



State senator may need to find some new friends

One of his friends came to Topeka to give Sen. Tim Huelskamp an award last week.

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, named Sen. Huelskamp, a Fowler Republican, as a "Hero of the Taxpayer."

Though it sounds like something out of the old Soviet Union, it's really a nice honor for a conservative legislator. While on the podium, though, he made some comments about Republicans and tax increases that drew a reporter's attention, and the result was not so good.

"Republicans who vote for tax increases are like rat head in Coke bottles," Mr. Norquist said. "They don't just hurt themselves; they damage the brand."

Of course the reporters had a field day. Sen. Steve Morris, who has the next district over, allowed as how he had voted for a couple of tax increases over the years. Morris, a conservative of sorts, is president of the Senate, and a man of some influence.

Rep. Bill Light of Rolla said he had voted for tax increases for highways and schools over the years. He thought they were good.

Nothing like offending potential allies to get a session rolling. Sen. Huelskamp has been a leader of conservatives in the Senate, especially since the un-

timely death of Sen. Stan Clark. He has been leading the anti tax forces, and he deserved the award.

He didn't deserve the notoriety that went along with Mr. Norquist's remarks. What an ugly phrase. Graphic and to the point, but tasteless.

And, whatever true believers say, there are times a tax increase is appropriate. Not many perhaps, but they exist.

Kansas spending has grown, in real dollars, more than four times in 40 years, though. We've had quite enough tax increases over that time, thank you very much.

And while his heart was in the right place, Mr. Norquist wasn't doing his friend or the antitax movement much of a favor talking like that.

Call a spade a spade if you must, Mr. Norquist, but leave the rats out of it.

The effort to control state spending and end the constant stream of tax increases is too important to be left to the careless and the loudmouthed.

With the state Supreme Court trying to establish a right of unlimited school funding, the entire state budget is in peril. We need all the help we can get here.

Memo to Sen. Huelskamp:
Find some new friends. —Steve Haynes

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TO PEOPLE, TH' FAIR IS JUST ANOTHER SUMMER DIVERSION — TO US CRITTERS, IT'S TH' ACADEMY AWARDS!



Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

Hypocrisy and treason! Sunday evening the CBS program 60 Minutes featured an interview with Jane Fonda. Now at the age of 65, Fonda has been in the news for some 40 years.

She began the interview by blaming her parents for all of her problems. Henry Fonda was a great actor for many years of American film. However, he was "cool" towards his daughter. And her mother wound up in a mental institute and committed suicide. She ended the segment by once again blaming Mom and Dad for

her life's problems.

She also answered questions about her actions during the Vietnam War. Television footage showed a laughing Fonda in the seat of a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft gun surrounded by happy enemy troops. She defended her broadcasts on the radio to United States pilots, whom she begged to disobey orders and not drop bombs.

Thus she earned the label of "Hanoi Jane."

At least one thing has changed with her. When asked what she would think of some notable, young

movie star today going to Iraq to support the insurgents she said, "I would be angry!" And that, "It is a different circumstance."

Hypocrisy? Back to "Hanoi Jane." Fonda said it makes her sad that Vietnam veterans still don't forgive her for her treasonous behavior.

"There has got to be a statute of limitations on blame," Fonda said.

Huh, so much for her blaming Mom and Dad for her dysfunctions.



Hangin' With Marge

By Margaret Bucholtz



Reverting to Youth

There are a few things that I remember my parents telling me when I was young that sure are coming true!

One of those things was "that as you get older you start reverting back to becoming a little child." You do weird things, like not thinking things through, or not paying attention to what people tell you.

The other night Kurt and I went to Goodland to watch a grandson play softball. We had a couple of our grandchildren and we took the pickup. When we pulled up to park

Kurt told me he was going to leave a space because of a mud hole, but I didn't really hear it. I was thinking how far I was going to have to walk and that I had forgotten a coat, but the big thing was that the supper he had just gotten me wasn't very good and that really upset me.

As soon as he parked, I got out and turned around to open the door of the pickup to let the kids out. All this time I was still thinking how I didn't like what I had ordered for supper, when all of a sudden I had this funny feeling on one of my feet.

As I sunk about four inches into the cold, muddy, mud hole it finally dawned on me.

Supper didn't matter anymore as I had my foot to worry about — wondering how many people would think I hadn't bathed. It was then I could remember hearing my father's voice telling me one more time, "Margaret, if you don't start taking care of your shoes, we are going to have to buy you men's work boots!"

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Kansans urged to speak up

Wake up Kansas — contact your State Board of Education and let them know how you feel!

Proponents of creationism will soon do a great disservice to the children of Kansas unless we act now. They have scheduled to change the Biology textbooks for all public schools in Kansas to teach Creationism and question Evolution. This is an ill-considered plan.

The U.S. Supreme Court found that the teaching of Creationism to be a violation of the separation of church and state in the 1968 (Epperson v. Arkansas) case. Proponents of Creationism (which they recently re-named "intelligent design") evidently think they have the legal standing that makes teaching of Creationism justified.

Biologists explain the origin of living organisms in a few basic steps:

1. All types of organisms have genetic variation in their populations.

2. As environmental conditions change, some genetic variations allow organisms with those variations to produce more offspring.

3. Over many thousands of years, these cumulative changes in the genetic structure and physical configuration of a group of organisms can create a new specie.

This gradual process has been occurring over the last 4 billion years on the Earth. Scientists, including anthropologists, biologists, chemists, geologists, paleontologists, physi-

cists, and others have mountains of evidence for variation and evolution. Creationists have no scientific evidence that these steps have not been occurring.

The Constitution of the United States of America separates church and state for good reasons. Different people have incompatible religious beliefs, and it is not the role of the government to take sides on which beliefs are true and which are untrue.

People are free to teach whatever they believe in their homes, churches, and private schools. The Creationists are scheduled to change the wording of public school textbooks to say that Evolution is not scientifically justified, and that their religious beliefs are more important than science. Creationism should be taught in a class

on religion, but not in science.

If we, the sensible people of Kansas, do not act now to stop the Creationists, not only will we be the laughing stock of the world, we will do considerable harm to our children.

Please contact the following Kansas State Board of Education members who support the teaching of Creationism and urge them to change their decision before it is too late. Remind them that if they do not change their vote, we will vote in new board members next term.

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Dr. Herb White
Dodge City

Letter to the Editor

GOD SAYS

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14

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