

'Drug Dogs' — no distinction of race, religion or fame

Some critics complain that the use of drug dogs is an invasion of privacy. These same people say that, "in order to be good citizens, we should feel that all people are innocent until proven guilty and that authorities need substantial evidence before searching them or questioning them as suspects."

I think we need to decide whether you should take action to protect the privacy of people and children who are violating policies and laws or whether you want to take the action to protect the interest of innocent people who just want a decent and safe life.

Dogs can be used to sniff inanimate objects anywhere in society, even in our school system. A car, a locker- and every person is fair game. It's not considered invasive for an animal to sniff air, and no warrant is required.

Many adjoining counties have them and it is helping to control the drug traffic up and down the highways. Police need 'probable cause' to obtain a warrant to conduct a search of private property. If the dog smells drugs in that car it would allow the officers to have a "probable cause" to search the vehicle.

In schools the lockers are not considered private property however the school administrators are forced to use biased information and their own human instincts to identify drug users and sellers. This system can be flawed by the limitations of human nature.

Unlike a human, a dog will make no distinction between a black kid, a white kid, a yellow kid or a red kid. The dog will make no assumptions about the valedictorian's car, and it's not inclined to target the black convertible Mustang at the corner of the lot where the druggies hang out. This is truly random, objective, unbiased detection. This takes the human element out and let's man's best friend solve a problem for him.

Most of the dogs used for sniffing operations have noses so sensitive they will signal trouble even with a jacket that has been subjected to marijuana smoke in the air.

Many places that have drug dogs have seen a great difference in their schools, business places and communities. The non drug user becomes more leery of taking a ride in a car with other people who smoke pot; because they know it might result in some explaining later that day. This causes an isolation of the druggies, and that prevents them from gaining influence and control in your schools and community.

We need to make our community a top notch place in which to raise our children and live. When you are asked to donate to the "Drug Dog" fund I hope that you will think of the positive things that this dog could do in our county. If it would save, even one person, from buying or selling drugs it would be well worth the price. — *Margaret Bucholtz*

Room at the top of the courthouse

To the editor:
At the very top of the courthouse on the third floor is a small quiet room that not many people have visited. It has no windows and is approximately 8 foot square. Maybe at an earlier time there was regular activity nearby as prisoners were incarcerated in the holding cell next door or the jail cells down the hall.

But now these rooms are empty and only the small room is used. It might bother some people to be up on the third floor alone but I feel at home there because of what this room is used for. You see this small room next to these jail cells has a far different use than its neighboring rooms had. Its walls are covered with shelves of food for the needy of Cheyenne County. These shelves were looking a little

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bare and I was beginning to be worried with the holidays upcoming and food baskets to be prepared. But I worried for no reason.

The junior and senior class students organized a food drive the evening of Friday, Oct. 4 and they traveled all over town picking up sacks of groceries left on the curbs by thoughtful and caring citizens of St. Francis. Devin Dinkel and students carried 20 large boxes heaped with all kinds of food - 600 pounds - up three flights of steps to the Food Pantry.

That's what this town stands for - caring about and supporting each other, helping each other and sharing

the good times and bad times.

Your Food Pantry is at work all year but is especially busy during the holidays. Throughout the year many organizations, clubs, churches and individuals support us with food items or money donated to the Food Pantry account at Super Foods. We couldn't operate without all of you.

If you are a family that could use a little extra in the food line or if you know someone who is in need, now you know where we are located - a cozy little room at the top that feels like home. Come visit me!

Reva Pownell, Coordinator,
Cheyenne County Food Pantry

Quinter commends Saintry school

To the editor:
On behalf of Quinter High School and the USD 293 Board of Education, I would like to say thank you for the fine sportsmanship shown to us at the recent football game played in your fine town. The community of St. Francis has much of which to be proud. Your high school student body, the head football coach Tim Lambert, his coaching staff, Mr. "Hoagie" Carmichael, and Mr. Carl Warner are

excellent examples of those who demonstrate the true meaning of good sportsmanship.

Most high school football fans have realized that the Quinter High School football team has experienced decreasing numbers of participants and have experienced a rough season thus far. Your high school football team was a true champion Oct. 11. You played hard. Numerous times, your players would offer a helping hand to our players after the completion of a play. St. Francis allowed all of their players to see action, thereby giving great experience to both the St. Francis and Quinter teams. At the conclusion of the game, the St. Francis football team lined up on the south goal line and clapped for our players as they came

off the field, demonstrating a true champion attitude. And finally, Mr. Carmichael offered many words of encouragement to our players following the game.

As I watched this scenario unfold, a St. Francis cheerleader approached me and thanked me for allowing Quinter to play in this game. It seemed to be a heart-felt expression of appreciation. St. Francis High School has indeed projected the true, meaning of what it means to be involved in high school athletics. The students, staff, and community of St. Francis represent the ideal concept of citizenship. Thank you for providing this positive experience to Quinter High School.

Fred L. Irwin, principal
Quinter High School

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GOD SAYS

For we must all appear before judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Corinthian 5:10

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Lines from the Library

By Pat Leibbrandt
The following new books have been received at the St. Francis Public Library: *Jinxed: A Regan Reilly Mystery* by Carol Higgins Clark; *Let's Roll* by Lisa Beamer; *Believing The Dream* by Lauraine Snelling; *Nights In Rodanthe* by Nicholas Sparks; *Sweet Starfire And Crystal Flame* by Jayne Ann Krentz; *From a Buick 8* by Stephen King; *So Little Time* by Al Lacy; *Bless-*

ings by Anna Quindlen; *Killjoy* by Julie Garwood; *Kentucky Sunrise* by Fern Michaels. The following new books have been added to the children's section: *Franklin Says I Love You* by Paulette Bourgeois; *The Missing Beach Ball* by Norman Bridwell; *Wizards Don't Wear Graduation Gowns* by Debby Dabey; *Scooby-Doo And The Phantom Cowboy* by Jesse Leon McCann; *Surv-*

vivors, The Night The Titanic Sank by Caryn Jenner; *Scooby-Doo And The Cyber Chase* by Jesse Leon McCann; *On the Course With Tiger Woods* by Matt Christopher; *I Am Spider-Man; Spider-Man Saves The Day; The Case Of The Bear Scare* by James Preller; *The Case Of The Disappearing Dinosaur* by James Preller; *Ghosts Don't Ride Wild Horses* by Debbie Dabey.

Electing a governor with solutions

To the editor:
As campaign season wears on, I find myself continually impressed with Kathleen Sebelius. The more I learn about her, the more eager I become at the prospect of a Sebelius governor ship. There is no one else who has a better understanding of the hearts and minds of everyday Kansans.

Despite what her opponent would have you think, her first instinct is not to raise taxes when deficits loom. In-

stead, she has proposed a soup-to-nuts accounting of where every tax dollar is spent, creating a leaner, more efficient government. A government we deserve. She's had experience doing this very thing. When she was first elected Insurance Commissioner, she conducted her own investigation of the Insurance Commission and rooted out its inefficiencies. While state operation

From Our Readers

To the editor:
We've just completed a wonderful visit with Janet and Deloy Rogers. They are two of the friendliest people who delight in recognizing greeting and visiting with acquaintances. Since they both have become visually impaired they are unable to recognize their many friends. So please don't hesitate to give them your name when you say "hi."

Thanks for your hospitality and kindness.
Lorena Gaddis
Evelyn Neujahr
Longmont, Colo.

budgets went up, her own budget decreased by more than 19 percent. Kathleen Sebelius has shown time and time again that she can hold the line against spending while insuring that critical services not only remain intact, but are streamlined to better serve the citizens of Kansas. As storm clouds grow on Kansas' economic horizon, we need a governor who can offer us solutions, not sound bytes. We deserve a governor who can be a uniter, not a divider. We should elect a governor who will put the people of Kansas before anything else.

To the editor:
I really want to thank you for sending the Herald to me so faithfully. My postman will say to me "Here's your paper Margaret." He knows I anx-

iously wait for it.
You all do a wonderful job of covering the news. Enclosed is a renewal check.
Thanks again. May God bless you all.
Margaret Carl
Littleton, Colo.

Rueben and Valjean Schultz
Willard and Bonnie Busby
St. Francis



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