



Road to White House stops in Pennsylvania

Well, the road to the White House stops today in the state of Pennsylvania. Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have had their say — negative as it was — and now the voters of that grand place are making their decision.

Polls had Clinton far ahead a month and a half ago, and as the march to the polls got underway this morning, polls show that Obama closed the gap and it's anyone's race to win.

Can you believe some people are pointing to Obama's disaster at the bowling alley as a reason not to mark his name in the booth, while others are faulting Clinton for her boozing at a Pennsylvania bar? Still others say they will take note of what pin Obama has on his lapel as to whether or not he gets their vote.

Something is missing in this mix. Something like real bread and butter issues, the likes of which have taken a back seat to nothing more than nit-picking.

On a personal note, gas at the pump is an issue. How are the two Democratic presidential candidates handling that issue? I (the publisher of this newspaper) want to know in no uncertain terms. When I filled up my vehicle in Norton to go to Denver on Friday to visit my kids and grandkids, it cost me \$45.59 cents (I did have some gas in the tank). When I departed Denver on Sunday and filled up my vehicle, it cost me \$49.00 (I did have some gas in the tank). The total gas bill to run out to Denver and back was \$94.59. I paid

\$3.45 here and \$3.69 out there.

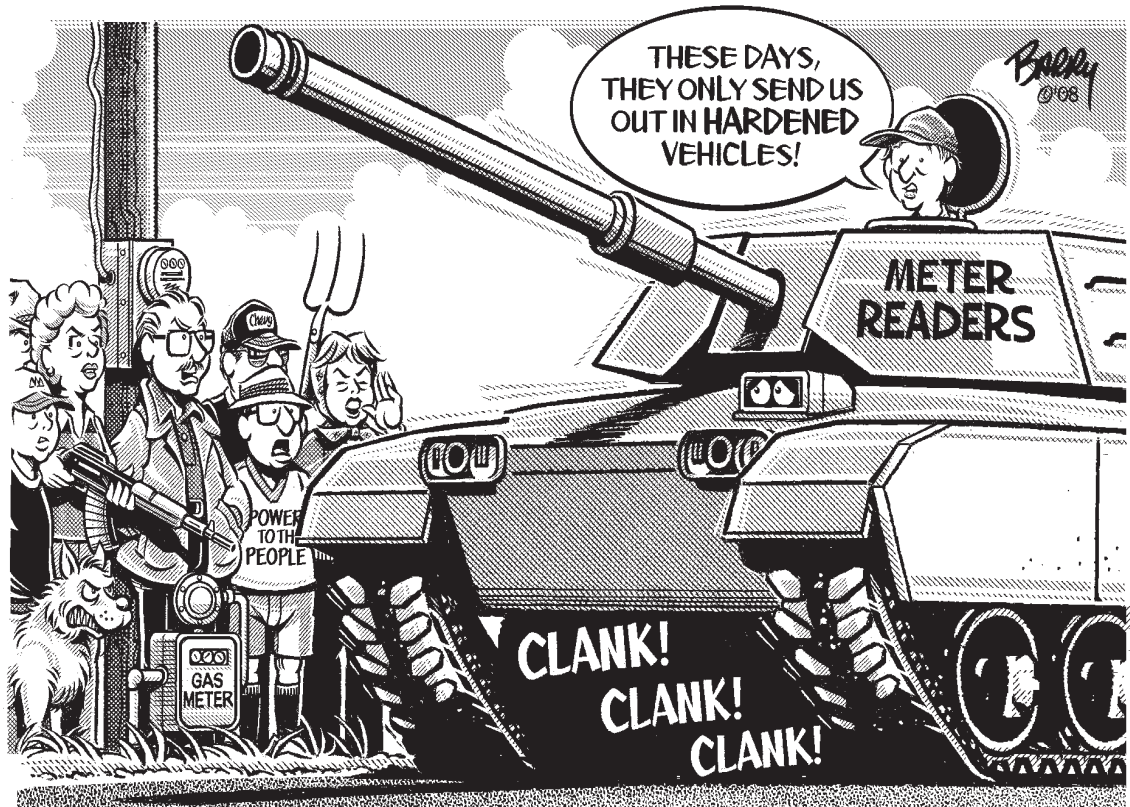
That kind of (gas) tab is an issue. I wonder what families do when they travel, with many driving more than the 280 miles one way I traveled. Do they stop to eat, or do they pack a lunch and eat en route to cut down on the expenses?

Neither of the two Democratic candidates have ever said anything significant as it deals with the price of gas at the pump. They mumbled something incoherent on this matter but were never really detailed on what their strategy would be. And what bothers us are those words "what their strategy would be." Because both Obama and Clinton are United States Senators, what have they been doing about gas prices? They don't have to wait until they are sitting in the Oval Office to come up with a solution. They should have been working on a solution long before now.

Doubtless the result in Pennsylvania today will change the face of the race. Clinton is behind in the popular vote and in delegates. The so called experts say she will win today, but the experts have been so wrong so many times this campaign that their predictions (via polling) are nothing short of laughable. Example: Sen. John McCain. Remember what category they put in him last summer? And where he is now?

Stop bowling. Stop drinking. Get down to business!

— Tom Dreiling



ENERGY RATEHIKES THREATEN USERS — AND UTILITY EMPLOYEES?

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



scmcormick@nwkans.com You don't have to be Catholic to appreciate the Pope.

Pope Benedict XVI just finished his first papal visit to the United States. Wherever he went he was greeted by huge crowds of worshippers, all trying to get a look at the religious leader.

His message was one of hope and love. The Pope addressed some of the problems of the church, including the misbehavior of a handful of priests towards innocent boys.

Yes, there are things about the Catholic Church that are not right. Just like there are elements

of the world around us that are not perfect.

But many people are too quick to judge the Catholic faith as well as other organized religions. There is a great deal of good in most religious groups, and the power of the masses is awesome.

I am not a Catholic, but I did have an opportunity to see the last Pope: John Paul II.

He came to Denver in 1993 to attend the World Youth Conference held at the Cherry Creek Reservoir. I was employed by a landscaping business and my boss and I were working close to

East High School. We knew the pontiff would be flown there, so we joined the other people who were gathering to get a glimpse.

Three or four military helicopters landed on a grassy area and the Pope got out and walked about 100 feet from us. Many around us cheered as the Pope looked and waved in our direction.

He too brought with him a message of hope and love. You don't have to be a Catholic to appreciate that.

Man wonders: Are we in the latter days?

Letter to the Editor: Subject: USA Today??

- 1) "Broken" federal government??
2) "Politically bankrupt"??
3) Leading world drug consumer??

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- 4) Major world pornography producer??
5) Sexually "sick"??
6) A "violent" nation??
7) A "money obsessed" nation??
8) A "gambling addicted" nation??

— Did You Know —

The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.

The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA,NHL, or NFL), are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.

—Honor Roll—

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Terry Rueb St. Francis P.S. Are we in the "latter days"??

GOD SAYS For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows I Timothy 6:10

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News From the Past

5 years ago- 2003

After years of having attendance awards at the Cheyenne County Fair, the fair board members voted to no longer have the drawing.

The sirens went off in Baghdad at 7:30 p.m. on March 12 and President George W. Bush appeared on television at 8:15 p.m. to announce "Operation Iraqi Freedom" had begun.

Sonja Weeden is the new postmaster at the Bird City Post Office.

Stan Wahrman, who has manned the school bus garage for 33 years, will retire on July 1.

Darin Wiley, a St. Francis Community High School junior, placed second in intermediate showmanship at the 2003 Kansas Angus Futurity Junior Show in Hutchinson.

Results of the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament show Dylan Loyd placing second, Derek Ross placing third and Trevor Richard placing fifth.

Matt Whitmore won the trophy for the Boy Scout Overall Champion at the annual Pinewood Derby. Mason Schiltz won the trophy for the Cub Scout Overall Champion.

Jenny Weems, the 2003 Cheyenne County Junior Miss, is headed to Belleville for the State Junior Miss Program.

Laurie Mills has been named "Miss Agriculture for 1978" at Kansas State University.

St. Francis speech team members, Eric Alsop, Phillip Kinen, Dan Winston, Carol Petitjean and Sheri Daniels, who qualified for the State Speech contest, will be attending the event this weekend. Chelly Bartlett also qualified but will be attended the

Miss Kansas National Teenager Pageant in Salina.

40 years ago - 1968

Work has begun on a new business building in St. Francis which will house the only complete machine shop in the area between Goodland and McCook. The target date for its completion is April 1 and the opening will be about a month later, according to owner John Wolfe. Saintry Machine Shop will be the name of the new equipment repair shop.

Jonene Rueb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rueb, has been selected by the American Legion Auxiliary as their 1968 delegate to Girls State. Myra Zimbelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Zimbelman is the alternate.

Maxine Isernhagen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Isernhagen, is currently serving in the Peace Corp near Chimbote, Peru.

Two one-act plays, "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge" and "The Blue Stocking" will be presented at the high school. There will also be several oral presentations.

Carmichael Construction Company has very nearly completed their phase of the construction of Riverside Recreation, and the facility is expected to be inspected by the architects and the Farmers Home Administration within the next week.

50 years ago - 1958

There is a change of ownership at the Phillips "66" Quonset Service Station located on US Highway 36, formerly operated by Frank Schneider. Jim Jones, manager of Caldwell's Appliances and the Ideal LP Gas Company, both of St. Francis, is taking over operation of the station and will handle all Philgas and Phillips Petroleum Products.

Karolyn Willt, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Willt and a pupil of Mrs. Edna Steller of District 44 rural school, was named Cheyenne County Spelling Champion.

75 years ago - 1933

For probably the first time since the Burlington railroad was built into St. Francis, the town is without a resident section crew. On the first of the month this section was added to the Bird City boys work and the section house here closed up.

Wano township officials are to be commended for furnishing the material for the railing fence at the curve on the new road leading to No. 36 in St. Francis.

Definite plans have been made for the remodeling of the St. Francis Theatre building according to J.B. Roshong, manager. The building is a portion of the estate of the late E.W. Egelston, and has been leased by Roshong, who has moved here to operate the theater. According to the plans the entire front is to be changed. There will be a large archway entrance with the box office located just back of the entrance.

Honorable E.S. Carman has returned from his three months in Topeka where he represented Cheyenne County in the State Legislature. He served on several committees and was present at nearly every session.



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