

No defense whinning to listen to this week

The area won't have a murder trial this week, so we'll be spared the usual defense whinning that the accused can't get a fair trial because of "prejudicial pre-trial publicity."

If you listen to a defense attorney, any pretrial publicity is prejudicial.

That's especially true if it give the defendant's name, say, or relationship to the deceased — or any obvious facts of the case.

There probably is such a thing as "prejudicial" publicity. In a culture where murder is rare, people take great interest in this ultimate crime. In an region where we count murders by the decade, rather than by the year, a single homicide is a major event.

People want to know about the crime. They'll talk about out, over the paper or at the coffee shop.

And, of course, they'll talk about whether the defendant is guilty. They usually are. Most murders are no mystery.

The defense of the guilty — and occasionally the innocent as well — being what it is, though, lawyers will make whatever motions and whatever arguments serve their cause. The plea of "prejudicial pretrial publicity" and an accompanying motion to move the trial to another part of the state have become a standard part of the defense arsenal.

If a judge feels the motion is valid, he should grant it. Moving the a trial now and then is a small price to pay for a free and open court system. In most cases, a defendant can get an unbiased jury at home, or at worst, in the next county over.

What we cannot afford is to give in to the temptation to close up these cases and keep the details secret.

Some will argue that people don't need to know what happened. In a very narrow sense, that might be true. If their interest is only prurient, they can go buy a cheap detective novel. There is some of that in any murder case.

But in a democracy, it's vital that the public as a whole know how major cases are handled. They need to know if a defendant is being treated fairly by the system. They need to know if the poor are oppressed or the rich treated lightly by the courts.

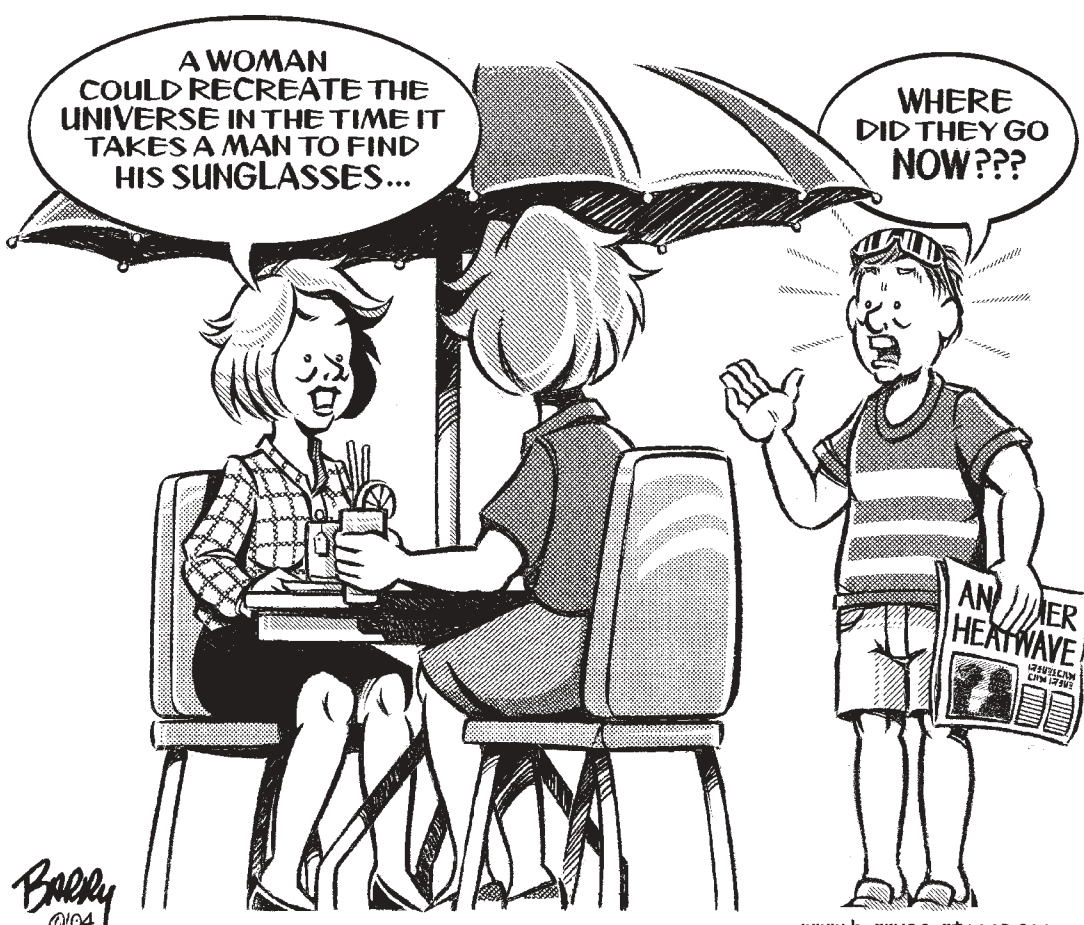
And they won't know if trials are closed or so much of the evidence is kept from them that they cannot form a reasonable opinion. That's why our courts traditionally are open and our courthouse files can be inspected by any citizen. The Founding Fathers had seen the abuse possible when courts did not answer to the people.

Defense attorneys will continue to file motions. That's their job.

Newspapers will continue to report on murder cases and the rest of the court system. That's our job.

Sometimes, a trial must be moved to give a defendant a better shot at an unbiased jury, but that's not often necessary. When it happens, it's part of the price we pay for our freedom, for a system that not only offers rights to the accused, but actually cares about them.

In a closed system, those very rights would not exist. — Steve Haynes.



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News From the Past

75 years ago - 1929

A representative from Skelgas stoves was at Upton Hardware store recently putting on a demonstration with the stove which was installed in that store. The fuel for this stove is shipped in tanks which are supposed to hold enough gas for over 300 hours of fire and heat.

The St. Francis banks this week received samples of the new paper money which will be in general circulation some time in July. The portraits on the various denominations include: Washington, \$1; Jefferson, \$2; Lincoln, \$5; Hamilton, \$10; Jackson, \$20; Grant, \$50; Franklin, \$100; McKinley, \$500; Cleveland, \$1,000; Madison \$5,000 and Chase, \$10,000.

Ninety-two boys and girls of Cheyenne County will receive diplomas showing they have satisfactorily completed the work in the first eight grades of school.

The newly organized Lions Club over at Bird City received their charter at their meeting on Friday.

Sherman Boar, is the new Cheyenne County Farm Bureau Agent. He comes to Cheyenne County from Ness County.

Last Saturday the Equity bought 92 cans of cream and paid in exchange for it almost \$1,100.

A big force of workers have been busy at the light plant getting everything in readiness for installing the big engine, which will supplement the others now in use ad take care of the peak load in any kind of an emergency.

40 years ago - 1964

The comedy team of Lonzo and Oscar, long-time country music favorites, will headline the Grand Ole Opry show that will be the highlight of the Cheyenne County Fair. Another entertainment for the fair will be J.C. Michaels' "Sensations of 1964", an outstanding big grandstand show headlining an array of some of the nation's finest outdoor attractions.

The expansion of the State Highway Department maintenance department shop is one of the many construction projects underway in St. Francis at the present time.

Sue Sherlock and Sue Ella Touslee have enrolled in the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia Summer Music Camp.

Stan Gienger of St. Francis has been awarded a special grant for the study of physics by the National Science Foundation.

Scouts Richard Cram of St. Francis and Steven Fitz and Pat Cress of Bird City will attend the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., July 10 through July 26.

Mr. Harold Bracelin and Mr. Otto Nordhausen have taken over the management of the St. Francis Livestock Sales Co.

A lot of smoke caused mot of the damage at Saintry's Cafe Saturday morning when a grease fire in the kitchen started.

35 years ago - 1969

Several boys from Boy Scout Troop 120 took a trip to the United States Air Force Academy last weekend. Accompanying the boys were scoutmaster John Henry, Bill

Andrist, Jim Frewen, Owen Watkins and Hooky Nipps. Boys making the trip were Chris Andrist, Mike Frewen, Randy Goodale, Mike Grace, Tim Harkins, John Henry, Bruce Jensen, Phillip Jensen, James Lippert, Tim Miller, Charles Nipps, Michael Schlepp, Bradley Smull, Gary Watkins, Robbie Braziel, Mike Richard, Terry Miller, Shawn Alsup and Ron Wilson.

The new owners of the Cheyenne Theatre are Mr. and Mrs. James C. Edmundson. They assumed the ownership June 1 from Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Roshong.

Vickie Jones was installed as Honored Queen of the St. Francis Bethel of Job's Daughters on June 10. Gail Wellman was installed as Senior Princess and JorJean Reynolds as Junior Princess.

10 years ago - 1994

Members of the Cheyenne County Go-Cart Association are preparing the streets round Sawhill Park for go-cart racing Saturday and Sunday.

Christopher Blanchard is the delegate, sponsored by the American Legion Post 137, to attend the 57th session of Boys State.

After 45 years Modern Cleaners, run by Eddie and Florice Lauer, have closed their door. The Lauers have retired and are not making any attempt to sell the business as they feel there is not enough dry cleaning done in St. Francis to make a full-time business.

Hangin' With Marge

My Purse

By Margaret Bucholtz



Mom always said you could tell a lot about a person by the kind of purse she carried. Not so much about the purse itself, but what was in it. She might have been right!

I have a hard time keeping a purse clean and organized. I have tried big ones, little ones and medium ones and nothing makes a difference.

Once we had to go to Denver early on a Saturday morning and pick up one of my sons. Then on Sunday, Kurt's daughter was flying in so we knew we were going to be staying over. At the time I was still working in my beauty shop so I hadn't had time to clean out my purse, in fact I never even thought about it.

Saturday morning we got up early and headed to Stapleton air-

port so we would be sure to be there on time. As I laid my purse up on the track to run through the scanner I still hadn't given what might be in the purse a thought. Of course the alarm went off and they ran it through again and still the buzzer sounded.

A security lady came and got my purse, and me, and took me over to another place to go through it. It was then that I remembered what a mess I had in there.

I had taken the grandkids somewhere earlier and had given them suckers and thrown the wrapper in the purse. Wrapped gum in old wrappers so we wouldn't dirty the car and also I think there were some old baby wipes that I had used to wash their hands with. While she was unzipping it I told

the lady that I was really sorry about what she had to do. She gave me that look like she knew there was going to be a gun in it. It was horrible.

At first the lady started putting her hand in and bringing out one thing at a time. It wasn't long until she was trying hard to not have to touch anything and used a couple of finger to pull out the trash. Finally she got to the bottom and there was all of the loose change that I had thrown in over a long period of time. She gave me back the purse and let me go on in.

That night I cleaned the change out and there was over 18 dollars in quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. I packed them up and put them in my suitcase, cleaned the trash out of the purse and got ready to go back the next morning to pick up the next child.

Sure enough, as soon as I sent my purse down the scanner went off again.

When they called the same lady over I could tell she recognized me. She didn't really say "hello" like she was happy to see me or anything, but it was the way she opened the purse, looked in, and said, "It will be alright, just go on in."

Reading recommended

Letter to the Editor: Not that I think there will be many "takers," so to speak; I do recommend the reading of the following books:

- 1) "The Bible Code" by Michael Drosnin.
- 2) "The Bible Code II Countdown" by Michael Drosnin.
- 3) "The Truth About Tongues,

— Letter to the Editor — and The Charismatic Movement" by Dr. Hugh Pyle.

Terry Rueb St. Francis

P.S. The mathematical aspects of references 1) and 2) can be overlooked. Just digest the conclusions!



GOD SAYS
So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.
John 8:7

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