



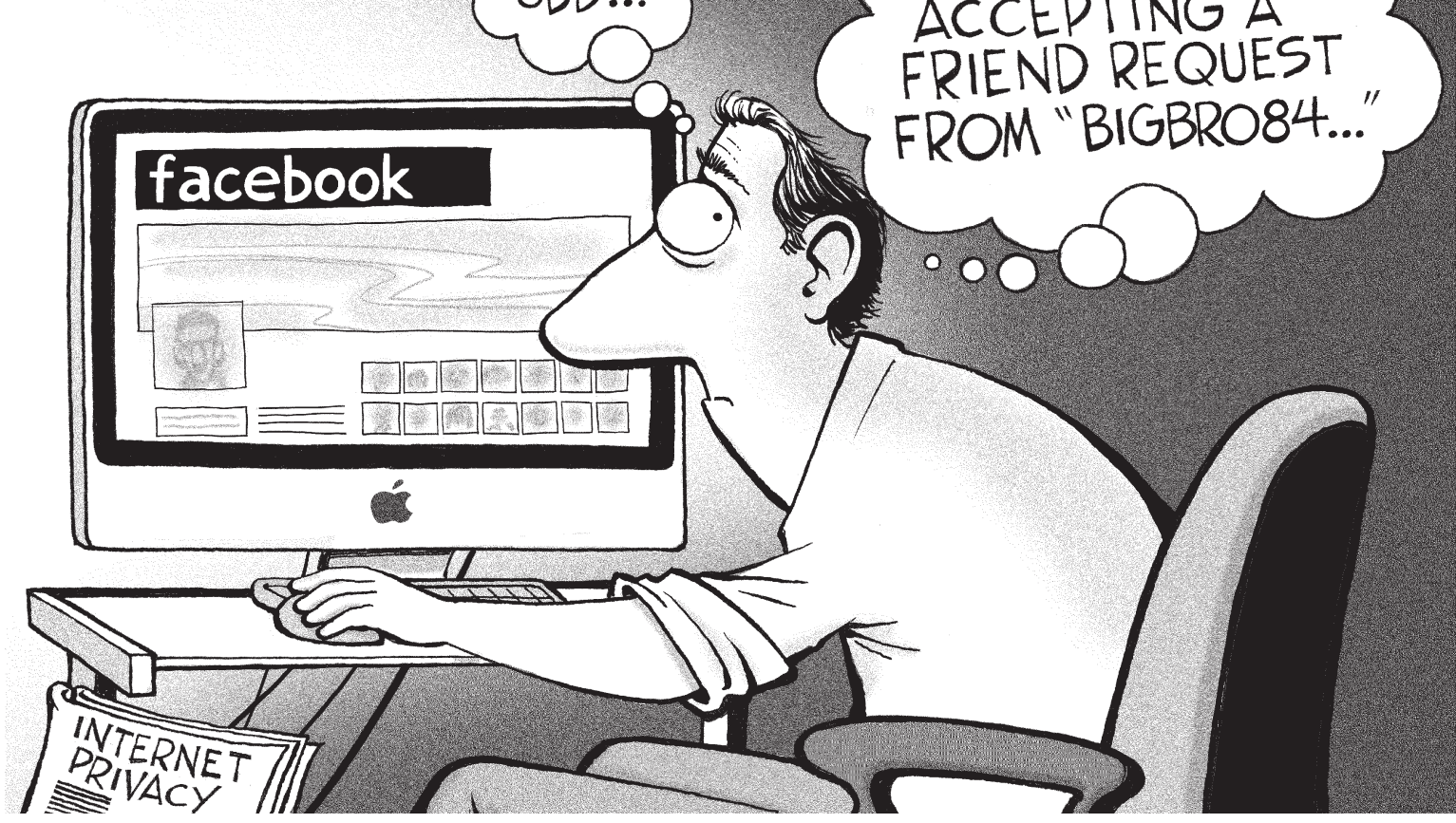
Free Press Viewpoint

Redistricting fight beyond reasonable

The Kansas House of Representatives was set this week to make one more stab at doing something the Legislature should have had first on its agenda all session: draw a redistricting map that can pass both houses and become law.

While many have predicted the issue will wind up in court, that shouldn't happen. The Legislature should get its stuff together and adopt a reasonable compromise map, one that at least makes our Senate district more or less square and doesn't attempt to protect incumbents.

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Wildlife abounds on road to Georgia

There's a lot of snakes, lizards and dead armadillos between Kansas and Georgia. Having just driven four days to get to see our daughters, son-in-laws and granddaughter, Steve and I got to see a lot of the South - and its wild and tame life.



Cynthia Haynes • Open Season

was going to have to deal with the dead snake clogging up a drainage tube down by their pool. The snake had apparently gotten stuck and died in the tube and the part-time gardener couldn't get him out.

control officer who was called to remove them refused to get out of his car. He was pathologically afraid of snakes, she said, and that cost him his job.

Postal Service still faces political battle

By Reed Anfinson National Newspaper Association

Now that the Senate has passed a bill, S 1789, to reform the ailing U.S. Postal Service, critics are trying to disable the bill on its way to the House of Representatives.

while cost-cutting is underway. For example, the service could end Saturday mail delivery in two years, but only if it has taken other big steps toward financial viability.

if the mail slows to a crawl. Finally, members of Congress may differ on how they see the U.S. Postal Service. Is it a corporation? Is it a government agency responsible for binding the nation together?

We encourage comments on opinions expressed on this page. Mail them to the Colby Free Press, 155 W. Fifth St., Colby, Kan., 67701.

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