



Opinion

Forces moving to raise tax dollars to keep state going

Powerful forces are building momentum in Kansas to raise taxes and keep state government going.

It's too early to tell what will happen in the Legislature, but there is no doubt that the state faces a fiscal crunch.

All through Bill Graves' first term, the governor and the Legislature cut taxes each year. Times were good and the money just seemed to roll in.

Then came the realization that they had cut taxes more than anyone thought. Too much, some said. Not enough, conservatives cried.

No matter; the anti-tax crowd was firmly in control of the Legislature. Through two tight years, hardly a cent has stirred.

This year could be different. In addition to the usual forces pushing for more spending — social services, school boards, the teachers' union, state employees, colleges — whole new lobbies have been created.

And the crunch will be more severe this time. The governor has told all agencies to trim their budgets. Millions in highway projects have been scrapped. Schools don't know whether to expect any increase, not even the minimal amount they got last year. KBI agents have been ordered to limit driving to 1,000 miles a month, and there is

little or no hiring.

The players are cranking up the pressure. At least two groups have been formed to pressure legislators to approve school spending and tax hikes. They say they want to put kids first, but of course, kids won't get the money.

Universities have announced steep tuition hikes. Social service can claim more money as "entitlements," even if the state has less. Federal law requires the state to offer welfare programs to anyone who qualifies. And with the economy down, a lot more people will be looking for help.

The governor has said he wants a tax increase to take the edge of the cuts. He doesn't think you can raise them enough to prevent any cuts.

Whether the new and old lobbies combined can generate enough pressure for an increase is anybody's guess right now. The same old players will be making the decisions in the Legislature, but the key to the new pressure is the threat of campaigning against those who don't "back the kids."

For now, looking at the forces arrayed for the battle, we'll say a tax increase is no more than even money.

And even money would make a lot of people pretty happy this year. — Steve Haynes

Ordinances need to be enforced

Dear Editor,

It's time the city ordinances relating to pets be enforced.

Barkley, our small Yorkshire Terrier, was attacked and injured critically Christmas Eve morning at 2 a.m. when left alone for approximately three minutes and within six feet of our front steps.

According to Dr. Stacy Hudelson, D.V.M., Wray, Colo. (Dr. Judy Baxter was out of town), Barkley suffered teeth bites, lacerations, pulmonary contusions and shock. He was severely bitten, shaken and thrown during the attack. Dr. Hudelson attributed the injuries to a large dog.

Many people chain or cage dogs because that's what they have been taught is acceptable. What isn't acceptable is to keep a dog confined during the day, letting it run freely after dark. This behavior is in violation of a city ordinance.

Barkley is also tagged as required by the ordinance which states, "No dog tag shall be issued without proof of immunization from a qualified veterinarian."



BARKLEY after days of care and love is improving slowly. The signs of a larger dogs attack still mark his skin.

Honor Roll

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Routinely, Barkley is immunized for rabies, bordetella and parvo. City records for 2001 reveal that only 37 dog tags were issued. It's common knowledge that there are more than 37 dogs in the city of St. Francis.

Though bittersweet, Barkley has shown powerful loyalty and trust in us during his recuperation. If you have never had a loving relationship with a pet, there is no way you can comprehend

the tears and heartache we have experienced. I only wish you could!

It's time pet ordinances are enforced. — Elaine Kite



GOD SAYS

Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12: 20, 21

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American pride is back to stay

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National Pride
Patriotism—flag waving,—it has been so good to see these since Sept. 11. We see little flags on cars, larger flags flying in front of most homes, huge flags flying in front of corporate head-quarter buildings, churches, etc. Some school children made a flag of paper flowers. When I hear a band playing a patriotic song and see the flag displayed, I get goose-bumps and get misty-eyed.
I served in the Women's Army Corps

for three years during World War II and during the occupation of Japan. When we would be marching in a parade or similar ceremony, it would be such a great feeling—listening to and keeping in step with the military band, and with Old Glory flying proudly at the head of the column. The flag was important to us.
I'm a member of an American Legion Post, and the Idaho Women Veterans Organization. These organizations have, for many years strongly supported flying our country's flag.

Most people I know are in favor of flying the American flag. Anyone who lives in the United States knows our country is not perfect. However, we must have something people desire. Look at the thousands of people trying to get in.

Jennette Kenney
Boise, Idaho

Jennette is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Havlik and grew up and taught school in Haigler before joining the military.

News from the Past

5 years ago

The St. Francis Board of Education members have been unformulated that the ACT test scores of the St. Francis seniors were above the state and federal level.

The emergency medical service (EMS) and the fire department are making a plea for donations of blankets to be used for the people helped in accidents.

St. Francis First National Bank donated \$1,000 to the rest room project to be erected in the city park in the spring.

A Monster Ate My Homework - a musical, was presented by the junior high girls on Monday, Jan. 6. Abbie Adams was played by Amber Lyons, Miss Dale by Lori Gohl and Mortimer Crank by Leigh Ann Ochsner.

Christmas plates were prepared at the Country Pantry last week and delivered to the pa-

tients of Quality Care Plus.

An open house was held for June Henderson who retired as register of deeds at the end of her term.

Dr Abdullah has received word that he passed his internal medicine boards.

The Hays Daily News honored two St. Francis football players, Justin McAtee and Jim Keller.

Scott Jenkins, a St. Francis Community High School senior, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

Ray Lee, county sheriff, will retire on Jan. 13 after giving many years of service to the people of Cheyenne County. He has been sheriff for the last 28 years.

Residents of Cheyenne County are furnishing blankets to the fire department and the emergency medical service. The Herald office is one of the drop off places.

50 years ago

The St. Francis and Bird City community choruses presented the

Messiah in December. The choir composed of 75 voices is under the capable direction of Robert Carl, vocal instructor in the city schools and John Race, the instructor in the Bird City school.

Two hundred and fifty-two Wallace, Sherman and Cheyenne county residents are now in the armed forces according to the state United Defense Fund chairman. The Cheyenne quota of contribution to the fund is \$522 with Bob Morris as chairman. Most of the money raised goes to the USO with other service clubs receiving the remainder.

Tobias Walter of St. Francis has been re-elected chairman of the Cheyenne County Production and Marketing Administration Committee.

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Pastor Perry Elkins
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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332-2380, Pars. 332-3424
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Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
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332-2925, Pars. 332-2899
208 E. 2nd
Rev. Rob Meyer
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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332-2928 Pars. 332-2308
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625 S. River • 332-2680
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Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.
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