

Opinion

Giving money away won't help the country

Pure politics.

That's the administration's move to ask for a \$250-per-person payment to everyone on Social Security, Railroad Retirement, veterans benefits and retired public employees.

The rationale is that Social Security clients won't get a cost-of-living increase this year because — gasp — there was no increase in the cost of living.

Instead of celebrating this budget-saving event, though, the powers that be stepped quickly into the breach. Never mind that Social Security recipients already got a \$250 payment this year as part of the stimulus bill.

The cost of this generosity with your money: \$13 billion, which can't come from the Social Security trust fund, since it's going broke. Of course, the government doesn't have the money as more and more people, from corporate and will have to borrow it, but as a deficit buster, executives to the retired to welfare clients, ease it pales by comparison to the trillions spent on bailouts, corporate welfare and stimulus fraud.

when the cost of living didn't increase?

an "entitlement" for Social Security recipients, then, be ready to pay.

even when it's not needed.

Sure, people could use some more money. Who couldn't?

But there will be no increases, cost of living or otherwise, for most of the wage earners who support people on Social Security. They're out there trying to hang onto their jobs in the worst economy in a quarter century, but apparently they can afford to pay this little bill for the

It's client-driven politics, where government caters to voters who get a government check. Not the taxpaying

And it sets a bad precedent, where government clients get raises no matter what. Just because.

This may be the future of the country, however, up to the federal trough.

The more voters benefit from government Why pay everyone a cost-of-living increase spending, the more the government spends.

Someday, there will be only a few workers left Well, it seems like an annual increase is now to support this system, and it'll collapse. Until Steve Haynes

Hangin' With Marge Margaret

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This is the first Halloween that I didn't go trick or treating! As a child I enjoyed getting all the candy. As an adult I enjoyed seeing the look on peoples faces when someone of my size was on another neighbor came by. the other side of the door.

their household. Made up for not treat or treating.

Wichita, but in a nice area. They how sweet! It is so cute, thank

know most of their neighbors. After they got home from taking their children out, the people you." started coming to their door. The next-door neighbor brought her children over and, before they left,

When the treats were handed I was feeling kind of down about out to all the children, the last not going out until Darrin called neighbor lady reached into her me and told me what happened at bag and said, "Look what I got for the baby.'

Dina, thinking she was meaning They live in an older part of baby Porter, took it and said, "Oh,

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The lady grabbed it back and said, "No, it was for my baby."

Of course Dina gave it back and after they had left, Darrin told her that was sure a good way to make friends with that neighbor.,

Thank heavens Dina is one of those people who is always bubbly and can laugh at herself.

Truly it sounded like something I would have done!



News From the Past

5 years ago - 2004

The Indians defeated the Rawlins County Buffaloes and earned the District 13 title. They also won the Bi-District title Touslee, RoJean Braziel; Barbara over Trego County/WaKeeney Floyd, Steve Schultz; freshmen: Francis were Rick Wolfe, Greg and then defeated LaCrosse in Lyle Boll, Shana Winston, Kirk Kite, Ed Zuege, Terry Holliman, Regional play. The next step was to play in the Sectional game with ended the Indians season.

The Dusty Farmer Restaurant lounge and game room and motel.

40 years ago - 1969

Class officers for the school Kite; juniors: Marsha Schlepp, Steve Burr, Marlin Burr, Neil Cahoj; sophomores: Ricky Mlinek, Claudia Cram.

Dedication services for the Smith Center. A Redmen victory new St. Francis Catholic Church Francis has undergone a major were held Sunday, Oct. 5.

The St. Francis Greenhouse opened this summer under new celebrated its 10th anniversary management. Gordon and Pam this month. Mrs. Eckenberg Sundstrom and Sherre Sundstrom served coffee and door prizes have taken over the restaurant, were given away. Among the prize winners were Mrs. Harry Carson, Mrs. Van Burrus and Ms.

Mrs. Jan Sharp was featured in The fifth and sixth grade year have been named. They a vocal concert at the high school music classes will present a include (in order of president, vice on Sunday, sponsored by the St. special program entitled "This is president, secretary, treasurer): Francis Music Club. She was America" in honor of Veterans seniors: Greg Wolters, Terry accompanied by Claudia Cram Touslee, Leanna Gienger, Tim on the flute and Eunice Burnham on the piano.

The high school cross country

team competed at the league meet in Oberlin. Attending from St. Jim Frewen and Gale Wiley. The Style Shoppe in St.

remodeling and modernization program.

50 years ago - 1959

Dr. Ross Jewell has moved to Bird City and Monday morning opened the Bird City Clinic. Dr. Jewell has been a practicing M.D. in St. John since July of

Casey's Comments

scmccormick@nwkansas.com as it was greeted with a 21-gun I'm convinced that as a nation salute. we have very short memories. Perhaps it is because our society is too busy rushing forward to behind us.

new ship so unusual. It was built so we would remember.

class amphibious transport dock vessel entered the waters around Manhattan Island in New York City. Passing by the Statue of Liberty, the ship stopped near the shore where the World Trade Center used to stand

-Honor Roll-

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Nancy Ellefson, St. Francis; Gerald Bier, St. Francis; Lavon Schlittenhardt, St. Francis; Ruth Appel, Rush Center; Ruby Garard, Lebo; Bill Ehrman, St. Francis; Megan Douthit, St. Francis; Janis Elfers, Goodland; David Butler, St. Francis; Fred Klie, St. Francis; Hertha Kelley, St. Francis; Lana Duvall, St. Francis; Della Morris, Arvada, Colo.; Billy Slyhoff, Montrose, Colo.; Alice and Roger Coffin, Parker, Colo.; Marlin Rueb, St. Francis; Jerry Stahlecker, St. Francis.



What makes this new war ship unique?

That is what makes the Navy's and equipment to any ocean in vessel. the world. Its landing deck can makes this ship one of a kind.

It was constructed using 7.5

Casey McComick

tons of steel from the crippled It is 684-feet long with a beam Twin Towers. A part of those notice what has already happened of 105 feet. It is capable of buildings and all who died that transporting up to 800 Marines day will forever be a part of the

it will be On Nov. handle about any helicopter as commissioned as the U.S.S. On Monday, a LPD-17 San well as the MV-22 Osprey tilt- New York, lest we forget that rotor aircraft. But that is not what September day and the military needed to keep it from happening

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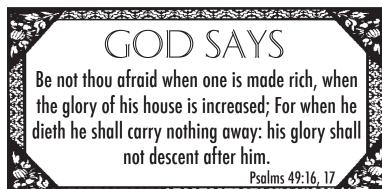
By Chuck Kribs, director Cheyenne County Development Corporation (CCD) is organizing a program in which local farm families, living on farms, would

to show people where their food comes from, let us know! As soon

host "city folks."

as we have enough interest, we will be contacting you to attend a meeting to determine how this program can be implemented.

Give us a call, or stop by the office, 107 W. Washington, St. If you like to meet people, want Francis, and we will keep you to make extra money and want informed. Diane and Chuck Kribs, 785-332-3508.





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Parent appreciates the school staff — Letter to the Editor —

To the Editor:

We have an excellent school system here in St. Francis, which I believe is a direct result of the our school great. Today, I want to take a minute and recognize the dedicated teachers, administration and staff in our school system.

Thank you for teaching my children, day in and day out. For encouraging them, motivating them, and showing them new, exciting things.

Thank you for caring about my child. It means so much to know that my son is surrounded by people that will give him a hug when he falls, a high five when he succeeds, or an encouraging word when he needs one. Thank you for caring enough to see him as an individual.

Thank you for going that extra exceptional people who work mile. I know you're busy, and For pushing him, encouraging there. Unfortunately, its also easy you had to take time out of your him, and celebrating with him. Our to get so busy that we forget to stop schedule to call me and let me school system has an incredible and thank the people that make know a concern. Thank you for team of coaches. You have helped

> planning time to tutor my children when one just couldn't quite grasp a concept. You didn't have to do that, but you did. I am so thankful for your willingness to invest in my child's life, and I know that you have invested in many, many

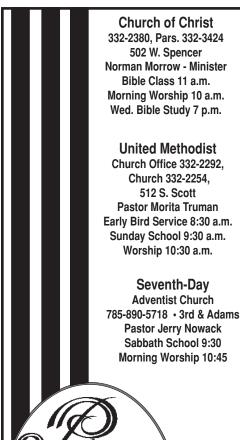
caring enough to do that.

Thank you for not giving up. For telling my son that he could learn this, even though it's hard. Thank you for believing not only in him, but in each of the other students in your class as well. They may never tell you, but it means a lot to them.

Thank you for coaching my son. to teach my child the value of Thank you for giving up your hard work, what it means to be a part of a team, and the value of persistence.

Thank you for all you're doing. While you may not see the results for years, I can see the impact you have already had on my children. Even more than that, I know that you have many more students in your class — and you're teaching, encouraging, and supporting them, too. So, as one of many parents who appreciates all you've done, I'd just like to say "Thanks."

> Heather Leibbrandt St. Francis



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

Salem Lutheran Church 332-3002

Pastor Chris Farmer Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Communion 3rd Sunday

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.

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

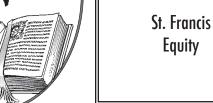
First Baptist Church 2nd & Scott • 332-3921 J.W. Glidewell, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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.

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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. Communion 1st Sunday of the month

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