



## Governor may surprise many state worry warts

The commentators seem to be quite worried about how Gov.-elect Sam Brownback will be able to balance his campaign promise to focus on jobs and the economy with demands from the religious right for tougher abortion laws, from gun advocates for new laws and from other conservative groups.

John Hanna, the Associated Press' long-time statehouse correspondent, said the big GOP victories could be setting the dominant party up for infighting the likes of which it has seldom seen.

And, to be fair, the party has such big majorities in the House (92-33) and Senate (31-9) — that's nearly three-fourths in both — that some disputes do seem likely. When one party gets that big, it's just natural for it to split into wings. The Kansas GOP has had two distinct, not always harmonious groups, for years.

One reason for this may be that many who might otherwise be Democrats learned early on that they need to be Republicans to get elected in this state. The party is where the action — and the power — are.

Some years, competition between these two groups is more than the limited fight the state's impoverished Democrats can put up. And in politics, maybe it just has to be that way. Too much unity might actually be dangerous, with a happy majority running roughshod over a weak and powerless minority.

Dr. Ed Flentje, a political scientist at Wichita State University, writing in a regular column, says the new governor may find he has little power to reform the state's education establishment, though he wishes him luck.

There's some truth to that, too. In Kansas, while public schools take fully half the state budget, the governor and Legislature have little say. The elected state Board of Education hires the commissioner, who runs the Department of Education.

And while the Legislature is supposed to set the budget, balancing schools with other needs, in practice, state courts and the power of the education lobby have stripped even that influence away. Education does as education wishes.

Yet we have faith in the new governor. In 14 years in the U.S. Senate and in years as a state legislator and cabinet member, he's proven he can handle himself. He's a popular and likable candidate, and he has proven himself an effective leader.

Running the state, if that's the right term, should prove to be within his powers. He knows how to work with the Legislature, and his campaign platform apparently resounded with voters. He left the Democrats in the dust.

Sure, as a conservative Republican, Mr. Brownback will have to deal with those who focus on abortion, gun rights, drugs and other issues. He can afford to toss each of these dogs a bone, and he will.

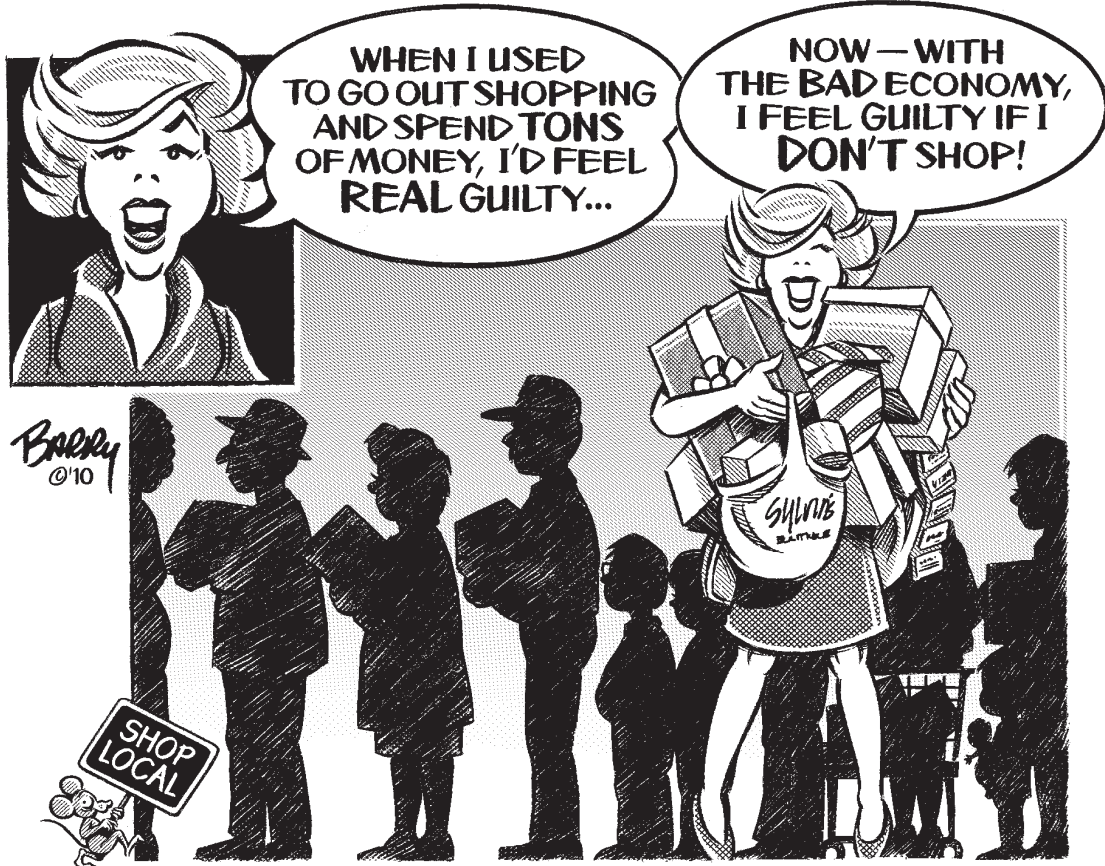
That shouldn't detract from his mission to boost the economy and shrink the government, and in that, he'll be helped by a general upward trend in business and state revenue. Where for the last three years, the "experts" who project state income consistently ran behind the dropoff in taxes, in a recovery, typically, income will run ahead of projections.

There will be problems. The state has to deal with the loss of millions in federal "stimulus" money and in the projected end two years out of the "temporary" 20 percent increase in the state sales tax.

There will be no "extra" money to spend, but as a conservative, the governor-elect should be comfortable with tight budgets. If he seeks to prove his mettle, he'll make the system work with the money the state has.

And we think he'll do just that, surprising the commentators, but not everyone.

— Steve Haynes



## News From the Past

### 20 years ago - 1990

Leticia Alter has announced the opening of La Boutique, a clothing and gift shop located at 607 S. Benton, on Oct. 8. The shop will carry the latest fashions in ladies and teens clothing.

Fort Hays State University honored the 1966 Fort Hays

Tiger football team during the homecoming football game half-time activities. Attending from St. Francis was team member Tom Stevens. Unable to attend were two other team members from St. Francis Roger Faulkender and Troy Porter.

John Knodel has leased

Kramer Furniture and Kramer Chapel from Don Kramer. Don graduated from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in December 1959. He began working for Madeline Riddell in January of 1960, buying into the business in 1962 and totally purchasing it in 1972. John began helping Don six years ago.

## Gratitude expressed to community

### Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

On behalf of all staff of St. Francis Good Samaritan Village, we want to express our gratitude to EVERYBODY who contributed to the benefit chicken dinner at the high school, and to the overwhelming response of so many in the community who came to eat on Sunday. A lot of volunteers did the organizing, the cooking, the clean up and other duties. The bake sale and silent auction were both well-patronized. And so many contributed to staff welfare through the Ministerial Alliance. What a great community!

If you are wanting to know

more about the fire and current status of the Village, you can go to the Good Samaritan website at [www.good-sam.com](http://www.good-sam.com), click on "Communities," click on "Kansas," and click on "St. Francis."

In regard to the 60 displaced Village staff, 10 are working at other Good Samaritan Society locations; four remain on the Good Samaritan Society, St. Francis, payroll; 10 have found jobs outside the Society; one has retired; one is on family and medical leave (FMLA); one has moved out of state; and 33 are filing for

unemployment. Our condolences to the families of Viola Smith and Clara Pittman, who were placed at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood due to the fire and have since passed away.

As many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to those that believe in His name. Jn. 1:12

Jeffrey Paulsen, Administrator, St. Francis Good Samaritan Village

## Citizens recognized for dinner held

Letter to the Cheyenne County residents,

I just came from the benefit dinner that was held for the Good Samaritan Village employees. I would like to recognize every one of the citizens for the dinner and especially to all the workers that put on the delicious meal.

I don't have the words to express the caring that we have all felt from the county. I wish there was no reason to have us in the limelight. All of us are feeling displaced and lost since the fire.

Those of us that have worked in other facilities can now say with heart-felt meaning "there's no place like home."

I worked in Sharon Springs for a few weeks until their new director of nursing could get started. They really do need that new facility and they do have a good staff, BUT... I miss my residents and my staff more than I can say. All of us have commented that we didn't appreciate what we had until we lost it. Part of that includes the volunteers and families that

were always there.

It was an honor to have you trust us enough to have us take care of your elderly. I thank you for that and the love you are showing to all of us now. I hope that in the near future, we'll be given the opportunity to do so again. All of us have been learning a few better ways of doing our jobs and praying we get to use them at home.

May God be with our county as we head for the future.

Janet Siegfried, St. Francis

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



I've noticed how people can have a different personality when they get behind the wheel of their automobile or truck. Normally courteous, consciences and kind, some lose these qualities on the road.

First of all, I am not a saint nor

the best driver to come down the pike. But there is one situation that deserves a moment of thought.

Why don't drivers pull over when emergency vehicles approach?

When I learned to drive, back on the olden times, it was clear what to do when you saw lights

and heard sirens. I looked it up, just in case the rules had changed.

On page 21 of the Kansas Driving Handbook, under Right-of-Way, it states: "Emergency vehicles, such as police cars, fire engines and ambulances, have the right-of-way when they are displaying a red light in front or when they signal with a siren or bell. At such times, other vehicles should immediately drive to the right and stop until the emergency vehicles have passed."

I'll admit, there are times when I feel like I'm on a mission trying to get somewhere. But my getting some place is never more important than the safety, health or well being of another human.

Next time you see an emergency vehicle please pull over. Their time is probably a bit more important than yours.

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## GOD SAYS

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all mallice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31, 32

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