



Naomi Windell (left) and Edna Bishop (right) get Rex Bagley signed in to receive his ballot.

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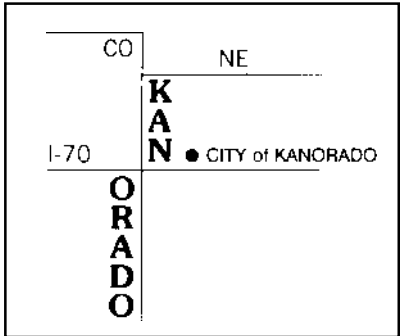
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Useless facts: The average person over 50 will have spent five years waiting in lines.

There was a good turnout at election headquarters (Kanorado Senior Center) this year with 78 voters from Kanorado City and 46 voters from Stateline Township casting their ballots. Naomi Windell, Edna Bishop and Sherry Wilkerson "manned" the polls taking our names and instructing us in the procedures. It was intriguing to run across four first time voters, Pat Webber, Rex Bagley II, Ben Hooker and Crystal Clements. So, I asked each of them their views on their first time actions on being able to stand up at the ballot box. Pat Webber-it's exciting for me to be able to express my opinion and to know I could try and get a president in office who I wanted. Rex Bagley II-I think voting is a waste of time because I feel like the decision has already been chosen for us. I came down because my dad told me to. Ben Hooker-I thought it was great to get to vote and be able to vote against the man running for president that I thought would be useless for our country. I think this will be a close election and every vote will count. Crystal Clements-I was eager to vote cause now I can! I voted for the man running for president who I believe will be the most honest and will do the job best.

After talking to these "fresh voters" and thinking about what each said, I came to the conclusion that I liked and responded to each. It comes down to their excitement and their opinions and I liked that they expressed themselves. And that is what it is all about, isn't it? You can't say whether one is wrong or right, but it would be interesting to get their opinion again in 10 years, especially after the way this election is turning out. I have talked with several "old hand" voters and their reactions are all different and give you other perspectives on how to view things. I savor their ideas and their thinking on what is happening in this election. Whether it's negative or positive, it's just darn right interesting to listen to all these folks. I for one have always been against the Electoral College. As one man put it, I feel like when I vote some cigar-smoking senator is canceling out my vote. Then a woman told me she wasn't sure going with the popular vote was the thing to do because of the problems it could create. Some citizens might demand a recount and it could become so maddening that it would be down to some judge making the final decision and then all we would have is his vote. Stimulating isn't it?

Our founding fathers decided the proposal for the chief executive to be elected by Congress should be rejected on the grounds that the president would be under the control of the legislature. The proposal for the people to elect the president was also rejected. By doing this their hope was that a calm, deliberating selection of choosing the best



qualified man would come about. Now here we can get a little muddy: The Electoral Count Act of 1887 provides that disputes concerning the election of presidential electors shall be settled by an authority designated for that purpose by the state. If, for any reason, two or more conflicting returns are sent to Washington, D.C., from the state, then the two houses of Congress shall vote separately on the question. If they disagree, the returns certified by the state's governor are to be accepted. If the governor does not certify one of the returns, the state loses its electoral vote in the election. So if they can't come to some conclusion in Florida, could this happen? Our founding fathers decided these electoral voters were to be bipartisan. This means involving members of two parties. But I think we have gone quite a bit astray since the founding of this college. In the beginning our founding fathers did not allow blacks or women to vote and this has changed. As one man stated, so why can't we change things again?

James Madison said, "With all (the direct elections) imperfections that he liked, the best was for the president to guard the people from the legislature, therefore he should be selected by the people. But most drafters believed that the people were generally misinformed and easily misled. (Boy! If they worried about that then, it's like a roaring super sonic jet across us today! The media cannot be counted on!) So they chose this Electoral College. But today it isn't working as they had intended. First we may get a president the people do not want and the electors just might not be faithful to us-the people. And as said in the Electoral Count Act of 1887 it could come into play. And folks have you ever wondered, even a little bit why a third party presidential candidate can't get elected even if he has the bucks to spend? The Electoral College system is set up to guarantee no third party can win. Is this true? Just maybe we need to find out the facts somehow or someday for ourselves. We have certainly found out during this election how the media leads us. The founding fathers were right. We certainly can be misled! Who knows, maybe Kansas isn't a Republican state after all; maybe it's a Democratic one, and so on with other states. (Twilight Zone theme is applied here). Oh, and a footnote here folks. After wading through all this information, at one time after the president was elected, the guy who ran against him became the vice president. Now there's a thought!

Alleged killer told brother child's mother killed herself

OLATHE (AP) — Documents filed in the Kansas case against a man accused of killing six women suggest he told his brother that one of them, the young mother of an infant child, had killed herself.

The child was adopted by the brother and sister-in-law of defendant John Robinson Sr. and lives with them in another state.

The Robinson case involves the deaths of women whose bodies were found in barrels in Kansas and Missouri, and of Lisa Stasi, who disappeared in early 1985 and has never been found.

After Stasi disappeared, Robinson told police and others that she left the

Kansas City area and took her baby daughter with her to follow a boyfriend to Colorado.

But in the new documents, Johnson County prosecutors say Robinson's brother recalls being told that the young mother committed suicide in a shelter for battered women.

Court documents filed in the county where Robinson's brother lives say the brother has told authorities he and his wife thought the adoption of Stasi's child was legal.

The adoption of 4-month-old Tiffany Stasi, the documents say, was founded on lies and forged papers pieced together by the man now accused of killing her mother.

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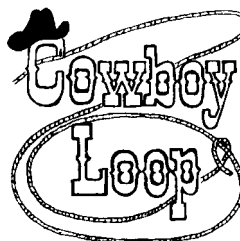


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