



Another 'nutty' thing coming from Nutty Hill

What a bunch of baloney they are tossing at us again. They, the government — federal on down the line. April 24, and we bet you felt the impact immediately, was Tax Freedom Day, the day, supposedly, we get to keep more of what we earn because we are now working for ourselves.

We should be celebrating — no more taxes! Whoopee!!

Now back to reality.

It might sound OK, but it's just another nutty thing coming from the Nutty Hill in Washington. It's their way of trying to convince us that there is light at the end of the tax tunnel. But when you consider it has taken nearly four months to clear out the tax burden, and you listen to the three presidential candidates tell us what they are going to do for us (for or to us) if elected, Tax Freedom Day

will probably be 'celebrated' in May next year.

Tax Freedom Day — we often wonder who came up with that nutty sounding title — simply means we will continue paying the tax bill each day of the remaining days in 2008.

But each year it seems those who represent us can hardly wait to get the word out — Tax Freedom Day! We are surprised that special day has not been declared a federal holiday so we can all have a free day from work and hold one gigantic nationwide celebration.

Next time you buy something and the clerk totals up the bill and applies the tax needed, just tell him or her that you've already paid up.

Yea, that'll fly like a kite with a tax bill attached.

— Tom Dreiling

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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We live in a world that is full of mystery and uncertainty. The difficulty of deciding what is important or what is a passing fancy is a daily routine.

But there is a resource available with many of the answers. It is in a place that is easy to find. The resource is history and the place is our past.

I truly believe that few of the difficult situations our country, and we as individuals, must endure are really that unique. Somewhere, and sometime, a similar event has occurred and

we can learn from the past. It is there for the finding.

One of my favorite historians, writers and statesmen is Winston Churchill. It has been stated that he is the only man who prophesied, made and wrote history.

I am currently reading the first book in his series about W.W. II.; *The Gathering Storm*. It is amazing to see a firsthand account of the many events which led to the second global conflict of the 20th Century.

Opponents labeled Churchill a "war monger," and said that he desired armed conflict. This is not true. Reading his account,

By Casey McCormick



Churchill spoke of the need for preparedness and shows many examples of how war could have been averted.

Sir Winston understood the importance of looking backward and learning from the past. When an American exchange student named James C. Humes met the British leader in 1953 he was given this advice: "Study history, study history. In history lies all the secrets of statecraft."

Open Season

Deep in the Heart of Dixie

By Cynthia Haynes



After visits this month to Aberdeen, S.D.; Junction City; and Lincoln, Neb., we went exotic and toured Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., deep in the heart of Dixie.

I had two wishes for my visit to Louisiana: I wanted to see a swamp, hopefully with alligators, and eat red beans and rice with sausage.

Steve wanted red snapper.

A swamp tour near Baton Rouge I found online was out of the question. We only had Wednesday evening and Thursday morning and early afternoon. We had to be in Lafayette for dinner.

We used the time we had on Wednesday to find a nice restaurant that sold red snapper. It's kinda hard to find in Louisiana, where redfish is the local choice.

We took a walk along the river dike and made plans for Thursday. It was great looking out over the Mississippi by lamplight.

After breakfast, we walked down to the USS Kidd, a World War II destroyer tied up on the levee. This wasn't on Steve's original list, but what boy can resist a big boat?

I took a quick tour and hit the gift shop.

After the Kidd, we visited Louisiana's old statehouse. It looks like a medieval castle with acres of stained glass — gorgeous, but more like a big courthouse than a capital, and way too small for modern government. It's where colorful, controversial Huey Long presided as governor in the early 1930s before he built the new statehouse north of downtown. He later ran for the U.S. Senate and was assassinated in 1935.

Our last stop on the way out of

town was the Bluebonnet Swamp, created by road building in area almost 300 years ago by German settlers. The park features a series of nature trails over boggy land and water on a series of long wooden bridges.

The first wildlife we saw, though, was on the bridge at the entryway.

I spotted a turtle on a log about 100 feet away from us. Then we saw a half dozen heads swimming towards us. As they drew closer, we could tell they were turtles with their shells underwater. I got the feeling that if we stayed, we might be mugged. They were in formation and they looked like they meant business. We moved on to the visitors center.

We saw birds, including some baby owls just out of the nest hole, lots of bugs and a large snake on the trails, but no more turtles or alligators until we returned to the nature center. There, giant snakes, poisonous spiders and baby alligators are on display. We even got to watch the handlers feed crickets to small turtles. The ones outside probably thought that we had

crickets on us.

OK, so it was time to leave for Lafayette, about an hour away in the heart of the French-speaking Cajun country, and we had accomplished Steve's dream and half of mine.

At the Louisiana Press Convention, the reason for the trip, we got to try most of the local delicacies — crayfish, shrimp and rubber chicken (hey this is a convention, remember.)

The programs ended early Friday night, so we escaped with several other convention goers to downtown and the Festival International de Louisiane, an extravaganza of food, music and arts. We listened to bands on four stages — they had acts in French and English, from as far away as Paris and Quebec — and bought a few small souvenirs and I got my red beans and rice with sausage and chicken. Steve had fried shrimp, but was tempted by the fried alligator.

We left Louisiana on Saturday feeling like we had touched and tasted the state without ever going near New Orleans.



News From the Past

15 years ago - 1993

Receiving I ratings at the Regional Music Festival were Chad Miller, Kelly Renk, Tonya Potthoff, Reid Raile, Leigh Faulkender, Jill Smull and Brandi Gabel.

Tender Love Home Care Co., recently opened an office in St. Francis and is presently providing home health care to patients in the area. The new business is owned and operated by Rita Elfman and Julie Stefan of Goodland with local residents Connie Stannard, RN and Delores Peter, aide, giving the special care.

Tim and Robyn Raile will be opening the St. Francis Athletic Club soon.

Two employees were hired when the St. Francis City Council met in regular session. Glenn Schliep was employed as a power plant operator and Margaret Poling will manage the swimming pool.

Kathy Sherlock is the new owner of the Dairy King.

A new pitching machine is awaiting the participants of the St. Francis Rec Commission baseball program.

Les Lacy has been hired as administrator of the Cheyenne County Hospital. Previously he had worked as a pool nurse at the hospital.

A letter of resignation from Arlene Walz was received by the board of education at their April 13 meeting. Mrs. Walz is planning to retire at the end of the school year.

20 years ago - 1988

Shane Antholz of Cheylin won

the championship round of the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee. Stacy Merklin, Cheylin, placed second and Jason Gardner, St. Francis, placed first.

The Cheyenne County Commissioners passed a resolution to establish an Emergency Preparedness Organization for the county.

St. Francis residents, by turning their FM dial to KZNA 99.3 can now treat themselves to the experience of Public Radio.

The Hospital Guild donated six pair of drapes to the Cheyenne County Hospital.

St. Francis Community High School journalism and yearbook students who won awards at the state contest include Shannon Rhodes, Kari Milliken, Trish Neitzel and Jacque Hefner.

The Kawai piano given to the high school in memory of Kelli Crane was dedicated at a concert early in April presented at the high school.

Jauna Krien earned Best of Show honors at the Northwest Kansas League Art Show.

Plum Creek 4-H Club members Shawna Stevens and Jared Douthit's applications were approved to attend the 4-H Washington D.C. trip.

25 years ago - 1983

The switches were thrown on March 1 and Sunflower Electric Cooperative electric power began flowing through the St. Francis power plant to homes and businesses.

Julie Pinkham, Angie Sherlock and Carol Knorr have been chosen to attend Sunflower Girls

State by the American Legion Auxiliary. Jana Walz and Tyra Miller are the alternates.

Willard W. Cantin is the new manager of the St. Francis Equity. He brings more than 40 years of farm cooperative related management experience to the job.

The St. Francis Indian basketball team finished the season with a 17-3 record. They were defeated in sub-state semi-final action by Wheatland. Team members include Wes Sherman, Gerald Lauer, Bill Krueger, Kevin Potthoff, Dwayne McDuffee, Chad Kincheloe, Mark Schuricht, Lex Landenberger, Mike Weber, Rod Hilt, Noel Rath and Mark Forsythe. Kent Kechter is head coach.

Teddie and Lori Weber have announced they are leasing the Saintry's Cafe to Bob and Martha Williams of Ogallala, Neb. The Williams will take over on April 5.

50 years ago - 1958

Work has started on a 275,000 bushel grain storage addition to the St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange. The new storage building is being constructed immediately south of Equity's large elevator at the west end of Main Street. Dale Kelly, the manager of the Equity, said the new building will be an all-steel building with straight 20-foot falls.

John G. Kite is returning to his home in St. Francis where he will open his law office. He has also announced his candidacy for County Attorney of Cheyenne County.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Bertha Rogers, Benkelman, Neb.; Terry Bandel, St. Francis; Butch Ewing, St. Francis; Beverly Jones, Denver, Colo.;

Elberta Calnon, St. Francis; Inez Stamm, Benkelman, Neb.; Edie Howard, Mission; Althea Lebow, St. Francis; Deloy Rogers, St. Francis; Mindy Forrester, Au-

rora, Colo.; Dave Hickert, Bird City; Lillie Peter, St. Francis; Beulah Stull, St. Francis; Randy and Charlene Wieck, St. Francis; Lawrence Fisher, Arvada, Colo.;

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All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.
— II Timothy 3:16

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