

## President taken to the woodshed last Tuesday

You might say President Obama was taken to the woodshed Tuesday night. The voters were fed up with his administration's decision to ignore them in their quest to collect political gain. So the people did what they do best, they went to the polls and "awarded" him with a minority in the House of Representatives and deeply scaled back his numbers in the United States Senate.

The political landscape on Capitol Hill will take on a much different look when the new Congress moves in. And that new Congress will also include quite a few faces of the Tea Party. The president is going to be forced to play a new game, to perhaps abandon his lofty nest in the White House and "adjust" his direction. If he does he could maybe even experience a second term; if he doesn't he'll end up being a one term commander-in-chief.

The landslide Republican victory in Tuesday's election was no surprise, or shouldn't have been if you were paying attention all along. The so-called "Party of No" was saying no in response to the pleas of the people. The Democrats, on the other hand, forgot to remove the cotton from their ears to hear what was going on. And even up to the day of the election, they were confident the majorities would again favor them. They were just fooling themselves.

So, where do we go from here? We go the route of compromise, a dirty word in the White House and on Capitol Hill these past two years. Compromise might have been mentioned on occasion, but only with a whisper so many of us could not hear it. It was probably best we didn't because it wasn't anything being taken seriously. You know how the "p" word works - politics at the expense of the other "p" word - people. With this administration it was for political posture only.

This election was all about the economy, about jobs. And as the majority party continued to pile debt upon debt, a rapidly smothering public's cries were

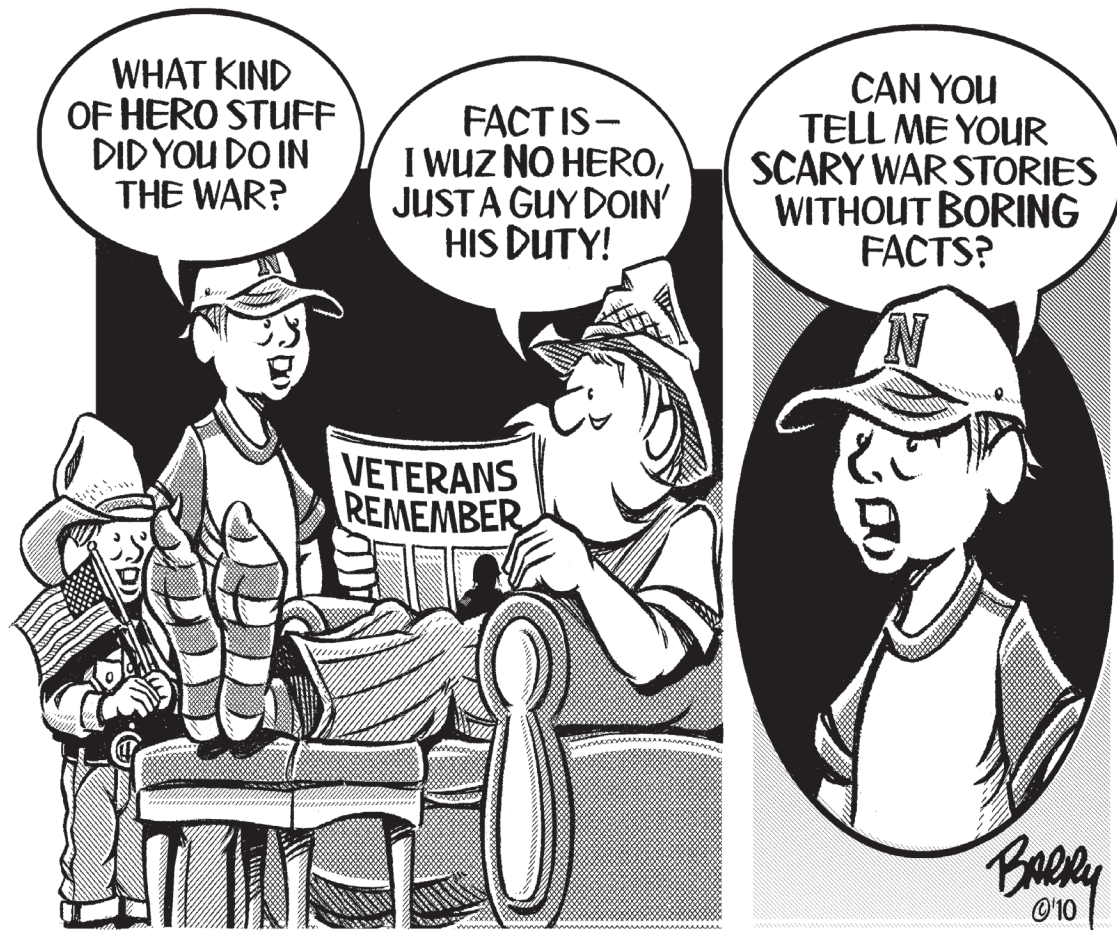
being muffled. And the "Party of No" continued their chant. One would have thought the brilliance of the controlling party would have detected what was going on. But they were too busy serving up the menu that the president chose. In the end the menu handed out by the White House and hoggishly consumed by his party turned out to be the reason for their belly aches today.

Incoming Speaker of the House, Ohio Republican John Boehner will have his work cut out for him, but it will be easier to handle with a heavy majority in his favor. Mr. Boehner has indicated his willingness to work with President Obama to carry out the mandate issued by the people in Tuesday's election. With current Speaker Nancy Pelosi out of the picture the Obama-Boehner attempt might go smoother. And because Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid won by a slim margin over the Tea Party's Sharon Angle and controls a badly weakened majority, he, too, should also wake up and smell the coffee.

A new sun will rise over Capitol Hill in early January when the new Congress convenes. And the people will be closely monitoring its activities. If Congress continues to ignore the wishes of the electorate, then there will be a further cleansing at the 2012 election. Nobody's safe in the current climate. And because Tuesday's election was a referendum on the Obama style of governing, he's got to reach out and hopefully connect with those who opposed his every move these past two years. We can only hope for better times but before we can do that we've got to begin NOW reducing the debt, the size of our government and put PEOPLE first.

Any other avenue taken will end in disaster.

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## Residents need nursing home now

To the Editor:

I was at the meeting last night (Wednesday) but didn't speak up. It would be nice to bulldoze everything at the Village but it will take years to pass a bond issue and rebuild. There are usable pods at the Village, why don't

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we build a walk way between the kitchen and the west wing. It must be a good, wide usable walk way but if we don't need it later we can tear it down. If we got our local people in on this

we could be up and running by Thanksgiving, then make our decisions.

Get it in Gear.  
Raedell Winston  
St. Francis

## Casey's Comments

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If you're a baseball fan your world has gotten a little smaller. If you're a fan of unique people, the same can be said.

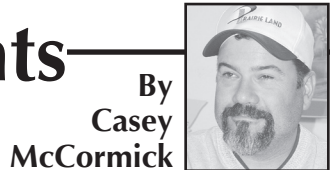
George "Sparky" Anderson died last Thursday at the age of 76. A mediocre player, he managed World Series champions in both leagues. First with the Cincinnati "Big Red Machine" teams in 1975 and 1976. Later in 1984 as skipper of the Detroit Tigers.

Again, as a baseball fan, I had the very special opportunity to attend a

couple World Series games in 1985. That was the year the Kansas City Royals beat the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games. My tickets were for the third and fifth games which were played at the old Bush Stadium.

The color commentators for the TV network that carried the series were two of the best and most outspoken managers of that time: Tommy Lasorda and Sparky Anderson.

I had the good luck of meeting both between broadcasts. Two of my cherished objects from that time are a picture of Anderson



By Casey McCormick

interviewing George Brett and a baseball that was signed by the two managers.

My writing can't do justice to a man like Sparky Anderson. So I'll let the words on his Hall of Fame plaque do it for me.

"Reverend and treasured by his players for his humility, humanity, eternal optimism and knowledge of the game."

decision that is right for your community and county, but it will not be easy. Saint Francis has a proven, impressive record in saving and improving the hospital. Now, re-building the nursing home from ashes is a huge challenge for the future. Nothing is impossible with a vision, leadership and dedicated volunteers. God's blessings and the best of luck to all of you.

Debra Stute  
Haigler, Neb.

## Reader salutes all fire responders

Dear Editor,

I want to salute Mrs. Siegfried, director of nursing, Village staff, EMTs, medical providers and community volunteers who efficiently and safely evacuated the residents from the tragic Village fire on Oct. 19. That was no easy feat and they deserve honor for a job well done. No one was hurt and wasn't that just too amazing?

We learned from your community that day.

I am the director of nursing at Hillcrest Care Center and the Towers in Wray, Colo., where we received displaced residents after the fire. We were happy to lend a hand to our Northwest Kansas neighbors.

### Honor Roll

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### Letter to the Editor

I tip my hat to the many staff, families and friends who have come in droves to visit and check on the residents to let them know they are missed and loved. These dear residents are the salt of the earth and have been a welcome addition to our nursing home, but there is truly no place like "home."

Your community is faced with a daunting, but not impossible task. You are challenged to make a de-

GOD SAYS  
Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased; For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descent after him.  
Psalms 49:16, 17

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*Praise the Lord*