

Candidate continues to build Democratic party

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius continues building a Democratic party that could stand for decades as a viable force in Kansas politics.

Success is not sure, not yet, but the governor has succeeded in attracting many Republican leaders to her fold. She's close to a realignment that would be nothing short of a revolution.

For most of a century — some would argue, since its founding, when Free State Republicans came to the fore — Kansas has been dominated by the Grand Old Party.

This one political reality means that many who might otherwise have become Democrats based on their beliefs joined the Republican ranks so they would stand a chance of holding office.

Kansas elects Democrats now and then, but only now and then. Most young politicians can read, especially the handwriting on the wall.

But dominance comes at a price. Holding, usually, the governor's office and two-thirds of the Legislature, the GOP itself split into liberal and conservative wings. The liberals like to style themselves as moderate, but everyone knows better.

So does the governor.

And she is calling them home to her party.

Her running mate, Mark Parkinson, is a former Republican state chairman. Her candidate for attorney general, Paul Morrison, won office as a Republican for Johnson County district attorney. The former attorney general, the ever-liberal Carla Stoval-Steckline, came out last week for the Democrat.

If the governor keeps building this coalition, and finds someone to take her place, the results could change Kansas politics forever.

Succession is key, though. Unless the Democrats have someone to run, not just for governor, but for other major offices after she's gone, the revolution could sputter and die.

What does this mean for Republicans?

First, they need to understand that the threat is real, but it creates an opportunity to focus their party.

Instead of two wings, based on radical-right-religious belief or big government cloaked in a moderate guise, the party needs to get back to its roots. It should be the party of freedom and prosperity, fighting against poverty, big government, slavery of all kinds, high taxes and oppressive regulations.

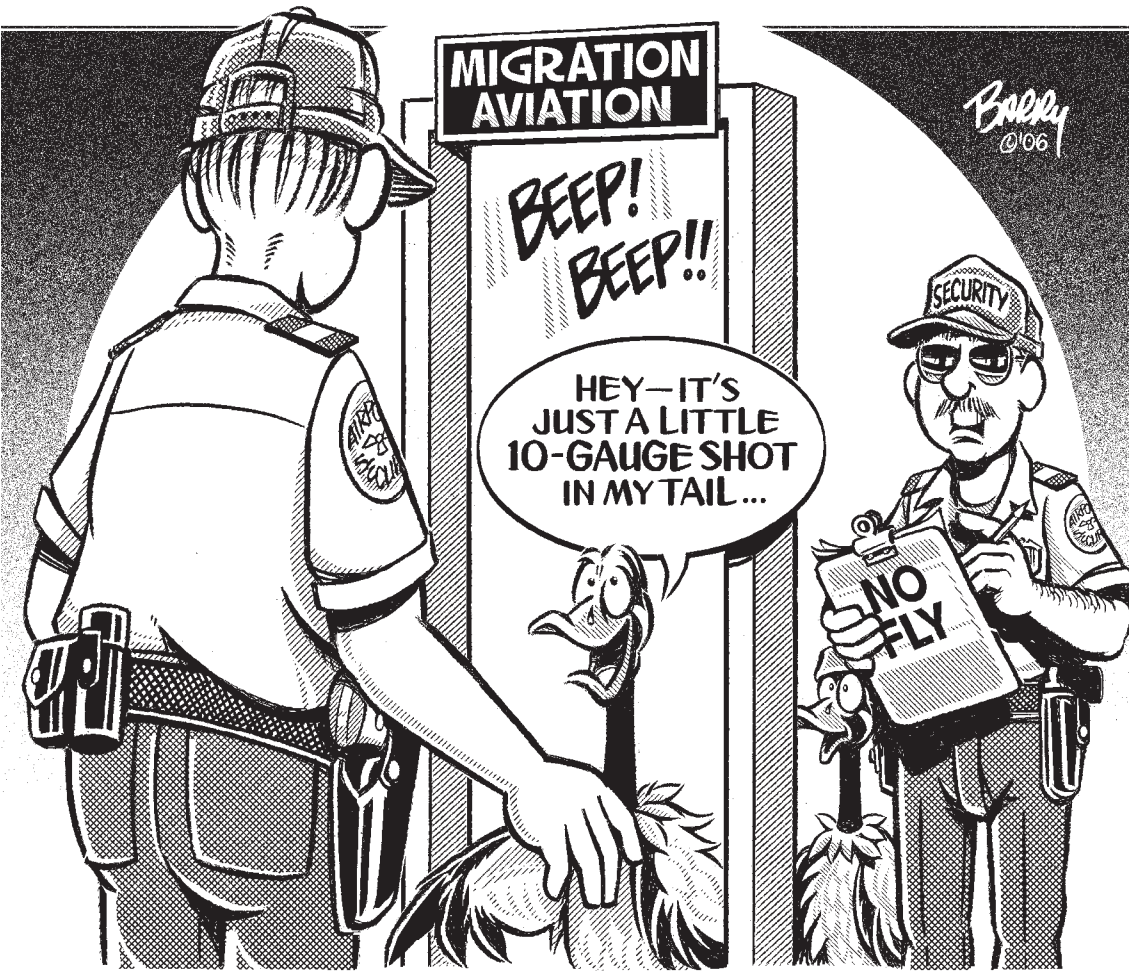
For too long, both parties have bought into the idea that bigger is better. Both wings of the GOP have bought into bigger government and more state control of everything. They argue mostly about whose beliefs will be taught in our schools.

Someone needs to stick up for the little guy, the small businessman, the minorities, the workers, the people who can't afford more taxes and endless regulations.

That's the opportunity the Kansas Republican party has today, to become the party not of just one small religious group or the narrow interests of big government, state employees and those who want to control every aspect of our lives.

But the party of, by and for the people.

— Steve Haynes



PRE-FLIGHT SCREENING TAKEN TO NEW HEIGHTS...

News From the Past

20 years ago - 1986

Keller Pond renovation has begun. The work is being done to improve the quality of fishing at the pond. After collecting the few catchable-sized sportfish a toxicant was applied to eradicate the undesirable fish. The Fish and Game Commission will be restocking the lake.

Homecoming candidates are Kelley Lewis, Darris DeGood, Mark Sherlock, Jason Douthit, Sherri Bracelin, Susan Hilt, Alisa Goodale, Kris Ketter and Kelley Milliken.

A local committee headed by Robert Grace has announced the

St. Francis area will soon be served by High Plains Public Radio.

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners discussed in some length the idea of purchasing a computer for the county reappraisal program.

Cheyenne County Junior Miss Leslie O'Brien will be among the 25 senior contestants at the State Finals at Belleville.

Tony and Tammy Howard purchased Saintry Super Foods from Marlin and Ramona Lillich. They became official owners on Nov. 2.

National 4-H Week is being celebrated. Cheyenne County has six clubs: Bird City 4-H Club, Plum

Creek 4-H Club, Happy Larks Project Club, South Fork 4-H Club, Pleasant Hill 4-H Club and Lawn Ridge 4-H Club.

25 years ago - 1981

The St. Francis Fire Department held an open house Monday evening on Washington Street to demonstrate all of their equipment. The purpose was to give the people of the area a better idea what the fire department can do. The firemen cranked up the pumps on three of the four trucks and were spraying more than 800 gallons per minute all over each other.

Hangin' With Marge

Granddaughters

By Margaret Bucholtz



My granddaughter, Lexi, spends Wednesday nights with us each week after catechism. The other day she came into the bathroom and stepped on the scales. She didn't notice that I was watching and seen how much she weighed. Both granddaughters are of a slender built, but still I tried to remember when I would have weighed that much.

As a grandparent, you are always trying to figure out if the grandchildren look or act anything like you did when you were younger. I remember what I looked like at that

age and the only thing I could think of was: I used to look like them, except my face was different and my body type was different and, of course, at the same weight, we were different in age. Lexi is in the seventh grade and I was probably about ready for the first grade when we weighed the same. Lauren, the senior in high school, once again the same differences are there and I was probably in the second grade for that weight.

I went to watch my granddaughters play volleyball. Both are very

good at sports and again, I tried to compare myself to them. It wasn't really fair as I never played volleyball, but another lady who went to Wheeler school was there and we remembered playing "Annie Annie Over" with a ball. Surely that is about the same.

I've decided that maybe I should compare myself to the grandsons as I can remember being the captain of the football team which we played at recess at good old Wheeler high.

Community urged to give blood

Letter to the Editor,

The American Red Cross would like to extend appreciation to you and your community for continuously supporting the Red Cross blood program. Your support is a wonderful example of how to give back to your community and help patients in need.

People commonly underestimate the need for blood and the difference that even one donation can make to ensure blood is available when and where it's needed.

Did you know...

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Letters to the Editor

America needs blood.

There is no substitute for human blood.

You can save three lives by donating just one pint of blood.

You can safely donate blood every 56 days. The entire process takes about an hour and the actual donation takes only about seven minutes. The community can help save lives by donating at the next Red Cross blood drive.

The next blood drive in this com-

munity is Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the grade school gym, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to schedule an appointment to donate.

Donors must be in general good health, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be at least 17 years old (16 in Kansas with completed Parental Consent Form. Visit www.bloodgiveslife.org to print the required consent form and reading materials.)

As a community, we must count on healthy individuals to donate blood for those in need. On behalf of hospital patients everywhere, we appreciate your continued support.

Vicky Cyress
American Red Cross Blood Donor Recruiter
Phone 620-872-5075

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GOD SAYS
Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.
Matthew 7:12

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Jane Wyatt died last Friday in her sleep at her home in Bel-Air, Calif. She was 96. Mrs. Wyatt was best known for playing Margaret Anderson, the mother on "Father Knows Best."

As a kid, I loved watching the TV show "Father Knows Best." Looking back the lives of the actors, Robert Young and Jane Wyatt, who played the parents and their three children, Betty, Bud and Kathy, seemed too good to be true.

The show aired from 1954 to 1960 and continued for years as reruns. A *Los Angeles Times* article, about Mrs. Wyatt, described the show, "As the warm and charming Jim and Margaret Anderson, Young and Wyatt presided over their idealistically wholesome family at 607 South Maple Street in the typical Midwestern community of Springfield.

Viewers came into the Anderson

home and got to know the family. The teenage daughter, Betty, was always called "Princess" and the pestering little sister, Kathy, became known as "Kitten." Bud didn't seem to need a nickname.

The family worked through many familiar situations.

"Our shows were written to be entertaining, but the writers had something to say," Mrs. Wyatt told the Associated Press in 1989. "Every script always solved a little problem that was universal. It appealed to everyone."

It is hard to imagine Hollywood embracing a program like that today. When the show debuted in 1954 a critic for the *New York Times* praised Young and Wyatt for restoring "parental prestige on TV."

During her 1989 interview Mrs. Wyatt thought of the show this way.

"I think the world is hankering for a family," Mrs. Wyatt said. "People

may want to be free, but they still want a nuclear family."

Not only did Mrs. Wyatt play a devoted wife on the small screen but she did it in real life as well. She married Edgar Ward in 1935 and the couple remained together until his death in 2000. Sixty-five years has got to be a record in Hollywood.

Mrs. Wyatt also disagreed with latter-day critics who complain that Margaret Anderson was always subordinate to her husband.

"She was the power behind the throne," Mrs. Wyatt said. "She helped her husband out. Mother always knew best, too."

I'd like to think that even today, the "world is hankering for a family" still. Thanks for the memories Mrs. Wyatt.

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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