails during the work week and the weekends are spent digging out from the latest storm, we're ready for a break!

So this Sunday we'll enjoy one of the biggest shows of the year. That's right. It's time for Super Bowl 41!

Local stores are stocked up with all the goodies we will need. Whether you watch the game at home or with a group of fans, it's sure to be a party.

The two teams, Chicago and Indianapolis, bring a freshness to the event. Chicago was last in the Super Bowl 21 years ago. As for the

Colts, the team was still in Baltimore with Johnny Unitas at quarterback.

Will Payton Manning finally win the "big one" or will Brian Urlacher and the "Monsters of the Midway" prevail. Who knows? That's the drama that makes for an exciting spectacle.

And for those who don't love football, there are the commercials. At \$2.6 million for a 30-second spot, you know they will be entertaining.

Janet Jackson has not been invited back to perform since her "wardrobe malfunction" a couple of years ago. However Prince will be in Miami for this year's half-time show. Billy Joel is slated to sing the national anthem.

So on Sunday forget about the weather outside and what will be

waiting for you Monday morning. Get lost in the moment that comes only once a year. Have a great Super Bowl!

## Useless Facts

- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan."
- The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is CURRENTLY necessary. Because, when it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.

**GOD SAYS**  
Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.  
I John 4:10

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## Parents urged to buckle up children

Dear Editor:

The week of Feb. 11 through Feb. 17 is National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week. During this time frame, the Kansas Highway Patrol in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies will conduct numerous activities to educate Kansans in the area of occupant protection.

A motor vehicle crash is the leading cause of death for children ages 3-14. Statistics for 2006 reflect an alarming trend in the area

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of child restraint usage in children 14 years of age and younger. In the age category of 0-4 years of age, the compliance rate is 83 percent. In the age group of 5-9 years of age the compliance rate drops drastically to 53 percent. The compliance rate continues to drop in the age group of 10-14, down to 48 percent.

The slumping trend in compliance levels directly computes to

more children's lives lost. As responsible adults, parents and drivers, we must take a stand to reverse this trend. Our children's future hangs in the balance.

In conclusion, we challenge everyone to be responsible and lead by example — Buckle Up!

Kevin L. Winston, Lieutenant Kansas Highway Patrol Troop D, Goodland

**Church of Christ**  
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424  
502 W. Spencer  
Norman Morrow - Minister  
Bible Class 11 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

**United Methodist**  
Church Office 332-2292,  
Church 332-2254,  
512 S. Scott  
Pastor Morita Truman  
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
332-3002  
Pastor Chris Farmer  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
625 S. River • 332-2680  
Fr. Roger Meitl  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.  
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

**First Christian Church**  
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Church Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Grace Assembly of God**  
332-2925, Pars. 332-2899  
208 E. 2nd  
Rev. Rob Meyer  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30  
Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.

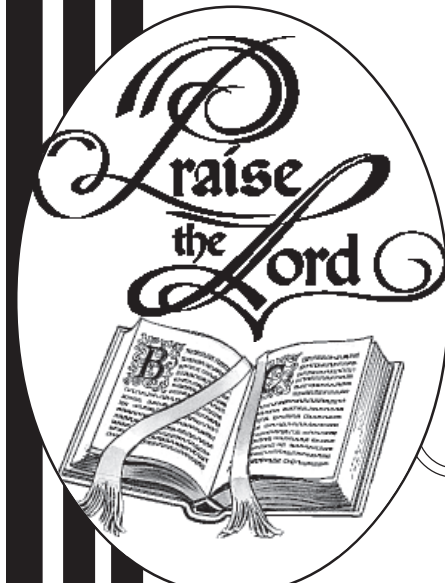
**St. Francis Community Church**  
332-3150  
204 N. Quincy Street  
Pastor: David Butler  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams  
Pastor Mike Larson  
Sabbath School 9:30  
Morning Worship 10:45

**First Baptist Church**  
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Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.,  
Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Peace Lutheran Church**  
202 N. College  
Pastor Ken Hart  
332-2928 Pars. 332-2312  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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