



Voters in no mood to elect anyone raising their taxes

The supposed gains made by the Kansas Republican party's conservative faction might not mean much until the Senate caucus votes on a president next year, but they may be a measure the voters' mood.

That the Republicans are split so deeply is nothing new. The party is so dominant, it has to fight itself. There is nothing approaching a viable two-party system in most of Kansas, so we have two Republican parties and a Democratic faction that, most days, counts for little.

It's hard to define exactly who is a conservative and who is a liberal in the Republican ranks, so you watch to see how they vote for leadership posts — and on tax increases.

The conservatives include those who vote "no" on tax increases. The liberals — they prefer to call themselves moderates — often vote yes when it comes to spending.

There are other issues. Most conservatives are against abortion, but so are many of the moderates. Conservatives may worry about issues such as "concealed carry" and the Second Amendment. Guns give lefties the creeps.

The liberal wing controls the state party office and the Senate, at least for now. The conservatives have the House. The conservatives have something called the Kansas Republican Assembly, which functions as sort of a shadow party leadership and helps conservative candidates.

The division is so deep that leaders on both sides endorsed candidates in the Republican primary, something that's just not done in many states. They lined up to back those who would vote for them come caucus time.

The moderates/liberals complain that conservative groups from out of state have poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into Kansas campaigns, but liberal candidates see no shame in taking their

own thousands from statewide groups such as the teachers and the Kansas Livestock Association.

This year, the conservatives seem to be winning. They made gains in the Legislature and the state Board of Education, ousting a few liberals who had whipped conservatives two years ago. In the Legislature, on the state board and at party headquarters, this could portend changes.

When the liberals win, the conservatives have no place to go. They vote Republican. But when the conservatives win, the liberals will cry foul. They might well vote Democrat in the general election.

That's how Kathleen Sebelius became governor. It wasn't the Democratic vote that elected her; it was liberal Republicans who couldn't stomach the conservative Tim Shallenburger as governor.

It's more complicated than that, of course. Ms. Sebelius is a rare, gifted candidate and Shallenburger was not. But that's the gist of it. Republican votes elected her; there are not enough Democrats in Kansas to do it.

That's why only liberal Republicans can become governor, at least until the conservatives produce a more charismatic candidate.

You can expect more of the same if the liberals lose their grip on the party or the Senate next year — much whining and massive defections.

But the primary indicates that voters, by and large, are not buying the liberal line that we must increase taxes.

Outside a few diehard members of the "moderate" wing of the party, and the Democrats, of course, I have yet to meet a Kansan who wants the state to raise taxes. The exceptions, of course, are mostly tax-paid employees, school officials and the like.

People think times are tough and the state ought to suck it in. They voted that way, and they mean it. — Steve Haynes



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News From the Past

15 years ago - 1989

The children and grandchildren of Albert and Vinta Keller are hosting a reception on Aug. 13, to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Chris Doering Legacy will be presenting Texas-style old time fiddle music and entertainment in front of the grandstand on Saturday night of the fair.

Senior Division Grand Cham-

pions at the 4-H Style Revue were Shawn Rogers and Kari Milliken.

25 years ago - 1979
Julie Howland, Bird City, was selected as the Cheyenne County Rodeo Queen. Jana Leydig, St. Francis, was selected Junior Princess.

Ralph Lebow, who was named best groomed senior boy, and Kristie Lamb, winner of the style revue, will represent Cheyenne County at the Kansas State Fair.

Ernie Gray, 29, has been named manager of the hardware and lumber department of the St. Francis Equity.

Boy Scouts attending Ben Delatour Summer Camp in Colorado include Darrel Vandike, Dan Follett, Mitchell Hilt, Jeff Hilt, Martin Hilt, Dennis Vandike and John Love. Adult leaders include Scoutmaster Ervin Hilt and adult leader Bert Follett.

Hangin' With Marge

Oh no, our parents are lost

By Margaret Bucholtz



Our children had a crisis last week — their parents were missing! What a magic moment in Kurt's and my life.

We had the wonderful pleasure of having our little 3-year-old grandson with us for a few days the first week of August. It was his first time coming to see us without his parents. He was so good and we all had lots of fun with him.

On Friday after work we left to take him back to Kansas City. We drove until about 9, then stopped and got a room for the night. The next morning we went on to Kansas City.

After we dropped him off, we left to go to Wichita to see our other son and his wife. While we were going along I looked at Kurt and said, "They don't think we are coming until tomorrow." Kurt replied, "Let's get a motel room and have a much needed evening with just the two of us."

It sounded great so when we got to Wichita, we started looking for a room.

The first three motels were full and at the fourth one I walked in and the lady, without looking up, said, "Sorry, we don't have any rooms available."

I said, "OK" and turned to walk out.

She then said, "Just a minute I think we do have a cancellation."

I waited as she proceeded to tell me it would only have a queen size bed and it was a smoking room.

At that point it didn't matter and

I said we would take it.

Then she said, "We also have a non-smoking room."

I am thinking "Wow, all of a sudden they had two rooms."

I just told her we would take the non-smoking one and she wrote up the paper work and shocked us with the price.

We took our little map out to find our room and it looked like it was at the back, so we drove around only to find ourselves staring at the dumpsters. We went back to the front and found a door and entered into a hall room that smelled of freshly spilled beer, and it was muggy and hot.

Got to the right room number and as we stepped in the door the inside was cooler, and not to bad, if you could get over the price we had paid.

We then looked for a phone book to find where a restaurant might be and as we opened the drawer all we found was four empty beer cans. At that point Kurt turned down the bed to see if the sheets were even clean, and they were.

After we ate we came back to the room and Kurt turned on the television. We had one channel and the reception was fuzzy. However it was kind of a treat for me not to have the usual night of television with a remote in his hand and me trying to piece together what I was watching with at least four different programs as he flips them back and forth.

To make matters even worst the walls were thin and you could hear

children running, others crying. We were also in the airport line so every few minutes a plane would fly over and the building would shake.

The next morning we got up and even though we were only about four or five blocks from our son's house, we got lost and after about an hour of searching we stopped and got a map so we could find out where we were.

As we pulled up in the drive our son came out of the house and the first words out of his mouth was "Where have you been?"

He told us that the son in Kansas City had called to see if we made it on Saturday afternoon and toward evening the two of them had called both kids here in St. Francis, and one had called K-DOT to see if there had been an accident. Our daughter here didn't know where we were and our son told them, "Mom probably found some cemetery between KC and Wichita that she thought might have some relative in it so for them not to worry."

After listening to how they had cleaned house in case we were in an accident, like I used to do when they were young. I finally just looked at him and said, "Kids, welcome to your parents Golden Years! This is where you all get paid back for the nights I stayed up cleaning house, waiting on you to call or come home."

I think I am going to like these years after all.

Reader questions world happenings

Lampoons (Quips)

Letter to the Editor:

- 1) Kobe Bryant case, Scott Peterson case, Hacking case, Michael Jackson case — "Human trash" cases??
- 2) Considering that the average life span of the homosexuals is approximately 42 years; why doesn't

the Government Department of Health emphasize that matter?? Health "menaces"??

3) "Politicians" — commonly, about as "bright" as "burned out light bulbs"??

4) Serious "biblical prophecy researchers" seem to notably be "right wing conservatives." Where are the "leftist liberal socialists"?? Seem-

ingly silent!

5) Politicians chant about "human rights," commonly. Have you ever heard them chant about "God's rights"??

Terry Rueb

St. Francis

P.S. Will the Governor of New Jersey be prosecuted on a sodomy charge??

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GOD SAYS

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Romans 14:10-12

Worship Warms the Heart

Wesleyan Church
Hwy 36 • 734-2727
Pastor Scott Baker
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424
502 W. Spencer
Norman Morrow - Minister
Bible Class 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Grace Assembly of God
332-2925, Pars. 332-2899
208 E. 2nd
Rev. Rob Meyer
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30
Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.

Salem Lutheran Church
332-3002
Pastor Chris Farmer
No Sunday School for summer
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Peace Lutheran Church
202 N. College
332-2928 Pars. 332-2308
Pastor David Rossbach
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

First Christian Church
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster
Pastor Tony Christians
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Church Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams
Pastor Jim Martin
Sabbath School 9:30
Morning Worship 10:45

St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Church
625 S. River • 332-2680
Fr. Beryl Gibson
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

Living Water Fellowship Ministry
Pastors:
Terry & Tiffany Glasco
Downtown Bird City
785-734-2363
Sunday:
Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship & Word 10 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Last Sunday evening of Month: Healing Service 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Clough Valley Baptist Church
12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF
332-2506
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. CT
Worship 10:00 a.m. CT

St. Francis Community Church
332-3150 • 216 W. Washington
Pastor: Richard Garcia
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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