

Reporter spends jail time for not divulging source

A *New York Times* reporter is spending the month in jail while her son waits for her to get home.

No one knows how long Judith Miller might be in the slammer. It might be until a federal grand jury ends its term in October. By that time, her son will be in school.

Ms. Miller went to jail rather than give federal prosecutors the name of her source in a story about a CIA spy.

It's illegal in this country to divulge the name of a secret agent, and after much to do during President Bush's first term, a special prosecutor was named to find out who spilled the beans.

The name of Valerie Plame, wife of a former U.S. ambassador, was first published by columnist Robert Novak, who strangely enough, has not been called before the grand jury. Ms. Miller herself wrote no stories.

A Time magazine reporter, Matthew Cooper, did an about-face at the jailhouse door, and said he'd testify. He and his employer said their source had authorized them to.

Ms. Miller says she's not willing to break a promise, so she's in jail.

This should not be.

If courts can order a reporter to divulge a confidential source, then important government misconduct will go unreported. Sources won't be willing to talk if they know the reporter might be rolled by a federal judge.

And federal judges, as we see in this case, can be mighty persuasive.

It's not that this case is all that important. It's mostly political; Democrats hope to find a top administration source to crucify over the Plame revelations. Both President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney have been inter-

viewed. Top White House aides, especially strategist Karl Rove, are on the short list of suspects.

Whether the naming is even relevant — or illegal — is in question, since Ms. Plame's role as a CIA operative was widely known in Washington before her name was published. Her husband was out criticizing the administration for supposedly ignoring a report he wrote dismissing the idea that Iraq had tried to buy nuclear material from Africa. She was mired deeply in the political mess.

So, it's quite possible no crime was committed.

Nevertheless, the prosecutor, Patrick Fitzgerald, has pushed ahead to jail the reporters. Judge Thomas Hogan found them in contempt in October, but just this month got around to jailing Ms. Miller.

The whole thing points up the need for a shield law to allow reporters to keep sources confidential. More than two-thirds of the states (Kansas not included) have one. The federal government, which needs more watchdogs than most states, definitely needs one.

Nationally, newspaper and First Amendment groups are renewing the push for a shield law, not because reporters want special privileges, but because the watchdogs need to be able to shield their sources.

We all lose when no one can investigate the government. And *New York Times* reporters may not be the most popular, warm and fuzzy element in our society, but they do serve a noble purpose.

Judy Miller thinks it's worth missing summer with her son. That's quite a commitment.

—Steve Haynes



News From the Past

100 years ago - 1905

The St. Francis train was overtaken at or near Herndon by a terrific hail storm last Friday evening and every window on the north side of the train was broken out. Tony Clark, the engineer, was quite severely cut on his face by the flying fragments of broken glass. We have had no train since.

Owing to the washout on the St. Francis branch of the Burlington Railroad from the Beaver Valley Flood, Philip Miller has ordered his car of farm machinery shipped to Haigler.

Dr. Waterman has announced that he has sold his practice of medicine of Dr. A.J. Lamb and he will be treating only such cases as he is treating at the present time or emergency calls.

The recent showers has kept corn growing in fine shape.

There will be a mass meeting of the patron of school districts number 68, 75 and 10, at the county superintendent's office to consider the advisability of reorganizing said district, that better school privileges may be obtained.

Allen's has string beans, hominy, pumpkin, baked beans, blue berries, strawberries, red cherries at 10 cents per can.

40 years ago - 1965

Construction work on an addition of three classrooms at the St. Francis grade school has begun. The addition is going on the south side of the present grade school building.

Continued progress on the proposed recreation center to be developed west of St. Francis has been made, and the idea is very close to being a reality.

The 1964 Cheyenne County

Fair Parade has been changed from a morning event to Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. Bud Wickwar is chairman of the fair parade and the fair board has appointed Keith Harvey, Pete O'Brien and Hal Harkins as assistants.

The Fair Board has named Thad Douthit, Elton Keller, Ervin Rogers and Rudy Schlep on the Livestock Committee for the fair.

The City Council has purchased a new riding mower, accepting the low bid of St. Francis Home and Auto.

Dick Busby, a St. Francis native, has been named the new Foster Lumber Co. manager for the St. Francis yard replacing Dallas Monteith who has been transferred to Hoxie. Mr. Busby is presently managing a Foster year in Ordway, Colo. Mr. Monteith has been in St. Francis for 12 years.

35 years ago - 1970

Four members of the 50-year class (1920) attended the high school reunion including Johnny Vandike, Jessie Martin, Mae Graham and Harmon Kellum.

Attending their 40-year class reunion (1930) were Maude Mace Hesselius, Lillian Stasser Archer, Eva Kimmel Jones, Gordon Dowling, Viva Halley Peters, Hal Harkins, Velna Halley Follett, Kenneth Holliman and Carol Ramsey Lockard.

Nine members of the 30-year class were in attendance. They include Dennis Daniels, Lucille Miller Price, Elsa Keller Potter, Jessie Youngquist Barrett, Alta Breninger Coffey, Barbara Queen Dorsch, Ada Pugh Connett, John Cook and Robert Keller.

More than 500 persons participated in the Dr. T.J. Walz Appreciation Day activities.

There will be a number new teachers coming to St. Francis in the fall. They are Ward Cassidy, Gloria Cassidy, Bill Bixley, Mary Jo Bixley, Ruth Ann Yeary, Judy Raile, Marsha Squires and Bertha Brooks. There are two vacancies left to be filled.

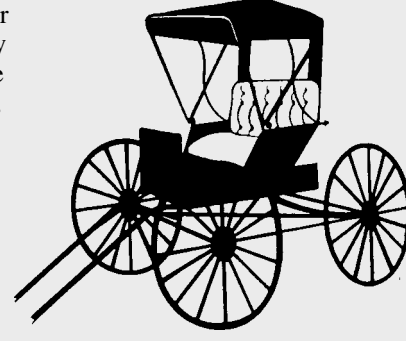
Miss Myra Northrup of St. Francis was honored at being named first runner up to Miss Kansas at Pratt on Saturday night.

15 years ago - 1990

Cheyenne County is now equipped with a new radio system, replacing the old system of 20 years. Bases, 40 to 50 radios, and/or alerting "bleeper" have been installed and distributed. The only thing left to be installed is the low-band base which will be located on the St. Francis water tower.

Only one bid for the old fire house located on River Street was submitted for approval to the St. Francis City Council and it was rejected. A new bid deadline has been approved.

Peggy Pearson purchased the Kut and Kurl beauty salon from Dot Hill and will assume possession on July 1. Her daughter, Lisa, will be on staff.



Hangin' With Marge

Tooth

By Margaret Bucholtz



Last night when one of my grandson's was trying to pull his tooth I told him about what one of my sons had done many years ago.

I was getting the food put on the table when all of a sudden my son sneezed. It wasn't the normal sneeze as this one ended with him in a panic and then it turned to tears. Thinking something horrible had happened to him I

dropped setting the table and hurried to him.

Between the crying I finally found out what was wrong. It seemed as though just before the meal he had pulled one of his teeth. Thinking it would be funny he sat down to the table and proceeded to place the tooth in his nose. Then he was going to wait until I sat down and pull the tooth

out and say "Look what I got out of my nose." However when he was trying to get the tooth to stay in his nose it made him sneeze and he sucked it up his nose.

It took a trip to the hospital, X-rays and it was never found, but it sure was a good lesson, not only to him but all the other kids about not placing things in your nose!

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



Just when I start to think that our young people are beyond hope they do something to redeem themselves.

Summer is the peak season for the movie industry. Whether it is the latest installment of a Star War's episode or a remake of "War of the Worlds," kids line up to catch what's showing.

Last week saw the opening of a new movie, based on a previous film. "Charlie and the Chocolate

Factory" was redone and hyped to the maximum.

Funny thing is the latest Harry Potter book also debuted the same day. And guess what? The book out grossed the movie in revenue. Over seven million copies sold in 24 hours.

Now Harry Potter may not be the most significant reading young people dive into, but at least they are

reading.

Sure I'm biased. It's hard not to be when your degree is in English. But it gives me a boost to know some kids will take the initiative to get a book and read it rather than sit dumbly in front of a motion picture screen.

Good job youngsters!

GOD SAYS

Seek the Lord, and his strength: see his face evermore. Remember his marvelous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.

Psalms 105:4, 5

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