



Stories coming out of camp ought to raise indignation

The stories coming out of the U.S. detention camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are not pretty. They ought to raise some indignation in this country, which has prided itself over the centuries in treating prisoners better than most.

Torture. "Extraordinary rendition." Flying prisoners around the world in secret. Turning them over to the allies who don't play by our rules — with a list of questions to be asked.

Is that how we think of America?

Yes, we're facing a difficult, dedicated enemy, but no more difficult than many we've fought. Over the decades, we've made our rules of conduct tighter, not looser.

In America, we don't tolerate torture or abuse by the police. We say we don't tolerate it by our military. And we specifically ban it for our intelligence agencies.

So what makes it OK to break or even bend the rules?

The story of torture by U.S. operatives has come out piecemeal. First there was the abuse by Army prison guards, forcing prisoners to do embarrassing, sometimes sickening things for the amusement of the guards.

Soldiers were alleged to have set dogs on prisoners for sport. Others said it was all part of a sophisticated plan to break down their will, put in place by higher ups. A few enlisted men and a couple of officers paid the price, but no one could prove anything on the "higher ups."

Then came stories of the chain of prisons around the world where terrorists suspects could be held, questioned and maybe tortured in secret. Some were run by U.S. agents, some by allied intelligence agencies.

The U.S. acknowledged using some border-

line torture techniques, such as the infamous "waterboarding." Bush administration officials defended this practice, claiming it wasn't harmful — even if it made the victim feel like he was drowning.

Sure, there's been abuse and law-breaking in every American war, at least since the Indian wars. Probably since the Revolution.

If war is hell, as one general is said to have remarked, then men in hell may be expected to behave less than perfectly. That does not excuse mistreatment of prisoners, but still, it happens.

The American military always has prosecuted rule-breakers, trying some as criminals, disciplining others with reduction in rank or discharge. That happened in World War II and again in Vietnam.

Often, those involved and their superiors tried to cover up the crimes. Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't. Everyone knew it was wrong.

And today? Has anything changed?

The stories that come out of Gitmo and the other camps will get worse. A British resident released Monday cited chapter and verse of his travels. He told of torture in Morocco, where he claimed British MI5 agents and maybe the CIA fed questions to his captors — and got reports.

In the U.S., the Obama administration has no reason to step up and defend its predecessor. Predictably, the new team will have its turn, too.

Meantime, Americans need to consider what's happened and what's right. Have we changed our traditions? Do we now condone torture so long as it's "soft" or so long as it's done out of our sight?

We hope not.

— Steve Haynes

Hangin' With Marge

Mumble or Selective Hearing

By Margaret Bucholtz



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I have always thought that Kurt had selective hearing, but he argues that it is just the fact that I mumble. Well the more time we spend together I am just getting more confused.

The other night provided me with some new entertainment. The television has its problems because we have had to do a lot of give and take. I don't really enjoy sitting down and watching television, but in order to spend more time with my husband I have found that some of it I can enjoy.

Kurt likes the kind of programs

like "Star Trek," and shows with lots of swords and what not and I like the shows like "CSI" and "Law and Order." We have compromised and when he is watching his kind of program, I play on the computer. But when he knows it is something I like he will watch it with me.

The other night I had the beginnings of a headache and I was laying on the couch watching him flip through the channels, watching 10 minutes of one show and then onto another one and always coming back to one that I just couldn't handle, but still I didn't want to just go to bed.

Finally they were advertising the next show, but I had just thought he was channel surfing again. I said, "Oh is that one coming up next?" He didn't answer — he just went to channel six and said, "It's Richie Rich."

My head hurt so I was a little short when I asked him why he wanted to watch that show. He replied, "You were the one that wanted to know what was on channel six."

I had to laugh, but I thought it is really that I mumble or is it selective hearing?

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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Last Monday, Feb. 23, marked the 64th anniversary of an important event. Although none of us were there to see it, most will recognize the image immediately. For on that day a photograph was taken of five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the United States flag on the island of Iwo Jima.

The famous picture was actually taken hours after the first flag was planted high on Mount Suribachi. A Marine photographer, Louis

Lowery, captured the first raising. But a larger flag was sent up the 550-foot mountain to replace the original banner. This time Joe Rosenthal of the Associated Press took the picture that we associate with the epic battle.

Years ago I went to Washington, D.C., to be in a college buddies' wedding. When we had some free time we drove to Arlington National Cemetery.

Seeing the statue that was cre-

ated from the moment in history was amazing. The thing is huge!

But it should be. The war against the Axis-power tyrants called upon common, freedom-loving men to perform major acts of heroism. Whether it is through a photo, statue or shaking the hand of a veteran, their sacrifices need to be remembered.

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GOD SAYS

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Romans 14:10-12

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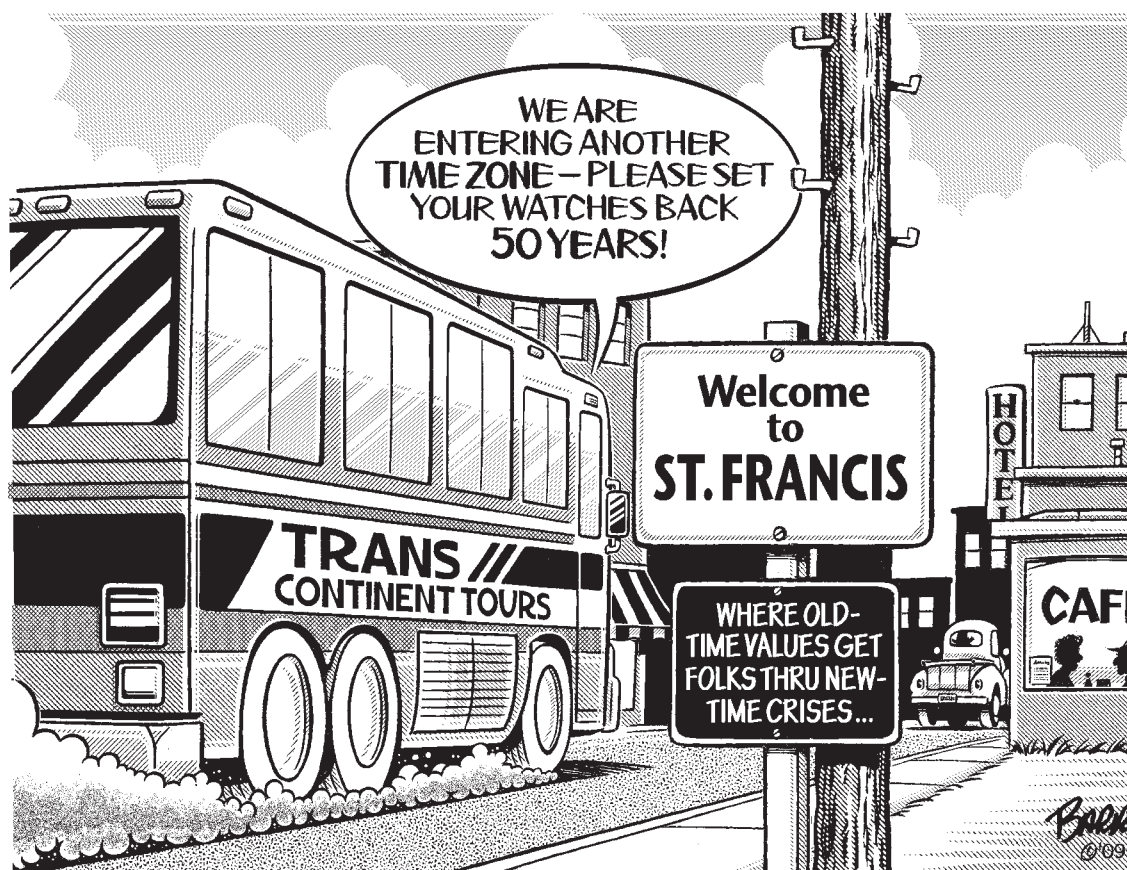


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News From the Past

15 years ago - 1994

Mike Wolters of St. Francis was named a state winner of the Parent Teachers Association essay contest for fifth and sixth grade students. Sixth grader Reid Frohlich also had his essay chosen to be sent to Topeka.

Tricia Douthit was a delegate to the National 4-H Congress held in Chicago. She received this award trip as the Kansas state winner in yeast breads.

Rebecca Montoya, Chad Raile and Nick Young have advanced to regional competition of the Knights of Columbus free-throw contest. They were local winners and district winners.

Auctioneer and owner of Sherlock Auction and Realty, Fred Sherlock was recently inducted into the Kansas Auctioneer's Hall of Fame.

Mila Hibdon has joined the Cheyenne County Extension Office as the new home economics agent.

St. Francis Future Homemakers of America officers include Shalom Kellner, president; Jill Smull, vice president; Lanissa DeGood, secretary; Natalie Rogers, treasurer and Annie Dulany and Melody Renzelman, concession coordinators.

FFA officers include Teresa Douthit, president; Travis Elliott, vice president; Shalom Kellner, secretary; Crystal Nipps, treasurer; Natalie Rogers, reporter; Annie Dulany sentenial and Reid Krieh, assistant to the advisor.

Indian wrestlers headed to state include Bill Gabel, Scott Jenkins, John Raile and Bob Ochsner.

25 years ago - 1984

Kansas Day was celebrated

in Bird City on Jan. 29. Fred Magley, president of 1984 Kansas Day, read a letter delivered to him by the pony express. Approximately 400 attended the festivities.

The Indian wrestling team won the Northwest Kansas League title. Members of the team include Dennis Vandike, John Love, Monte Pixler, Mike Sherlock, Troy Faulkender, Ralph Smull, Scott Jenkins, Mark Sherlock, Billy Gabel, Darris DeGood, Scott Hilt, Darrell Vandike, Martin Hilt and Shawn Vernon.

Carol Knorr, a senior at the high school, was chosen to participate in the District Honor Band.

Board members of the 1984 Amusement Authority include Glenn Glasco, Mary Bier, Nola Burrus, Martin Burton, Noble Dorsch, Rita Stephens, Rich Grace, Ervin Hilt and Scott Carmichael.

Velma Zimelman, principal of the grade school, has asked to be released from the second year of her current two-year contract so she can retire at the end of the school year.

Crystal Bracelin was crowned the 1984 DeMolay Sweetheart Queen. Other candidates were Amy Follett, Gina Applegate and Kristi Ross.

60 years ago - 1949

Cheyenne County 4-H Club will be represented at the National Western Stock Show by seven fat steers entered in the junior division. Those taking steers include Jean and David Brown, Phillip Sherlock and Helen Ruth and Junior Magley.

Eugene Leonard, manager of the K-T Oil Corporation station and bulk service in St. Francis

sold his stock of merchandise and equipment to Carl Stone. Mr. Stone will take over the service station management while Mr. Leonard will continue operating the bulk delivery service.

The Tower Laundry, which its owner, M.E. Stover, says will offer a brand new service to the community, will open its doors soon.

75 years ago - 1934

Glenn E. DeGood, local Terraplane and Hudson dealer, drove down to Salina with Mrs. DeGood, Marie Sorg and Charles Sorg, the first of the week and drove home a new 1934 Terraplane. The new car has a lot of looks, speed and power and will be a contender in the low price car field.

Leeman Barnes, who has operated the Phelps Country Cream Station in the Danielson building has left that employment and Everett Kyle has taken over.

In the planning of health education, the state of Kansas is furnishing health nurses for a period to various counties and Cheyenne County is one of the counties on the list.

Mrs. Alice Reinhold, who has been bookkeeper and assistant in the National Re-employment Service office in St. Francis, has been appointed district auditor for the service.

James T. Manson has sold his radio line and other electrical stock to the Caldwell Electric Company of Goodland. Caldwell's is moving the stock to the Wolbach building and are busy getting their new place of business in St. Francis arranged.

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.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
625 S. River • 332-2680
Fr. Roger Meitl
Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

First Baptist Church
2nd & Scott • 332-3921
J.W. Glidewell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.,
Wed. AWANA Club,
6:30 - 8:00 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 Community Church
332-3150
204 N. Quincy Street
www.sfccfamily.com
Pastor: David Butler
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Potluck & Communion -
Every 2nd Sunday
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
785-890-5718 • 3rd & Adams
Pastor Jerry Nowack
Sabbath School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:45

Solid Rock Baptist Church
412 S. Denison
Welcomes You!
Pastor Allen Coon
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30
Prayer Meeting, Wed
7:30 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, AFLC
202 N. College
Pastor Ken Hart
332-2928 Pars. 332-2312
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Eve. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Communion 1st Sunday
of the month

First Christian Church
Pastor Jeff Landers
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster
Bible Fellowship 9:20 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.

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