



Just why are we engaged in a war with Libya

It would be easy just shrug, and ask how much harm another military adventure could do for a nation that often considers itself the world's policeman.

But perhaps we should be asking, just what does the United States hope to gain by interfering in Libya?

To protect innocent lives?

Perhaps, but as soon as we began bombing Colonel Gaddafi's forces, taking the pressure off the rebels, they began to advance on Tripoli. We did nothing to discourage them. So, are we on their side?

Maybe our goal is regime change, to get Mr. Gaddafi out, force him to leave the country.

We say that he needs to go. So do the European nations who back us.

Who would replace him?

We do not seem to be sure, though we're told the CIA has operatives "on the ground" in Libya to keep an eye on things.

Who will rule? Freedom-loving Libyans? The Muslim Brotherhood? Al Qaida?

If the administration knows, they're not saying.

Seems from here that if the U.S. is spending (already, we're told) more than \$1 billion on this little military action, we should know where it's headed. That's small change compared to the national debt, but still a lot of money to most of us.

Should we be changing the government in Libya, even while urging former allies in Egypt, Yemen and other Arab countries to step aside for change?

Because Muammar Muhammad al-Gaddafi is a bad man who kills and tortures his own people? Because his mercenary troops are killing them on the streets?

That kind of thing happens every day in Sudan, Somalia, the Congo, the Ivory Coast. We have not stepped in.

What changed?

Do we have other, less noble goals? The State Department is not liable to admit them if we do.

Do we have a plan for North Africa, for the greater Muslim world, that served the interest of the U.S., of the peoples of the region, of world peace? If so, the administration ought to articulate it.

We cannot fight every fight. We should choose those that are important to us.

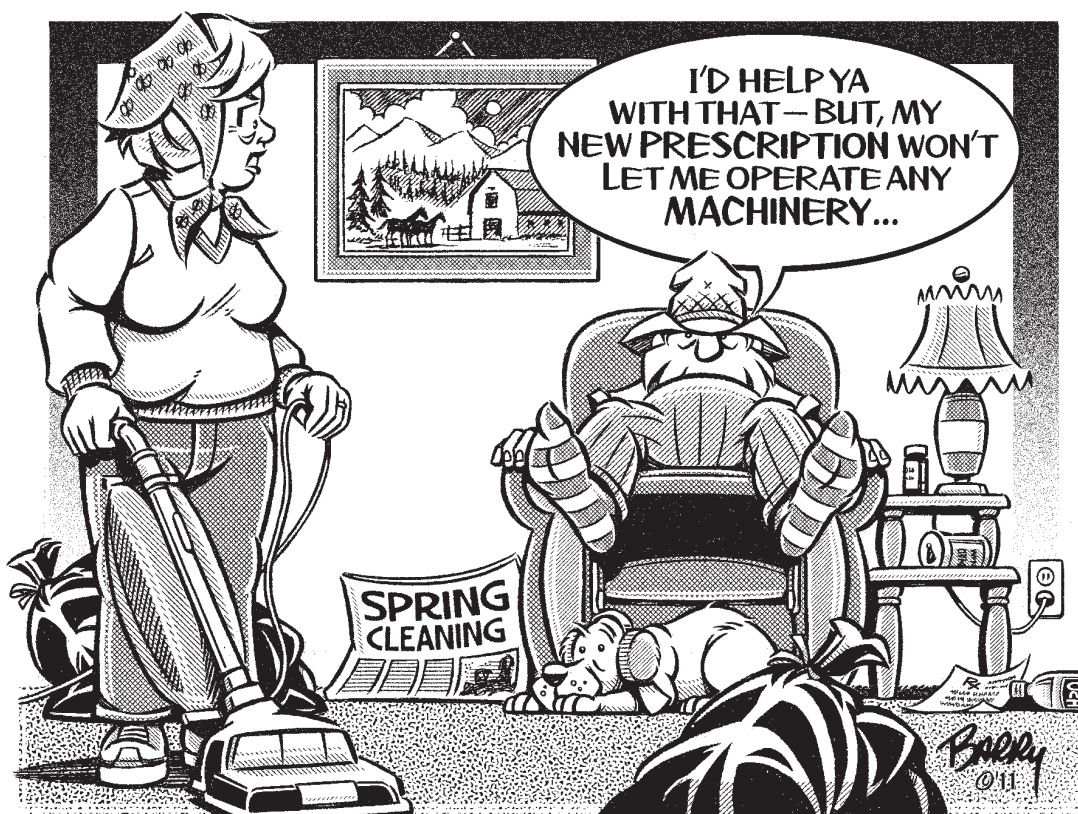
We are embroiled in two wars already. Our forces are stretched thin. The world's navies cannot stop unsophisticated Somalian pirates from seizing international shipping and killing innocent civilians.

American troops are stationed in hundreds of spots around the world already. Must we return to the shores of Tripoli?

We are, supposedly, turning the combat role over to our European friends. We are, supposedly, not going to war in Libya.

If that's the case, fine, but we think the American people still need to hear what our goals and objectives are and have a say in this adventure. So far, they have not.

- Steve Haynes



News From the Past

5 years ago - 2006

Almost 300 outdoor enthusiasts attended the Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet in the American Legion hall in Bird City. Tim Stimbart is the president of the organization. During the evening's activities an award was presented for the Sportman of the Year. This year's award went to Dick Rohweder of St. Francis.

20 years ago - 1991

St. Francis Indian basketball team won two substate games but fell to Victoria in the championship game. This is the first year that a St. Francis boys basketball team has advanced as far as the championship game at substate.

High school and some grade school students have been busy working on artwork at the Cheyenne Theatre.

As of March 1, Randy Weis is the new owner of the Leibbrandt Oil bulk fuel operation. Randy has been running Weis Oil Company on Main Street and will continue to do so. Harold and Lois Leibbrandt sold him the gas storage tanks and land north of St. Francis and one of the trucks

40 years ago 1971

The new Cheyenne County spelling champion for 1971 is Martin Brethower, Bird City, an eighth grader. There were 31 contestants present.

50 years ago 1961

A section of Cheyenne County land sold for an average of \$137 an acre at an auction sale Tuesday. The land is located 7 miles south and 3 miles east of St. Francis. Keith Loyd purchased the east one-half section for \$160 an acre. The west one-half section was purchased by Willard Zwegardt for \$114 an acre.

Sondra Dorsch has recently been selected as the delegate to the 19th annual Sunflower Girls State held at Lawrence June 11 to June 18. Kathleen Haberboch was chosen as her alternate.

One of the biggest house-moving operations ever undertaken in this area took place Tuesday when a house was moved to the Darrell Harkins farm south of St. Francis. The house is a three-story house and the movers estimated that it weighed close to 80 tons. The house was built in 1921 by Ludwig Schlepp and his wife. It was located 10.5 miles

northwest of St. Francis. Thirteen children spent at least part of their growing years in the house.

Two of the four FFA members who represented St. Francis won third place medals in the annual FFA District Speech Contest at Norton. Rudolph Douthit placed third in the freshman division with the topic "Silage in Northwest Kansas," while Robert Doggett placed third with the speech titled, "What Our City Cousins Should Know."

The most dramatic motion picture of recent times, Ben Hur, begins a two-week engagement at the Cheyenne Theater.

90 years ago - 1921

Taylor Motor Company is advertising their Buick Six. The new 1921 models have a number of improvements with regards to the engine.

F.M. Hurlock has been busy this week putting out 40 acres of spring wheat.

Bennett Anderson has a silver dime which was coined in 1840, 81 years ago. It was worn smooth on one side but the date is plainly visible.

Reader concerned about spending

Letter to the Editor:

I am, at the moment, in a state of confusion as to why our local people are going elsewhere to conduct business with other communities as opposed to doing our buying and services here in the St. Francis community. I currently work as a detailer at Yost Ford, where I have

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come to the conclusion that people are not only getting their vehicles detailed somewhere else, but are also buying their vehicles, and other goods and services outside of our great little town. Every dollar that we spend outside of St. Francis

is another dollar that won't benefit our community. Can anybody explain why we choose to spend our much needed dollars down the road instead of here in "Sainty."

Kevin Morgan
St. Francis,

Child abuse prevention awareness

To the Editor:

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Using Five Protective Factors

In each community, strengthening families is imperative to protect children from abuse and neglect. Each family can build upon protective factors that will significantly increase the chances of protecting their children.

Strengthening Families research suggests that parents practice five protective factors to buffer against abuse and neglect happening to

their children:

- Nurturing and attachment: Building a close bond helps parents better understand, respond to, and communicate with their children.

- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development: parents learn what to look for at each age and how to help their children reach their full potential.

- Parental Resilience: Recognizing the signs of stress and enhancing problem solving skills can help parents build their capacity to cope.

- Social connections: Parents with an extensive network of family, friends and neighbors have better support in time of need.

- Concrete Supports for Parents: Caregivers with access to financial, housing, and other concrete resources and services that help them meet their basic needs can

better attend to their role as parents.

April is the time for parents and the community to engage in the five protective factors to keep children safe. The five protective factors can be practiced for a lifetime, and they will be passed down to future generations.

Reach out to people around you and be a role model. Start using the five protective factors with your family and in your community today!

As an outward sign of your support, I urge you to wear a blue ribbon or pinwheel pin- the symbol of child abuse prevention efforts. If you do not have one, you can get one by contacting: Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (PCAN), 140 West 4th, Colby, KS 67701 or call (785) 460-8177.

Paige Campbell
PCAN Program Director

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They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.
Titus 1:16

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Have you caught it yet? No, not the last round of Winter flu but Spring fever!

The sky has changed. Cloud formations have a different look from the last few months. Mornings have a less chilly bite and a cheerfulness abounds with our singing, winged friends greeting each other.

For me there are two things that happen this time of year that get me absolutely giddy with excitement: baseball and mushrooms.

I love it when the "boys of summer" make their season debut. For me there are few things in America that hold such special meaning as baseball. And at this point even Royal's and Cubby fans still hold onto some hope. My mind tries to figure out a way to make a road trip to Coors Field or Kauffman Park for a glimpse of the National Past-time.

As for mushrooms, Lezlie and I know that it is too early for the wild Morels to poke their spongy heads

above ground. But that hasn't kept us from taking a couple of trips into the wooded areas where we have experienced successful hunts in the past. It doesn't matter that our tasty toad stools are still laying hidden, for being outside these days seems to be the only cure for a case of Spring fever.

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502 W. Spencer
Norman Morrow - Minister
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Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

United Methodist
Church Office 332-2292,
Church 332-2254,
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Pastor Morita Truman
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day
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785-890-5718 • 3rd & Adams
Pastor Jerry Nowack
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Morning Worship 10:45

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625 S. River • 332-2680
Fr. Roger Meitl
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Weekday Mass 8:30 a.m.
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

Salem Lutheran Church
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Communion Sunday

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7:30 p.m.

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Church Service 10:15 a.m.

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening
Service 6:30 p.m.,
Wed. AWANA Club,
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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332-3150
204 N. Quincy Street
www.sfccfamily.com
Pastor: David Butler
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Every 2nd Sunday
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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