



Other Viewpoints

Gambling windfall a bad budget bet

This session, legislators should take a cautious approach to any budget that includes revenue from expanded gambling. If there is one certainty in this economy, it is to expect the unexpected and not to count your money before it's in your hand.

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Make kindness part of the season

As the weather gets colder it's impossible for me not to feel sorry for the homeless every time I fumble with my car keys frantically trying to open the door while a cold winter wind blows into my face. It always make me sad and angry that so many people are forced to live on the street during these harsh weather conditions. I can't imagine spending a couple of hours in the cold on a particularly cold day in Montana, New York, or Minnesota, much less spending the majority of my winter in the



Andy Heintz

- Wildcat Ramblings

As Christmas draws near, many of us will be heading to the mall to get presents for our loved ones. Mothers and grandmothers, and the occasional revolutionary father, will be frantically trying to get Christmas dinner cooked

Mother Teresa said,"if you judge people you have no time to love them."

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Treasurer reflects on her time in office

Another important and very popular department at the State Treasurer's office is the un-



Lynn Jenkins

- Kansas Treasurer

An initiative that I began in 2004 is the Financial Literacy program. I started this to help Kansans of all ages develop a better understanding of money and to help them learn how to make their money work for them. We offered free seminars and workshops to senior citizens and eventually found a niche with grade school and middle school students. One of the programs - Save@School - partnered

The Kansas State Treasurer's office serves every Kansan whether it is through the Agricultural Production Loan Deposit program, Bond Services, Cash Management or one of the previously mentioned programs. The employees at the office are here to serve the best interest of Kansans and it has been a pleasure to work alongside each of them. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Kansas State Treasurer.

Mallard Fillmore

- Bruce Tinsley

