



Rescue is a small step to a plaguing problem

The rescue Sunday of Capt. Richard Phillips from the hands of Somali pirates is but a small step toward a solution to the problem plaguing ocean transport off Arabia and the Horn of Africa.

Perhaps the pirate kingpins will think twice before sending their minions out to capture another American-flag transport, but it's not likely.

Already this year, more than 50 pirate attacks have been reported in the Indian Ocean. While last year, most attacks occurred close to shore, lately pirates have been reaching out hundreds of miles to find victims.

No one is immune. Pirates have taken yachts and sailboats, tankers and freighters registered around the world. This time, they went too far.

Faced with a U.S. Navy warship, and more on the way, they could not escape with their hostage. Nor could their masters rescue them.

Navy Seals took out three of the four pirates on a lifeboat bobbing in the sea — the fourth was in custody — and rescued Capt. Phillips.

While that was cause for celebration here and around the world, the sobering truth is that more than 200 people remain prisoner and hostage to Somali pirates.

The pirates, increasingly bold, have been using larger "mother ships" to get out farther from shore, expanding the area that world navies have to patrol against them. That makes the task of stopping these attacks almost impossible.

Last week, the pirates tried to send captured ships to the aid of their brothers caught in the lifeboat. The attempt failed, but it was daring.

The solution will be the same that one of the nation's first naval heroes, Commodore Stephen Decatur, applied to the Barbary Pirates in 1815.

Today's pirate gangs are run by wealthy crime lords ashore in Somalia. Shooting or capturing their henchmen will not be enough. The world will have to take direct action against the bosses.

Negotiations will be a waste of time and effort. Force, they will understand.

All civilized nations should join together to pursue this end. We should sink the pirate ships, shoot or capture the crews and, if it comes to that, bomb or capture the leaders' headquarters.

An overwhelming show of force will be required. A huge area of the sea is at stake, and years of thin patrols by world navies have proven ineffective. Every trading nation — American, European, Asian or African, Christian or Muslim, has a stake in this battle.

These pirates are criminals, not warriors. They fight for booty, not religion.

Now that we know we are not immune, the United States will need to get involved. Command and coordination should be joint, and effective.

Nothing has changed in 200 years. Piracy cannot be allowed to interfere with maritime traffic, on which the world's economy depends. No group of criminals should be allowed to hold the world hostage.

Sunday was a good start. It's time to get this battle going. — Steve Haynes



News From the Past

75 years ago - 1934

Park improvements one of the outstanding accomplishments of the city for the year.

Some of these days not far in the future, St. Francis will have one of the outstanding parks in the state of Kansas. When the Civil Works Administration program was organized and various projects were asked for by the government in which the cities or counties were to participate and build something worthwhile, the officials of the city of St. Francis decided to enter a project for beautifying the city park.

With this idea in view, work was started on a plot of ground comprising a block just east of the county house grounds. Trees had been set out in this plot a number of years ago and the had grown to good size. H.T. Sawhill, who we will put up against any landscaper in the universe, consented to work out a set of plans and to sort of oversee the work of construction.

The idea was conceived of building a band shell and there was enough material in the old jail building, which stood on the grounds and which had prior to that time been purchased from the county by the city to furnish the walls, and a lot of the other materials for the building. It has a full basement and a room back of the shell that will accommodate the band boys in their practice

meets. A sort of amphitheater, of cement seats built in a semicircle faces the band shell. It will hold approximately 800 people. This rose bowl, as it was called due to the fact they intended to plant roses around the bowl, is surrounded by a rock garden and will be crowned by a rail fence of rustic appearance.

The entire park is built around a big illuminated fountain in the center, with a large bowl appearance and a circle walk around it. Walks have been laid in regular fashion over the park for the convenience of visitors. At the three entrance there are pillars of brick and stone with large flower pots at the top. One of the centers of attraction will be the cement flag at the southeast corner. Grass has been sown and plants and shrubs have been planted.

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50 years ago - 1959

Judy Gienger, a junior at St. Francis Community High School, was recently informed that she is the St. Francis delegate to the 17th annual Sunflower Girls State.

Lonnie Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Willis, an eighth grade student of District 64 and pupil of Mrs. Blanche McDowell, won the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee on April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loyd of St. Francis were luncheon guests

of the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting in Kansas City. They are one of five couples named for state recognition in the balanced farming and family living program of the Kansas State University Extension Service.

Roger Lewis, member of the high school faculty, has been promoted to head basketball coach next year and Will Derby, also a faculty member, was promoted to head wrestling coach.

90 years ago - 1919

At last St. Francis is being given more room for expansion. The one hundred acre tract on the south has recently been acquired and will be opened up in the near future as an addition to the city. Certain progressive men in town took advantage of an opportunity to secure the above tract and it will soon be cut up into lots and blocks and sold at such a figure that will encourage development.

The city is soon to have a new school building.

The city election was a very quiet affair. Only 57 votes out of a probable 350 were cast. The weather was one of the worst in many months which probably accounted for the light vote. Results show Dr. W.W. Eckelman, mayor; L. E. Harrison, H.B. Bear, G. E. Williams, Deroy Danielson and C. E. Burnham are councilmen and A.A. Riddell, police judge.

Hangin' With Marge

Trip Details

By Margaret Bucholtz



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The first of many (I hope) little trips have started. Kurt and I planned a trip, about two years ago, for us to go back to Rushville, Ill. I wanted to visit the courthouses, cemeteries and see the countryside of where some of my ancestors had lived.

We did change the plans somewhat due to little things, like the price of gas and the lack of money, but at least we got started.

For the next few weeks you will get to hear of the highlights of our venture.

We arrived in Kansas City late in the afternoon on Friday and met up with our grandchildren. Both Travis and Trey, along with their girlfriends, gave us a choice of what kind of restaurant we wanted to eat at. Naturally I choose the Mexican

place and we all piled into the car and went to the little diner.

Not knowing what was good I chose the Chile Relleno plate, because I knew I liked them. Of course we ate the chips and dip like we had all worked hard labor for 24 hours. The poor man kept bringing us another round of chips and dip while we were waiting for our food.

Finally our plates arrived and I could not wait to take that first bite. I cut off a small portion, just in case it was hot, and got it into my mouth.

After that things were kind of a blur. I must have put the food in my mouth and breathed in at the same time. The next thing I knew was this burning (hot seasoning) hit my windpipe. I began choking and coughing, wondering if I would be able to breathe again. I looked

around the table and everyone was just laughing, so I took my knife and stuffed it into the sour cream, hoping it would cool my throat. It was when I shoved my knife heaped with cream into my mouth everyone began looking a little more serious at me.

Feeling like help was on its way is when I heard Kurt said, "Should I give her the himny-lick?" The group started laughing again, but I was still choking so they calmed down.

Finally the burn let up and I was able to eat some rice and drink water.

The food was really good and the next bite of the chile was not hot so I got to enjoy the rest of the meal.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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Hats off to the United States Navy!

For the men and women of the naval branch, adventure on the high seas is nothing new. Whether it is tracking down raiders from the Barbary Coast, using aircraft carriers to launch air strikes or shipping Marines to where the fight is, they don't back down.

Last Sunday, Navy SEALs aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Bainbridge, brought a close to the kidnapping of a civilian captain by modern-day pirates.

Captain Richard Phillips was being held by four Somali gunmen on a life-boat in the Indian Ocean. The pirates took him prisoner after they were unable to commandeer the United States-flagged cargo ship: Maersk Alabama.

The SEALs had been airlifted and dropped into the waters of the

Indian Ocean before they boarded the Navy war ship. As negotiations stalled and the pirates kept Captain Phillips under the barrel of an AK-47, Navy snipers dispatched three of the gunmen. This took some shooting as the SEALs were on the fantail of the destroyer and the pirates were still on the life-boat, both on choppy seas. The fourth

Somali was taken prisoner.

It is unfortunate that we live in a world where military power is all that the world's antagonists will respect. But it is comforting to know that the U.S. Navy is alive and well, patrolling the waters of that world.

GOD SAYS
And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
Galatians 6:9

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