



## Pornography not the best choice for revenue

Of all the dumb ideas. The same people who have been trying to get grand juries to investigate porno shops down along I-70 now want the state to have a 15 or 25 percent tax on pornography.

Excuse us.

Wouldn't the state wind up having a vested interest in pornography, even as it has bought into gambling, liquor and other once-forbidden vices? And once hooked on the revenue, wouldn't the state then have to protect and promote its porn industry to keep the schools open?

Get real.

There have got to be better ways to raise money for the state of Kansas.

Pornography supporting our schools? Wouldn't we have a hard time telling kids not to buy the stuff if it was good enough to pay their teachers?

You have to wonder what kind of world we live in when people come up with that kind of stuff.

We don't have much porn up here, and it's probably just as well. In the cities, and along I-70, though, it's a flourishing trade.

Why porn shops appeal to interstate travelers is a mystery, but the highways in other states are loaded with them. Kansas has but a few. That's enough to offend some people around Abilene, who have been pushing county attorneys to investigate, call a grand

jury or just prosecute the stores.

The Supreme Court has made it pretty difficult to prosecute porno dealers, though, and even grand juries are having a tough time finding any traction.

Discouraged, perhaps, by the legal morass, the anti-porn forces came up with the tax scheme. It's similar to the way the anti-saloon movement gave up and proposed a stiff tax on liquor.

You can't have it both ways, though. You're either against pornography, or you think it's a good revenue source. If the state taxes the stuff, it in effect becomes a partner with the makers.

So Kansas winds up in bed with the porno industry?

That's a funny place for the state to be.

Our suggestion is that the state doesn't need money that badly.

Let the porno shops alone. Keep them out on the freeways and out of towns, away from schools and churches.

If people want to buy that stuff, in a free society, who are we to say no?

But should the state have a vested interest in the porn business?

No.

It's not exactly clean money, is it?

And Kansas has bigger fish to fry.

—Steve Haynes



## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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Al Qaeda may have blown up more than three hotels and murdered innocent civilians in Jordan this time.

Their Jihad, or Holy War, is supposed to be waged against the Crusaders and Jews. But why did they target places that were known gathering spots of Jordanians and fellow Iraqis? Why didn't they go after the American and Israeli embassies?

Could it be that there is nothing "Holy" about their actions? What kind of coward would take his own life, along with as many everyday people who are doing everyday things, with him?

These thugs are the type of people who are nothing new. They are the school-yard bully, inner city gang member or cowardly terrorist who hides and makes sneak attacks. There is nothing noble or honorable

about them. They are not soldiers and they are not fighting a "Holy" war.

Perhaps, now that the people of Jordan and other middle easterners have seen how indiscriminate these cowards are, an end to al Qaeda may come. Could it be that they blew up their mask of a "Holy" war?

## Reader enjoys performance

To the editor:

Recently a Western Plains Art Association performance was held in Saint Francis. It was gratifying to see the theater nearly full and hear the compliments about the nice facility and the good performance by "Queen City Jazz."

There are many underwriter-sponsors in northwest Kansas that bring these outstanding performances to our area. Among those in Saint Francis are: First National Bank, Grace Flying Service, Mrs. E.R. Cram, Frewen Insurance, Mr. and Mrs. John Kite, Krien Pharmacy, James Milliken Chtd, Lee

### Letters to the Editor

Nichols, Shawn Rogers, Ross Manufacturing and Sunshine Travel, Shay Realty, Saint Francis Schools, Saint Francis Federated Music Club, Saint Francis Herald, Joan Wellman, Yost Farm Supply and Ford/Mercury. These sponsors deserve a big thanks. Their sponsorship and the memberships bring these programs to the communities in our area.

Besides the performances, many entertainers provide the program and educational opportunities in our schools when they book an engagement.

There have been six performances so far this season. Although sponsoring memberships with publication in the annual program booklet are no longer available individual/family/student memberships can still be obtained. Ten performances remain and admission to just one of them in the city would more than pay for an annual membership.

Some of the 'biggies' remaining for this year are the Branson, Mo., show, "Red, Hot and Blue White Christmas" in Colby; the Vienna Boys Choir in Colby; the Windwood Productions of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" in Oakley; Donna Tucker and Jazz Quartet in Oberlin; the popular Alfred Packer Memorial String Band in Sharon Springs and several others in Quinter, Goodland and Hoxie.

If you missed a chance to get a

membership in Western Plains Art Association you may still obtain one by calling Althea Lebow, 332-3377, Helene Landenberger, 332-2528, or Lee Nichols, 332-3581.

And, if you have seen any of the recent performances, and enjoyed them let one of the above sponsors know.

Sincerely  
Lee Nichols  
St. Francis

## Support appreciated

Letter to the Editor:

As the fall season is officially over, and the winter season begins, I would like to be sure to tell all the coaches, players, managers, staff, parents and fans "thank you" for all your help. As Alice and I will be calling for the winter season events, always know that everyone of you who took tickets, officiated at both volleyball and football games, fired burgers, took stats and the other numerous things that need to be done to make SFCHS be the school we are, is greatly appreciated. Please continue to come and support the Indians and the programs as you always have. God bless!!

Hoagie Carmichael  
Alice Kinen  
St. Francis

## Rancher disgusted

Dear Americans,

Anyone who raises thistles and doesn't control them should be ineligible for government payments and any other hand-out deal.

Those who raise them should also spend their entire spring cleaning fence rows with a pitchfork. Also bring along some wire and fence posts.

Sincerely  
Tom Hnizdly  
St. Francis

## Honor Roll

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**GOD SAYS**

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be; yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

**Psalms 37: 10, 11**

## News From the Past

**20 years ago - 1985**

Over 70 people, including 15 people representing Cheyenne County, attended the ceremony at the three state corner marker. This marks the spot where Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas meet.

The official Haigler Centennial kickoff will be held on April 30, 1986, according to the Centennial Committee.

Kenny Bracelin and Sam Miller delivered a 24-foot goose-neck trailer full of clothing donated by Cheyenne County citizen to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Batesland, S.D. The clothing will be distributed among three villages in the area.

Thirty ribbons, seven plaques and a National Title were brought home by the St. Francis FFA judging team. Team members are Mike Bandel, Darrel Vandike, Troy Faulkender and T.J. Douthit. Lyn Wiley is the

coach.

The St. Francis Indian Academic Bowl team placed first at the Cheylin Academic Bowl. The team is coached by Steve Jenkins and Jeff Olofson. Troy Gardner is the team captain with other members being Cindy Merklin, Jason Douthit, T.J. Douthit. Leslie O'Brien and Lisa Jolliffe. Bobby Lee is the alternate.

**40 years ago - 1965**

The new athletic field at the Cheyenne County Community High School in St. Francis was formally dedicated last Friday night and has been named Greene Field in honor of Mr. G.E. Greene, who served the St. Francis school system for 27 years before his retirement in 1957.

Alan DeGood of St. Francis won the State 4-H Award in Safety. Safety promotion has been a highlight of the nine years that Alan has been a member of the Cheyenne County Lawn Ridge 4-H Club. He

is 16 years old.

The City Council has voted to go ahead with a proposed new street lighting program for St. Francis which will mainly include a new white way for Washington Ave. There will be 40 new lights, five per block, the length of Washington Ave.

The St. Francis High School Band will present its annual Fall Concert under the direction of Calvin Canniff. The Concert Bank consists of 53 members. The 13 member Stage Band will also present several numbers.

The junior class play, "The Red House Mystery," will be presented Nov. 19. Cash members include Darrell Busby, Peg Fuller, George Bersonnet, Sheryl Burr, Carla Hendricks, Dan Mlinek, Bob Hattan, Vickie Fehrman, Doug Rieb, Sue Sherlock, Ann Keller, Carole Burr, Larry Garrett and Randy Rueb. Gwen Miller is stage manager.

**Worship Warms the Heart**

**United Methodist 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.

**First Baptist Church 2nd & 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.

**St. Francis Community Church 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.

**Clough Valley Church of Hope 12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF**  
Pastor Jason Howard  
332-3152  
Saturdays 8 p.m. CT or 7 p.m. MT

**First Christian Church 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.

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church 332-2888 • 3rd & Adams**  
Pastor Jim Martin  
Sabbath School 9:30  
Morning Worship 10:45

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 625 S. River • 332-2680**  
Fr. Beryl Gibson  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.  
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

**Living Water Fellowship Ministry Pastor Terry & Tiffany Glasco Downtown Bird City 785-734-2363**  
Sunday: Prayer 9:00 a.m.  
Worship & Word 10 a.m.  
Last Sunday evening of Month: Revival Service 7 p.m.

**Church of Christ 332-2380, Pars. 332-3424**  
502 W. Spencer  
Norman Morrow - Minister  
Bible Class 11 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Grace Assembly of God 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.

**Salem Lutheran Church 332-3002**  
Pastor Chris Farmer  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

**Peace Lutheran Church 202 N. College 332-2928 Pars. 332-2308**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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