

Obama and Sebelius deserve one another

After further review, maybe an Obama-Sebelius ticket in November wouldn't be so bad after all. They have a few things in common, mainly saying things that shouldn't have been said.

Earlier this week, Obama made a mess of himself explaining how the Christian religion should influence politics. In what appears to be a horrendous attempt to attract the attention of Evangelical Christians, which supposedly helped Bush win in 2004, Obama asked if America should be ruled under someone who believes in Old Testament or New Testament.

True Christians, especially evangelical ones, use the Old Testament as the history of their faith, but really know it is the New Testament that drives them. Obama's references to the laws in Leviticus, which include diet restrictions, doesn't matter anymore.

Obama's faith references complement his earlier statements on how rural Americans only care about their religion and their guns.

Great way to attract voters, huh? Obama's actions are reminiscent of Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius and her occasional blundering comments and actions.

Remember, it was Sebelius who told people in Washington state that Kansas-made wine is horrible. Even

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if you don't like it, don't publicly admit it.

Her son designed a disturbing board game, similar to Monopoly, but set in a prison. The innuendoes in the game are more appropriate for a porn magazine, not a newspaper.

Sebelius said she was proud of her son's creativity. At one time, orders for the game could be sent to the governor's residence at Cedar Crest.

Like Obama, Sebelius, appears to have an allergic reaction to rural. She is governor of one the smallest states in the Union as her borders of Kansas stretch from Topeka to Kansas City.

She appears to only go west of Topeka the day after a damaging storm hits a town or is invited to some social event where it looks good on front pages and on TV.

Debates in 2006 with governor candidate Jim Barnett were not held west of Hutchinson.

Great way to attract voters, huh? Go ahead Obama, ask Sebelius to be your running mate.

Your turn

Young man issues apology

Dear Editor/Community:
On the night of May 21, 2008, I made the biggest mistake of my life and I'd like to ask for your forgiveness.

At the time, I did not know what the extent of the damage from my actions would be. I never intended for this kind of damage to happen.

I am currently being punished for my actions and I promise you all that I have learned my lesson and will never go about doing something this stupid ever again.

I'd like to apologize to the schools, Mr. Melvin, the Police Department, all NCHS football players, and mostly to my parents for the embarrassment I have caused them.

I do not expect forgiveness, but I just wanted to let everybody know that I have learned from this mistake. I pray every night I can put this behind me and that it does not follow me and ruin the rest of my life.

I am very sorry for all that has happened because of my actions.

Sincerely,
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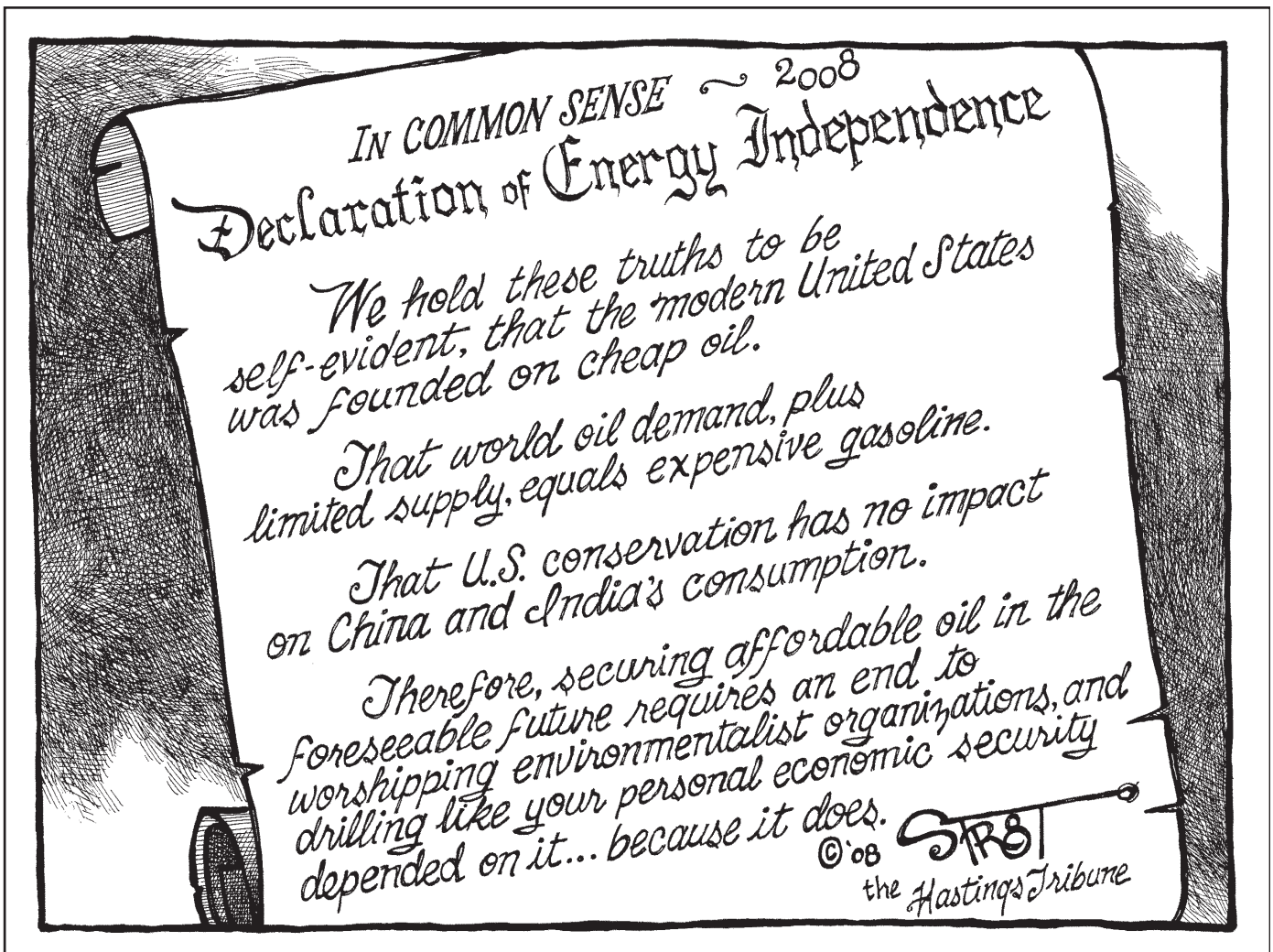
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But Dad does have a leg to stand on...

Jim's dad had surgery last Tuesday and surgeons removed his left leg, a few inches above the knee. We came to his room shortly afterwards while he was still pretty groggy from the anesthesia. He roused up and said, "They cut off both my legs."

We quickly pulled back the covers and found his right leg still intact, toes and all.

Jim said, "No, Dad. You've still got your good leg."

Then he just had to add, "But, if they had of — you wouldn't have a leg to stand on."

I know it's kind of macabre humor but Dad "got it" and even chuckled. Guess he knows his son's sense of humor.

When we saw him Saturday he was sitting up in a recliner, eating lunch. His appetite is good and he is steadily improving. He's gaining strength every day and if his kidneys will catch up to the rest of his progress, he'll do fine.

Out Back Carolyn Plotts



I made a pie from them last year, and put in too much thickening. It was like I had developed a new building compound. The pie slices were similar to bricks. Tasted okay but were definitely "firm." No runny cherries in that pie.

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I'm still planting flowers. Every pot on the place has flowers poking out of it. Some stores are selling the last of their bedding plants for 10 cents a six-pack. They look a little sick, but for that price you can afford to take a chance. I've had pretty good luck. Usually, all the plants needed was room to grow, a little sun and lots of water.

We're trying to get more perennials established. The day lillies have taken hold and some "showy" flowers I like. I have some shasta daisies and some black-eyed Susans, too.

I spend a lot of time weeding flower beds. Maybe someday, I'll have time to do them right.

There's no mention of going home, yet. So it's still a wait-and-see proposition. We know Dad has some good years left, we want him to be able to find some enjoyment in them.

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Before I left for work Monday morning, I had to run a bucket of cherries through the pitter. Our little cherry tree was loaded and Jim picked them while I took a nap Sunday afternoon.

I will sugar them and get them ready for pie. I'll put about two cups, each, in bags, add sugar and pop into the freezer, ready to make pies.

Nothing like judging your own picture

Did you notice my new photo? Well, I like it. At Christmas, my sister Rachel was snapping photos. She then shared her photos online. Before I even looked at them, Elizabeth had checked them out and observed, "The kitchen cabinets look real nice! And there is a good picture of you, Mom." To which I replied with more than just a touch of sarcasm "I'm sure."

Later when I opened the photo book, I found I agreed; the cabinets do look good. As to the other photo, I'm not sure what she was trying to capture but it had just my head in the corner. The odd tilt of it leads me to believe I was trying to duck out of the shot; still I liked it.

I ordered a couple of copies to see if it could be cropped into something usable. They laid around gathering dust until I saw Carolyn's new photo. That's a great picture, Carolyn. I asked Tom, "Can I have a new picture, please? Here it is!"

There were several reasons I wanted a new photo. One being the old photo was well, OLD! My glasses and hair have changed. It is interesting to me that the new photo, in which my hair looks very dark, is my beautician's idea of my natural hair color. I've always been a blonde! Sort of — I remember how insulted I was in grade school when a classmate referred to my color as dishwater blonde!

When I was even younger, some older

Back Home Nancy Hagman



He mentioned Merca! Mercy — that's flesh eating bacteria.

I looked it up on the internet; some symptoms could be feeling disoriented and dizzy. I was relieved because I'm not any dizzier than usual. Another symptom was extreme pain. The area has never really been painful. Merca can occur after a bite so my theory of a spider bite could be correct as a cause of the initial problem.

I got a second round of stronger drugs. There was improvement within 24 hours. However I still have an indentation and a scab on my nose.

My sister-in-law, Anita suggested instead of plastic surgery I have Junior buy me about a carat diamond stud and put it in the hole. Might even be cheaper!

Another week has passed; no word on the culture. I think my nose is looking great. That is a matter of opinion however and it's not shared by all in the family. As to the new picture: we are at an impasse about that also. Two of us like it and two don't. We are waiting on Patricia to break the tie.

Due to current state of my nose it's going to be awhile before I get any other pictures taken. And if I decide on a diamond in my nose, the glare from it may make any further pictures impossible. Such decisions to make!

It's a saga worthy of a blonde bombshell! Just call me Jayne!

boys in our church took to calling Rachel Marilyn (in honor of her platinum curls). I was Jayne as in Jayne Mansfield; the lesser known imitator. So far we have managed to avoid more tragic aspects of their lives!

Sometime after I dispatched the photos to Tom, I had a little mishap involving my nose. I think it was a spider bite. Doc isn't committing himself. Whatever it was, it has been ugly!

The first trip to the doctor got me antibiotics. The wound continued to blister and spread. I tried covering it but worried the make-up might be causing further infection.

After briefly considering adapting the Muslim style of dress, covered from head to toe and wearing a veil, I decided to let people think what they wanted. A couple of people inquired if I had skin cancer removed.

A couple of weeks after the first doctor visit I returned and he was concerned enough to try to culture a tissue sample.

Thumbs Up

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- To... **Smoky Hills Public Television**, for your entertaining video for the kids at the Norton Public Library. (e-mail)
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