

Domestic violence worse than a little show of skin

Such a stir one middle-aged woman's breast can cause.

Congress wants an investigation, new laws, stiffer fines for indecency.

Federal Communications Commission chair Michael Powell wants new rules, slaps heavy fines on foul-mouthed radio jocks.

Across the country, people howl and wail.

OK, it was tasteless and tacky. If not for the fact that millions of Americans were watching the pathetic Super Bowl halftime show, not much mention would have been made.

It wasn't, after all, a whole lot more than the family would see on a Sunday trip to the beach.

Nudity has become a staple on cutting-edge television, on cable but also on network drama. Just because NYPD Blue airs later, do you really think the kids aren't watching?

It probably wasn't such a good idea, but a national emergency?

The country has greater problems. Domestic violence, for one.

It was three weeks after the Janet Jackson flap before anyone even mentioned that the song and dance routine she and Justin Timberlake were doing bordered on abuse. He was singing about tearing her clothes off, and no one seemed to mind.

So, is it OK to talk about roughing your woman up, as long as you don't show any skin on television?

Domestic violence is a major problem, though much of society still tends to look the other way. Domestic cases often are not reported publicly and far too often, no charges are filed. There's still a feeling that what people do at home stays there.

Is sex on the air a problem? The feds levied huge fines against a disc jockey who calls himself "Bubba the Love Sponge" last week. We haven't heard his program, but how does it compare to the dozens of people shot and killed by cops, bad guys and good guys during the average television week?

Why is all this violence OK?

Why do video game producers pander to our violent side?

Maybe blood sells even better than sex.

Compare the two, and decide which is more harmful.

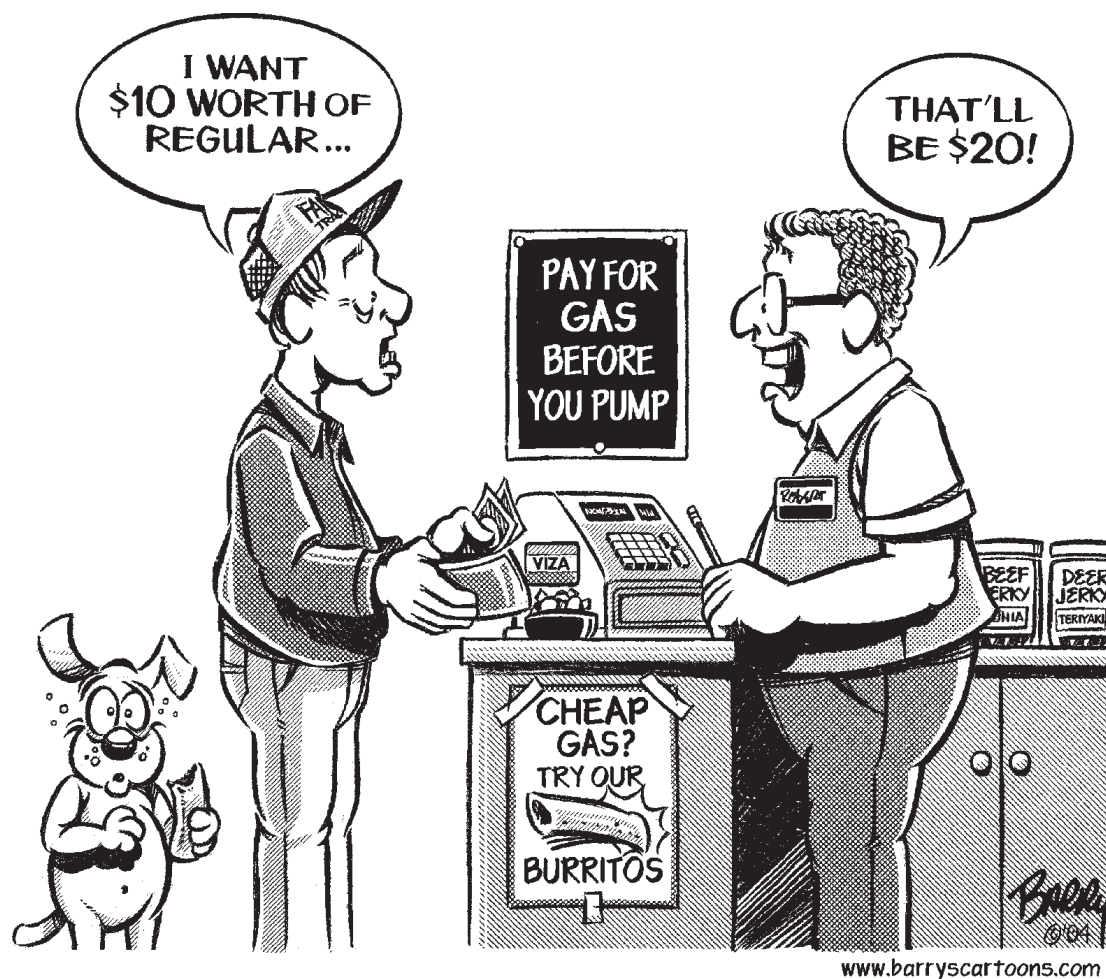
Wife beating, or skin?

Murder as entertainment, or Bubba the Love Sponge?

In a world where children die every day of disease and hunger, where women are abused in country after country, where cheating amounts to business ethics and lying passes for statesmanship, is a little skin the biggest problem we have?

After the outcry this year, a repeat is unlikely at any future Super Bowl halftime.

But is anyone getting worked up about the real problems we face? — *Steve Haynes.*



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News From the Past

5 years ago - 1999

Heather Sowers, St. Francis Community High School senior and 1999 Cheyenne County Junior Miss, traveled to Belleville where she competed in the State Junior Miss contest.

An open house is being held to help Mildred Rogers celebrate her 95th birthday.

Three students from Cheylin High School, Dustin Hubbard, Tishana Busby and Robert Snyder and four students from St. Francis Community High School, Jill Dodd, Amanda Jones, Katie Keller and Jessica Raile, are among the students from 18 Kansas high schools to be honored Thursday by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and the Kansas University Endowment Association for being named Kansas Honor Scholars.

"Looking Fine in '99" will be the theme for the 1999 Cheyenne County Fair.

The Advanced Music and Drama Departments have combined forces for the production of "Grease" Two performances will be held. Debbie Fiala and Colleen Gardner are co-directors.

Scott Schultz was elected mayor of St. Francis at the election held April 6.

15 years ago - 1989

The Cheyenne County branch of the American Association of University Women is planning a special celebration at the senior center to recognize local members. The association began in

Cheyenne County in 1935. Organizing the group were Ruth Benkelman, Josephine Churchill, Beulah Cram, Frances Hancock, Helen Johnson, Lorene Johnson, Pearl Peck, Ruth Postlethwaite, Vivian Sawhill, Anna Steller, Dorothy Stewart and Esther Wilber.

St. Francis had two wrestlers in the top four places at the State Wrestling Tournament. Tony Vandike placed third while Wade Krien took fourth.

Tye Faulkender led the Indian basketball team in scoring in the final two games of the season with 19 and 27 points respectively. The season ended with an 11-9 record.

The Lady Indians placed second at sub-state. Team members included Julie Love, Lisa Raile, Patty Pittman, Angie Zimbelman, Tobi Davis, Shelly Bier, Angie Renk, Amy Shay, Kayla Schultze, Kari Milliken, Susan Bracelin and Jennie Schultze.

20 years ago - 1984

The school board has received over 30 applicants for the position of elementary school principal.

Sainty's Cafe has reopened under the new management of Raymond and Dorine Zimbelman.

25 years ago - 1979

The St. Francis port of entry began weighing trucks last week on a portable scale unit brought back from Topeka by the motor carrier inspectors trained in its use.

New, heavier wire is being run from the power plant to the city water wells and several businesses.

The St. Francis girls basketball team won the Northwest Kansas League championship Tuesday

evening by defeating Colby 47-25. The girls have a 9-2 record with one game remaining and lowered Colby's record to 8-4. Members of the St. Francis team include Jana Leydig, Sheri Northrup, Laura Van Vleet, Jerri Collins, Lisa Kramer, Julie Burnham, Jeri Northrup, Natalie Kramer, Jenni Burnham, Janice Weber, Jo Wickwar and Megan Kinen. Steve Kirkham is the coach.

St. Francis won the state wrestling championship for the second year in a row. Four wrestlers won state title including Daryl Loyd, Troy Krien, Darrel Wiley and Tim Rolyston.

Dan McMullen, St. Francis, is being inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame for a playing and coaching career spanning half a century.

40 years ago - 1964

It has been announced that the State Highway Commission will construct maintenance office and equipment garage in St. Francis. The old building will be converted to two equipment stalls.

The Berean Fundamental Church will be dedicating their new building on March 17. Pastor of the congregation is Dick Matzke.

The Rotary Club presented a pin to each St. Francis Community High School student that received all "A's." Receiving pins were Vadonna Cook, Suzanne Getty, Carla Hendricks, Diane Zimbelman, Phyllis Roelfs, Connie Willt and Jerry Roberson.

Hangin' With Marge

House Keeping Tips from Marge

By Margaret Bucholtz



Keeping your house neat and clean, along with the many other chores a woman has to do, takes some very careful planning.

Being the queen of buying self-help books, I found one that gave me a great tip. Several years ago I bought a book called "I Hate House-keeping" by Peg Bracken. It has been long ago since I read it but I can remember one thing that was in it. But that one thing really hit home with me!

Peg said, "Don't always start in the same room every time you clean. As we all know it doesn't take long and we just get tired, and it is always in that last room you have to clean. If you continue to do this sooner or later you are going to have to saw that room off because

you just can't get through it any more."

I tried her suggestion, but I got so confused and kept wandering back to that bedroom I always started in. I think one might call that being "programmed," but it just didn't work. Now I'm going to share some of my own rules that age has taught me:

1. DON'T clean house when your husband is home! It isn't that he is in the way, anyway not all of the time, but if you do make this mistake he will know just how long it takes to clean. How will you ever convince him again that you sweated, slaved and worked your fingers to a bone, if he really knows how long it might take?

2. If you are a closet stuffer, don't use his closet. You can throw it un-

der the bed, in your own closet, but keep his neat.

3. If one day the house looks pretty good and you want to read a book, play on the computer — whatever your thing is, pull out the vacuum cleaner and put it in the center of the room and spray Pledge around the house just before he gets home.

4. The final rule. Throw some onions in the oven and let them cook, get something out of the freezer that you can warm up, but the smell of the onions will make him think you have been cooking all day.

Do this at your own risk. Really Kurt, it isn't that I have tried any of these things. I am just offering some help if you are ever in a pinch that might work for you.

Writer urges awareness

To the editor:

Sexual Assault and Abuse, the often unreported and "silent" crime, affects every citizen in every community in Kansas. To increase public awareness concerning this issue, Governor Kathleen Sebelius has proclaimed April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month."

Sexual violence has become an issue of epidemic proportions. Statistics from Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault state that one in three females and one in six males will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. They, also, report that in Kansas a sexual assault occurs every 8.5 hours, and at least three-fourths of the assaults were perpetrated by someone the victim knew. During 2003 Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence reports that over 5,000 sexual assault victims were served by Kansas Sexual Assault programs.

The national average reports that

only 15 percent of sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement. In Ellis County for 2003 it was stated that seven sexual assault cases were reported to the Ellis County Attorney's office, while the Kansas Attorney General's office, in their annual crime victims report, stated that 60 sexual assaults had occurred. Ellis County's average for 2003 of 12 percent coincides with the national average.

Please join with Northwest Kansas Family Shelter, Inc. and take a stand against sexual violence in our communities. For more information contact the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter, Inc. at (785) 625-3055 or (800) 794-4624.

Decide to end sexual violence: we can wait no longer!

Sue Merklein
Northwest Kansas Family Shelter, Inc.

GOD SAYS

Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Psalms 119:116

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