



## U.S. is tightening borders and driving people away

You hear so much about border protection these days, but what does it really mean?

Most countries today are opening up their borders, encouraging visitors and investors alike, while the U.S. is tightening its entry requirements and driving people away.

Other countries make people feel like guests, with perfunctory customs inspections, or none at all, and quick processing. America makes visitors — and returning Americans — feel more like criminals.

While Europe is eliminating the need for passports as it becomes more of a nation, the U.S. is making even its own citizens get them to come and go. It's not our neighbors who want more controls, but our own government.

Foreigners who've been to the our country tell horror stories about entanglements with the customs and immigration cops, especially the Arabs. Border protection, it seems, can't tell our friends from our foes, so treats everyone as a fiend.

There's a movement to build a wall along the Mexican border, though curiously, not along the Canadian line. Maybe that's because we see Canadians as our northern cousins while we see our neighbors to the south as racially and ethnically different.

Just what is the magic about a border, anyway? Most controls are aimed at enforcing tax and drug laws, artificial regulations that have little to do with our security. Preventing terrorism, while important, is a law enforcement and intelligence problem, and there's little evidence that our government has gotten much better at either since 2001.

The government has expanded its ability to track everyone, though, and no one knows quite where that might lead. The mania to track and record bor-

der entry, especially by Americans, isn't really to prevent terrorism, though. It's just a way for the security apparatus to have more power over us all.

Our immigration system is broken, no doubt, but walls and cameras and record-keeping won't fix it.

If people want to come here to live, well, we used to welcome settlers who wanted to build a new life. There's plenty of room for more.

If people want to work here and send money home, well, American needs workers as much as people need our jobs. Instead of building a wall, we should build a system to register workers and let them in legally, so they'd be sure to pay taxes and get driver's licenses and buy insurance for their cars.

Today, people pay thousands to be smuggled into the country because, simply put, there's no way to get in legally to work. We should make it easier to come here legally than illegally, and make it a serious crime to be here illegally.

Then, the law would be easy to enforce. Today, it's impossible.

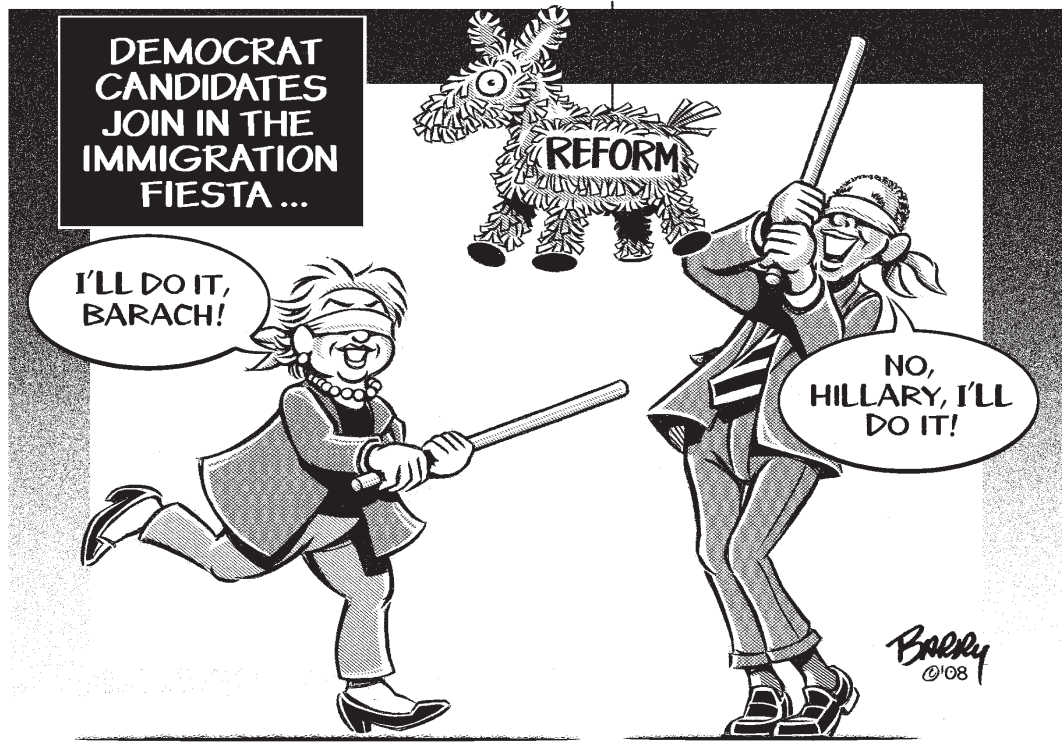
Sure, terrorists may try to come. Some may be here already, though there's not much evidence of that. We need to develop sophisticated ways to watch for and track them, as the Europeans and especially the Israelis have done, and not worry so much about making everyone a suspect.

It can be done, but it takes good intelligence and sophisticated law enforcement, not more red tape and ill treatment.

Immigration reform is way overdue, but walls and a bigger border patrol aren't the answer. We need to welcome the world while watching for criminals with a wary eye.

It can be done.

— Steve Haynes



## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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Super Bowl 42 sure was one for the record books. The New England Patriots were riding an 18 game winning streak. It seemed more like a formality to play the game, everyone knew the Patriots would win.

But then the upstart New York Giants showed up and spoiled what should have been a cake walk. Did the odds makers and football analysts forget to tell the Giants that they were supposed to lay down?

It was refreshing to see the unimaginable happen. In so many ways life seems so predictable. We get up. We get the kids up. We get ready for work. The kids get ready for school. We go to work. They go to school,....

In a way, predictability is good

in that it provides a safety net and feeling of normalcy. But in sports, predictability can lead to the kind of excitement that Super Bowl 42 offered.

About the only group of people who thought that the Giants had a chance was the Giants. Their defense muscled Tom Brady and his offensive line all day. Brady was sacked five times in the game, versus 21 sacks total in the previous 18 games.

Eli Manning, the quarterback with a pedigree but not the record to back it up, led his team to the improbable victory.

The younger Manning joined his older sibling, Payton, as the only brothers to have won back-to-back Super Bowls and game Most Valuable Player awards.

What's the lesson from all of this? It is that, that is why the game is played.

If the winner were chosen ahead of time than certainly, the Patriots would have won another championship. But that's not how it works.

The Giants win reminded me another New York team who beat the odds. In 1969 the New York Jets were heavy under-dogs to the Baltimore Colts. A rebellious quarterback, named Joe Namath, predicted that his team would beat the odds, which they did.

Congratulations to Eli Manning and the New York Giants for defying the numbers and playing the game.

## Hangin' With Marge

Ringleader

By Margaret Bucholtz



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In every family or every friendship there is always the person that you can spot as a ringleader. It isn't always a bad thing as it can mean leadership or just someone thinking of the fun things to do.

In my family it was the oldest, Doug, who seemed to be able to talk the other kids into doing the fun things.

One afternoon they were with their father at the lake and it was time to go home. The kids went to the car, but their dad liked to talk so he stayed with the group and kept on talking.

The three kids were hot, tired but mostly bored. As they sat there, they opened the glove box and found the button to open the

trunk. Doug decided it would be fun for each of them to take turns and get in the trunk and then the others would push the button.

First he asked Leslie but she knew better so he started on Darrin Darrin also having been the guinea pig before declined. Being defeated and declined by the two, Doug decided he would go first.

He crawled into the trunk an after a few minutes Darrin pushed the button and the trunk flew up. Darrin decided that might be cool so he took the next turn. Sure enough in a few short minutes the trunk flew open and he was out. Then it was Leslie's turn. Still not sure the boys told her just how much fun it was and it was so cool.

Finally she crawled into the trunk. Shortly she could hear the click, click of the button but no trunk came open. Then the boys kept telling her it would be fine as they pushed more on the button. They even got out of the car and one would push on the trunk while the other one would push the button. Leslie, who is claustrophobia, was getting desperate.

Finally one of the boys went and got their dad and he used his key to open the trunk. All three of the kids said the fun wasn't worth hearing their father say over and over again, "Why can't you kids just leave things alone" all the way home from Trenton.

## Behind the Scenes

By Janet Carman



When Stan Carman was asked why he was poking around in the library at the Cheyenne County Museum, he replied, "The Museum has a great collection of books.

"There are some reference books that are very informative. One is an illustrated historical atlas of Kansas. It has maps that show five different periods in Kansas's development. It is interesting to note changes that occurred during that time period, particularly in Cheyenne County."

Even though the Museum of Cheyenne County is closed for the winter months, you can call Stan and he'll be glad to let you in and help you look over the collection.

Next year will mark Cheyenne County's 80th Kansas Day observance. The spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm that has kept this tradition alive is something worth celebrating. Carol Marsh from Bird City shared her feelings: "The Bird City Kansas Day cele-

bration is special not only because of its history, but because of the interaction between the younger and older generations. It's a really good feeling to be part of it. Kansas Day is my favorite!"

Many of us love old barns. It's encouraging to hear about activities that support that love. Following are a few that we've heard about.

•The 4-H photography group is taking part in a contest to photograph and document old barns in the area.

• The Kansas Barn Alliance is calling for a survey of barns in the county and forms will soon be available.

• A workshop sponsored by the Kansas Barn Alliance is planned for Saturday, May 31, in St. Francis. Topics will be barn repair and restoration, and niche agriculture of the types that would be possible for small acreages with pre-1952 barns.

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Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.  
Proverbs 22:24, 25

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## Reader enjoys the newspaper

To the editor,

As many of your subscribers may do, I usually read *The Saint Francis Herald* as soon as I receive it, or shortly thereafter. I enjoy the sports page, and following the teams. I recognize names out of the past in other sections of the paper, but admittedly this recognition of names is coming at less frequent intervals, as I and my contemporary's age. Also there are times when I wonder about keeping my subscription, but just about that time an article like the "Orphan Train" appears on the *Herald's* pages in the Jan. 24 issue.

I hadn't thought about Buck White in years, but I knew him from his work at the Co-op, and his membership in the Lions Club and the activities he was involved with like the pancake breakfasts, and the Lions Club Minstrel Show that members put on for many years.

As the Orphan Train article pointed out, Buck had a stutter, and I remember talking to my mother Jessie Smith about Buck's stutter, and I am reminded of her advice to me: "Don't judge a person's worth, or what they can accomplish, by their

## Letter to the Editor

handicap. Your father is a good example!" Indeed Ted Smith was a good example, overcoming polio that left one of his legs withered and useless, to become a good father and successful businessman, building and operating, along with Jessie, the Bay Cafe and Truck Stop southwest of town on U.S. 36 for many years

As I finished the Orphan Train article, I was reminded of other people in St. Francis that I recall who overcame handicaps, to contribute to the fabric of life that makes me proud to say I came from St. Francis, Kansas. People like Roby Russell, polio; Norman Magley, wheelchair bound; Tobe Zwegardt, farm accident leaving one hand mostly gone; Herb Lampe, one arm; and Bill Raile, lost a leg in World War II. I am sure I've missed some, and I apologize for that.

One of the beautiful things about St. Francis, Kansas, is that I don't think the townspeople ever thought of it's handicapped citizens as

handicapped. I know the people I've mentioned didn't think they were handicapped, and this was a period in time when there were no handicapped stickers or parking places. They were just part of the community, contributing and making the town a better place to live and raise a family.

As I was writing this, it also brought to mind many other citizens that I respected and admired as I was growing up in St. Francis. Teachers, businessmen, classmates, parents of classmates, and other townspeople who called St. Francis home. Sure we had our characters, but they were our characters, and we loved them just the same.

So I will continue my subscription to the *Herald*, and encourage the *Herald* to keep including articles like the "Orphan Train" along with your other news articles.

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Class of '55  
Greeley, Colo.

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