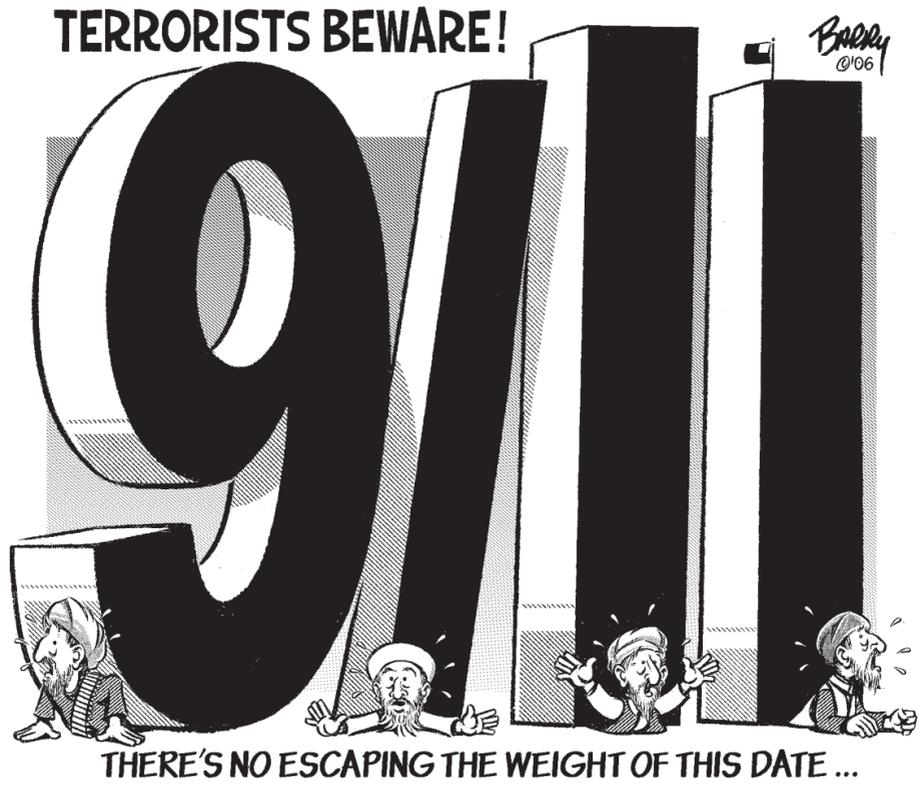




## Governor Sebelius may have another 4 years

Call her Governor. So far, no one has laid a glove on Kathleen Sebelius. Like two or three other popular Democrats in the last century, she appears to be headed for an easy victory in November. It's not that you can't beat an incumbent governor; it's happened. But to succeed, someone has to try. None of the Republican candidates gained much traction in the primary. Robin Jennison of Healy, a former speaker of the House, is presentable enough and worked the state, but had no issues. The fact that he had spent his off years lobbying for the casino interests did not endear him to many Kansans. Ken Canfield of Overland Park appeared to be a nice guy and a good thinker. An expert on fathering with no political experience, he failed to project much leadership. The Republican victor, Jim Barnett of Emporia, grasped the ring, but not so far the essentials of chasing an incumbent from office. You have to give voters some reason to change. If the incumbent is unpopular, then it's a little easier. You can't just ride the bus from town to town

and talk with people. You have to go on the attack. Of course, it's hardly a fair race this year. The governor has millions piled up in her campaign account, more than all three Republicans raised. With the current level of excitement, Sen. Barnett is not liable to raise half as much as she has. Last winter, the GOP candidate did try to stake out a position as a leader on settling the school issue. He proposed his own plan, but since he's not in the leadership, or even in fellowship with them, it went nowhere. Now the governor — who kept a low profile during the school debate and lawsuit — is suddenly claiming credit for "solving" the school issue. One television spot shows her "driving the bus." Everyone agrees it's a reach, but her image is unsullied by the battle and she's ready to take credit for the resolution. Such is politics. And the reality of politics is another four years of Kathleen Sebelius as governor, unless she happens to hitch her star to the Democratic ticket and wind up as somebody's vice president. There are no dim prospects in the governor's future, at least not in the short run. From this perspective, though, it's unlikely anything will change by November. Sebelius it is. — Steve Haynes



THERE'S NO ESCAPING THE WEIGHT OF THIS DATE ...

## Hangin' With Marge

By Margaret Bucholtz



Sometimes you have to wonder what in the world engineers are thinking about when they design some of the stores. There is a new Target store in Wichita that is huge. At the exits they have made a giant, red, cement ball that is about to the roadside. I am sure it was designed so people could not drive that close to the store when they

are loading up their cars, but it sure didn't help the short people. When my little grandson was a few weeks old his mother had taken him to the store. She very carefully placed him in his carrier and strapped him to the cart. After she had checked out he was getting kind of fussy so she was hurrying to the car. Because she is

a short person and the carrier was blocking her view she just ran into the big red cement ball. It jarred the baby and herself but luckily no one was hurt. However I am sure that her face was as red as the ball she hit.

## Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick



More proof that we live in strange and imperfect world. Steve Irwin's death has shocked many of us. Not only was the "crocodile hunter" hugely popular in the United States, but he was an icon in his native Australia. He used humor and daring to introduce many fans to a world they may not have known otherwise. Irwin and his wife, Terri, had a way of welcoming us into the outside to learn about wild animals. The irony of him dying by a stingray barb is unthinkable. It would be like me being suddenly electrocuted writing this story at the newspaper office. I've been a certified scuba diver since I was 18-years-old. Most of my diving was done around Grand

Cayman in the Caribbean Sea. There are a lot of stingrays there. In fact one of the most popular tourist attractions is called Stingray Alley. Each day boat tours bring dozens of people to the site where they can stand on sand bars while dive masters coax stingrays in with chum (bait). The stingrays glide around and brush the visitors. To my knowledge nobody has ever been injured there. Back to Steve Irwin. He reminds me a lot of an American icon. Will

Rogers used his country wit and demeanor for political satire during the first half of the 20th Century. Like Irwin, Rogers never took himself too seriously. And both died too early. In 1935, Rogers went down in a plane in Alaska with famed pilot Wiley Post. I imagine Australia is in the same state of shock and mourning that our country felt back then.

## City is acknowledged for generous donation

To the editor, The Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc. has received funding from the city of St. Francis in the amount of \$750. These funds will be used to provide direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in Kansas, and it is greatly appreciated. It is a fortunate community indeed whose

governmental officials recognize the need of all of its citizens. Samantha Butler, Youth Services/Volunteer Coordinator Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Hays

## News From the Past

**75 years ago - 1931**  
The Security State Bank in Bird City was robbed on Monday. Two men are in jail with a charge of bank robbery and accomplice hanging over their head. The city council voted to accept a bid to pave Washington Street. It will be reinforced concrete paving on seven block for a total price of \$32,571. No new cases of typhoid fever have appeared in St. Francis for the past four weeks. There is one case in town now and it was contracted before the patient came to St. Francis four weeks ago. Bid are being left for the planned new addition to the high school. The addition is to be erected at the south side of the present building and will be connected to it. It will be two stories and will have an assembly room, an office, a study room, a vocational agricultural department, foods and sewing area and possibly other rooms. Roy T. Johnson will head the St. Francis Commercial Club as its president for the coming year. R.M. Roberts has just about

finished up his work of remodeling and installing new fixtures at his barber shop. A library for St. Francis is assured. The club ladies are doing a lot of work in one room at the courthouse having shelving installed and other arrangements made for caring for the books. There also will be an attendant. One of the most pleasing entertainments given in St. Francis for some time was the Mother Goose pageant, which was presented by local talent. A large stage had been erected in the Hancock yard on Spencer Avenue. The program was sponsored by PEO and Louis Tappe was the director. Several Boy Scouts and their leader, R. Jilka, traveled to Abilene for a camp. Going were Sam Thompson, Bob Vernon, Jack Vernon, Bert Griffin, Charles Robinson, Verdun Armstrong, Vernon Lockard, Ervin Hefner, Bernard Roelfs, Harry Roelfs, Argyle Price, Kenneth Harrison, Jerry Beam, Keith Danielson, Keith Pierce and LaVon Robb. **25 years ago - 1981** State Fair qualifiers named at the Style Revue include Anita Wright, Style Review Champion; Larry

Finely, Best Groomed Boy Champion and Cara Curry, Best groomed Girl Champion. The St. Francis women's softball team was named co-champions of the league. Players include Candy Harris, Paula Davignon, Gail Bandel, Joan Banowitz, Alice Griffin, Jerri Walz, Tammi Confer, Charlene Touslee, Donita Zwegardt, Kay Raile, Ronee Rath, Sue Shaw and Barb Holzwarth. Managers were Marvin Confer and Ike McDuffee. From all indications and comments, the Cheyenne County Fair home-owned carnival survived its test of fire in its first season of operation with flying colors. Krueger's Mens Wear won the grand prize in the Fair Parade. Art Krueger was dressed in a pair of overalls bigger than a barn. Jana Leydig was named Cheyenne County Rodeo Queen. Jaedene Ewing was selected Junior Princess. Jack Maring was presented a plaque during the rodeo for his 25 years of service on the Rodeo Committee.

## Lines From the Library

The library has the following new books: *Calder Storm* by Janet Dailey; *Dead Wrong* by J.A. Jance; *Crisis* by Robin Cook; *Judge and Jury* by James Patterson; *Lethal Justice* by Fern Michaels; *Ricochet* by Sandra Brown; and *Fool Me Once* by Fern Michaels. The following new books have arrived in the children's department: *Young Cam Jansen And The*

*New Girl Mystery* by David A. Adler; *Christmas For Miss Kitty* by Mercer Mayer; *Harvest Time* by Mercer Mayer; *Happy Thanksgiving* by Margaret McNamara; *Young Cam Jansen And The Zoo Note Mystery* by David A. Adler; *Curious George Visits The Library* by Margret Rey; *A Party For The Princess* by Katharine Holabird; *Franklin's Picnic* by Sharon

Jennings; *Franklin Has The Hiccups* by Sharon Jennings; *Spiderman - The Amazing Story* by Catherine Saunders; *Groundhog Day* by Margaret McNamara; *Curious George's Dinosaur Discovery* by Margret Rey; *Curious George At The Baseball Game* by Margret Rey; *Spiderman - Worst Enemies* by Catherine Saunders.

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**My son, for get not my law;**  
**but let thine heart keep my**  
**commandments: For length of**  
**days, and long life, and peace,**  
**shall they add to thee.**  
**Proverbs 3:1, 2**

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