

Former Secretary of the State starts big uproar

Since former Secretary of State Colin Powell started an uproar by claiming that the Republican party needs to move away from Rush Limbaugh and, apparently, closer to Barack Obama, whom Powell supported over Sen. John McCain last fall.

Say what? That's an argument that comes up every time the GOP loses an election. The way to beat the Democrats is to become more like them. But is that what either the party or the nation needs, now or next year?

Hardly. Powell has established himself as the spokesman for the so-called moderate wing of the party. In national politics, as in Kansas, that means the liberal Republicans. While they're seldom dominant, there are a few of them — and more in a state like Kansas, where Democrats hardly ever win.

The idea of making the party of Lincoln and Reagan more like the party of FDR and JFK belies the fact that the parties are as alike as they are different. In most elections in the last 60 to 70 years, the nation has been more or less evenly divided. It's easy to forget that George W. Bush, while elected by razor-thin margins and court orders, had a big Republican majority in Congress when he came into office. Or that the Electoral College produces majorities out of near ties.

Today, the Democrats have an even bigger margin of power, but in politics, as with the economy, things change quickly. Today's majority is tomorrow's minority; the shift of a bloc of voters here and a line there can bring on regime change.

For all the talk of difference, the county is most evenly divided. Voters swing to one party one year, the other the next. The difference is just a few percentage points. The goal of a party establishing dominance for decades is elusive, maybe impossible.

This is not bad. It's one of the things that makes democracy work, here and elsewhere.

That said, is it a bad idea for the parties to stand

for something? To offer a clear choice in a confusing political world.

Sure. Why not? Democrats, if they stand for anything, stand for bigger government and more state solutions, more regulation. Republicans do themselves proudest when they stand for less government and more freedom. For both parties, though, the difference is far from clear.

Republicans like our Rep. Jerry Moran, who voted against No Child Left Behind and other budget-busters, represent these ideals a lot better than Colin Powell.

Neither party stands still. The Democrats were for a balanced budget when it suited them, and the money was rolling in. Republicans claim they want to balance the budget, but some Republican presidents, including George W. Bush, adapted easily to big spending, big government ideas.

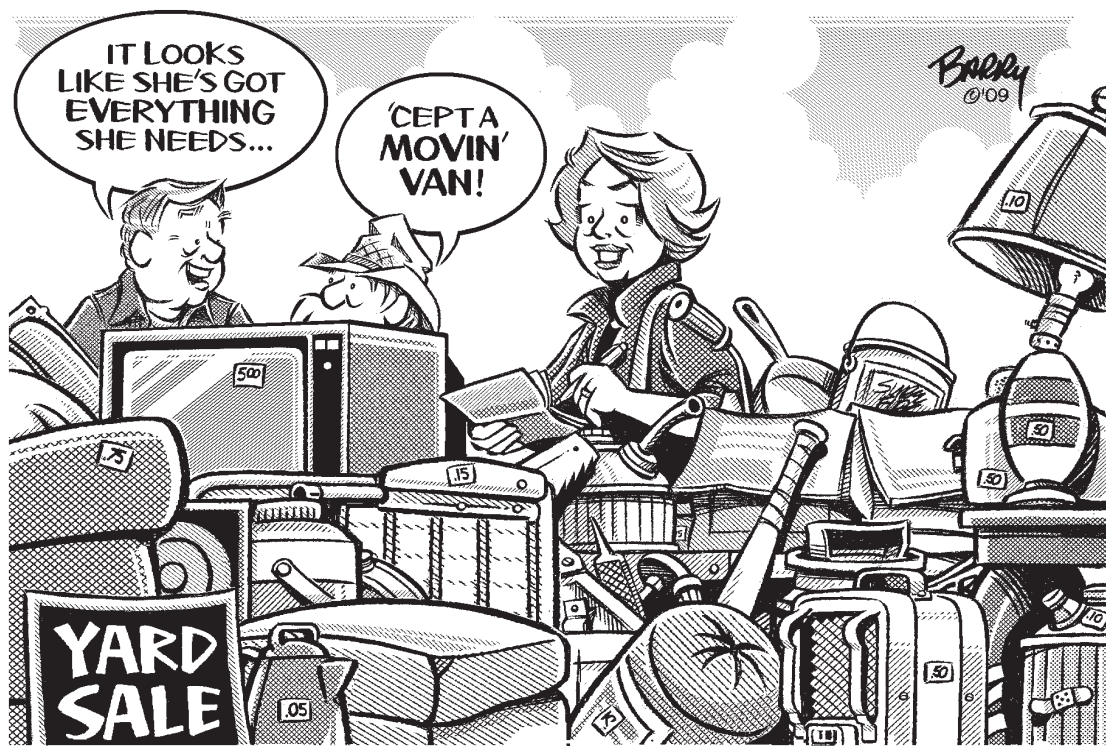
You could argue that the much-reviled Bush strategist Karl Rove had the party positioned to dominate for a generation after the first Bush II victory. His vision joined traditional conservative blocs with Hispanics and black Republicans to form an enduring majority.

The party largely squandered the Bush-Rove Hispanic initiative by sucking up to jingoistic anti-immigration groups, just as it squandered its once-strong relationship with black Americans to court the Southern vote.

War and terrorism undid the rest of what Rove accomplished. That left the party sitting on a narrow base of social conservatives, anti-immigration hysterics and other fear mongers. That's no way to build a majority.

But neither is imitating the other side. Bottom line, the Republicans will be better served by principles than pandering. Thanks, Colin, but no thanks.

— Steve Haynes



Reader surprised at graduation

— Letters to the Editor —

To the editor:

The teachers in the St. Francis Schools work very hard, as do all the faculty there, to put out so many smart students. They are to be highly praised for all their hard work and efforts. We were there for the high school graduation recently and were all pleasantly surprised at the many scholarships every one of the graduates received to help them tremendously when going on to college.

We hadn't heard of Pete Henry, so we were amazed at the special efforts the faculty took to get and then give each graduate several.

We were impressed about the wonderful article written and printed in the *Herald* about the life of Pete Henry and so much was given to all the graduates from him.

It didn't say anything, if he ever had a wife or a family. Nevertheless the article was written very well and was very interesting in the *Herald*. What a great job! And a very good idea!

Are scholarships given while people are still living or only once they are gone?

I have been wondering about this so please print something on that, about how it's done. I once again can't express this enough, the wonderful work you all do there for a very good school system by all the instructors, kindergarden through 12th grade. You do it very proudly!! The band that played did an excellent job! The band sounded wonderful.

Sincerely
Alice (Walz) Coffin
Parker, Colo.

Scholarships given in hard times

To the editor:

As I read all the many names of graduates in just Cheyenne County and surrounding counties who received many scholarships, it makes me proud that in smaller towns and communities that students have a

chance to receive many various scholarships to help in the expense of getting a degree.

When you read the struggles the scholarship givers went through, it is great they wanted others to succeed as well.

There are many advantages in living in smaller areas.

People are more prone to help one another out in both good times and more difficult times.

Ruth Anne Yonkey
St. Francis

Serving the Lord Fervent in Spirit not Sloth Full in Business

The cross is a symbol of man's vertical approach to God; with his horizontal dealings with people. Whatever, rituals, rites, ceremonies, praying, praise, exhortations, validity, are reflected in how "U" treat others.

Work

Those who worship God regularly commit less crime than those who don't. That crime merits denying the free exercise of religion? What crime deserves a penalty preventing the right to work? Jailing does both. Suspending the right to assemble and earn a living. But if any provide not for his own, specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Tim 5:8)

Jails were never Biblical punishment. Next to the death penalty, they should be a last resort.

Pre-trial jailing is a violation of the premise, "innocent till proven guilty." Jailing the nonviolent will often do more harm to society than the actions of the accused. Depriving them of lost earnings and stressing their business and personal affairs is an excessive fine, cruel and unusual punishment to them. And taxpayers are forced to pay for their keep.

"Let him that stole, steal no more, but rather let him labour working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Eph 4:28).

Frank Sowers
Benkelman, Neb.

P.S. The loss of freedom of worship and to work, by jailing is a torture more grievous than death.

Hangin' With Marge

Bad luck strikes again

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This is still the same day of my bad luck week. With two fingers hurting on my left hand I decided to go to the shop and talk to Kurt while he was fixing the lawnmower.

He was putting it back together and I noticed he had one of those power ratchets that you use when you put nuts on the bolts. I mentioned that I didn't even know he had one of those little tools but it sure worked nice. I watched for a little while and then I decided to go to the house.

He said, "Margaret, could you stay a little longer as I could use some help."

Happy to help him fix the mower that I had broken, I said I would help. He was lying under the mower on his back and told me to use the power ratchet and he would hold the bolt from the underneath and I would screw the nut on. It really worried me as I was thinking I might mess up and get his finger caught, but he assured me that wouldn't happen.

I had gotten three of them tighten and it was kind of fun so I was getting relaxed running the tool. On the fourth one, I was just doing what I always did when all of a sudden the nut was tight and it grabbed. As it did, it caught my finger, which was

holding the lever down and jammed it against the side on the brace. I couldn't get my finger out and I didn't have enough space to turn loose of the lever.

Kurt said, "Margaret that is tight enough!" I just sat there unable to speak and in pain. Finally he raised his head and saw what was happening just as I got my hand out.

Now I had a bruised finger on my right hand. The thought about how fun it is to garden was leaving my mind.

Casey's Comments

By
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Last week I was asked to speak at the Saint Francis Cemetery on Memorial Day. This was by request of the local veteran's group. It was the second time I have been given the honor.

For my column this week I'm going to cheat a little, rather than coming up with something original, by putting some of my speech in this space.

There are three things that I feel passionate about and that go together: America, service personnel and baseball. The best way to see this is during the period that followed the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The commissioner of baseball, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, and the owners weren't sure if the games should be stopped all together. But President Roosevelt sent a letter to Landis stating, "I

honestly feel that it would be best for the country to keep baseball going."

He knew the people working at home on the war effort would need a break, which baseball would provide. But he also knew most of the able-bodied ballplayers would need to go to war.

And that they did. Many of us know of the big names who fought valiantly. Ted Williams, Yogi Berra, Warren Spahn and Bob Feller are just a few. These men returned to still have successful careers in their sport.

But some other players weren't so lucky. Cecil Travis, a star shortstop, had his feet frozen during the siege of Bastogne and never played again.

Elmer Gedeon was killed in France in 1944. Harry O'Neil died on Iwo Jima in March, 1945.

Also lost there was an outstanding pitching prospect named Jimmy Trimble.

Talking to veterans of this era there is one common theme: "We had a job to do ... and we did it."

Baseball was a game, but fighting Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany was a job.

So, today, we can remember the brave souls of all wars who allow us to love America. And baseball if you like.

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