

## Congressman stands where he promised

The last couple of weeks, Rep. Tim Huelskamp of Kansas' big 1st District has been under attack for standing by his principles.

From out here in the far northwest corner of this district, we can only shake our heads.

When did it become a sin to have principles? It's a given that, as with any representative, not every one of us in the district will agree with our congressman, today or even most of the time. You just can't expect that, not when you choose one person to represent roughly 711,000 people with as many points of view.

But this district has elected Mr. Huelskamp to Congress twice, the first time choosing him from a field that included a wide spectrum of Republicans, and then over a Democrat opponent.

No one bothered to run against him the last time around, and you have to assume that most of the people in the district are comfortable with their representative - or they'd have backed somebody else.

We knew what we were getting when we voted for Tim Huelskamp. He's a known commodity, a doctrinaire conservative who believes in less government, lower taxes, fewer regulations, lower spending and a balanced budget. He never pretended to be anything else.

He's also a committed social conservative, a devout Roman Catholic who hews to the teachings of his church. And an advocate for adoption, as well as a loving family man.

Yeah, he's about as far to the right as an American could be, staunchly opposed to abortion and strong on social issues. So what?

The voters elected him. He believes what he believes. Wouldn't it be worse if he sold out? If

he gave in to blackmail, even by the speaker of the House?

Yet there's a line of ("What's the Matter With Kansas?") thinking that goes something like this: That people in places like Kansas, who are comfortable standing on principle, often vote against their own self-interest when they stand by their beliefs.

So people here vote for Republicans who stand against abortion instead of Democrats who send us welfare and other government goodies. It's not that simple, but still, are principles that outmoded?

No, Mr. Huelskamp isn't a compromiser. He's not going to lead the House to make whoopee with the Democrats and solve the problems of the day. He's the guy who's going to stand to the side and remind the rest of them what their principles are supposed to be.

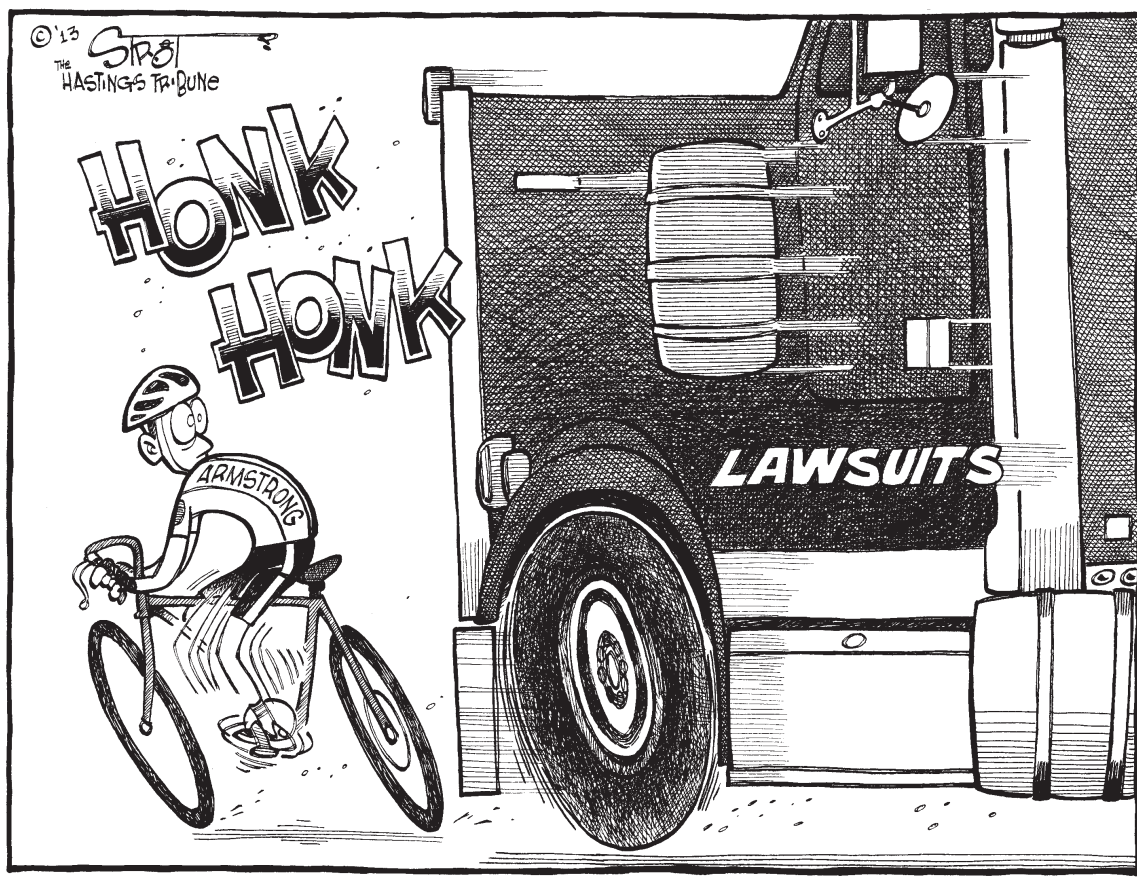
There's nothing dishonest or wrong about that, is there?

No one expects all of us to agree with Mr. Huelskamp's stands. It's perfectly OK to say he's wrong and call him out. Run against him if you feel that way.

We know Washington needs compromisers and negotiators and log rollers. That's how deals are made at the end of the day. But someone has to stand on principle. There are days when we'd be better off if more of our leaders did, on all sides of any issue.

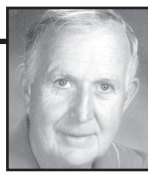
As for Mr. Huelskamp, well, you know where he stands. The voters put him where he is, and they could, we suppose, change their minds. Meantime, deal with it. He is who he is.

- Steve Haynes



## Legislative News

By Ward Cassidy



120th State Representative

I have made it through the first week of the 2013 Legislative session. Being a committee chair, for Education Budget, has added a lot more work and responsibility to my schedule. Monday, Jan. 14, all of the new legislators were sworn in. It's a nice moment, but it makes me fully aware of the challenging task before me. With the political actions taking place, in Washington, D.C., and Kansas, there is a lot of discontent for the political process.

Tuesday evening, we listened to the Governor's State of the State Address; and then Wednesday morning, Steve Anderson, the budget director (from Oberlin), presented the facts and figures to the Appropriations Committee. To quote Mr. Anderson - "Everyone of you on this commit-

tee will find something to dislike in this year's budget figures."

One of the concerns I have is that the governor has requested that .6 cents of the sales tax increase will stay on the books. The legislator had promised that the tax would end.

Another problem with that is several communities are hoping to have a local sales tax to fund a project of their own when it expires. The money might also be needed to fund critical programs. We will just have to wait and see how it all plays out.

If you remember from my early articles in the past, what happens early in the session is never what happens come May. I am very excited about a news conference I was in this week with the House Speaker, Ray Mer-

rick. He made the comment that he and the President of the Senate, Susan Wagle, have a goal of finishing the legislative work in eighty days. That would make for an aggressive session, and it would save the state money.

I will send an article each week to all of the area newspapers. I also plan to have the articles on my website, www.wardcassidy.com. If you are going to contact me, I would prefer by e-mail, ward.cassidy@house.ks.gov. If you are coming to Topeka to any meeting and would like me to be there, please let me know.

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



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One of my most valued possessions is a 1963 Topps baseball card. Two players are featured on the front; Stan Musial and Willie Mays.

When I lived in Denver I had the chance to see Mr. Mays at an old-timers game when the city was pushing for MLB. As luck would have it I got close enough for him to sign on his side.

At the same time I found an acquaintance in St. Louis who took the card to Stan Musial and Biggie's steak house. Stan "the Man" was often there and he gladly autographed the other half for my friend.

This last weekend Stan Musial passed at the age of 92. His career numbers and achievements on the

field made it easy for him to enter baseball's Hall of Fame on the first ballot. But what set this athlete apart was his compassion and respect for others.

Two of the other players who dominated baseball during the 1940s and 50s were Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams. Both were a mixture of raw talent and unabashed snobbery to other players, fans or the press. Their relationships with the public were very conditional.

Not so with Musial. In fact throughout his playing years and beyond the former St. Louis Cardinal was able to avoid controversy and had a positive impression on many. While scores of professional athletes leave dirt

behind them it is difficult to find negatives associated with this ball player.

Back to Musial and Mays, when the "Say Hey Kid" was asked about the other he said, "I knew Stan very well. He used to take care of me at All-Star games, 24 of them. He was a true gentleman who understood the race thing and did all he could. Again, a true gentleman on and off the field -- I never heard anybody say a bad word about him, ever."

I'll think of that each time I look at my prized card.

## Hangin' With Marge

Learning from Children

By Margaret Bucholtz



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When I am having a conversation with my grandchildren I am the one that walks away learning the most.

Sawyer, one of my granddaughters, was here and we had the opportunity to visit with each other.

Sawyer is in the first grade this year. She was telling me about one of her friends that broke a bone in her foot and was on crutches. She went on to tell that this little girl had chosen a girl to be her helper. She mentioned that there was a third little girl that was upset because she didn't choose her.

I asked Sawyer if she was hurt that she hadn't been the chosen one. She looked at me and said, "No, Grandma. I know that she likes me and she can choose

whoever she wants."

I told her I was glad that she felt that way and she said, "Grandma, when I was in kindergarten my teacher taught us 'You get what you get and you don't throw a fit.'"

That teacher needs to be com-

mended for teaching a lesson for children to learn so young. It too bad that when we become adults we seem to forget, especially the "Don't throw a fit."

**GOD SAYS**

**Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

**I John 4:10**

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