



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 and will have to borrow it, but as a deficit buster, it pales by comparison to the trillions spent on bailouts, corporate welfare and stimulus fraud. Why pay everyone a cost-of-living increase when the cost of living didn't increase? Well, it seems like an annual increase is now an "entitlement" for Social Security recipients,

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 retired. It's client-driven politics, where the government caters to voters who get a government check. Not the taxpaying workers. 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, as more and more people, from corporate executives to the retired to welfare clients, ease up to the federal trough. The more voters benefit from government spending, the more the government spends. Someday, there will be only a few workers left to support this system, and it'll collapse. Until then, be ready to pay. — Steve Haynes



News From the Past

5 years ago - 2004

The fifth and sixth grade music classes will present a special program entitled "This is America" in honor of Veterans Day. The Indians defeated the Rawlins County Buffaloes and earned the District 13 title. They also won the Bi-District title over Trego County/WaKeeney and then defeated LaCrosse in Regional play. The next step was to play in the Sectional game with Smith Center. A Redmen victory ended the Indians season. The Dusty Farmer Restaurant opened this summer under new management. Gordon and Pam Sundstrom and Sherre Sundstrom have taken over the restaurant, lounge and game room and motel.

Class officers for the school year have been named. They include (in order of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer): seniors: Greg Wolters, Terry Touslee, Leanna Gienger, Tim Kite; juniors: Marsha Schlepp, Steve Burr, Marlin Burr, Neil Cahoj; sophomores: Ricky Touslee, RoJean Braziel; Barbara Floyd, Steve Schultz; freshmen: Lyle Boll, Shana Winston, Kirk Mlinek, Claudia Cram. Dedication services for the new St. Francis Catholic Church were held Sunday, Oct. 5. The St. Francis Greenhouse celebrated its 10th anniversary this month. Mrs. Eckenberg served coffee and door prizes were given away. Among the prize winners were Mrs. Harry Carson, Mrs. Van Burrus and Ms. Walter Wiley.

Mrs. Jan Sharp was featured in a vocal concert at the high school on Sunday, sponsored by the St. Francis Music Club. She was accompanied by Claudia Cram 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. Francis were Rick Wolfe, Greg Kite, Ed Zuege, Terry Holliman, Jim Frewen and Gale Wiley. The Style Shoppe in St. Francis has undergone a major remodeling and modernization program. 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 1957.

40 years ago - 1969

Hangin' With Marge

By Margaret Bucholtz



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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 the other side of the door. I was feeling kind of down about not going out until Darrin called me and told me what happened at their household. Made up for not treat or treating. They live in an older part of Wichita, but in a nice area. They

know most of their neighbors. After they got home from taking their children out, the people started coming to their door. The next-door neighbor brought her children over and, before they left, another neighbor came by. When the treats were handed out to all the children, the last neighbor lady reached into her bag and said, "Look what I got for the baby." Dina, thinking she was meaning baby Porter, took it and said, "Oh, how sweet! It is so cute, thank

you." 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!

Casey's Comments

By Casey McComick



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I'm convinced that as a nation we have very short memories. Perhaps it is because our society is too busy rushing forward to notice what has already happened behind us. That is what makes the Navy's new ship so unusual. It was built so we would remember. On Monday, a LPD-17 San Antonio 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

as it was greeted with a 21-gun salute. What makes this new war ship unique? It is 684-feet long with a beam of 105 feet. It is capable of transporting up to 800 Marines and equipment to any ocean in the world. Its landing deck can handle about any helicopter as well as the MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft. But that is not what makes this ship one of a kind. It was constructed using 7.5

tons of steel from the crippled Twin Towers. A part of those buildings and all who died that day will forever be a part of the vessel. On Nov. 7, it will be commissioned as the U.S.S. New York, lest we forget that September day and the military needed to keep it from happening again.

CheyCoDeveloping

By Chuck Kribs, director
Cheyenne County Development Corporation (CCD) is organizing a program in which local farm families, living on farms, would 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. Francis, and we will keep you informed. Diane and Chuck Kribs, 785-332-3508.

GOD SAYS

Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased; For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descent after him.

Psalms 49:16, 17

Parent appreciates the school staff

To the Editor:

We have an excellent school system here in St. Francis, which I believe is a direct result of the exceptional people who work there. Unfortunately, its also easy to get so busy that we forget to stop and thank the people that make 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.

Letter to the Editor

Thank you for going that extra mile. I know you're busy, and you had to take time out of your schedule to call me and let me know a concern. Thank you for caring enough to do that. Thank you for giving up your 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 lives. 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. For pushing him, encouraging him, and celebrating with him. Our school system has an incredible team of coaches. You have helped to teach my child the value of 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

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