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Another 'nutty' thing coming from Nutty Hill

What a bunch of baloney *they* are tossing at us will probably be 'celebrated' in May next year. 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

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

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Casey's Comments



scmccormick@nwkansas.com there for the finding. We live in a world that is full fancy is a daily routine.

But there is a resource availplace is our past.

difficult situations our coun- of the 20th Century. try, and we as individuals, must

we can learn from the past. It is One of my favorite historians,

of mystery and uncertainty. The writers and statesmen is Winston difficulty of deciding what is Churchill. It has been stated that important or what is a passing he is the only man who prophesied, made and wrote history.

I am currently reading the first able with many of the answers. It book in his series about W.W. importance of looking backis in a place that is easy to find. II.; The Gathering Storm. It is The resource is history and the amazing to see a firsthand account of the many events which I truly believe that few of the led to the second global conflict

Opponents labeled Churchill a endure are really that unique. "war monger," and said that he Somewhere, and sometime, a desired armed conflict. This is similar event has occurred and not true. Reading his account,

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

Sir Winston understood the ward 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

After visits this month to Ab- town was the Bluebonnet Swamp. La., deep in the heart of Dixie.

to Louisiana: I wanted to see a wooden bridges. swamp, hopefully with alligators, and eat red beans and rice with though, was on the bridge at the sausage.

Steve wanted red snapper.

A swamp tour near Baton Rouge I found online was out of the ques- saw a half dozen heads swim- and rubber chicken (hey this is a tion. We only had Wednesday eve- ming towards us. As they drew convention, remember.)

erdeen, S.D.; Junction City; and created by road building in area crickets on us. Lincoln, Neb., we went exotic and almost 300 years ago by German toured Baton Rouge and Lafayette, settlers. The park features a series of nature trails over boggy I had two wishes for my visit land and water on a series of long

The first wildlife we saw, entryway.

I spotted a turtle on a log about 100 feet away from us. Then we ning and Thursday morning and closer, we could tell they were



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

The programs ended early Fri-



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.

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

St. Francis Rec Commission baseball program. County Hospital. Previously he ington D.C. trip. had worked as a pool nurse at the 25 years ago - 1983

hospital.

the championship round of the State by the American Legion Cheyenne County Spelling Bee. Auxiliary. Jana Walz and Tyra Stacy Merklin, Cheylin, placed Miller are the alternates. second and Jason Gardner, St. Francis, placed first.

The Chevenne County Commissioners passed a resolution of farm cooperative related man-Tender Love Home Care Co., to establish an Emergency Preparedness Organization for the county.

St. Francis residents, by turning their FM dial to KZNA 99.3 ed in sub-state semi-final action 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 awaiting the participants of the Kansas League Art Show.

Plum Creek 4-H Club members Shawna Stevens and Jared Les Lacy has been hired as Douthit's applications were apadministrator of the Cheyenne proved to attend the 4-H Wash-

A letter of resignation from March I and Sunflower Electric Arlene Walz was received by the Cooperative electric power beboard of education at their April gan flowing through the St. Fran- his home in St. Francis where he 13 meeting. Mrs. Walz is plan- cis power plant to homes and Julie Pinkham, Angie Sherlock and Carol Knorr have been Shane Antholz of Cheylin won chosen to attend Sunflower Girls

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

The St. Francis Indian basketball team finished the season with a 17-3 record. They were defeatby 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 Sainty's Cafe to Bob and Martha Williams of Ogallala, Neb. The Williams will take over on April

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 build-The switches were thrown on ing will be an all-steel building



half of mine.

At the Louisiana Press Convention, the reason for the trip, we got to try most of the local delicacies - crayfish, shrimp

early afternoon. We had to be in turtles with their shells under- day night, so we escaped with Lafayette for dinner.

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

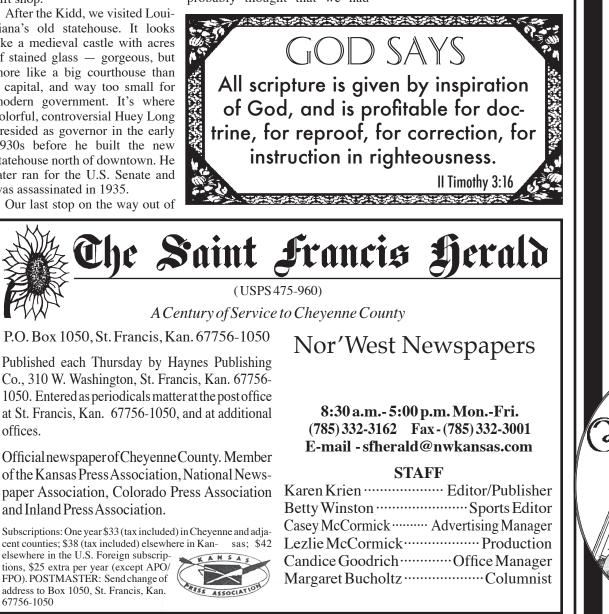
water. I got the feeling that if We used the time we had on we stayed, we might be mugged. They were in formation and they looked like they meant business. We moved on to the visitors center.

> 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

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.

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20 years ago - 1988

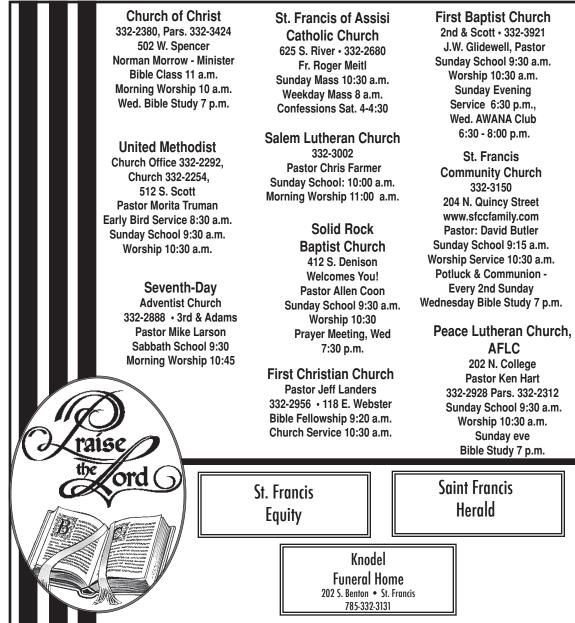
with straight 20-foot falls.

John G. Kite is returning to 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. Howard, Mission; Althea Lebow, Beulah Stull, St. Francis; Randy Francis; Butch Ewing, St. Fran- St. Francis; Deloy Rogers, St. and Charlene Wieck, St. Francis; cis; Beverly Jones, Denver, Colo.; Francis; Mindy Forrester, Au- Lawrence Fisher, Arvada, Colo.;

Elberta Calnon, St. Francis; Inez rora, Colo.; Dave Hickert, Bird Stamm, Benkelman, Neb.; Edie City; Lillie Peter, St. Francis;



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