

Uncontested incumbent candidates share views on office

Attorney looks ahead

Bonnie Selby, running an unopposed re-election as county attorney, said knowing she'll win allows her to start making changes for the upcoming term.

"We had a little bit of a head start looking at ways to do things," she said. "We probably made a majority of the changes."

She said her office had some money for new equipment this year from drug busts and traffic stops by state troopers and sheriff's officers.

One of the best changes to the office so far is \$6,000 in scholarships that they offered this year, and will hopefully be able to offer next year.

Selby, a Republican, is a member



Bonnie Selby

of the Kansas Trial Agency and the Kansas Bar Association. Fifty-seven years old, she was born in Baltimore. She and her husband, Marvin, have two children, Todd Selby, 38, of Austin, Texas, and Tim Selby, 33, Kansas City.

Marvin Selby is superintendent of schools in Goodland.

She attended high school at Scottsbluff, Neb., went to Colby Community College, Fort Hays State University, and then law school at Washburn University in Topeka.

Selby was appointed county attorney last year when Mike Irvin resigned to pursue a career in city administration. There is no Democrat candidate.

Register lifelong resident

Carol Armstrong, running unopposed for re-election as a Republican for register of deeds, was born and raised in Goodland.

"I've been here long enough that things are running the way I would like them to run, I think," said the 58-year-old Armstrong when asked if there was anything that she would change about her position next year.

Things run pretty smoothly now, she said.

She added that there isn't a lot of time for maintenance but that was just the way things are.

She and her husband, Bob Armstrong, have five children between the two of them and eight grand-



Armstrong

children.

She is a member of the Kansas Association of County Officers, the Kansas Association of Register of Deeds, and the District Association of Register of Deeds.

She is a graduate of Goodland High School, attended the Northwest Kansas Vocational-Technical School, and has taken several correspondence courses.

Judge has experience on job

Jack Burr, running uncontested as a Republican for re-election as district judge in Division 1, said that with 20 years on the bench, he has the experience to do the job.

Burr was born in Toronto, in southeast Kansas, and is 58 years old.

He is a member of the Kansas Bar Association and the District Judges Association.

The judge graduated from Wichita University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and attended law school at Washburn University in Topeka.

He and his wife Sandy Burr have two daughters, Krista Hamelton, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Kelli Burr of Denver, and a grandson, Alec



Jack Burr

Hamelton, 3 1/2.

When asked what he might like to change about his position next term, he replied that he would like to change a lot, but couldn't change much because most things are controlled by state law.

Burr attends the Goodland United Methodist Church.

Kansas City player finally feels at home after four years with team

RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Four years after arriving in Kansas City, Elvis Grbac finally feels at home.

The lanky quarterback enjoyed a much-needed breakthrough campaign in 1999, and it shows in the way he walks and talks.

While going about the daily rigors of training camp, he seems to carry an enhanced air of authority — to exude a greater aura of confidence.

Kansas City may have a championship-level quarterback in his prime for the first time since Len Dawson was leading the Chiefs to victory in Super Bowl IV.

"His whole demeanor has changed," said head coach Gunther Cunningham.

"He's more relaxed. He's more in control. He's not pressing as much to win players or coaches over or anybody

else. I think he knows he's pretty good and now he's got to take the next step and lead the team to the promised land."

Finally breaking a two-year injury jinx, Grbac was one of only eight NFL quarterbacks in 1999 to start every one of his team's games. His numbers were good as he hit 294 of 499 passes for 3,389 yards and 22 touchdowns, and his 15 interceptions were among the lowest total of any passer in the AFC.

"It's his turn to take over. He's done a good job of that," said 11-year veteran center Tim Grunhard.

Grbac feels ready.

"It's my eighth year in the league and it's just that time," he said.

"When you get to this position and you've had a chance to be here for four years and being able to get to be around

these guys and them knowing who I am and what I can do, they understand me."

Going through an entire season injury-free was important for Grbac's self confidence as well as his standing among his peers. He missed six games in 1997 with a broken collarbone and sat out eight in 1998, partly because of a shoulder injury and partly because he was benched in favor of Rich Gannon.

Looking around, he can sense his enhanced standing.

"Maybe it was playing 16 games last year and playing well, having the ability to be there every day for them. Maybe it's four years up and down, the good times and the bad," he said.

"It's just very comfortable and they feel comfortable with me."

Bonding with teammates is some-

thing Grbac has worked hard on. During the offseason, he bought first-class plane tickets and treated a number of players, including Grunhard, to a hunting trip to south Texas.

"That was something I always wanted to do," he said. "You get to know somebody when you get away from the game. They know exactly where I'm coming from now."

"Now, they got to see the person away from football and enjoying life and relaxing. It made our relationship a lot stronger."

The primary beneficiary of Grbac's fine year was Tony Gonzalez, who caught 76 passes for 849 yards and 11 touchdowns and was named the All-Pro tight end.

"I noticed it a lot last year. He's accepted that he's the leader of this team and I think everybody else has, too," Gonzalez said.

In his quest to establish himself among his teammates, Grbac is doing big things and little things.

"Maybe it's taking guys out to dinner, sitting down with the new guys — especially with the number of new people we have," he said.

"If you can just sit down with the guy at lunch for five minutes ... start a conversation. That's how you build a relationship, that's leadership."

"Then when it comes to a point when those guys have a question about something they don't feel hesitant to come to you and ask."

"They can just follow you."

Ask Grunhard and he'll tell you far

too much is made of any quarterback's supposed leadership.

"I've always said quarterbacks make the worst leaders because they have so many things on their mind," Grunhard said. "It's hard to be a motivator, hard to do things to get guys go-

ing."

"Joe Montana, one of the greatest quarterbacks in the game, never said a word in the huddle. But Elvis has done a great job of trying to do that with the added burden of having to run this offense."

Baseball radio host quits over dispute

CINCINNATI (AP) — Johnny Bench has quit a daily radio show with Reds announcer Marty Brennaman after the two had a dispute over whether the broadcaster should have referred to Pete Rose in a Hall of Fame speech.

Bench has quit WLW-AM's daily morning "Brennaman and Bench on Baseball" show, station operations manager Darryl Parks said Thursday. Parks said he had been told Bench had resigned from the show, but did not have any official communication explaining Bench's reason for leaving.

Before Brennaman's speech at his Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Sunday, Bench approached the announcer to warn him against saying too much about Rose. Brennaman believes Rose should be in the Hall of Fame and said so during his speech.

Rose is ineligible for the Hall because he agreed to a lifetime ban from baseball in 1989 following an investigation of his gambling.

Bench opposes Rose's reinstatement to baseball and election to the Hall of Fame. A group of Hall of Famers, including Bob Feller and Ralph Kiner,

reportedly were ready to walk out of Sunday's ceremony had Brennaman used his own induction speech to campaign for Rose.

Brennaman said he intends to sit down with Bench, a special consultant to Reds general manager Jim Bowden, and work the problem out amicably.

Bench and Brennaman were together Wednesday to tape a week's worth of the five-minute shows.

The program airs Mondays through Fridays. Brennaman said he hopes Bench can be persuaded to return.

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