

Tax collections up on illegal drugs in Kansas

Whenever someone is arrested for illegal possession 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-

tually, they say that most of the drug stamps are 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



Hangin' Out With Marge

"Bonding" a key words for raising kids

By Margaret Bucholtz



In the 70s every parent heard of Dr. Spock, but by the late 80s early 90s, the key word to raising children was "bonding." I just couldn't imagine how you couldn't bond 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.

It was about 10 in the evening

when Kurt came home from driving the tractor in the field and he came hurrying into the living room where we were sitting. The weather forecast 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 as he was dropping them to the floor he called out to Ryan, "Hurry up, drop you jeans I think we are bond-

ing."

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

I'm sure I still don't fully know what the true meaning of bonding might be, but in our family we have always bonded and overcame some rough times with humor.

Karen's Korner

Events that seem to stick in our minds

By Karen Krien



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 bombed Pearl Harbor. I can remem-

ber that I was ironing when the announcement came over television that President Kennedy was shot. When the Challenger space shuttle disintegrate in space with the first female aboard, I was at work and we watched the telecast on editor Dan Winston's television located in his office. I was on my way out the door to go to work when I heard that the World Trade Center in New York had been attacked and throughout the work day, we were mesmerized by radio telecasts and updates on the computer. Unlike other days, I along with

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?



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 Choro; Party Rhymes by Marc Brown; The Royal Nap by Charles C. Black; The House Gobbaleen by Lloyd Alexander.

Lines from the Library

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 Notebook* 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*

Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Art Knodel, St. Francis; Harvey Zwegardt, St. Francis; Sharon Kamla, Nevada, Mo.; David Busby, Napa, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Squires, Goodland; Debby Harper, St. Francis; Leonard Vyzourek, McDonald; Gwen Jacobs, Greeley, Colo.; Jim and Tonya Melton, St. Francis; Steve Johnson, Leon; Duane Neitzel, Goodland.

GOD SAYS

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 65:25

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 on the north and west faces of the 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 St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times to Cheyenne Publica-

tions, a corporation headed by 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 new building at the site of its elevator at the north edge of town. Excavating for the 40' x 100 building began in early December but warmer weather will be needed to pour the foundations.

A Christmas supper was enjoyed by members, their families and friends of the Go-Getters 4-H Club Dec. 7 at the REA room in Bird City.

Candidates for Wigwam king and queen include Myra Northrup, Kathy Kelley, Jim Gienger and Mike Holliman, seniors; Myra Zimbelman, Yvonne Faylor, John Lampe and Stan Walker, juniors; Leanna Gienger, Sharon Fiekert, Dave Yost and Tom Kite, sophomores and Kelley Frewen, Steve Burr, Janelle Miller and Janice Lindsten, freshmen.

A former St. Francis man has retired from the Marine Corp after serving 20 years on active duty. He is Warrant Officer Donald A Dally.

Center ready to open to public

Letter to the editor:

We, as the cement contractors at the St. Francis Recycling Center, think that the center can be opened to the public this week.

We volunteered our labor when we took on the job at the center — it was done as a service to the people in this community — not as a favor to the city council. After agreeing that we could do the job, the city superintendent made no further effort to contact me and the only instructions was to pour the pad for the recycling center's baler first (which it was). Only by reading The St. Francis Herald did

Letter to the Editor

we find out that we had two to three weeks to complete the entire job. That was the only way we knew there was a deadline. Actually, when we started, we were under the assumption that the center would still be partly open with people coming and going — not completely closed down.

We started building forms on Jan. 7 and would have started earlier but the city needed to move some stuff. There were some pretty cold days while we were pouring the

cement but we never poured when it was freezing or below because we wanted to do a good job that would last and we knew that our name would be "behind it." We worked only when the weather permitted.

We thank the people of St. Francis for their patience and allowing us to do the work.

John Amack
Jeff Freiburger
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