

Before you swat that fly, think...

Now the president is being called a murderer. Huh?! Yes, President Barack Obama is tagged as a murderer because, live on television, he swatted a fly! While the president was being interviewed, a fly kept circling his head in a disruptive manner, so the president paused, sat motionless until he had him in sight, and just that quick swatted the pest and it fell to the carpet. An organization that views anything that smacks of life — flies included — is outraged at the president's actions. If, in fact, President Obama is guilty of murder, so are you, so am I. I can't begin to count the number of flies I've executed in my 70+ years. It would have to be in the thousands many times over.

I guess I've look at the fly situation through the wrong glasses. I guess it would be appropriate if I expressed my sympathy to the families of the many flies I've ridded the world of because I thought they were nasty and were germ carriers.

Day 64 and my refund is still sitting in Topeka. Perhaps they are holding mine and a few others back as breeders hoping they produce enough \$\$s to enhance the state coffers. Or something like that.

The next big thing on our agenda is the wheat harvest. It won't be long now. The elevators are gearing up for the loads and loads of wheat to be deposited. Could be a good crop again, that is, if the price is right! When you talk about gambling, you need to include our farmers because that's just part of their life. That healthy looking wheat is big in their budgeting, and weather conditions have to be just right for it all to come out in their favor. One big storm could wipe it all out.

Let's hope that's not the case this harvest season. Prayers and luck to all of you!

Well, I guess Conan O'Brien will do just fine as host of The Tonight Show. His wit and humor is a lot different from what Jay Leno dished out for the past 17 years. His staff has come up with some witty things and each night you wonder what will be served up. He's much like the weather - unpredictable. I was one of those questionable characters when his name surfaced as Leno's replacement. But the choice, so far, is proving to be the right one.

David Letterman and his sideswipes at Gov. Sarah Palin weren't funny. In fact David Letterman isn't funny. He's taken his show so far to the left that if he doesn't watch his step he'll fall into Nancy Pelosi's lap.

In court, the trucking company's lawyer was questioning Farmer Tom. "Didn't you say, sir, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine,'" asked the lawyer." Farmer Tom said, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite mule, Bessie, into the..."

"I didn't ask for any details," the lawyer interrupted. "Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?"

Farmer Tom said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road..."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now several weeks after the accident he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

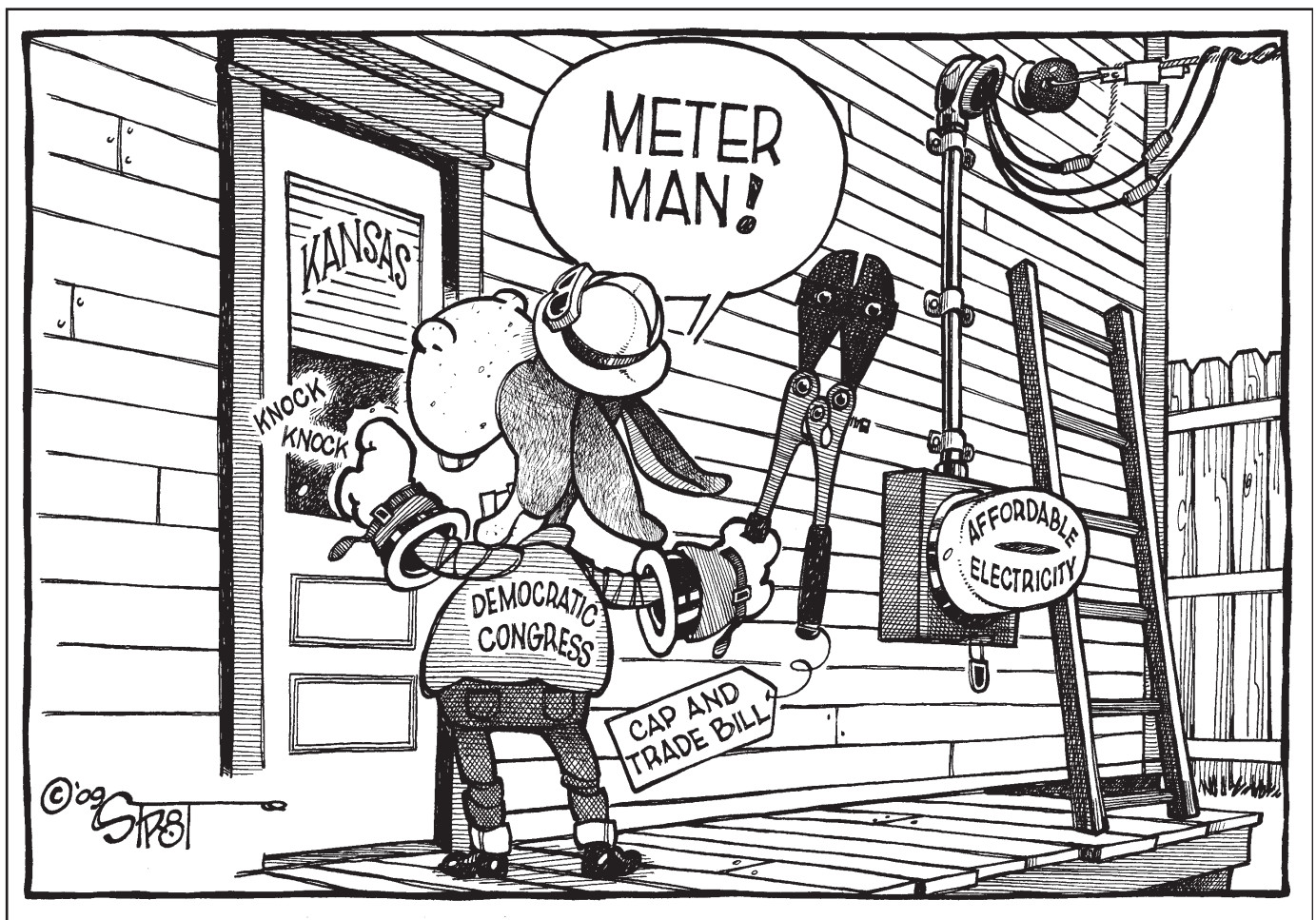
By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Farmer Tom's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite mule, Bessie."

Farmer Tom thanked the Judge and proceeded. "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite mule, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran a stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. Shortly after the accident the Highway Patrolman came to the scene.. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her right between the eyes. Then the Highway Patrolman came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me and said, 'How are you feeling?' Now just what would YOU say?"

Farmer Tom just smiled and winked when the judge said. "Case dismissed!"

Have a good evening! And while attending the church of your choice this weekend, pay close attention to the words being spoken. Maybe you, too, will come away with a smile and a wink, like Farmer Tom.

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Class 1A post season competition changing

In accordance with the memo and ballot mailed May 1, 2009, the voting on Class 1A post season competition in two separate enrollment divisions has now been completed.

Fifty-seven (57) schools voted in favor of two divisions, twenty-one (21) schools voted in opposition. Twenty-three (23) schools did not submit ballots.

Based on one-hundred one (101) Class 1A member schools, the proposal needed 51 votes to pass. That requirement has been met and the proposal has been adopted.

Accordingly, the change to Classification of Senior High Schools Rule 5, Section 2, Article 1, approved by the Board of Directors last April by a vote of 58 - 4, will become effective in the 2010-11 school year.

KSHSAA Handbook Rule 5, Section 2, Article 1 will be modified by adding the following exception:



If Class 1A has an odd number of schools, Division I will be assigned one more school than Division II.

As we have discussed since the origin of this proposal, KSHSAA staff has been working to identify the host sites necessary to facilitate this new Class 1A format. That process is ongoing.

The KSHSAA is committed to continuing the long standing relationship with Fort Hays State University as a Class 1A tournament host in both volleyball and basketball. Given the new format, it now becomes necessary to secure a second Class 1A basketball site, and a site for 2A volleyball since the two 1A volleyball tournaments will be played at the same site.

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Building not worth saving

When did Common Sense die?

The Moffet Station was never an attractive building. The hired structural engineer has declared the building to be structural unsound! The Economic Development Committee is planning on pouring grant money and donations into this building. You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. No amount of money will make this an attractive addition to our town.

What part of "NO" does the Economic Development Committee not understand? The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce has stated from the very first they do not want to move. What could be more plain than that?! Grant money is not free money and should always be used for some worthwhile project. The Moffet Building is not a worthwhile project.

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Our solution is in REAL changes

There is a question being asked a lot nowadays: Are you afraid of Obama? Well, no. He is only the visible head of the festering mess our government has become over the last 50 or so years.

Everyone seems to be pointing the finger of blame at some individual or group that they feel is at fault. I think most people are familiar with the illustration of when you point a finger, there are three pointing right back at the source of the problem.

We Americans are paying for every time we didn't take the time to go vote. We are paying for every time we didn't take the slight effort of writing a letter or making a phone call to our representatives to let them know how to vote on legislation. We are paying for every time we didn't attend meetings that our legislators held when they came back to their districts to talk with us. We are seeing what happens when we don't use the many ways open to us to speak out.

No, I don't fear Obama. I fear what Americans have become, and wonder if they have what it takes to make some real changes.

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Church has no reason to gripe

During the last 40 years, the Immanuel Lutheran Church has not paid one cent in property tax. But they received police and fire services, plus city utilities. Who owes whom a favor?

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To... the American Legion, for your flag burning ceremony. (called in)

To... Nancy Hagman, for your tribute to Bert Baker. (called in)

To... Amber, Sara and Arron, for all your patience and kindness at the fetch n' fitness. (called in)

To... everyone, who chipped in to help financially with the Honor Flights at the two fund raising locations in town Wednesday. (email)

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