

Sometimes we scratch our head in disbelief

This morning, while watching part of "Good Morning America" on ABC-TV, was one of those times. Jason Williams, who sports enthusiasts know, is standing trial for the murder of his chauffeur. Of course he pleaded not guilty, nobody is ever guilty of anything. His trial is underway.

Enter: "Good Morning America." They gave William's wife a pulpit this morning on which to spin the innocence of her husband. The network's puppet who did the interview made note of that fact that Mrs. Williams is pregnant with her second child. Also that she is an attorney. Mrs. Williams is not on trial, her husband is.

We thought it inappropriate to give his wife this venue to do all she could to sway the jury who, undoubtedly, was also watching the interview. There's a time to interview and a time not to, today was a "not to" day.

ABC-TV, in all fairness, should take its cameras to the homes of every person in the country on trial for murder and interview their families while their trials are in progress. But Williams is a man of note, worth millions and people of that stature always find a way to get their message out to the widest possible "jury" — the public. While swaying the public of one's innocence, the 'swayer' knows that among the public are members of the jury.

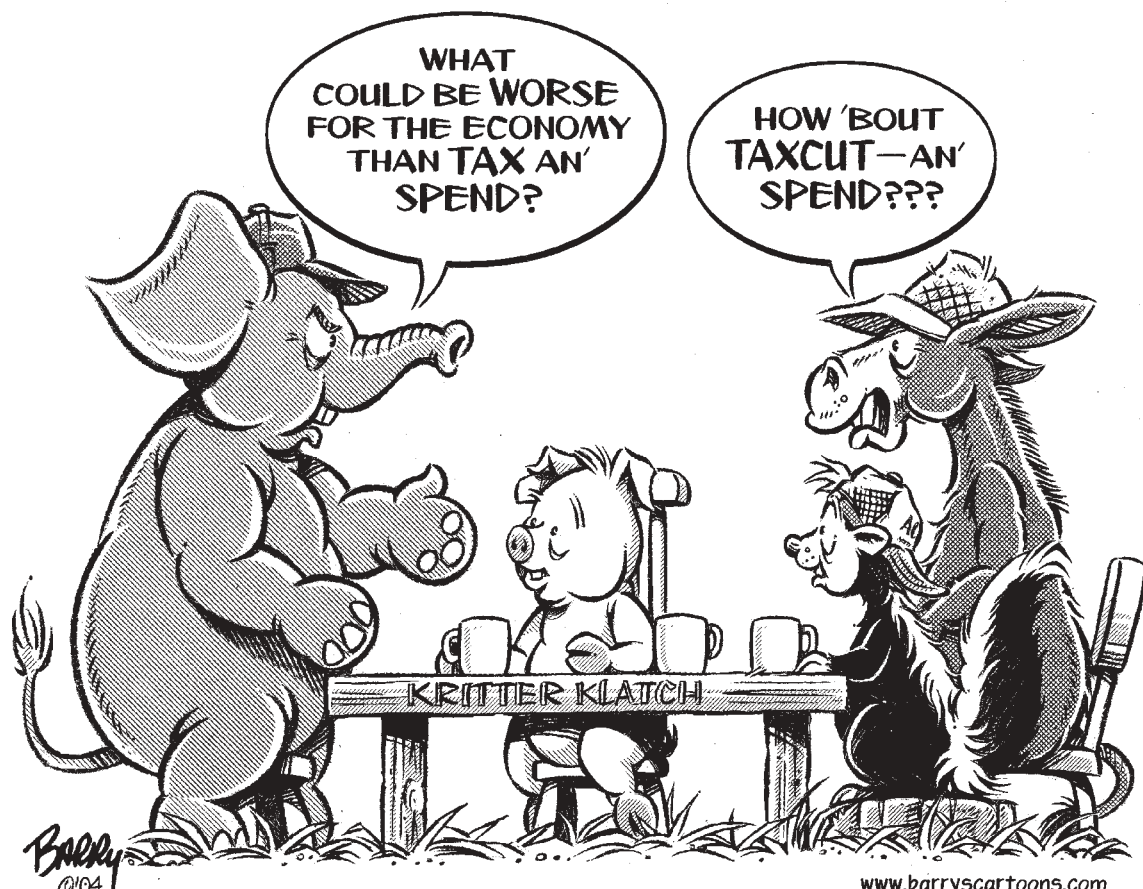
Bingo! Don't even need a card to win this game.

How often have we been exposed to members of Michael and Janet Jackson family? We can't count that high. But at every turn their mug or the mug of brother Jermaine Jackson and family friends are shoved into our faces by the fair and balanced, the unfair and unbalanced and other media with too much time on their hands.

Criticize us as you may, but those who practice community journalism seldom need to downgrade their newspapers with stories about the Jackson's questionable kids, or wealthy and famous people charged with murder. We would rather print club notes, deaths, weddings, engagements, columns from community correspondents like Jean Lowe of Winona, Sally Michael of Brewster, Zula Horinek of Rexford and Lula Thieler of Fairview Estates. We print local sports, local front page stories that inform and sometimes call us into question, and couple all that with local photographs.

We don't run to the courthouse to shove a microphone in the face of family, while a member is being tried for whatever, to get their views on why the defendant is innocent. That's up to the judge, the jury and attorneys.

Not "Good Morning America."
Tom A. Dreiling, publisher



AS TH' DEFICIT PICKS UP STEAM, SO DOES TH' LOCAL CAFE...

News From the Past

75 years ago - 1929

Hans Juhl is putting up quite a building out at his filling station on the Airline at the west side of town. This new building will contain a room in the front that will be used as a restaurant and short order room and back of that will be a couple of living rooms. As soon as it is completed the Juhls will move from their residence in the south part of town to the filling station and camp grounds so that they will be near their business.

The skating rink that has been constructed by the city officials on lots east of the Manson Electric Shop, is at least ready for use. The little folks are happy with their skates and everyone is grateful to the city officials for their thoughtfulness.

The Equity if having a foundation placed along the railroad tracks and will place storage tanks there to handle gasoline and oil. They will put a truck

wagon on the road as soon as they have their oil in storage.

The board of county commissioners met Monday for their organizing session. Mr. O.E. Smith was made chairman of the board and the new commissioners are Wm. F. Lampe and J.L. Evins.

60 years ago - 1944

Mills & Ferguson and Thad and Jim Douthit were two of Cheyenne County's fine stock raiser that have animals at the Denver Stock Show this week.

Three new members initiated into the Girl Scouts were Nadya Clark, Patty Felzine and June Stone. Marguarite Howell is the new president, Connie Blacker is the vice president, Viron Carmichael is secretary and Luan Shirley is treasurer.

40 years ago - 1964

Elton Keller, who farms north of St. Francis, was chosen the area's Outstanding Young Farmer at the St. Francis Jaycee Awards Banquet. Bill Showalter was named Represent-

tative Young Teacher.

The City Council has issued revenue bonds to provide for a \$294,000 expansion and improvement project at the city light plant.

Five St. Francis Community High School band students were chosen to travel to Hays to attend the KMEA Music Festival. Those chosen were Vadonna Cook, Carolyn Walz, Carol Touslee, Frandal Monteith and Sue Ella Touslee.

Attending the State Wrestling Tournament from St. Francis are Larry Carroll, Bob Moberly and Rudy Douthit.

Vickie Shaver was chosen by the American Legion as its representative to Sunflower Girls State. Cindy Rueb is the alternate.

Essay winner announced at the Cheyenne County Soil Conservation District banquet include Karen Sue Burr, Roger Haack, Kathy Kelley, Patricia Pugh, Jena Miller, Dee Ann Smith and Patty Busse.

Extension Notes

Tips for spring calving success

By Tye Faulkender



It's so far, so good for Kansas's cattlemen heading into the spring calving season. The obvious lack of moisture has everyone wondering what is to come, but for the most part, cows are coming off winter pasture in very good condition. However, Kansas State University veterinarian Larry Hollis knows that the effects of past year's drought are still bound to be felt.

"The lack of anything green to eat last summer left many cattle going into winter either short on or deficient in vitamin A," said Hollis, who specializes in cattle health management for K-State Research and Extension. "If a vitamin A injection was not given at fall preg. check time, many cows will be deficient, especially those from western Kansas."

The shortage of vitamin A in

pregnant cows often results in a condition known as weak calf syndrome, where newborns lack the energy even to nurse. In many cases, the calves around and eventually dies if nothing is done to help them.

Hollis adds that other problems associated with vitamin A deficiency include the calves increased susceptibility to scours, pneumonia, blindness and central nervous system.

As a precaution, winter feedstuffs should be supplemented with vitamin A, he said. "Even if an injection of vitamin A was given at preg. Checking, vitamin A levels may be depleted before grass greens up this spring."

According to Hollis, other management considerations include:

- Test corn and sorghum stalks for high nitrate levels. By this time of year, "cattle probably have consumed most of the fallen grain and many of the leaves, and the stalks may be the only feed available to them," he said. "These stalks contain the highest levels of nitrate in the plant and may be toxic if they become the sole source of feed during periods of snow cover."
- Move cattle to new feeding areas regularly. In short pastures, cattle eat more dirt, increasing their risk of picking up bacterial contaminants from the soil surface. Producers can minimize the risk by changing feeding areas frequently.

Letter to the Editor

(2) I do not know of a time during the past ±70 years when the quality of American politicians has been lower than NOW? Do you??

(3) San Francisco, Calif., - America's modern day

"Sodom and Gomorrah"??

"Gender Degeneracy"??

(4) Bill Cinton, Jesse Jackson, Roy Romer, Ted Kennedy, Newt Gingrich, et al. Paragons of virtue and morality and marital fidelity??

"Insults to intellect"??

(5) Where was the head of George Bush when he appointed an HIV positive to head up the AIDS office?? Was George's head above his shoulders??

Terry Rueb
St. Francis



Reader questions society

To the editor:

Subject: Needle Points

(1) I do not know of a time in American history when the level of "social" and "psycho-sexual" degeneracy has been at a higher level than NOW! Do you??

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GOD SAYS
Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord:
and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
As arrows are in the hand of a mighty
man: so are children of the youth.
Psalm 127:3, 4

Hangin' With Marge

Choices of Food

By Margaret Bucholtz



Everyone knows that when you take a car trip, the woman's job is to bring the snacks. Recently when we went somewhere my choice was a bag of beef jerky.

It seemed like a good choice at the time, but it was at the same time the announcement of the Mad Cow Disease hit the television. As soon as I took my first bite the picture of this poor cow shaking, staggering and falling down crossed my mind.

I know that we have laws, rules and regulations for our meat supply, but it just didn't help the thought process.

It is kind of like eating an egg. Whoever thought of doing that? I can just see two men standing outside watching this chicken lay an egg and one of them saying to the other, "Wow, did you see that, wonder what that would taste like?"

Do you think they had to draw

straws to see who had to take that first bite? I am not saying that beef jerky or eggs are bad as long as you don't think about them. But I really think that the next trip I will grab a bag of chocolates. I have never heard of a coco bean of getting sick and falling down and I know it isn't laid. The only worry about chocolate is which fat cell it is going to fill once I eat it.

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