



Maybe Obama-Sebelius ticket wouldn't be so bad

After further review, maybe an Obama-Sebelius ticket in November wouldn't be so bad after all. They have a few things in common, mainly saying things that shouldn't have been said.

Earlier this week, Obama made a mess of himself explaining how the Christian religion should influence politics. In what appears to be a horrendous attempt to attract the attention of Evangelical Christians, which supposedly help Bush win in 2004, Obama asked if America should be ruled under someone who believes in Old Testament or New Testament.

True Christians, especially evangelical ones, use the Old Testament as the history of their faith, but really know it is the New Testament that drives them. Obama's references to the laws in Leviticus, which include diet restrictions, doesn't matter anymore.

Obama's faith references complements his earlier statements on how rural Americans only care about their religion and their guns.

Great way to attract voters, huh? Obama's actions are reminiscent of Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius and her occasional blundering comments and actions.

Remember, it was Sebelius who told people

in Washington state that Kansas-made wine is horrible. Even if you don't like it, don't publicly admit it.

Her son designed a disturbing board game, similar to Monopoly, but set in a prison. The innuendoes in the game are more appropriate for a porn magazine, not a newspaper. Sebelius said she was proud of her son's creativity. At one time, orders for the game could be sent to the governor's residence at Cedar Crest.

Like Obama, Sebelius, appears to have an allergic reaction to rural. She is governor of one the smallest states in the Union as her borders of Kansas stretch from Topeka to Kansas City. She appears to only go west of Topeka the day after a damaging storm hits a town or is invited to some social event where it looks good on front pages and on TV.

Debates in 2006 with governor candidate Jim Barnett were not held west of Hutchinson. Great way to attract voters, huh?

Go ahead Obama, ask Sebelius to be your running mate.
— John Van Nostrand is publisher of the Colby Free Press.



CITIZEN INPUT RAINS DOWN ON LOCAL GOVT. ...

News From the Past

15 years ago - 1993

Eight Cheyenne County young ladies will be vying for the title of Cheyenne County Young Woman of the Year on June 12. They include Penny Cassidy, Annie Dulany, Carly Duquette, Lucinda Houtman, Shalom Kellner, Crystal Nipps, Natalie Rogers and Kaylee Wilkens.

Jenny Cassidy brought home two gold medals from the Kansas 2A State Track Meet in Wichita. Her winning time in the 3200-meter run was 11:40 and she took first in the

1600-meter run with a time of 5:29.1.

Roger and Dotty Lewis have sold the Dairy King after having spent six months a year running it for the last 33 years.

Arlene Walz retired from teaching this spring. She joined the St. Francis School System in 1956. Prior to coming to St. Francis she taught in Trenton, Neb., and Parks, Neb.

Yost Farm Supply received an award from New Holland for being a \$1,000,000 dealer. Dave Yost was presented the plaque.

It has been announced that the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" will be presented in July. It will not only be a full-length musical, but will feature a premiere night grand opening and fund-raiser for the Cheyenne Theater during the first performance.

35 years ago - 1973

Gene Lundin retired June 30 after 36 years with the postal department. Lundin has been a rural carrier for the past six years, and for 30 years prior to that served as a clerk.

Open Season

Lots of Jobs

By Cynthia Haynes



There are many jobs I wouldn't care to have. Being an association manager is one of them.

While some organizations call them executive directors, they are at the beck and call of every member of the group, whether it's a bunch of dentists, publishers, lawyers, teachers or sanitation engineers.

Last month, we got to see how a new manager handled his first convention.

Layne Bruce took over the head job at the Mississippi Press Association from a long-time manager last year. He worked for the association for a year before being handed the reins, and the members I talked to said he was doing very well.

But then the true test is the first convention, when many of the members get together to find out how things are going, learn about the latest in the industry, cuss and discuss the world in general and their profession in particular — and party.

The Mississippi Press Association holds two conventions each year. One is in the winter, at the state capital of Jackson. The other was in June at the Beau Rivage Casino in Biloxi, on the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast.

The group always has one convention on the coast. It's when many of the members get their annual vacation — a chance to relax, enjoy the company of their peers and get a little business done. When you're an owner/operator, sometimes a working vacation is

the only kind you ever get.

So besides working with his board on association business, the manager gets to make sure everything is good with the hotel, meals, guests, entertainment, side trips, programs, visiting dignitaries and on and on and on.

The first rumble of trouble was rain for the opening reception, a picnic in the park. They set up a couple of tents, and some hotel shuttles got everyone to the event in good humor — and only a little damp.

The next problem came when it was discovered that the contest-winners newspaper had not been printed. The contest bulletin, a 60-page full-size newspaper which contained the names of all the annual award winners, had not arrived at the printers in time because the young lady putting it together hadn't gotten it together in time.

The printer had no other time to do the paper and, although there were a dozen convention goers with presses available, most did not have one big enough to handle the project.

I could appreciate that. Our press would need five runs to do the section, with manual stuffing to put the parts together. I would not have volunteered to take it on; the crew would have shot me.

Layne had 24 hours to find a press and get that baby printed and back to Biloxi. He made it. It looked great.

Of course, it didn't help when all the lights went out during the awards program. The whole hotel

was blacked out for a few minutes. In an inside room with no windows, that can be pretty scary.

Later, someone said that they thought maybe a plane had hit the hotel. However, there was no panic or undue excitement, the lights came back on and the winners got their awards.

Things were almost over and Layne was sliding toward the finish only a little bruised.

Then on Saturday, everyone was scheduled for a schooner ride. We headed for the boat to find the captain scanning the skies. Weather was coming in, he said, and he wasn't taking off until he was sure it was safe.

Layne ferried beer, pop and chips to us as we sat on the boat watching the skies. As the first raindrops started to fall, we all repaired to shelter on the dock. Layne, however, was stuck pulling a huge beer cooler in. He arrived at the shelter amid cheers, looking like a drowned cat.

It had been a long, tough trial by missing papers, blackouts and rain, but the new executive director came through it with flying colors.

"He's either going to make a good executive director," someone said, "or we're never gonna see him again."

We both enjoyed our visit to the Magnolia State, our opportunity to meet old and new friends and our chance to see how a professional manager works under fire.

Which brings me back to my first statement — better him than me.

Honor Roll

New and renewed Herald subscriptions: Ethel Whitten, St. Francis; Verda Smull, St. Francis; James Laffond, St. Francis; Robert Zimbelman, St. Francis; AT&T Kansas, Manhattan; Jim Epperson, St. Francis; Elmer Zimbelman, St. Francis; H.K. Graves, St. Francis; Barbara Ewing, St. Francis; Larry Stevens, Winchester; Tom Stevens, St. Francis; Oscar Watson, Fort Walden Beach, Fla.;

GOD SAYS

Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Matthew 23:24, 25

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A reader once told me to stick to the topics I know something about: mongrel dogs, Mother's Day and baseball.

With that in mind, I'm going to play it safe and write about baseball. Here goes.

It's the mid-way point of the Major League season and that means it's time for the All-Star Game. It will be held on Tuesday, July 15, in New York City.

This year's game is special in that it is the last one to be played at the old Yankee Stadium. The Mid-Summer Classic has been played there in 1939, 1960 and 1977.

Next season the "Bronx Bombers" will be in a new ball park, with the same familiar name. Known as "The House that Ruth Built," sporting events began there in 1923.

That is one of the unique qualities of baseball. It is forever changing with time, yet it is growing on a solid, historical base of statistics at landmarks that remind us where the game came from.

Players such as Cy Young, Ted Williams, Roberto Clemente, Kirby Puckett and Cal Ripken, Jr., played in parks like Forbes Field, Sportsman's Park, Tiger's Stadium, The Polo Grounds and the

Astrodome.

The previous athletes have provided the measures of greatness that the players of today and tomorrow will try to eclipse. And yes, records are made to be broken.

The game will continue to be played in special places that are unique and have personalities of their own.

Despite doping scandals and excesses of money, the game will always hold the rich qualities that will attract young and old alike.

Readers enjoy visit back home

To the editor:

Hello!

Enclosed is our check for another year of *The Herald*. We always enjoy the local news.

We attended the Alumni dinner and all of the Class of '53 events. It never ceases to amaze us that so much is done by local volunteers!

Letter to the Editor

St. Francis should be proud of their beautiful city and all of the activities you provide for locals and visitors alike. Sawhill Park was in top shape and the museum was outstanding!

Thank you to all who volunteer so much of your valuable time!

Mary and Darrel Moberly
Colorado Springs

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