



## One candidate running on a trumped-up issue

Voter fraud in Kansas? Not that anybody ever heard of. But one candidate for secretary of state has made rooting out voter fraud the centerpiece of his campaign.

Kris Kobach, a law-school professor from Wyandotte County, wants new rules for registration and requiring photo identification for each voter, similar to laws he helped write for Arizona.

Never mind that no one, including apparently Mr. Kobach, has any proof of widespread voter fraud in Kansas. This guy is on a mission.

Candidate Kobach, a former Republican state chairman who's considered a national expert on immigration law, helped to write the controversial Arizona law that requires police to question those suspected of being illegal immigrants. The voter-fraud rap apparently relates to his immigration phobia.

But if illegal immigrants are voting as Kansas citizens, no one seems to have caught them. Few, if any, criminal complaints have been filed. No one is complaining to the county attorneys across the state, or the attorney general.

There's just no evidence that illegal immigrants are trying to vote in Kansas, or that any other kind of election fraud is happening.

It's like the complaint that immigrants don't pay taxes. If they are on somebody's payroll, they're paying income and Social Security taxes, even if it's for a fake number. If they shop, they pay sales taxes. If they rent, the landlord pays their property taxes.

We're all for making people prove who they are

when they register to vote. Citizenship is a requirement for voting.

But what about the idea of showing a photo ID every time you vote? What's next? A law saying that citizens must carry papers to travel around the state, like in some communist dictatorship?

Kansas is a small, still largely rural state. Our election judges know their voters and should be able to spot fraud when they see it. We don't need insulting laws that threaten our basic freedoms.

We can and should enforce our election laws. The current secretary of state and the last one both say that's being done. The incumbent, Democrat Chris Biggs, a former prosecutor, says he knows of no problem.

"There's no suggestion in the evidence that we have a major voter fraud problem," Biggs said, "and certainly not one connected to illegal immigration."

Every candidate has to have a platform, a theme to hang his campaign on. But the record suggests that Mr. Kobach is overly concerned with supposed effects of illegal immigration. It's as if he's trying to create an issue where no problem exists.

Our immigration laws could use some reform, but that's mostly a federal issue. Kansas has no need to get involved.

As for Mr. Kobach and his cries of voter fraud, we think it's a case of a solution looking for a problem.

And while Kansas has a lot of problems, this just isn't one of them. It's a phony.

— Steve Haynes



### News From the Past

**30 years ago - 1980**

Kelly Krien of St. Francis has been named a Presidential Scholar at Colby Community College. Miss Krien will receive a full tuition and fees each semester she attends the school.


Mark Keller of St. Francis received a \$500 Dane G. Hansen Foundation scholarship.

Jesse Burnham was crowned "Miss Wesleyan" at the Lillic Fete at Kansas Wesleyan University. Miss Burnham is majoring in accounting.

Courtesy Inns of America has announced the purchase of the U.S. 36 Motel and Restaurant from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burmood of St. Francis. The Burmoods have owned the motel since 1977.

## Hangin' With Marge

By Margaret Bucholtz



**Going to the Dogs**

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Most of you have heard the saying "going to the dogs." Memorial weekend we went to the lake and when we got home the yard was full of weeds and dandelions.

I got on the mower and begin the job of mowing the farmyard. Kurt got on another mower to help and it wasn't long until we were cutting the mess down.

As I was mowing in the tree line I saw a rattlesnake. I couldn't get Kurt's attention so I let it go and drove over to tell him to be careful and on the lookout. He told me he had seen two bull snakes and thought maybe I had mistaken one of them. I assured him I know what a rattlesnake looks like.

As I proceeded on I saw a bull snake right at our back gate and thought to myself this is unreal.

We finally put the mowers away

and were walking into the house when I remembered the back gate was open. As I walked by our chimney I heard the rattles.

I hollered for Kurt and he came. Right there on the sidewalk, inside our yard, was a huge rattlesnake.

Kurt got it out of the yard and then shot it. With one shot the head was off. I was impressed.

He told me that he would get some shotgun shot for a little gun we have here so I would have them.

Yesterday I went out to see what Katie was barking at and sure enough it was another snake.

I came in, got the shotgun, put a shell in it and went out to shot the snake. If Kurt can use a rifle and get it in one shot, I only need one shell.

I shot I could hear the bb's hitting the tin on the barn, but the snake was still coiled up. I ran back into

the house (as fast as any old lady can run), but this time I got four more shells.

Back outside I tried it again. The snake was still moving but Katie was no where to be found.

I shot again. It looked like the snake was a little paralyzed so I quit wasting the shells and waited for Kurt to get home.


He was so excited that I had the shotguns shells until I told him I had used three and it still wasn't dead.

Here I always called myself "Annie Oakley Jr." but it sure wouldn't have taken that many shells for her. Guess I will have to become someone else in my pretend world.

However our farm hasn't gone to the dogs -- it has gone to the snakes.

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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Talent isn't worth much unless it is shared.

I would be the last person to "blow my horn." But I do have one skill that others seem to enjoy. I love to cook.

There is something special about seeing an appreciative audience partake of a culinary creation. I know I'm not alone. Who out there doesn't like to hear a "thank you" or two come from around the dinner table?

What I have found is that my ability to cook has come from a couple places. One was my mother's kitchen, where I learned by observing and asking questions.

The other has come from traveling. I am very blessed to have

been able to see and experience many places outside my place of birth.

One example would be my Cajun Boil. I have Mike Arabie of Lafayette, La., to thank for that lesson. In the late 1980s I was studying at the college in that town when I met Mike.

A local boy, who worked in the oil business, also owned a little restaurant with an unusual name: The Stop and Shop. Although it sounded like a corner convenience store, it was a casual spot that offered regional food that the locals loved. And out of this little hole-in-the-wall, Mike would cater crawfish boils for parties in the area.

On weekends I would join him

as we hauled his trailer with massive pots and butane cookers to wherever the meal was needed. We'd dump huge amounts of potatoes, corn, onion and sausage into seasoned, boiling water.

The crawfish came in large mesh bags that each little crustacean wanted out of. But inevitably they would wind up cooked and spread out on long tables for the Cajuns to enjoy.

When I left Louisiana it was with a large kettle that has a lid and strainer pail and it has been used often. These utensils came with the knowledge of that Southern treat, which is shared upon request.

## Local candidate needs support

**Let's Get Political**

As most of you know Ward Cassidy is running for the Kansas House of Representatives. He is a Republican with one basic intent: to represent Northwest Kansas by using the input from the people of our area for our best interests. No man knows everything but I believe that Ward will use the farmers, medical people, senior citizens, school personnel, and community members to make decisions that will most help us. Of the two candidates, who do you really think has a more vested interest in our success?

It is not easy running for any office, let alone one as large as the 120th district. Five counties: Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, and Phillipsburg. Ward has been to all of them many times since April and will need to continue to muster support until the Aug. 3 primary.

**Letter to the Editor**

I admire Ward for his dedication to our community. He has literally helped bring in millions of dollars in aide and scholarships for the young people of our community. Now, when he could retire, he is taking up all of our plight and fighting for what we believe in. He wants a strong Cheyenne County and Northwest Kansas for his family to grow up in.

It has been a pleasure watching Ward help families in our school district the last 28 years, let's help him do that for Northwest Kansas. Here are some of the things we can do to help Ward:

1. Register to vote and vote in the Aug. 3 primary. Remember only registered Republicans can vote in this election. Check with Terry Miller, our county clerk, if you have any questions.
2. Encourage Ward and thank him for giving up several months of his time to fight for us.
3. Organizations and individuals should consider taking a check by Kite and Day to help with campaign expenses. Ten dollars can buy a radio ad.
4. Most importantly, we all have friends and relatives in the 120th District. Take the time to call them and encourage them to tell their friends that we have a candidate who will represent western Kansas the way it should be.

We really can't just sit back and hope things get better. Let's get political!

Hoagie, Dara, Bill, and Neala Carmichael  
St. Francis


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**GOD SAYS**

"It is mine to avenge: I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them."

Deuteronomy 32:35



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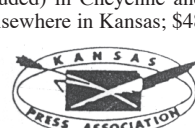
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