



Governor wants drivers tax to repair old buildings

What was she thinking about? Gov. Kathleen Sebelius proposes taxing drivers on the Kansas Turnpike to pay for fixing up old buildings at the state's colleges and universities.

The governor suggests raising tolls every two years to bring in \$575 million. The money would be used to pay for repairs at state universities. Up to \$300 million in bonds would speed the remodeling projects, and those would have to be paid out of the tolls — with interest.

The plan met a cool reception in the Republican-controlled Legislature. Everyone except college presidents — from the Turnpike Authority to the truckers — thought it was a bad plan.

Reggie Robinson, chief executive officer for the state Board of Regents, called the plan "serious, creative and comprehensive." OK, he would.

The state has to do something to fix up its colleges, but the governor's plan — though it is creative — just doesn't make sense.

Why tax truckers and other drivers to fix up classrooms?

Why not telephone users or electric "rate payers?" Makes just as much sense.

If the Kansas Turnpike has that much excess toll-generating capacity, maybe the authority could use the money to add lanes on the crowded

section between Kansas City and Topeka — or even build a whole new road from the Kansas City airport to Manhattan on the north side of the Kaw River.

But using tolls to finance colleges? It's just a disguised tax increase, and not a very appealing one at that.

Doing something about the nearly \$727 million in building repairs supposedly needed at state colleges is one of the top issues facing the Legislature this year. Kansas should do something, but a tax increase is out of the question.

This is one of the problems created by the state's fixation on public schools over the last 10 years. Colleges and universities have been left to fend for themselves. They've hiked tuition, but have raised nothing for building repairs and renovation.

The Legislature needs to come up with a plan. This isn't it.

They should pare the list to essential projects and find a way to pay for those.

If you want to tax people fairly, usually you apply a tax to those who benefit from the spending, or to the state at large. Taxing drivers to pay for colleges just makes no sense at all.

Creative, yes. Realistic, no.

But it is that time of the year in Topeka. We can and must do better. — *Steve Haynes*



Hangin' With Marge

Opposites do attract

By Margaret Bucholtz



Many times in life we find out that we have married someone completely opposite to the kind of person we are. While this leads to some confusion it also can be a good thing.

Kurt and I are pretty opposite in some things and this took me a while to get used to. Such as I am a morning person and he is a night person.

When we first got married, I couldn't understand why every morning I would wake up with a "good morning honey, did you sleep well?" While he laid there looking at me like a penny waiting on change.

Finally one day he asked me why, as soon as my eyes opened, my mouth just started in running. It kind of hurt my feelings but after 20-plus years, I realized that we are just two different people.

For the first four or five years of my married life with him, I would wait until he left home just to see if there was something my mother had not told me about socks. I would watch him slowly get one foot up and get a sock and then start to put it on that foot. Soon he would have that foot on the floor and pick up the other one, look at it, and then put his sock on. I just knew that there must be a right and left sock. My mom

hadn't ever told me so I would check out my socks and I just couldn't see a difference. Finally I got it — in his sleepy state he just couldn't decide which foot to dress first.

Now in Kurt's defense, you should know that after four in the afternoon I no longer want to talk, look or listen because I am just too tired.

No wonder neither of us can remember what the other one said. I think this might be one of the reasons we get along. He gets to be the boss at night and I get to in the mornings.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



This week's paper contains one of the most important sections that we produce each year — Working Women.

It is special because it salutes ladies who enjoy carriers along with their home lives.

When I was growing up, life was different. My mother had a full-time job, it was called being

a "housewife." Dad ran his furniture company and Mom shuttled kids to school and after-school stuff. She cooked, cleaned, doctored, refereed, fixed, planted, harvested, disciplined and nurtured. Believe me, she put in a lot of overtime.

One could debate how society has changed, with both parents having to work to handle the higher cost of living. Is it better or worse? I'm not going to say, but times have changed and that is that!

Back to our Working Women section. We worked very hard to make it the best it could be. But it is incomplete.

To the housewives, farm wives, single mothers and any woman

who is struggling to make ends meet, you are making a difference as well.

And to the working men, I know we're out there, maybe we could do a special section for us guys. Let me know what your thoughts are.



Honor Roll

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GOD SAYS

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14

News From the Past

90 years ago - 1917

E.L. Boardman, the popular manager of the Toggery, is back at his business following a 10-day vacation.

Vacation is over. Manette Harrison returned to her college work at Salina Tuesday and Floyd Deal went back to Omaha Medical College.

With a party of friends the Herald editor was shown through the magnificent new M.E. Church. The basement is already complete and will be used for services beginning Sunday, Jan. 21. The main floor is fast assuming a beautiful finish.

George Indorf and Henry Greisler were re-elected to their positions as county commissioners from their districts. Mr. Greisler is the new chairman.

After four terms of faithful and efficient service as county attorney, E.E. Kite retired and J.L.

Finley takes up the duties of that office.

J.E. Uplinger purchased the building which was used for the post office from G.A. Benkelman and will lease it to the government for as long as they want it so people can get their mail at the same old stand.

The second shipment of Ford cars arrived on this morning's freight and now Smull Brothers have 26 cars on hand. All but six or seven of them are already spoken for.

60 years ago - 1947

A transaction was completed which made Kenneth Nighswonger owner of the Roach Sand and Gravel Company. Mr. Roach was forced to abandon the business due to ill health.

A public auction sale of the late George Schneider's shop tools and parts shop and equipment will be held on Jan. 23.

E.E. Kite has retired to private life

after serving the 17th Judicial District of Kansas as judge for the past 18 years.

40 years ago - 1967

There is a new coin operated stamp vending machine in the lobby of the post office.

The boys seventh grade basketball team compiled one of the best records ever for a St. Francis team. They finished the season 9-1. Players include Bobby Harkins, Steve Schultz, Johnny Hankins, Stanley Burnham, Ricky Wolfe, Ned Shaver, Ricky Touslee, Ronnie Schlittenhardt, Peter Sherlock, Ed Kite, Steve Hale, Kent Trembly, Danny Henderson, Gary Morris and Darrel Zwegardt. Robert Brown is the coach.

The St. Francis Cub Scouts held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet early in February. John Grace is the Cubmaster.

Lines From the Library

By Pat Leibbrandt

The library has the following new books: *Web of Evil* by J.A. Jance; *On Tall Pine Lake* by Dorothy Garlock; *Plum Lovin'* by Janet Evanovich; *The Ravenscar Dynasty* by Barbara Taylor Bradford; *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury; *The Cat Who Had 60 Whiskers* by Lilian Jackson Braun; *Shadow Dance* by Julie Garwood; *Stalemate* by Iris Johansen; *The Soldier Lady* by Michael Phillips; *Fire Sale* by Sara Paretsky; *The American Cowboy* by Will James; *The Dark Horse* by Will James; *Cowboy In The Making* by Will James; *Flint Spears* by Will James; *Horses I've Known* by Will James; *The Drifting Cowboy* by

Will James; *Home Ranch* by Will James; *Lone Cowboy* by Will James; *Sand* by Will James; *Sun Up, Tales Of The Cow Camps* by Will James; *The Three Mustangers* by Will James; *Will James' Book Of Cowboy Stories* by Will James; *Young Cowboy* by Will James; *All In The Day's Riding* by Will James; *Big-Enough* by Will James; *Cow Country* by Will James; *Cowboys North And South* by Will James; *Uncle Bill* by Will James; *Unlimited Access* by Gary Aldrich; *Living In Love* by Alexandra Stoddard; *Creating A Beautiful Home* by Alexandra Stoddard; *Mothers, A Celebration* by Alexandra Stoddard; *Open Your Eyes* by Alexandra Stoddard; *Mayflower, A*

Story Of Courage by Nathaniel Philbrick; *Death Dance* by Linda Fairstein; *Crime Beat* by Michael Connelly; *Echo Park* by Michael Connelly.

The following new books are in the children's section: *In The Saddle With Uncle Bill* by Will James; *Look, See With Uncle Bill* by Will James; *My First Horse* by Will James; *Scorpion, A Good Bad Horse* by Will James; *Smoky, The Cowhorse* by Will James; *The Will James Cowboy Horse* by Will James; *Class Confusion* by Sarah Willson; *Arthur And The Dog Show* by Marc Brown; *Arthur To The Rescue* by Marc Brown; *One For Me, One For You* by Sarah Albee.

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