



## Republicans did right in avoiding shutdown

Whew! The government didn't shut down. Some say that's too bad. Especially the "tea party" bunch. But those people didn't include the military wives who were freezing food in case their husbands didn't get paid later this month because of the feared shutdown.

Nor the great mass of Americans whose stock holdings and other investment might have plunged. The millions of federal workers who would have missed paychecks, only to be paid later for time they didn't work. The workers in "critical" jobs who'd have had to work despite the lack of a check.

No, the Republican party did the right thing when it settled for \$38.5 billion in cuts from this year's budget, rather than demanding the full \$60 billion it had asked for.

For one thing, the GOP lost ground in the Clinton era when it forced a shutdown. The Republicans had the upper hand, but people didn't like to see their government embarrassed.

There would have been no gain for the GOP from a shutdown this year, either, no matter what the hard liners think. There'd have been plenty of blame to go around, but the Republicans would have been painted as the bad guys.

If the deal stands, and Congress goes ahead and passes a budget for the current year, budget cutters will face a far bigger task. Republicans are projecting a need to cut \$6 trillion over the next decade, about \$600 billion a year, from the budget.

To do that will require skill and compromise. The vast military budget will have to be

part of the discussion, and Republicans have a hard time cutting that. Otherwise, the cuts would have to come mostly from "discretionary" programs, and there's not enough money there to cut \$600 billion a year.

Worse yet, the deficit is running more than twice that amount, about \$1.3 trillion per year. To balance the budget is going to take two things: some really deep cuts, and a return to prosperity that will refill the federal treasury.

Prosperity produced big surpluses in the Clinton era, for which the Democrats took credit. Bad times are producing big deficits today, deficits made much worse by unrestrained "stimulus" spending.

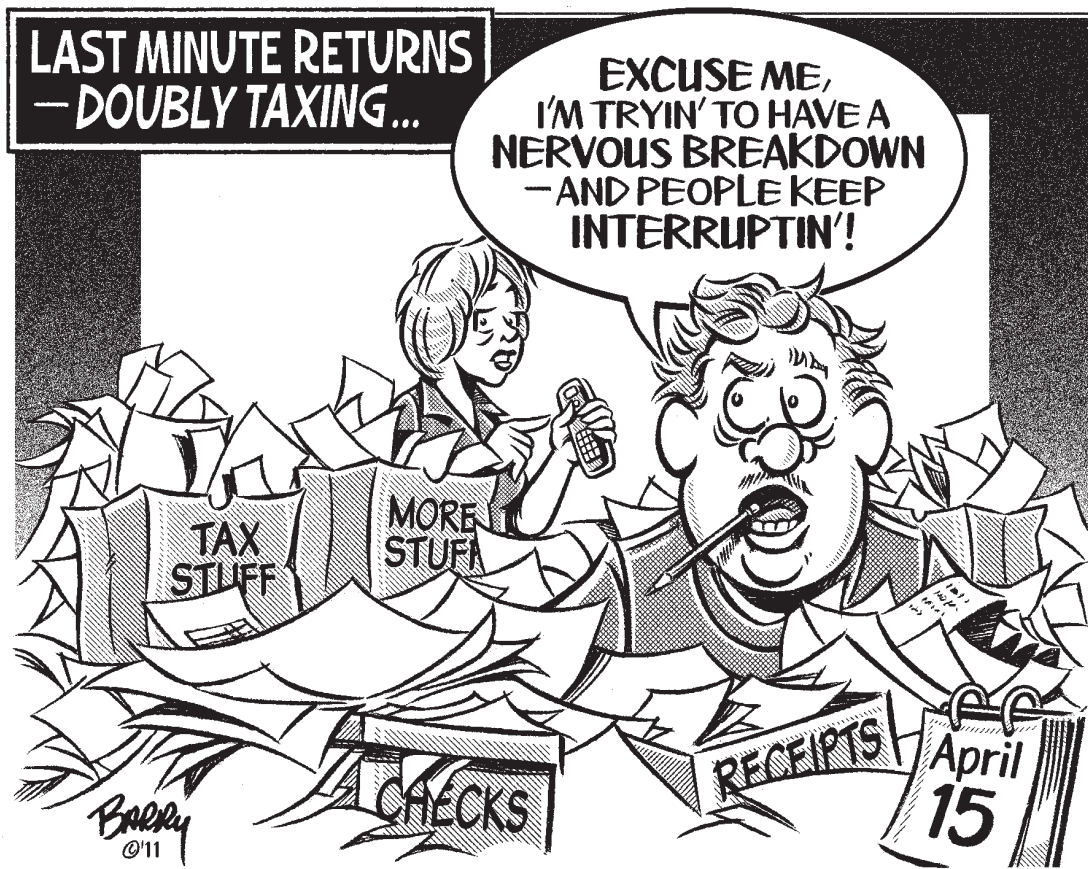
Now, it's time to pay the bill for all this borrowing. And with the national debt at \$13.2 trillion today, no one is even talking about paying it off, or even putting an end to borrowing. Right now, it's enough to talk about slowing the increase.

Shut down the government? It won't save any money or reduce the debt. Most of us might not miss it much, but there are those who would be hurt through no fault of their own.

The best course lies in learning to work together in Washington to do what has to be done, without partisan wrangling or showmanship. That's a lot to ask, of course, but it's what we need.

Then, a united nation could focus on the future deficits and a plan to pay down the debt. It has to happen someday, and with work and cooperation, we just might be able to pull off a reform before financial collapse overtakes us.

- Steve Haynes



## News From the Past

### 45 years ago - 1966

St. Francis residents were proud to hear that Lt. Commander Ronald Evans was named one of the nation's new astronauts. Ron, the son of Jimmy Evans of St. Francis and Marie Evans of Vassar was born in St. Francis and attended grade school here before moving to Topeka. He spent several summers working on

the farm with his great uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jeffries.

The city council announced that the new sewer system was 98 percent completed, and was actually being used. Water is being pumped into the system to fill the pond located northeast of St. Francis.

Randy Willt won the Cheyenne County Spelling Bee held Saturday. Lester Walker

placed second and Cheryl Stagner third. Randy and Lester are from the Wheeler Grade School and Cheryl from the St. Francis Grade School.

Jessie Smith will re-open the Bay Cafe at Smith's Teneco Station on Tuesday. Mrs. Smith operated the cafe several years ago, and will take over management of the cafe again.

## Once again time for Relay for Life

To the editor: Once again, participants from Cheyenne County and friends and family of those affected by cancer will be participating in the Relay for Life. This "celebration of life" brings our community together in a unified effort to fight cancer and symbolizes the fight patients face after being diagnosed with the disease.

The Cheyenne County Relay for Life will be held Saturday, June 11 at 6 p.m. and go through the night until 6 a.m. June 12.

Money raised during the night long event is used to help fund research, fund programs for the person fighting cancer, for support programs, nutritional help, detection programs

In 2010 in Cheyenne County the American Cancer society provided information to eight patients, patient packets to two patients, personal health managers to two patients, and 16 gas cards. These programs and services were made available in part due to participation in Relay for Life.

Relay for Life is as much an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer as it is a fundraiser.

Cheyenne County has an excellent hospital, clinic, amazing doctors and personnel, which do everything possible to help patients in their journey after the diagnosis and detection of cancer.

After this diagnosis, there are resources available from the American Cancer society to help on this journey. Once again,

## Letters to the Editor

made possible in part by participation in Relay for Life.

Relay for Life is an all-night event which symbolizes the fight of a cancer patient. A cancer patient's treatment is tiring, sometimes lonely, and often times discouraging. That is why we relay all night. As a reminder to our survivors that they are not alone. We are here for them, with them, and beside them.

If you would like to help on the committee, be a part of a team please contact Pat Rose at 332-5348, Christy Wurm at 332-2650 or 3306 or Tammy Grice at 332-6194. If you would like to have a team but do not feel like you would like to stay up all night,

you can have people walking for an hour at a time.

Unfortunately in Cheyenne County as small as we are, we have far too many cancer diagnoses. Let's unite as a community to help stamp out this dreaded and frightful disease. Those who receive this diagnosis shouldn't have to deal with this alone. Let's stand together as a community and give them our support during this journey.

For more information on cancer, call the American Cancer Society's 24-hour helpline at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

Pat Rose  
2011 Relay for Life Chairman

## Reason or riot

If flag burning is an expression of free speech... set fire to the robes of the supreme court... Talk doth not equal actions!!!

U.S. Bill of Rights #1.. Freedom of speech... Of press... To Peaceably assemble... (preaching in the park) - Free Speech - (Sound truck at midnight) - Disturbing the peace. Graffiti may be free speech (press)! Yet, vandalizing the place. Profanity is a feeble mind trying to express itself forcefully!.. Shake thy fist as "U" please; bump my nose

grovel on thy knees - ponder the consequences of thy words? Deeds? "Therefore all things, whatsoever ye would that men should do to you; do ye even so to them" Matt. 7:12A

Frank Sowers  
Benkelman  
P.S. If boys are (boys). Girls (girls) there are Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, boys basketball, girls volleyball, etc. Shame on any girl in coed wrestling. Cursed be the adults permitting it!

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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Every day you hear it. America's best days are behind us. We've reached our high point and are on the way down.

Nuts! I'm tired of listening to what is wrong with this country. Here are a few of the things we still have right.

The national anthem being played before sporting events and other gatherings. When men

remove hats and all present place a hand on their chest, it is a wonderful sign of respect for what it means to be an American.

Church services in which we are all free to worship as we choose.

Freedom of speech. What other country can we agree to disagree and say our peace without fear of retribution?

A free market system that is controlled by supply and demand. Anyone can make it big if they have something that others are willing to pay for.

A strong military, because there will always be tyrants and governments who will only be deterred by knowing you can't

mess with us.

Military cemeteries so we don't forget where our freedoms came from.

Natural beauty that stretches from coast to coast. There is always something amazing and new to our senses waiting right in our own backyard.

And finally, a wonderful variety of people who came from other countries that did not have the incredible rights that citizens of the United States of America enjoy day in and day out.

We are not done yet!

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The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?  
Proverbs 18:14

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