



## Does global warming need more attention

It's the season for crazy activists. The latest in a long line of useless stunts is the hanging by the environmental group Greenpeace of a banner on Mount Rushmore which reads "America honors leaders, not politicians. Stop global warming."

We can applaud their mission, bring awareness to the - hotly debated - issue of global warming. However, this issue doesn't really need more awareness, does it?

Pretty much the whole country has picked a side on this one. And as far as leaders go, well they are already talking about it, even if they aren't yet making decisions. There is a climate bill before the U.S. Senate right now, though debate has been pushed back until after the August recess.

Whatever you may think of that indecision, the issue is on the burner. People are, in fact, aware of global warming, whether they accept the premise or not.

So what did the banner accomplish? Probably what stunts such as this usually do: it will push people further into either camp. Those who already believe in global warming will agree with the sign, and those who don't will disagree. It won't convince anyone of anything they didn't already believe. If their goal was to sway people one way or the other, a stunt isn't going to do it.

What will persuade people is well-reasoned

argument backed up by incontrovertible science, not with insulting banners hung from national monuments. That won't work any more than the people who make a spectacle of climbing tall buildings for one cause or another.

That's the trouble with a stunt: it will be remembered for two days, maybe three, if you're lucky. People have short memories. They tend to forget these things quickly. And if they do remember anything, it would be the stunt itself, and not the issue.

The likely story behind this latest Greenpeace stunt is that the environmental movement has taken a back seat in the last year or so, overshadowed by other issues such as the presidential election, the economy and health care. This was a publicity stunt, plain and simple. They needed to be back in the news.

The solution for Greenpeace?

Get elected to something!

Maybe the environmental movement would get more traction if they actually had some hard-line elected officials. Even Al Gore wasn't elected on a global warming platform.

That's the way to change things, from within the system. And you know, mid-term elections are coming up...

- Kevin Bottrell



## Casey's Comments

### Tribute paid to soldier

By Casey McCormick



scmccormick@nwkansan.com My family said "good-bye" to another one of our old soldiers. Dad's first cousin, Jack H. Thacker, passed away on May 27 at the age of 88.

The majority of folks reading this column won't know him personally, but that doesn't mean you're not aware of what he and countless others have done for you.

Jack retired as a Lt. Col. from the United States Air Force, seeing action as a combat Gunnery

Officer in World War II. The B-24s he served on had the skull and crossbones of the "Jolly Rogers" painted on their tail sections. This was the 90th Bombardment Group of the 5th Air Force.

He participated in nine campaigns, flying 30 missions against Japanese targets in New Guinea, the Philippines, Formosa, Borneo, Hong Kong and China.

Here is a small section from his war memoir that he kindly shared with me.

"Some (missions) were

particularly impressive: several bomb runs over Formosa where Liberators exploded in a flash or caught fire and fell lazily in flames. My first flight to bomb Corregidor, raids on Borneo refineries where columns of black smoke sprang upward to tower above 10,000 feet, the ranks of landing craft from the Australian invasion Armada heading to shore at Balikpapan on July 1, 1945, as we dropped our bombs along the beach, and making landfall for the first time on the China coast en route to bomb Hong Kong."

I didn't hear these stories until the last few years of Jack's life. Growing up, most of the family stories were of his brother, Cpl. Kelly Thacker of the Marine Corps. He was killed when American troops took the island of Guam in 1944.

I imagine today that the Thacker brothers-in-arms are together once more.

## Honor Roll

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## Alumni encourages other to support St. Francis causes

To the editor:

I have just been to my 50th high school class reunion. We toured the Breaks and saw "kids" I hadn't seen since 1959! Food was great! And I stayed with my sister in St. Francis for two weeks. I almost felt like I lived there again!

One thing that caught my attention, was the article in the paper about the recycling center needing more funds. I have been guilty of bringing my glass to St.

### -Letter to the Editor-

Francis because we can't recycle glass where I live. Then I thought maybe if I donated a little money, maybe that would help a tiny bit to keep it going in St. Francis. And then I thought maybe if some other people donated a little money it would help even more!

Joy (Blume) Fisher  
Harrisonville, Mo.

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## News From the Past

### 75 years ago - 1934

The honor of bringing the first load of new wheat to St. Francis this year goes to Cecil Yount, living north and west of St. Francis. The grain was purchased by the St. Francis Mill.

The St. Francis Equity Exchange has fitted up a new grocery room in their building by adding new fixtures and they now have a convenient, well arranged grocery department, with plenty of display space. The new room will be dedicated on June 30.

Thirty Boy Scouts from St. Francis together with their scoutmaster, R.R. Jilka, spent a mighty pleasant week at Brown Memorial Camp at Abilene. Attending were Junior Burke, Mickey Burke, Albert Wyatt, Bob Gough, Charles Robinson, Keith Danielson, Jack Hancock, Vernon Lockard, Haddon Peck, Verdun Armstrong, Bob Cram, John Taylor, Linfred Fritz, Robert Smith, Melvin Smith, Robert Fredrickson, Don Boardman, Bernard Roelfs, Gordon Danielson, Archie Roach, Junior Montgomery, Wesley Carmichael, Tom Rockwell, David Thomas, Darren Schneider, Ned Hogate, Coy DeGood, Jim Cram, Charles Reinhold and Lyle Miller.

The members of the golf club are having a little difficulty in raising the funds necessary to pay for the rent on their grounds this season.

The new municipal park is a community park and everyone should feel free to visit it at any time. The city officials have ruled that no one is to have use of the park for the purpose of making money by

giving an entertainment there and charging admission. There may be exceptions as for special entertainment brought into town by organizations and people may need to pay admission to the amphitheater area.

### 60 years ago - 1949

In the School District No. 1 election on the proposition to vote bonds for the erection of a new gymnasium/auditorium building, alternations to the present building to provide more classroom space and for the adding of kitchen facilities for the hot lunch program, patrons of the district voted 218 for and 117 against to issue \$175,000 of the district's bonds for their construction.

In other election news, H.C. Miller is mayor; and three incumbents, Felzien, Reynolds and Gordon were re-elected councilmen and the two new ones are Willard F. Wilson and Harold Raile. The new members take the place of Vern Nolan who retired and Mr. Miller who became mayor.

Olen Barrett, owner-manager of the Gamble Store in St. Francis, is announcing his first anniversary sale.

Ray Evans, All American football star at Kansas University, will be the speaker at the high school track, basketball, wrestling and football squad banquet sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

On Monday night equestrians and all those interested in organizing a riding club in the community are urged to attend a meeting in the commissioners' room at the court house.

### 50 years ago - 1959

The St. Francis mile relay team set a new Northwest Kansas

League record at the league meet held in Oakley. Members of the team are Ray Garrison, Larry Burnham, Ron Doggett and John Bandel. Roger Lewis is the St. Francis coach.

Improvement at the St. Francis swimming pool include the complete repainting of the inside of the pool, considerable landscape work around the pool, a new lawn sprinkling system, an outdoor drinking fountain and the parking area will be hard surfaced before the pool opens.

It has been announced that a contract has been signed for the construction and lease to the Post Office Department of a new post office building in St. Francis. It will be located on the northeast corner of Adams Street and Washington Avenue.

### 45 years ago - 1964

King-size radiators are part of the improvement and modernization of the St. Francis Municipal Light Plant. A new engine, switchboard, office and many other improvements will give St. Francis a truly modern plant which will handle the needs of the city for many years.

Fred Sherlock, St. Francis auctioneer, was elected president of the Kansas Auctioneers Association meeting in Topeka.

Fourteen members of the class of 1939 enjoyed a dinner at the home of Manette Keeler during part of their 25th anniversary reunion.

Karen Browning is the new Honored Queen of Job's Daughters taking over from Donna Graves. Frandal Monteith is the new Senior Princess and Andersine Christensen the new Junior Princess.

**Church of Christ**  
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424  
502 W. Spencer  
Norman Morrow - Minister  
Bible Class 11 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
625 S. River • 332-2680  
Fr. Roger Meitl  
Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.  
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

**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.

**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.

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
332-3002  
Pastor Chris Farmer  
No Sunday School  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

**St. Francis 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.

**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  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship 10:30 a.m.  
Communion 1st Sunday of the month

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
785-890-5718 • 3rd & Adams  
Pastor Jerry Nowack  
Sabbath School 9:30  
Morning Worship 10:45

**First Christian Church**  
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332-2956 • 118 E. Webster  
Bible Fellowship 9:15 a.m.  
Church Service 10:15 a.m.

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