



Opinion

War should end; no one wants us to just leave

Ah, the war. We seem to have proven that the U.S. is no good at occupying hostile territory. Not to say that we took you so, but we predicted that four years ago.

No one doubted that American forces would enter Baghdad — or that we would conquer all of Iraq. The question was whether we could, should or would, hold it.

When we toppled the cruel government of Saddam Hussein, our troops were welcomed by millions of Iraqis. After four years of fighting, you wonder if they aren't even more anxious today to get the war over with than we are.

Meantime, our troops are tied down in a war of attrition in which we are far less willing to lose men and political capital than the enemy, who appear to be a distinct minority including many foreigners. It is a war we are winning by any measure except will.

We are simply too nice to occupy a place like this, where friend and foe look so much alike. We care about civilian casualties, and unlike many armies, ours prosecutes people who step over the line and abuse prisoners or civilians. That's good, but it makes it tough to fight the sort of ruthless opponent we face.

You have to be vicious to hold occupied territory. The Romans knew that. So did the Nazis. So did the Russians.

Americans are not that way, and more power to us.

But before you vote to cut and run, remember that no one in the Mideast — save for al-Qaida — wants us to just up and leave.

Everyone wants the war to be over, yes. No one wants us to just leave.

The result would be chaos, experts and Mideastern leaders say, a blood bath followed by "ethnic cleansing" on a large scale. Central Iraq would be left to a Taliban-style government, Kurds would take over in the north, Shiites in the south.

Oddly enough, that's pretty much was a U.S. Senate resolution last month calls for, a three-way division of Iraq. Iraqi leaders condemned the idea.

The fall of Iraq would allow Iran, a huge nation led by a terrorist, to turn all its resources to producing unrest in Afghanistan, leading sooner or later to victory for the Taliban in that mountainous nation. And a return to the cruel theocracy which saw women victimized and unbelievers persecuted until four years ago.

We may not have gotten into Iraq for the best of reasons, but do we want to walk away from a war we are winning by most any objective measure and leave people to that fate? What kind of country are we, really?

What do you think?

It'd be good to hear from the average voter, from the anti-war liberals and from the veterans back from the lines.

Why not write and let us know. Congress is waiting to hear from you.

There has to be a way to extract our troops from this place and leave some semblance of hope for the human beings we leave behind.

Who has the magic answer?

— Steve Haynes



News From the Past

15 years ago - 1992

Receiving the Century Farm Award at the Farm Bureau annual meeting were Hurb and Lola Graves and family.

This year there are a total of 448 students in the St. Francis schools.

Gary Rogers has assumed the position of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Cheyenne County.

Jerry Renk, Theater Committee chairman, has announced that an Ultra Sound Surround sound system has been installed at the Cheyenne Theater.

Western Plains Arts Association from Cheyenne County include Berniece Kehlbeck, Joan Wellman, Althea Lebow and Robert Grace.

Kathy Rainbolt is the Recreation Director of the St. Francis Recreation Commission.

Cy Pearson, St. Francis Postmaster, has announced that he will retire from the postal service at the end of September. Cy came to St. Francis in 1990.

Video Kingdom is celebrating its eighth birthday.

Mercedes Redondo, an exchange student from Spain, is staying with the Roger Lewis family.

Several businesses and clubs in town are making donations toward the Laws of Life for the county.

40 years ago - 1967

Ralph Crawford returned this month from flying a 7,000 mile solo flight to Fairbanks, Alaska, flying a 1946 model Cessna 140.

Dr. John Pinkerton, an optometrist, is being welcomed to St. Francis. His office is at 209 W. Washington, in the former Roelfs building.

Pastor Derald Rice of the Zion Lutheran Church has announced that he will be leaving the area to accept a call to the Zion Lutheran Church in Everest.

Myra Zimelman and Ginger Harkins attended a District FHA (Future Homemakers of America) meeting in Jennings, along with their advisor, Mrs. Phil Sherlock, home economics instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rieb are hold-

ing a first anniversary sale at Rieb Skogmo Department Store.

The Citizens State Bank of St. Francis will move to their new location on the St. Francis Main Street. The bank will be closed all day Saturday for the move and will reopen on Monday, Sept. 25.

The annual Antique Engine and Thresher Show will be this weekend at the Kite farm northeast of Bird City.

60 years ago - 1947

Pam Haack was named Grand Champion at the 4-H Style Revue while Patricia Wiley was Reserve Champion.

The 4-H sale of Champions at the fair was a big success as it grossed \$27,790.36.

New teachers and staff members of the St. Francis schools include Patrick Dixson, Terry LaValley, Karen Nelson, Jennifer Patterson, Margie Schimenti, Judy Brown, Naomi Carman, Ramona Maret (who started at semester last year), Sandra Cooper and Lindsay Bissell.

Hangin' With Marge

Food

By Margaret Bucholtz



Gardening has been good for me. Not only do I enjoy it, but it is also the best diet I have ever been on. Bending over, hoeing and pulling weeds is not only good exercise, but it is the only thing that I can do and not eat. When your hands are dirty, food just doesn't taste good.

The other thing I found was that if you eat a few almonds it curbs your appetite, so I grab a few when I am hungry and go on my way. I usually get 10 of them and lay them out by two's in a row and by the time I get them ate I tell myself that is all. It works!

The other day I didn't have the time to lay them out so I just stuck about five of them in my mouth and headed out the door. I figured I could chew and still pull weeds.

Later I sat down and I don't know why but I ran my tongue on the top of my mouth and the left side of the roof of my mouth felt numb. Thinking that I was probably just imagining something I tried it again. Same feeling!

I sat there and thought about everything I had eaten that would have burnt my mouth, but there was nothing. The next thought was,

what's going on now. First my eyes, then my teeth and now I must have a cancer growing in my mouth.

Depressed, I kept checking out the spot with my tongue and it didn't change. Then all of a sudden it moved and I recognized it was the outer skin of one of the almonds I had eaten and it had stuck to the roof of my mouth.

Surprising how you can go from depressed to grateful — all in one day.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



There is nothing sweeter than baseball in October!

A critic once told me to stick to the topics I know best, "Mother's Day, mongrel dogs and baseball." For an Irishman I'm blessed to have three things I'm good at!

The Colorado Rockies beat the San Diego Padres on Monday night to go to the National League Playoffs. As both teams ended the season with the same record after 162 games, they played in only the 11th tie breaker in professional baseball history.

This is only the second time the Rockies have made it to the post season. They will now play the Philadelphia Phillies in a best of five series. The winner will play either the Chicago Cubs or Arizona Diamondbacks for the National League Pennant.

The teams in the American League who are hoping to advance to the World Series are: the Boston Red Sox, Cleveland Indians, California Angels of Anaheim and New

York Yankees.

As a kid, growing up in Denver, I went to minor league games with a neighbor from Boston. At times I considered myself a "misplaced Bostonian" and began a long relationship with the team that plays at Fenway Park.

When the Rockies came about, in 1993, I shared season tickets with my family for several years. My heart is with the Red Sox, but I hope the Colorado team continues to advance.

If you don't have a team to root

for, there are eight great clubs to choose from. Pick one and jump on the bandwagon, because there's nothing better than baseball in October!

Believe me, it's one thing I know about.



GOD SAYS
If I have told you earthly things,
and ye believe not, how shall
ye believe, if I tell you of
heavenly things?
John 3:12

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Concerned citizen responds to letter

Letter to the editor:

The following is a concerned citizen's response to a letter by Ms. Farland in last week's Herald.

To your response about article, I wrote about the waste of taxpayer's money on law enforcement.

I would like to know, if we are having such a shortage of police officers, why is it, during fairtime in August, we had two police officers walking side-by-side at the fair. If there was crime being committed, shouldn't they be separated to protect us?

Also, on Labor Day there were two police cruisers and a patrol car hiding out to issue speeding tickets

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in various locations of Highway 36 from early in the day to late at night. If we are so short of help, why are they not trying to solve crimes?

Ms. Farland, take a ride at 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and observe how the police officers of St. Francis and from Cheyenne County follow behind the vehicles of high school students and young adults harassing them for any small infraction. Come out at night and you will see for yourself where our taxpayers money is going.

Check out the front of the police station and courthouse and look at all the sheriff vehicles and patrol cars. Are these vehicle there for display. I would suggest we sell some of the law enforcement vehicles. Then with that money, fix the courthouse steps. They have been a eye sore for over a year.

I still say we have plenty of officers for the amount of residents of St. Francis.

Jay Befferman
St. Francis

Church of Christ

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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.

Seventh-Day

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

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

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.

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.

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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.

First Christian Church

Pastor Jeff Landers
332-2956 · 118 E. Webster
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.



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