

Tax collections up on illegal drugs in Kansas

Whenever someone is arrested for illegal pos- tually, they say that most of the drug stamps are session of drugs, they are generally charged with not having a "drug stamp." What drug dealer would get a drug stamp? Doesn't make sense.

However, the state of Kansas' collection on marijuana is up 3.6 percent, from \$139,227 to \$144,236 in just the first half of the fiscal year. The tax collections on cocaine, methamphetamine and other hard drugs are up 20.6 percent, from \$252,515 to \$304,905.

The drug stamp is gold foil and comes in denominations from \$10 to \$1,000 and illegal drugs even have their own tax table. Like for marijuana, there are rates for west, dry and processed.

Drug dealers are supposed to pay the drug tax as soon as they take possession and they are to attach the stamp to the marijuana or other drugs.

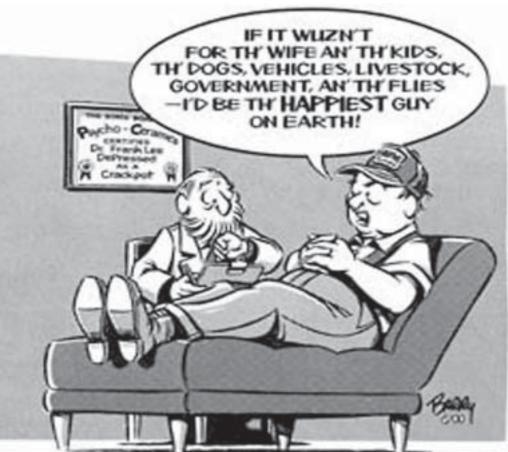
So do dealers purchase the stamps — who knows as the Internal Revenue will not tell. Ac-

purchased by stamp collectors.

Most of the time, the tax is collected after illegal drugs are confiscated. The local law enforcement agency making the arrest will get 75 percent of the drug money while the other 25 percent goes to the state general fund.

Last year, when the Legislature was trying to bring money in to make up the \$700 million budget gap, they raised the tax on cigarettes but didn't do anything to raise the marijuana or drug tax. Now people are cutting back on cigarettes because the cost is just too high — what about the illegal drugs? Maybe the Legislators will look a little closer at the drug tax in this session and double or triple the cost. Probably won't cut down on the drug traffic but when a dealer is caught, they could have to pay more to the state of Kansas

—Karen Krien



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Hangin' Out With Marge

"Bonding" a key words for raising kids

Dr. Spock, but by the late 80s early was "bonding." I just couldn't with a child, at least in the early stage of life.

One summer weekend, one of my sons came home to spend the weekend with Kurt, myself and Ryan.

In the 70s every parent heard of when Kurt came home from driving the tractor in the field and he came 90s, the key word to raising children hurrying into the living room where ing. we were sitting. The weather foreimagine how you couldn't bond cast was just coming on so Kurt just dropped his jeans to the floor and sat down on the good chair to watch the weather. Instantly, the visiting adult son jumped up, undid his jeans and It was about 10 in the evening drop you jeans I think we are bond-rough times with humor.

Bucholtz

Margaret

I busted out laughing which got Kurt's attention. Kurt then explained that he just didn't want to get the furniture dirty.

By

I'm sure I still don't fully know what the true meaning of bonding as he was dropping them to the floor might be, but in our family we have he called out to Ryan, "Hurry up, always bonded and overcame some

News From the Past

10 years ago - 1992

For several weeks the community has been aware of the remodeling and redecorating at the restaurant on West US Highway 36. What was formerly known as Terry's Chuckwagon has opened under a new name, Peg's Family Dining.

St. Francis FFA judging team placed fifth at the National FFA Convention. Team members include Joe Leibbrandt, Tish Busby, Shelia Stannard and Teresa Douthit. Lyn Wiley is the adviser.

Roxie Lambert is the newest member of the St. Francis Herald staff. She is working in the production department, making ads, typing and taking pictures. 20 years ago - 1982

The last row of bricks were put new medical clinic building and the clinic is expected to be completed in February.

Neil and Lorraine Burrow announce the sale this week of the Times to Cheyenne Publica- Warrant Officer Donald A Dally.

to the public this week.

the only instructions was to pour

baler first (which it was). Only by reading The St. Francis Herald did

tions, a corporation headed by Randall Braden with Dan Winston, stockholder and vice president.

Linda Ketzner will be leaving the U.S. 36 Restaurant at the end of the year and Carol Wolfe will take over the management.

Work on the stock car racing track at the Cheyenne County Fair- new building at the site of its elgrounds began last week.

The LaFiesta Restaurant staff served a free Christmas dinner Fri- building began in early Decemday at the Vets Club for all those alone at Christmas.

St. Francis was hit by a snow storm. It took three wreckers in a joyed by members, their families row exerting their combined pulling power to pull a loaded semi out H Club Dec. 7 at the REA room of a snowbank. There was an unofficial report of 10 inches of snow with wind gust to 50 miles per hour. and queen include Myra 35 years ago - 1967

Troy Whitman of Bird City was Gienger and Mike Holliman, seon the north and west faces of the elected chairman of the Agricultural niors; Myra Zimbelman, Extension Council replacing Charles Curry. Mrs. Robert Keller is secretary and Mrs. Henry Hilt, treasurer.

A former St. Francis man has retired from the Marine Corp after serv-St. Francis Herald and Bird City ing 20 years on active duty. He is Janelle Miller and Janice

Randy Cook, 95 pounds, Stan Faulkender, 138 pounds, Steve Miller, 145 pounds, Marv Raile, 165 pounds and Bill Keller, 180 pounds, all placed first at the Wray wrestling tournament.

Bartlett and Company Grain of St. Francis is constructing a evator at the north edge of town. Excavating for the 40'x100 ber but warmer weather will be needed to pour the foundations.

A Christmas supper was enand friends of the Go-Getters 4in Bird City.

Candidates for Wigwam king Northrup, Kathy Kelley, Jim Yvonne Faylor, John Lampe and Stan Walker, juniors; Leanna Gienger, Sharon Fiekert, Dave Yost and Tom Kite, sophomores and Kelley Frewen, Steve Burr, Lindsten, freshmen.

Karen's Korner Events that seem to stick in our minds

What were you doing when.....? Somehow, in this busy, fast-moving world, time and events tend to run together. Most of us can't remember what we did a week ago or we forget appointments—sometimes, it's even hard to remember our kid's birthdays. But, most of us can remember certain events. We may not remember the date or year but we often remember what we were doing when that momentous event happened.

Our parents could remember what they were doing when the Japanese



Lines from the Library



many will remember the date as it is now referred to as "9-11."

Now, on Saturday, another space shuttle tragedy occurred and the astronauts aboard did not make it to a safely arrival back to earth — just 16 minutes from landing. Again, the United States and the whole world listened to reports, feeling the deep sadness for the astronauts' families, the NAPA crew and our leaders.

No, I'll probably not remember that date and time but I will remember the day and what I was doing. And, in this fast moving world, there appears to be other traumatic happening in the near future. How will we remember those?

By Pat Leibbrandt

The library has the following new books: Answered Prayers by Danielle Steel; *Prisoner of My Desire* by Johanna Lindsey; The Fifteen *Streets* by Catherine Cookson; *Prey* by Michael Crichton; Visions of Sugar Plums by Janet Evanovich; Ruth by Lori Copeland; Fall Note*book* by Carolyne Roehm; *Winter Notebook* by Carolyne Roehm; Spring Notebook by Carolyne Roehm; Summer Notebook by Carolyne Roehm; The Secret Files of the Duke of Windsor; The River King by Alice Hoffman and *Reversible*

Errors by Scott Turow. The following new books have been added to the children's department: Noisy Nora by Rosemary Wells; When Spring Comes by Natalie Warnock; The Blue Hill Meadows by Ellen Beier; Turtle's Day by Dwight Kuhn; John Henry by Julius Lester; When You Were Just a Little Girl by H.G. Hennessy; When Bear Came down From the Sky by Tree De Gerez; The Baby's Good Morning Book by Kay Chorao; Party Rhymes by Marc Brown; The Royal Nap by Charles C. Black; The House Gobbaleen by Lloyd Alexander.



Center ready to open to public Letter to the Editor-Letter to the editor: We, as the cement contractors at the St. Francis Recycling Center,

think that the center can be opened We volunteered our labor when we took on the job at the center ---it was done as a service to the under the assumption that the cenpeople in this community — not ter would still be partly open with as a favor to the city council. Afpeople coming and going - not ter agreeing that we could do the completely closed down. job, the city superintendent made no further effort to contact me and

We started building forms on Jan. ing us to do the work. 7 and would have started earlier but the city needed to move some the pad for the recycling center's stuff. There were some pretty cold days while we were pouring the

we find out that we had two to cement but we never poured when three weeks to complete the entire it was freezing or below because job. That was the only way we we wanted to do a good job that knew there was a deadline. Actu- would last and we knew that our ally, when we started, we were name would be "behind it." We worked only when the weather permitted.

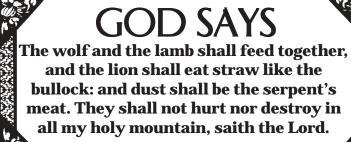
We thank the people of St. Francis for their patience and allow-

> John Amack Jeff Freiburger St. Francis



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