

## Court OKs the seizure of private property

"The government giveth, and the government taketh away!"

That statement was written by the chief counsel for the American Family Association Center for Law and Policy, a constitutional litigation firm, after the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday, ruled that it was OK for a Connecticut local government to seize private homes to use in the private development of an office complex.

The key word is "private" — "private homes" and "private development." If it were for a highway, it might be different to seize property. But, it is ridiculous for a person to lose his/her home so a private developer can make money by building.

The Supreme Court is using the "takings clause" of the Fifth Amendment so the land can be used for an office complex. Why? The city needs a greater tax revenue. And, does that justify the fact that someone's property will be taken away?

The government should not have the power

to take away personal property and give it to someone else. St. Francis residents could use some additional tax revenue but the thought of having city councilmen or commissioners go in and take someone's land, their house or businesses is scary. Our forefathers crossed the ocean and fought wars so we did not have to live in fear of the government. They wrote the Constitution. And, then, to have something like this happen in the name of economic development is dumping everything they stood for.

What are the chances of something like this happening in our little corner of the world? Probably pretty slim but the people in the city of New London, Conn., probably never dreamed this would happen to them.

When it is time to vote, don't just mark the "yes" box for the judges or legislators. With judges taking more and more power, maybe it is time to study just what these judges stand for, some of the cases they have handled and decisions they have made before making that "mark."

—Karen Krien

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



**By Casey McCormick**  
What makes a "great American?" The *Discovery Channel* asked viewers to contact them as they put together a recent poll. The findings were dramatically aired and hosted by *NBC's* Matt Lauer last Sunday evening.

The top five men listed as the "Greatest Americans" were former president Ronald Reagan, followed by Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., George Washington and Benjamin Franklin.

I think the voters did okay with the top five. They were all individuals that left an indelible mark on our nation. I wonder if in 100 years most Americans will still place Reagan as high or not. If I'm around in 100 years then I'll let you know.

But what disturbed me that evening was some of the other vote-getters on the "Top 100 Greatest American's" list.

Also in the top ten were Elvis Presely, at number eight, followed by the first woman on the list: Oprah Winfrey at nine.

Oprah does give a portion of her wealth to charities, but perhaps Susan B. Anthony, Hellen Keller or Eleanor Roosevelt could be of more interest in a classroom?

Apparently the Americans who voted feel it is more important to be rich and famous, serving themselves rather than their country. Here are some of the others on the list:

Ellen DeGeneres, Hugh Hefner, Johnny Carson, Bill Cosby, Frank Sinatra, Christopher Reeves, Dr. Phil McGraw, Rush Limbaugh and Donald Trump.

Oh, and there were some over paid athletes as well: Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods and Brett Farve are a few.

I will say some are deserving to

be called a "Great American." Jesse Owens showed bravery and gave Adolph Hitler a big, blackeye in the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany. Pat Tillman left professional football to serve his country and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Audie Murphy was a highly decorated veteran before becoming a film actor. And our nation is a much better place because of Jonas Salk, Maya Angelou and Alexander Graham Bell.

These are the people who have given to the "American Dream" and who would probably feel embarrassment to be called "Great Americans." How different they are than the rich and famous that made the list of 100.

Finally, my last two least favorites on the list: Madonna and Michael Jackson. Wow!

## Hangin' With Marge

Snorkeling

By Margaret Bucholtz



I heard a story the other day about some young men from Saintry went to the lake. While they were looking over the spillway, the driver happened to drop his keys over the edge. (Now here is where the details are a little sketchy. Since I wasn't there I can only tell the story like I heard it) There they were stranded several miles away from home so they decided that they would get in the water, dive down to the bottom, and see if they could find the keys.

However the water was quite deep, about 15 feet or so, and they couldn't hold their breath that long. They found a garden hose in the back of the pickup and after a lengthy discussion and lots of planning they thought that one of them could go down in the water and the other one hold the hose up in the air and then they could breathe through the hose and have a little longer time to find the keys.

The first one went down, but he found that the garden hose didn't allow him to get any air. It was nothing like seeing people snorkel on Television.

Time for another discussion — then they went to plan B. One of them would go back down in the water, but this time the one on shore would blow air in the end he was holding. Surely with one blowing and one sucking they could make it.

It didn't work any better than the first plan and in the end they had to catch a ride home and get another set of keys.

Guys take my advice: Finish College, get a good paying job and go snorkeling in the Caribbean's.

## Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: William D. Fuller, St. Francis; Kelli Gartland, Denver, Colo.; Mike Milne, Shawnee; Guy Gholston, Plano, Texas; Diane Roberson, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Velma Kruse, Bird City; Theo Wishon, Haigler, Neb.; Bernita Schield, St. Francis; Valor Riedel, Derby; Clover Workman, Olympia, Wash.; Kenneth Dearthoff, Phoenix, Ariz.; Nikki Rose, Olathe; Ruben Walter, Lakewood, Colo.; Prairie Land Electric, Norton.

### GOD SAYS

**Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

**John 14:1-2**

# The Saint Francis Herald

(USPS 475-960)

A Century of Service to Cheyenne County

P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, Kan. 67756-1050  
Published each Thursday by Haynes Publishing Co., 310 W. Washington, St. Francis, Kan. 67756-1050. Entered as periodicals matter at the post office at St. Francis, Kan. 67756-1050, and at additional offices.

Official newspaper of Cheyenne County. Member of the Kansas Press Association, National Newspaper Association, Colorado Press Association and Inland Press Association.

Subscriptions: One year \$30 (tax included) in Cheyenne and adjacent counties; \$34 (tax included) elsewhere in Kansas; \$37 elsewhere in U.S. Foreign subscriptions, \$25 extra per year (except APO/FPO). POSTMASTER: Send change of address to Bo 1050, St. Francis, Kan. 67756-1050

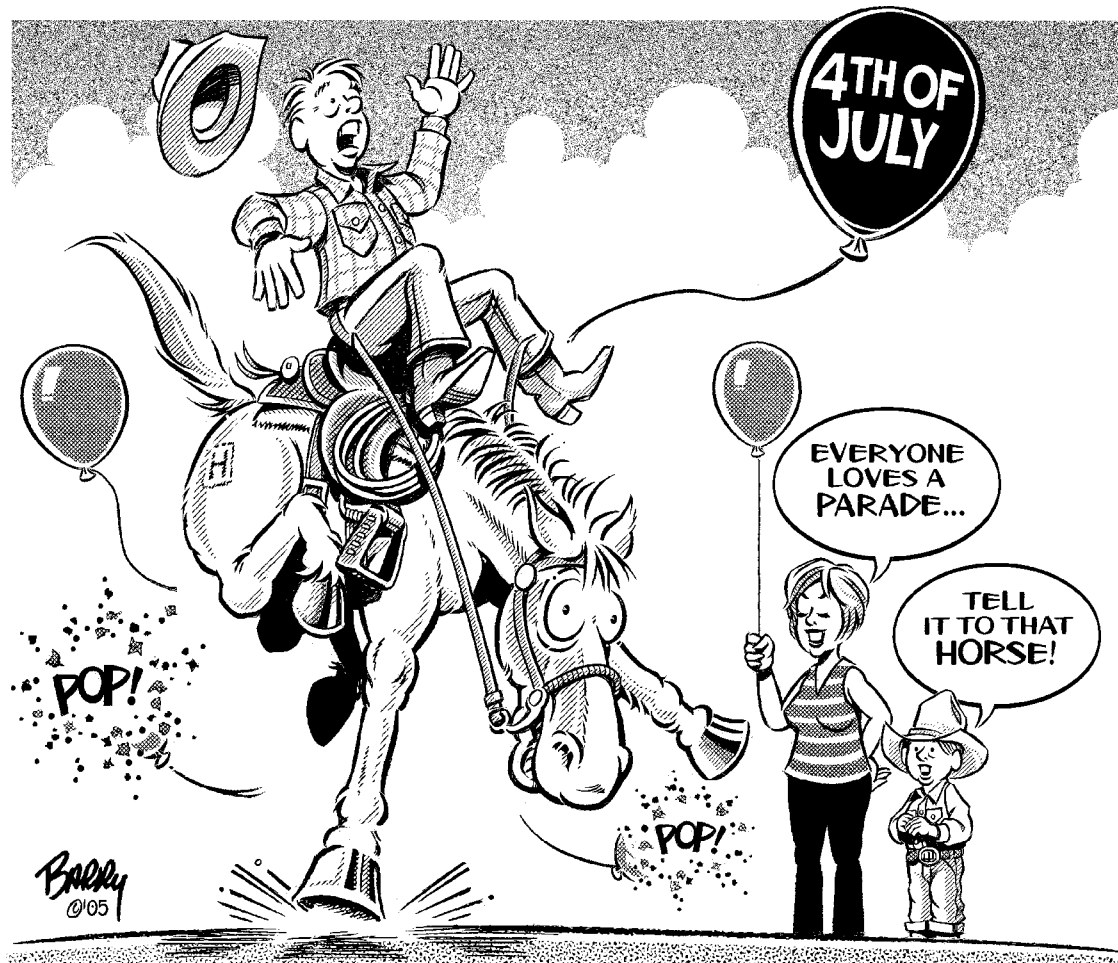


## Nor'West Newspapers

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
(785) 332-3162 Fax - (785) 332-3001  
E-mail - sfherald@nwkans.com

### STAFF

Karen Krien.....Editor/Publisher  
Betty Winston.....Sports Editor  
Casey McCormick.....Advertising Manager  
Sandy Barnhart.....Production  
Lezlie Hilt.....Office Manager  
Margaret Bucholtz.....Office/Production



## News From the Past

**25 years ago - 1980**  
Patrick Owens is the St. Francis delegate to Boys State while Kristi Lamb and Leslie Jones will be attending Girls State.

Jennifer Krien has been reassigned as her request from second grade teacher to the Title I position vacated by Carol Petersen.

Seniors on the high honor roll for the fourth nine weeks include John Bengston, Shari Daniels, Virginia Kellne and Richard Langdon.

Greg Cooper won a saddle as the all-around junior cowboy at

the Little Britches Rodeo held in Goodland.

The theme for the Cheyenne County Fair Parade is "The Way We Were." Paulette Marshall is the parade chairman.

**35 years ago - 1970**

More than 200 youngsters enjoyed "Fun Day" at Riverside on Tuesday. Some of the activities included archery, fishing, canoeing, playing tennis, playing croquet and golfing.

Two St. Francis Boy Scouts will receive scouting's highest honor, Eagle Scout, at a special Court of Honor. The two to be honored are Stanley Burnham and Gary

Watkins.

Dr. T.J. Walz "Appreciation Day" will be observed on June 28, with a reception to be held in the high school cafeteria. A special program will be held at 3 p.m.. This observance has been planned in view of the fact that Dr. Walz announced his retirement from active medical service after a period which began in 1923.

Mrs. Patricia Leibbrandt has resigned as Cheyenne County Home Economist. She began her duties in Cheyenne County in December of 1966.

## Long-time doctor honored

To the editor,

What makes a great small town great are the great people that live there. Such a legend has passed from our town. Dr. E.R. Cram served our community selflessly over many years. With his passing this last week, I think it is fitting to recognize how much he contributed to making his community better.

Dr. Cram provided complete medical care from OB to surgery to internal medicine to orthopedics to pediatrics to ER and trauma. And he did it all with great skill and kindness to the patient. By the time I came to town, I am sure that he had forgotten more medicine than I may ever know. And he provided that care consistently over multiple decades. I am sure there had to be times that he was exhausted beyond

## Letter to the Editor

measure. And there were probably times that his family wished he would be home more. In this day and age where doctors come and go looking for better call coverage, more money, or better golf courses, Dr. Cram came committed to rural family practice and stayed at it for 40 years. Hard to find that kind of doctor anymore....

Besides all the dedication to the medical community, he was equally committed to his community in many other areas. He was civic minded, he was active with legislative issues, and he brought much more to the community than just his medical expertise.

And to not mention Dr. Cram's family commitment would be to overlook one of the most memorable aspects of his legacy. Whoever missed seeing Dr. Cram and his lovely wife Bonnie perform have missed something exceptional. He raised a wonderful family, even though I have no idea how he found the time to do it all.

I got to know Dr. Cram for only a short time, but he was clearly one of the special people who will be remembered for many years to come. Thank you, Dr. Cram, and we will miss you.

Mary Beth Miller,  
St. Francis

## Worship Warms the Heart

<p><b>First Christian Church</b> 332-2956 • 118 E. Webster Pastor Tony Christians Sunday School 9:20 a.m. Church Service 10:30 a.m. Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Seventh-Day Adventist Church</b> 332-2888 • 3rd &amp; Adams Pastor Jim Martin Sabbath School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45</p> <p><b>Wesleyan Church</b> Hwy 36 • 734-2727 Pastor Scott Baker Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b> 332-2380, Pars. 332-3424 502 W. Spencer Norman Morrow - Minister Bible Class 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Grace Assembly of God</b> 332-2925, Pars. 332-2899 208 E. 2nd Rev. Rob Meyer Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Salem Lutheran Church</b> 332-3002 Pastor Chris Farmer No Sunday School Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Peace Lutheran Church</b> 202 N. College 332-2928 Pars. 332-2308 Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship following</p>	<p><b>United Methodist Church</b> Church Office 332-2292, Church 332-2254, 512 S. Scott Pastor Morita Truman Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 2nd &amp; Scott • 332-3921 J.W. Glidewell, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wednesday prayer service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>St. Francis Community Church</b> 332-3150 • 204 N. Quincy Street Pastor: Richard Garcia Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p>
---	--

**St. Francis Equity**

**Knodel Funeral Home**  
202 S. Benton • St. Francis  
785-332-3131

**First National Bank**  
Member FDIC