



## Law enforcement wrong on prescriptions

Law enforcement groups are pressing the Kansas Legislature to require a prescription for purchase of the common drug pseudoephedrine, used by allergy sufferers to stop a runny nose, but also a key ingredient in making the illegal drug methamphetamine.

This is not a good idea. It amounts to punishing the state's pharmacists and allergy patients in the name of a problem that's largely solved.

Kansas already restricts sale of pseudoephedrine, often known by the brand name Sudafed. Stores are required to keep it behind the counter and buyers must sign a log.

Someone with the sniffles can buy 3.6 grams, more than 100 pills, at one time, or up to 9 grams a month. That's enough for most patients, but getting even that is cumbersome and unwieldy.

Though many law-enforcement officials say the problem of meth labs in Kansas has been largely solved, some groups still are pushing for tighter laws. Drug dealers will send out teams of people to buy Sudafed, a practice known as "smurfing."

Pharmacists and clerks often spot these efforts and many will call police. It's already illegal,

but still, the dealers are bound to try.

The fact is, the number of meth labs in the state today — once a rampant problem — has dropped to almost nothing. In Salina, for instance, police say the city once had more than 100 illegal meth operations and now has only a handful.

Why, then, do we need to further inconvenience allergy patients and druggists?

The price of this "progress," by the way, has been a takeover of the meth trade by Mexican cartels, resulting in violence across that once-peaceful country and upwards of 30,000 deaths. Meth-making, once a cottage industry, has become a big money-maker for organized crime.

Putting these important allergy drugs on the prescription list will drive up the cost to legitimate users and drug stores alike, reducing availability and legal use, while having almost no benefit to society.

This bill is a turkey, and the Legislature needs to say "no."

Not everything that might sound like a good idea turns out to be one, and this bill is a good example.

— Steve Haynes

## Hangin' With Marge

Super Bowl Sunday

By Margaret Bucholtz



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Well another night in front of the TV. This time it wasn't to watch who shot who, but it was to watch big, and I mean big, boys with hair falling out of their helmets, chasing each other down the field. Actually instead of chasing it is more like running into each other as hard as they can. Looks like fun to me and, believe me, there have been a few people along my

lifespan that I would have liked to "run" into too.

What is with the long hair? It just makes me want to walk up to them and tell them, "Nice hairdo's girls." However I think their size would intimidate me somewhat.

Has there ever been a survey about how many people get together for Super Bowl vs how many get together over Christmas? Might be interesting to see

which get together would win.

The commercials were fun to watch. I didn't care about the car commercials, which were probably paid for with their bailouts, but the Pepsi ones I liked.

However all comments aside, WY TO GO GREEN BAY! That's my sweet husband's team and believe me what keeps my husband happy makes me happy.

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



When I lived in the city, sometimes we had to get creative to make up for the cramped spaces.

Out here in the country people don't worry for space. It still amazes me how a few-minute drive can lead you into the middle of nowhere. But it was sure differ-

ent in Denver.

My younger brother, Mike, and I lived across the street from each other at one time. He had two dogs: Bandit and Pancho. Bandit was a black and white mix with some shepherd and sheepdog blood and a gentle soul. Pancho

was the closest thing I ever saw to a real life Scooby Doo.

My companion was my first Scottish terrier named Fergus Duncan McIntyre. He was my best buddy at the time.

Although we both had small yards, the dogs yearned for more space. So Mike and I would get out the ladder, one of us would get on the roof and the other would hand the animals up.

Our three puppies really enjoyed the unobstructed view of the neighborhood. I'm sure it seemed like another world rather than what was seen at fence level.

It was also a special time for two brother to sit on the peak and visit while the dogs scampered around the area.

Now that would really be a silly thing to have to do out here with all this room.

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**GOD SAYS**

**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

**II Chronicles 7:14**

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### Happy Valentine's Day

## News From the Past

### 15 years ago - 1996

The St. Francis junior high girls will be presenting a musical entitled "Gone With The Breeze" Jan. 9, at the high school.

Omer Abdullah M.D. has signed a three-year contract to practice primary care medicine in Cheyenne County.

Ty Jay Carmichael is the winner of the First Baby of the Year Contest in Cheyenne County. The son of Wade and Tammy Carmichael was born on Jan. 6.

Play practice for The Music Man is being held regularly as the actors gear up for the February performance.

The fourth through sixth grade basketball league got underway on Jan. 6.

Kids wrestling for fourth through sixth grades began Jan. 8.

Stewards of the soil will be recognized at the 46th annual Cheyenne County Conservation District dinner to be held at the high school. Receiving the Bankers Award is Bill and Joan Wellman. The Windbreak Awards were earned by Dan and Rita Stephens and Royce and Jan Rambat. Recognized for the Goodyear Awards are Bruce and Sharon Feiket and Ruben and Darlene Feikert. Drew Fleming was a state limerick award

winner.

Area residents will help Kansas celebrate its 135 birthday on Jan. 29, at the 66 annual Kansas Day Celebration in Bird City. The theme of this year's celebration is "Collection of Memories."

### 20 years ago - 1991

W.H. (Junior) and Verda Smull were winners of the Goodyear Conservation Award at the Bankers Award Program.

The St. Francis Chamber of Commerce officers include Del Polly, president; Lori Raile, first vice president and Rose Mary Bierig, second vice president.

The 1990 Bicentennial Census figures were recently announced and they show that the population is dropping drastically in northwest Kansas, in fact, between 9,000 and 10,000 people have left the area. Seventy-nine counties out of the 105 counties in the state showed a decrease and all 21 counties in northwest Kansas were among them.

Mike Day and Dan Busse were appointed to fill the vacancies on the Cheyenne County Hospital Board left by John Kite and Brad Waters.

### 45 years ago - 1966

The new Honored Queen for Job's Daughters is Cynthia Shay.

The Senior Princess is Suzanne Getty and Gwen Miller is the Junior Princess.

Francis Bowmans was elected as chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Cheyenne County at their organizational meeting. Other commissioners are Ben Andrist and Bill Wellman.

Jim Jamison took over the reigns as police chief of the city of St. Francis on Jan. 1.

Work is progressing on the new addition a the high school. At this time they are working on the connecting area between the present building and the new gymnasium. The steel rafters for the new gym are scheduled to arrive today.

The organizational meeting of the county-wide Cheyenne County Rod and Gun Club was held last Thursday night at the Clubhouse at the St. Francis Country Club. Marvin Miller was elected president and Thad Douthit Jr. was named vice president with Eddie Lauer as secretary and Dale Rath as treasurer. Elected to the board of directors were John Kite, Paul Gorthy, John Keller, Neal O'Brien and Jess Williams. The club will replace the former St. Francis Gun Club.

## Reader feels insurance is a gamble

### Letter to the Editor

To the Governor and legislators, Compulsory insurance, violates premise innocent till proven guilty! Doth anybody know what is cost of subsidizing the insurance companies by using tax paid officials to force sell insurance? Insurance is a gamble...The client bets on his own misfortune! The company on his good fortune. If insurance won't sell on merit....

the insured is not protected from the uninsured...What good is it? "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Ps 118:8

Frank Sowers, Benkelman, Neb.

PS: In Texas a man burnt to a crisp tied in by a seat belt...near

Goodland, gal with no seat belt lived...same car a gal died, with seat belt!

PPS: I oppose any legislation to change publication of legals from newspapers to internet.

Abolish retirement (\$) for every elected official!

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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 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8:30 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**  
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  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Communion 3rd Sunday

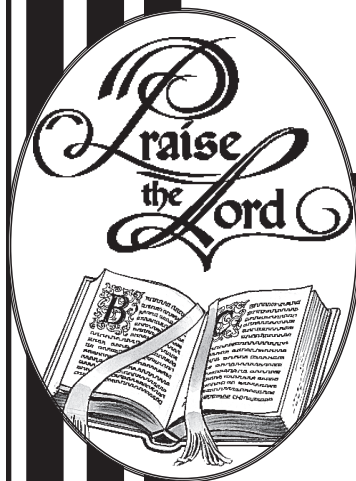
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332-3150  
204 N. Quincy Street  
www.sfccfamily.com  
Pastor: David Butler  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Potluck & Communion - Every 2nd Sunday  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
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Pastor Jerry Nowack  
Sabbath School 9:30  
Morning Worship 10:45

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412 S. Denison  
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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  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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