

## U.S. needs immigration system that will work

What the U.S. needs, and no candidate is promising, is an immigration system that works.

Illegal immigration today is an economic issue. We have jobs. People in other countries need them. And we have no functioning mechanism for allowing workers or permanent immigrants into this country to work.

If we did, the flood of illegal immigrants would cease. No one would be foolish enough to risk life and limb to enter this country illegally were it simple and easy to come under the law.

The truth is, it's all but impossible to get a work permit. Legal immigration can take 20 years or more.

The laws of economics are simple and harsh; it does not pay to ignore them. Workers flow to jobs. Legal niceties won't stop people desperate for a better life. We can make it illegal, but no wall can stop the flow.

Our country once welcomed anyone who would come here and help build a better future. We took in the tired, the poor, the huddled masses of a continent. Today, they are us.

It's true, we didn't always treat them well. We called them names, rented them slum apartments and let them work in the packing plants, on the track gangs and in any other job a gentleman would shun.

Still, they came. They come today, but we make it difficult. We make it impossible, legally. Still, they come.

And as long as we have more jobs than we have people to fill them, they will continue.

But there's no plan to deal with this problem.

Politicians proclaim they will stem the flow, build a wall, enforce the law, ship everyone home.

We all know it won't happen. None of the candidates has a clue as to how to make the immigration system work.

We should start by issuing visas, work permits and residency status to workers with a clean record. Criminals should be sent home. Anyone who violates the law here should go back for good.

Our welfare system and government medical care, meantime, should be reserved for citizens. Guest workers and legal residents who can't make a living should go home. Immigration is for those who will and can work.

The law should, rightly, be tough on violators. But not unfair.

Nor should we create a class of permanent guest workers who can never become legal. European nations struggle with that; it's a prescription for unrest and injustice.

The system won't be fixed overnight. It took 50 years to get this broken. But we need to start today. We need to ask our candidates, not what will they do about illegal immigration, but how they will make the immigration system work. That's the only way to solve this problem.

Sadly, no one is even talking about this. Debate on immigration amounts to little more than hysteria. Nothing will be accomplished that way.

Isn't it time we changed this awful system and built one that will work?

— Steve Haynes

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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The Great American Past-time of the baseball said "So long" on another individual who added to the game's rich history.

No, I'm not talking about George Steinbrenner. Although the "Boss" did have a huge effect on the New York Yankees and the sport as we know it — he's not the one.

I'm speaking of Ralph Houk who died last week at the age of 90.

Houk spent 20 years in the majors as a manager. He, too, led the Yankees, reaching three American League pennants and two World Series titles in the early 1960s.

But for all Houk meant to baseball, he was more important to his country.

On a December day in 1944, then Second Lieutenant Houk

was in command of 60 soldiers of the 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron of the 9th Armored Division near Luxembourg, Belgium.

As the Germans orchestrated their Runstedt counteroffensive, better know as the Battle of the Bulge, Houk's B Troop was backed up into the town of Waldbillig. When 200 enemy soldiers advanced with six Tiger tanks, the Americans held their ground.

During the attack Houk moved from position to position, directing his men. All the while he was under machine-gun fire — some so close it tore his uniform. To halt the tanks, he secured a tank destroyer from an adjacent unit. After directing the fire against the Tigers, the German advance was thwarted.

This action was described in

Houk's Silver Star citation. Later he was awarded a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

This bravery was followed five days later when he was ordered to take orders into the town of Bastogne to the isolated 101st Division. Although the target was heavily surrounded by Germans, Houk led a team with one Jeep and two armored cars through enemy lines.

The farm kid from Lawrence, who entered the war in 1941, continued up from first lieutenant to captain to major.

And as a manager for the Yankees, Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox, he carried the nickname of "Major." A commander of men in war, he was also a leader in baseball.

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 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?  
 who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that  
 backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth  
 evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up  
 reproach against his neighbour.  
 Psalms 15:1, 4

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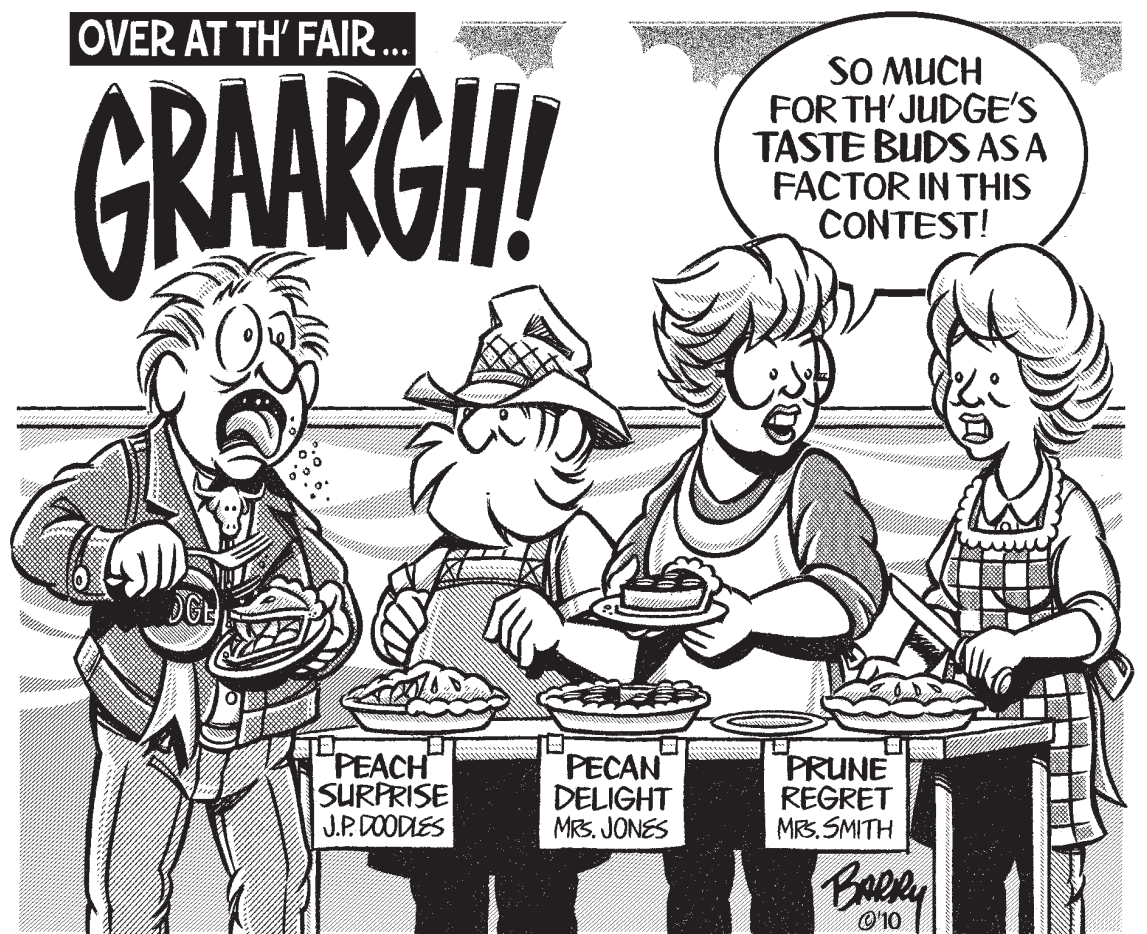
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## News From the Past

### 20 years ago - 1990

Peggy Pearson purchased the Kut and Kurl beauty salon from Dot Hill and will assume possession on July 1. Her daughter, Lisa, will be on staff.

A pet parade was held in conjunction with the St. Francis Public Library Reading program. Children who had been enrolled in the Thursday morning sessions of the program took part. The theme for the summer is "Affection Connection...Our Animal Friends."

The new radio system purchased for Cheyenne County is now installed with the exception of the low-band base which will be located on the St. Francis water tower.

The Clothes Line, owned and operated by Dean and Donna Terry, opened July 12 just in time for the Crazy Days Crowd. The store replaces Rieb Skogmo, owned by Jack and Bea Rueb.

Andy Poling received the high-point league award for his age group during the swim season and overall high-point award at the league meet held in Wray.

Jason Gardner, Bryon Sherlock, Eric Harper, Bill Raile, Jeremy Poling and Andy Nolan, along with Rodney Ritchey, Chapter Dad, attended the State DeMolay Conclave in Emporia July 12 to 15.

In an effort to further meet the needs of the community, the Cheyenne County Hospital has plans to remodel and redecorate the birthing suite.

Jana and Marta Walz and Julie Pickham were featured

in a story in The Herald which told about their tour of Europe without a guide. They traveled through the countries of Italy, Austria, Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

### 45 years ago - 1965

There has been good progress on the recreation center (Riverside) to be developed west of St. Francis and the idea is very close to being a reality. Ninety persons have contributed to the organizational expenses of the association and this excellent response is what is making the idea possible. Before the month of July is over, a complete plan for the development should be completed and costs determined. Then a public meeting will be called to show what is proposed and to set membership fees. More contributions are needed to show Farmers Home Administration the continued local interest in the project.

The Wheeler Equity has a new grain box car purchased for use with the Equity Union Grain Exchange fleet of grain cars. This gives Equity Union a fleet of 40 of these cars, which have been kept quite busy on long-distance hauling.

Mr. Dick Busby, a St. Francis native, has been named the new Foster Lumber Company manager for the St. Francis yard replacing Dallas Monteith, who has been transferred to Hoxie.

The city council has purchased a new riding mower, accepting the low bid of St. Francis Home and Auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Turner

opened Turner's Bakery in St. Francis on Tuesday. The Turners moved here from St. John and have rented the former Saint Barber Shop on main street from Aaron Angel.

A delightful trained dog act will be a highlight on "Show Time," the grandstand show at the Cheyenne County Fair when "Pauline and Her Poodles" take the stage.

### 55 years ago - 1955

Salem Lutheran Church observed the 25th anniversary of the ordination of their pastor, Emil Kuehn, just 25 years to the day that he was ordained in Arthur, N.D.

Beginning July 18 and running for the next several weeks, livestock sales of the St. Francis Livestock Commission will be held in the evenings.

St. Francis residents may get by this summer without water rationing, if the situation as it now stands, doesn't take a drastic turn for the worst. This will be the first summer since 1951 that users of city water can use all the water they want at any time. More efficient use of the existing wells and the addition of one new well has improved the situation.

Grasshopper bait will be available to farmers at the Cheyenne County mixing station on Tuesday and Fridays. This is an addition of one day as the demand has been so great.

The ordination and installation of Ministerial Candidate Mr. Waldemar Petzholt, as the new resident pastor of Trinity Church, will take place on Aug 7.

**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 10:00 a.m.  
 Weekday Mass 8:30 a.m.  
 Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

**First Baptist Church**  
 2nd & Scott • 332-3921  
 J.W. Gidewell, 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.

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
 332-3002  
 Pastor Chris Farmer  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
 Communion 3rd Sunday

**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.

**United Methodist Church**  
 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.

**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.

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

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

**Peace Lutheran Church, AFLC**  
 202 N. College  
 Pastor Ken Hart  
 332-2928 Pars. 332-2312  
 Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship Time Following  
 Worship  
 Communion 1st Sunday  
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