



## Senator's endorsement can not save a bad idea

It's disappointing to see Sen. Sam Brownback, the Republican candidate for governor, jump in and endorse calls for a "voter ID" law in Kansas.

The senator, in a press release Monday with the party's candidate for secretary of state, Kris Kobach, pledged they would work together to pass such a law.

And while this newspaper generally leans Republican, we see this as foolish. There is no evidence Kansas has a vote fraud problem. Under long-time Republican Secretary of State Ron Thornburg, Kansas has had clean elections for years. That has not changed.

Kobach, a law professor and anti-immigration activist, is way out in right field on this issue. He tries to scare voters with the specter of illegal immigrants somehow tainting Kansas elections.

But this is a solution looking for a problem. With no evidence of voter fraud or of illegals trying to vote, we think Kobach is just trying to scare us. That's wrong, and it's wrong for Sen. Brownback to get involved.

We know the senator, as leader of the Republican ticket and an apparent shoo-in candidate, needs to do what he can for the entire ticket. But Kobach is a one-issue candidate - illegal immigration - running for an office that has nothing to do with immigration.

Kansas has plenty of problems, starting with a budget that has ballooned under the influence of government "mandates" and pressure from schools and public employees. We can't pay for the demands of schools, prisons, roads and other programs. Taxes are high and rising; the property tax is out of control.

All these are things we will look to Gov. Brownback to find solutions for. The state needs leadership that will bring big government under control and provide a fertile climate for small business and job growth.

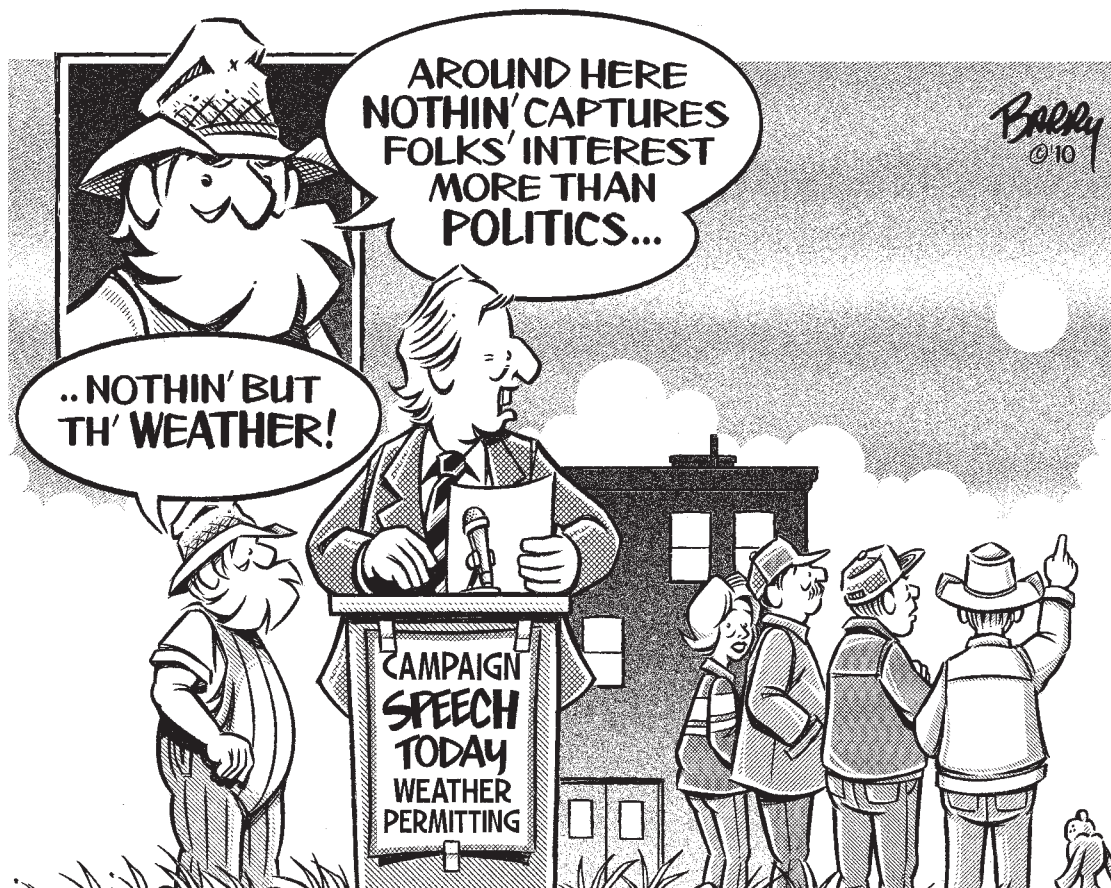
We need lower spending, a lid on taxes and leaders who will interpret the role of government as something less than all-encompassing. We have not had that for the last seven years.

Instead, we've seen the budget grow, taxes increased at the city, county, school district and state level. We've seen nothing to indicate that the governor's office even cared about those issues.

Here, however, we have two Republicans pushing a big-government bill to tighten the noose of security-apparatus control around all Kansans' necks. That's not something that those who love freedom should applaud.

It's not something Mr. Brownback should give credence to.

And it's not something Kansas needs. Give it a rest, gentlemen. - Steve Haynes



## News From the Past

### 60 years ago - 1950

Aug. 15 marked the 44th anniversary of the Cheyenne County State Bank's debut as a banking institution serving the patrons of this territory. The bank was organized August 15, 1906, and names L.E. Harrison as its first president.

On Friday, Aug. 18, about 6 p.m. two employees of the Bird City Equity, narrowly escaped

death when a section of the new Bird City Equity elevator crashed down close to where they were standing.

### 30 years ago - 1980

Ralph Lebow winner of the senior division of the Best Groomed Boy judging and Kristi Lamb, winner of the senior division of the style revue will represent Cheyenne County in those divisions at the Kansas State Fair.

Kim Krien of Bird City was selected as the Northwest Kansas Junior Miss at the contest held in St. Francis. Jan LeValley was first runner-up, Dawn Stang was second runner up, Julie Burham was third runner up and Tina Randall was fourth runner up. Also competing were Lisa Kramer, Debbie Aschnewitz and Lora Van Vleet.

## Hangin' With Marge

Black Sunglasses

By Margaret Bucholtz



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A couple of years ago I had a problem with my eyes and Kurt took me to the eye doctor. The doctor put eye drops in both my eyes and then put a patch over one. As we were leaving he gave me those wonderful black plastic sunglasses with the white cardboard things to go on your ears. Not only are they pretty ugly but they aren't very comfortable. However the sunlight will really hurt so you just put them on.

We were heading home and I had a headache from all the lights

that had been shot in my eyes and the medicine was still burning. It was then that Kurt looked over at me and said, "Gosh, those sunglasses are sexy."

He thought he was really funny. This time when we went to get our eyes checked we both got the same treatment and the same glasses.

This time he didn't think it was so funny and we just headed for home. Just a little way out of town there was one of those orange signs that said road work ahead. I noticed that he didn't slow down,

but I didn't want to say anything. Just a few feet later he said, "What's that truck doing in the road?"

I told him about the sign which he admitted he hadn't seen it. He asked me why I didn't speak up, so instead of starting a fight I said, "I just thought when we hit the truck and the policeman asked why you didn't stop, we could just look at him and say, "Officer, we are both blind and we didn't read the trail."

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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I'm a little confused. I keep hearing about "change" and how good it is supposed to be. Then I look around me and things don't look all that great.

Our federal government contin-

ues to throw big bucks around but the economy continues to falter. Whatever "change" that is supposed to be coming sure doesn't seem to be helping much.

Not that the feds are the only group that has me mixed up. This Nov. 2, California voters will decide whether pot should be legal. Huh?

I'm not talking marijuana for medical use. Nope. This is "go down to the corner store to pickup a couple of doobies," legalization!

The argument is that it's only pot. This isn't promoting the "bad" criminals who only dabble in cocaine and methamphetamine. Even presidents have tried this

stuff. It can't be that bad...

Isn't California one of the lead runners to outlaw cigarettes? I'm no genius but I can't imagine that a marijuana cigarette is healthy and a viable alternative to tobacco.

I'm sure the \$1.5 billion that could come from state taxation would help a state as screwed up as California. But am I the only one who sees a bit of hypocrisy here?

Maybe I am wrong and should see this as a step forward. Oh well, lets just count it up to more "change."

## Honor Roll

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Matthew 7:12

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## Lines from the Library

The following new books are at the St. Francis Public Library: Sweet Wind, Wild Wind by Elizabeth Lowell; Santa Fe Edge by Stuart Woods; Wicked Appetite by Janet Evanovich; Bad Blood by John Sandford; Safe Haven by Nicholas Sparks; 1022 Evergreen Place by Debbie Macomber; The Postcard Killers by James Patterson and Liza Marklund; Caught by Harlan Coban; Hangman by Faye Kellerman; Tough Customer by Sandra Brown; Scarlet Nights by Jude Deveraux; Veil Of Night by Linda Howard; A Daughter's Inheritance by Tracie Peterson; A Surrendered Heart by Tracie Peterson; An Unexpected Love by Tracie Peterson; 8 Choices That Will Change A Woman's Life by Jill Briscoe; The Fat Free Living Super Cookbook

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The following new books have arrived in the children's department: Dinner With Olivia by Emily Sollinger; Olivia Opens A Lemonade Stand by Kama Einhorn; Olivia And The Babies by Jodie Shepherd; Up, Down And Around by Katherine Ayres; Fancy Nancy And The Late, Late, Late Night

by Jane O'Connor; How Do Dinosaurs Play With Their Friends by Jane Yolen; How Do Dinosaurs Count to 10 by Jane Yolen; How Do Dinosaurs Clean Their Rooms by Jane Yolen; Big Chickens Fly The Coop by Leslie Helakoski.

We also have the following new DVD's: Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3 And More by Crystal Taliefero; The Mouse And The Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary; Pete's Pizza: And More; Corduroy by David DeVries; Chicka Chicka Boom Boom; Make Way For Ducklings; And More by Robert McCloskey; Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type by Randy Travis; There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly and several Hollywood Classics of the Golden Age.

## Reader agrees with letter about city

To the Editor:  
With reference to Ron Ewing's letter this past week, discriminatory enforcement of city ordinances has been the rule rather than the exception for many years.

## Letter to the Editor

Dog leash matters, car matters and "rat trap" building matters have been notable, especially. The city needs council members and enforcement officials

with a "changed mindset" regarding said matters.  
Terry Rueb,  
St. Francis

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