

Kansas marijuana stops may need to slow down

OK, we get it. Colorado may have changed its law on marijuana, but the stuff is still illegal in Kansas. But there must be some better way to do things than hauling every person caught with just a little bit of green, leafy substance into court, slapping them in jail and making them pay exorbitant collect-call charges to look for bail money.

Or for the worst case, take the case of 58-year-old Brenda Sewell and her sister, Joy Biggs, of Kansas City, Mo. The women were stopped by the Kansas Highway Patrol for speeding, then arrested when a trooper found a small amount of marijuana in their car.

Three days later, still in the Sherman County Jail without making bond, Ms. Sewell died of undetermined causes. Her sister claimed that jailers did nothing to help her when she became ill. An investigation by the Goodland Police came under suspicion after it was disclosed that the detective who did the work was married to the undersheriff in charge of the jail.

Things like this will do nothing for our state's reputation, and we should be asking ourselves, why?

We're not saying that Kansas should make marijuana legal just now. We move slowly

on these things. It was nearly half a century after prohibition ended before our state fully legalized liquor by the drink. That gives us a target date of, say, 2050 to open up pot bars.

We're not saying to ignore drug dealers and couriers. They know the risks they are taking. Let them go to jail. Let them rot there, for all we care.

But must we treat every person who crosses the state line with a little maryjane like a common criminal, cuff them and lock them up until they either find someone to bail them out or a judge fines them?

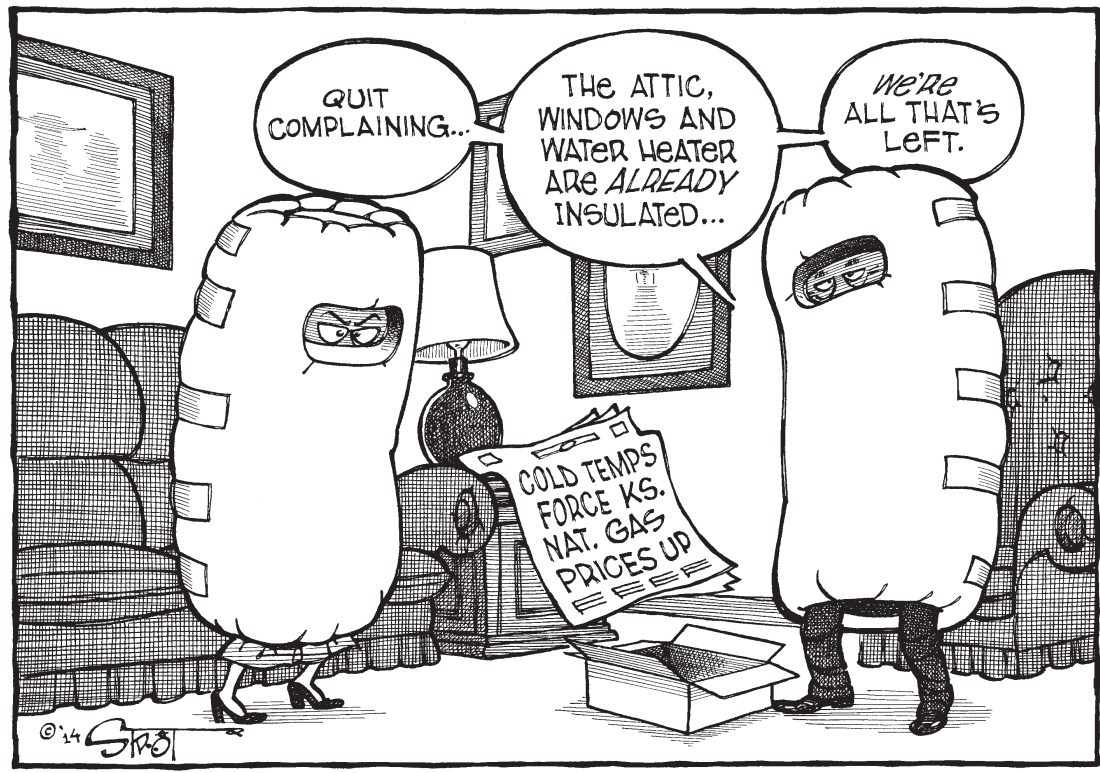
It's not just that it would make us look foolish in a nation where views are changing, but it's just no way to treat people, especially guests in our state.

Why not just give them a ticket, let them pay a fine and send them on their way?

Save the tough treatment for people driving without a license or driving under the influence.

No one would think Kansas has gone soft on drugs. The Highway Patrol could put more effort into looking for speeders and drunk drivers. Jails would have room for people who need to be there.

And Kansas would be a better place for the change. — Steve Haynes



Reader warns of prison camp

SCALIA— Does anyone know what scalia is??? Is it a special vitamin that is the elixir of long life or an alloy mixture that is used at secret area No. 71, that will allow time travel???

These are all good guesses, but what if it was a name? A name, a name what is in a name? Answer, not much unless the name is Antonin Scalia, a Supreme Court Justice of the United States of America.

Headline: Supreme Court Justice Predicts Internment Camps in America's Future

'A distinguished member of the US Supreme Court gave a sobering reminder of how history can and likely will repeat itself when the conditions are right. Justice Antonin Scalia said that he would not be surprised if Americans were once again imprisoned in concentration camps by the federal government.'

Excerpt from: (http://www.policestateusa.com/2014/justice-scalia-internment-camps)

Letter to Editor

Justice Scalia, while giving a classroom lecture to a group of law students in Honolulu, addressed the subject of Martial Law, the Suspension of all Civil Rights and internment Camps as part of a plan, that could be in our future to control the perceived threat of a particular class of American Citizenry that are deemed to be a threat to this Government, as happened in the United States during World War II.

The quote from Justice Scalia was: "You are kidding yourself if you thing the same thing will not happen again."

This statement alone by one of our Supreme Court Justice should send shivers up and down your spine as we look at a government and administration that is out of control and has no regard for the

truth, the law, or the Constitution. Where there is no transparency and where the ends justify any means necessary to attaining their goal, including the nuclear option that is now being used in the US Senate. Where there is no compunction about acting unilaterally, going around the congress, that 'We The People' elected...

In which group do you think that they are putting you ??? ... This government can declare any group or person as a threat to the government by executive order. Christians are among this group along with other terrorists that are on the governments list of perceived threats that are a danger to this government. Where are our congressional leaders???

Hallelujah! What a Saviour!!! R. Kent Voorhies

Casey's Comments

Tea Parties

By Casey McCormick



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By Casey McCormick mccormickcasey@rocketmail.com Some things don't seem to go together naturally. Dogs and cats. Fire and water. Me and polite society.

I try to do my best, but that lump of coal is not becoming a diamond, no matter how much polishing it gets.

But despite my rough edges, I

still manage to land in the right place at the right time.

Lezlie and I got to have our little granddaughter, Billeigh, last weekend for a sleep over. As the snow fell outside, and grandma was busy upstairs, the two of us held a tea party.

Billeigh, despite her young age, was the consummate hostess. She even allowed me to fill the cups

while she supervised. Like any job, I took it seriously, since you never know when you might have to fall back on past talents.

Grandma snuck into the room to get a picture that was posted on Facebook. But I don't mind. Maybe folks will be more inclined to send me invitations to more classy happenings?

Across the County

Winter a good time for paperwork

By Marty Fear



County Extension Agent

Winter is a good time to review pesticide licensure

When spring finally arrives, most of us are typically more worried about doing things outside instead of inside. That means paperwork needs to be done now while less can be done outside. If you have to renew or need to get your private pesticide applicator's licensing taken care of, now is the time to do it before you need it later. Getting your license is not complicates, it just takes a little time.

If you're already licensed, check to make sure its current. If expired, you'll likely have to renew. It needs to be done every five years; expiration is on your birthday. If you are

new to restricted use pesticide application, testing is required. Private certification may be obtained by passing an open book examination at the Extension office. Make sure and contact your extension office in advance to ensure the office will be open and allow two to three hours to complete the examination. We will collect the \$25 fee and mail the completed examination to the Kansas Department of Agriculture for grading and

issuing the certification card. Private applicator certification expired on the individual's birthday in the fifth calendar year it is issued.

It's not that bad and not all herbicides are restricted use. For more information contact the extension office at 785-332-3171 or cfear@ksu.edu. Till next week - Marty

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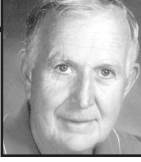
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Legislative News

Road name proposal

By Ward Cassidy



120th State Representative

In the Appropriations Committee this week, we discussed the Kansas Lottery in detail. I learned that if you don't buy a ticket, you have little chance of winning, and I have never bought a ticket. There was a comment that a lady in Florida found a ticket on the ground, while leaving a supermarket, kept it, and won several million dollars. That being said, here are the facts of the Kansas Lottery.

The Kansas Lottery started in November 1987; through June 30, 2013, lottery ticket sales have produced more than \$1.4 billion in revenues transferred to the state of Kansas.

The Kansas Lottery Act requires that a minimum of 45 percent of total sales be paid back to the players through the prize fund. Last year, it paid out 56.6 percent in

prizes. There was \$244.8 million in sales, and \$74.5 million was transferred to the state.

The State Gaming Revenues Fund is funded through monthly transfers from the Kansas Lottery. Transfers are then made from the Gaming Fund to funds dedicated to economic development initiatives, prison construction and maintenance projects, local juvenile detention facilities, problem gaming assistance, and the State General Fund.

What many people are not aware of is there are also Kansas Lottery Veterans Benefit tickets. Net profits from veterans benefit games go directly to designated Veterans programs. Every penny of the money is used here in Kansas, and goes to provide basic assistance for our Kansas military veterans.

My problem, with all gambling, is there are too many people who are using more than their discretionary dollars. I spend my discretionary dollars hunting and playing golf. If people want to gamble, fine - just don't make it a problem where you are hurting those around you.

In St. Francis and Bird City, there is additional news. I introduced a bill this week in transportation that will give a name to Highway 161. This highway runs from Bird City north to Benkelman. The Cheyenne County Historical Society requested the highway be designated at the "Ancient Indians Trader Trail." I see no problem in this bill passing.

Church of Christ 332-2380, Pars. 332-3424 502 W. Spencer Norman Morrow - Minister Bible Class 9 a.m. Morning Worship 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church Office 332-2292, Church 332-2254, 512 S. Scott Pastor Warren Cico Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church 423-650-5663 • 3rd & Adams Pastor James McCurdy Sabbath School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 625 S. River • 332-2680 Fr. Carlos Ruiz Santos 1st Sunday of the month Morning Mass 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. Weekday Mass 8:00 a.m. Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

Salem Lutheran Church 332-3002 Pastor Chris Farmer Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Communion 3rd Sunday

Solid Rock Baptist Church 412 S. Denison Welcomes You! Pastor Allen Coon Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Prayer Meeting, Wed 7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church Pastor Jeff Landers 332-2956 • 118 E. Webster Bible Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Church Service 10:15 a.m.

First Baptist Church 2nd & Scott • 332-3921 J.W. Glidewell, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

St. Francis Community Church 332-3150 204 N. Quincy Street www.sfccfamily.com Pastor: David Butler Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Potluck & Communion - Every 2nd Sunday Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, AFLC 202 N. College Pastor Randy Nelson Church 332-2928 Parsonage 332-2312 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday

