

Government has made a few steps forward

The world's governments have made a few steps forward in the last couple of weeks since American, French and Indian teams killed pirates threatening or in possession of ships on the high seas.

They need to get together and form a plan, however, on how to deal with pirates once they surrender.

The specter of a Dutch naval vessel releasing a gang of pirates should haunt officials around the globe. It rightly outraged Dutch legislators back home, who demanded to know how their government let a gang of cut throats get away.

While this time, the Dutch navy blamed a communications foul up, releasing pirates has been an all-too-frequent occurrence in the past.

So far, just shooting the pirates has been the most effective course of action, but that's not the way every incident can be handled. For one thing, while sometimes necessary, it isn't very civilized.

World governments rushing to prosecute Bush Administration officials over allegations of torture might instead want to focus on these criminals of the high seas, who seize and terrorize innocent merchant crews, families out on private yachts and anyone else they can get their hands on.

Business-like demands for ransom, paid through world banking channels to unidentified kingpins ashore in Somalia, should not mask the naked threat of death the pirates use to take

over a ship. These people can and will kill. Their bosses are equally guilty.

And if world governments are serious about stopping this outrage, they will ban together and go after both the pirates at sea and the bosses ashore. They should demand the help of the weak Somali government and make it their ally. Then go get them.

Then they need a plan to put the pirates on trial and assess a fitting punishment. Long years at hard labor would do. The threat of prison in a far-off land - and none too nice a treatment, at that - ought to work.

Just maybe, the United States will have an unused camp that would work. It's isolated and primitive, but a real prison in the first world might be a step up in living conditions for the pirates.

The so-called civilized nations need to move swiftly and decisively on this crisis. They cannot afford to dither while pirates keep seizing ships. They have tried to take cruise liners, without success so far. Do we need to wait to see what happens when they have hundreds of hostages rather than dozens?

No more pirates should be set free. Any who resist should be shot. And the world needs to be ready to try and punish all who are caught until this problem goes away.

The very thought of this behavior in the 21st century is unpardonable. - Steve Haynes

Hangin' With Marge

Just thinking

By Margaret Bucholtz



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We went to our first wedding this year. It was our grandson, Brett Ross, and his bride Sara in Hoisington.

While we were there, Tucker, another grandson who is 4, stayed with Kurt and I. While we were sitting at the table he put his index finger to his forehead and started scratching his little blonde hair.

He said, "Grandma, I have been thinking. You and Grandpa need a new house."

I asked him, "Why, don't you

like our house?"

Again the finger on the forehead he said, "Yes, but you need one in Wichita."

"Oh really! Well Grandpa and Grandma don't have enough money to buy a new house," I replied.

Then both hands flew to his forehead and both fingers started scratching like he was in deep thought.

Pretty soon he looked at me and said, "Grandma, Sawyer doesn't like sleeping in her bedroom so she could just sleep with me in

mine and you and Grandpa could just have her room."

I asked him what his parents would think and he assured me it would be fine with them.

I thought to myself what a little sweetheart, but I wonder what he would think of that idea in a few years when he got older. It probably wouldn't be so much fun, but the fact that he wanted us closer sure melted my heart.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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Here's a news flash: the people at *The Herald* and *Times* make mistakes!

Each week we put together the two county papers. Combined they average 18 pages. These pages contain advertisements, pictures and stories. Thousands of words are used in the issues to describe people, places and products, along with happenings.

The process is pretty simple. As an individual creates one of the components of the page, he or she tries to accurately present an idea with words.

That rough copy is then given to another person to proof. Also, thanks to our "handy-dandy" computers the words are put through a spell check. While this does throw-out many suspect words, it doesn't help us much with Germanic and Russian surnames.

Later all of the information is put together on pages, which are printed to be looked over again. In theory each piece to the puzzle is checked for accuracy by the writer and at least two other people.

But guess what? We still make mistakes.

What readers seem to forget is, as their name or that of a beloved

family member, sits on a page in black on white with the wrong letter attached, it was not put there on purpose.

No! There is never a personal vendetta. If we could have made it right we would have.

So when the farmer miscalculates how much seed is needed for a field, the cashier counts out the incorrect change, or mother uses salt in a recipe when sugar was called for, please remember this:

We are terribly human at the paper and are trying to do our best.

WHY DOES THE POSTAL CIRCUS HIKE UP ITS RATES EVERY YEAR?

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"Like with everything else, it costs more and more to lose my mail!"

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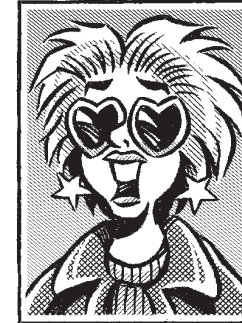
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News From the Past

10 years ago - 1999

Gringo de Britt, former Britany spaniel of Dr. Tim Poling, was inducted into the Britany Field Trail Hall of Fame at the Foundation Sporting Dog Center in Grand Junction, Tenn.

20 years ago - 1988

Dave Flemming has been appointed Cheyenne County Road and Bridge supervisor.

Gerre's Floral, one of the local greenhouses, quickly burned down Friday evening. The building and contents were demolished and the house and outbuilding located north and east of the blazing building were also damaged extensively.

Winners of the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby were Brian Siegfried, Ty Jensen and Shannon Wilson.

Tony Vandike has been selected to participate in the East-West All-State Wrestling Classic. Wade Krien is an alternate.

A grand opening celebration will be held at Weis Oil Co., downtown St. Francis on Saturday, April 22. Now handling bulk delivery, Weis Oil also has full service, repairs exhaust systems, brakes, belts, hoses, batteries and full service jobs.

Daniel Campanini, D.O., will assume his position as a family practice physician by July 15 in the St. Francis Clinic according to the Cheyenne County Hospital

board.

Sophomore Tobie Davis earned the right to attend the State Speech Festival by placing first at regionals with prose interpretation.

35 years ago - 1974

As the best speller in Cheyenne County, Greg Waters, an eighth grade student from Bird City, will be representing the county in the state spelling bee in Topeka.

Stop signs will be removed from Washington Avenue in St. Francis on a trial basis. There will be stop signs at all approaches to Washington, but the four-way stops will be eliminated at least on a trial basis.

Laura Lee Keller, a junior at St. Francis Community High School, has been chosen by the American Legion Auxiliary to attend Sunflower Girls State.

The new owners of The Saint Francis Herald and the Bird City Times are Neil and Lorraine Burrows. They will be taking over from the present publishers, Dick and Nancy Hale.

Sinning gold medals at the state speech contest were Todd Sherlock, Laurie Mills, Brad Smull and Kathy Zwegardt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Edmundson announced this week that they plan to open their new Starlite Drive in Theatre in St. Francis on May 2. The snack bar, speakers, screen, projection and sound equipment are all ready.

New cheerleaders for next fall have been announced. They are Coleen Brunow, Penny Keller, Cindy Grace, Lisa Powell, Donita Zwegardt and Gay Henderson.

40 years ago - 1969

Ione and Claudia Cram will represent the Kansas Federation of Music Clubs at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Arkansas this summer.

A unique new project, a Junior Board of Directors, is now being organized by The Citizens State Bank according to B.H. Kehmeier, bank president.

Dick Keller, high school junior, has been selected as the Boys' State delegate from St. Francis.

The St. Francis Herald office building has a new look. Old display windows were removed and smaller windows installed and sandstone applied, as well as a new front door. The old sign has been removed and a new modern sign will appear.

75 years ago - 1934

The St. Francis Post of the American Legion is sponsoring some good athletic events and the first one will be given on April 6. The athletic events will consist of five boxing bouts and three wrestling matches. St. Francis is developing some good wrestlers and boxers and the boys will put on a real exhibition.

Honor Roll Highly recommended readings published

New and renewed Herald subscriptions A.O. Rueb, Kansas City, Mo.; Ron O'Leary, Topeka; Shawn Alsup, Sterling, Colo.; Margaret Alsup, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Janet Carman, St. Francis; Mindy Forrester, Aurora, Colo.; Dean Knapp, Bird City; Bryan Alldaffer, Edwardsville; Marvin Miller, St. Francis; Tim Miller, Casa Grande, Ariz.; Eddy Schultz, St. Francis;

Highly recommended readings

- 1) "Death of the West" by Pat Buchanan.
- 2) "Day of Reckoning" by Pat Buchanan.
- 3) "The End" by Mark Hatch.
- 4) "The Next World War" by Grant Jeffrey.

Letter to the Editor

- 5) "The Late Great United States" by Mark Hitchcock.
- 6) "Marching Towards Hell" by Michael Scheuer.

Terry Rueb
St. Francis

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GOD SAYS
Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.
John 10: 7, 9

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