Op Ed

The choice in November: President Bush or Osama bin Laden

Bush or bin Laden?

That's one of the choices Americans will have to make when they vote this fall

There's no doubt if President Bush is turned out, it will be a victory of sorts for Osama bin Laden and his like.

The Bush administration has pursued Osama into the hills on the Afghan border. He's hemmed in, far from his one-time military bases and training camps. The effectiveness of al Qaida is greatly reduced from four years ago.

If voters repudiate Bush, are they repudiating his policies?

Democrats won't like the answer, but it's yes.



Four years ago, the Clinton ad- eign intelligence services. ministration was doing little, if anything, to track down bin Laden and motives. his tribe. Clinton handled al Qaida and terrorism as a "law enforcement problem." The administration put his daddy's war. But he struck first barriers in the way of tracking down at the terrorist hideouts in Afghaniterrorists, including the infamous stan, and he continues to pursue al "wall" separating the FBI from for- Qaida there.

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It's easy to argue with Bush's

Detractors say he was fixated on Iraq, that he wanted only to finish

In fact, the liberation of Afghanistan ought to be listed among the know we can't stand the sight of administration's finest accomplishments

Iraq is much more difficult to deal we face trained and dedicated opposition from many forces lined up against the United States. And the whole world would like to know where the weapons of mass destruction went to.

While American troops were welcomed as liberators as Saddam Hussein fell, there are plenty of people who would like to see us leave Iraq. Bin Laden surely is among those, but so are Saddam's supporters and a host of others.

Terrorists are not dumb. They Americans being killed, maimed and mutilated.

They are likely to kill as many as with. It's a complex society where they can between now and election troops and children is not the anday, hoping that a new administration will change American policy and pull out of Iraq.

It worked in Spain. It just might work against the United States.

Is that what we want? If we do not

stand against international terrorism, who will? There are other issues in this election: The economy, jobs, big government, schools, you name it. Republicans and Democrats can disagree over those.

On foreign policy, we need to be united against terrorists and terrorist states. Pulling out of Iraq and leaving the people there in the hands of those who set bombs and kill both swer.

Changing presidents is not going to help us win this war, either in Iraq or around the world. You can vote for Bush. Or vote, in effect, for bin Laden.

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Integrity and credibility are essential in the legislating process

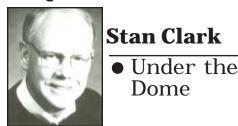
One of my lessons learned during mony on Medicaid Reform, I was the years that I have been granted the privilege to serve you is that in the last month of the legislative session, whatever I write about in a newsletter will be incorrect before you receive the information. I have determined that my time is best spent engaged in the negotiation process, ever vigilant advocating and defending your position, with other legislators and members of the governor's staff.

Since negotiations are between six legislators (3 members of the Senate and 3 members of the House) and the negotiations are going on simultaneously in many committees it is important to have developed trust and respect from all members within the Legislature. You might not agree with another legislator on a particular issue but you have to be able to disagree respectfully without being disagreeable. Most legislators have learned this virtue, some haven't and those that haven't always are at a disadvantage.

Generally, the chairman, vice chairman and ranking minority member of a standing committee represent their chamber in the negotiations. Since I am chairman of the Senate Utilities committee, I was one of the negotiators on all Utility legislation. Also, because of my

one of the negotiators on this legislation this year, while last year my role expanded to include emergency 911 cell phone service. I have learned to keep in contact with the House members that also serve all or part of the same district I represent — Jim Morrison on Public Health issues, Ralph Ostmeyer on lators come to me and ask my ad-Local Government, Gary Hayzlett and John Faber on Transportation, Dan Johnson and Larry Powell on Agriculture. Really you need to be on a first name basis with all the members, you have to make time to listen to the issues that they really care about, to offer suggestions to solve their problem that also helps the citizens throughout the state, or, at a minimum, does not hurt us.

Integrity and credibility are es-Lawrence seeks my advice several times a day and while we seldom agree on direction and when voting, there is mutual respect. Frequently other legislators direct their constituents in my direction because of my knowledge in a specific area, because my files of information are well organized and easily accessible or because I probably know more of the individuals in the various state agencies than just about any other legislator. In the Senate I am the unofficial parliamentarian involvement and frequent testi- and several times a day other legis-



vice on how to accomplish one of their goals. Being available for these little favors is necessary, particularly for a rural legislator, to be effective in working for you. Sedgwick and Johnson County will have negotiators on most of the legislation and only through being available and working with others on their issues can I effectively represent you and your needs.

School finance proved to be the sential. One member from elusive issue this legislative session. Last fall a district judge issued a preliminary order on school finance. Among the findings in his

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report was that at-risk and bilingual students are not performing as well as the average student in our schools and he recommended additional funding for these specific areas.

As many as five plans per day were produced near the end of the session and regrettably no plan passed. I voted for the two plans that passed the Senate and have recorded votes for others and agreed to other plans that only were presented in caucus. Were they the ideal? No. The last plan that passed the Senate 26-10 with 3 absent and 1 passing really was a pretty good plan. On the funding side of the Highway Fund spends about \$1.3 205 US83, Oakley, Kan. 67748

plan, it placed an emphasis on atrisk and bilingual students.

Under this plan area schools would have received the following increases per student next year:

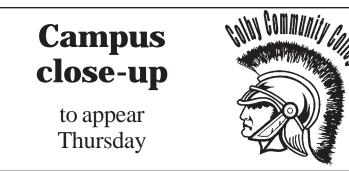
Almena-Northern Valley \$ 204.00; Atwood-Herndon \$177.00; Brewster \$98.00; Cheylin \$203.00; Colby \$161.00; Goodland \$181.00; Grainfield-Wheatland \$194.00; Grinnell \$181.00; Hoxie \$172.00; Norton \$173.00; Oakley \$206.00; Oberlin \$174.00; Quinter \$182.00; St. Francis \$178.00; Triplains \$204.00;

The funding would have come through an \$82 million prepayment from the Highway Fund to the General fund. Every year the Highway Fund pays for the Highway Patrol and Motor Carrier Enforcement. The proposal would be that they would pay the \$82 million the last week in June instead of making quarterly payment of \$20.5. The

billion each year and generally has about \$500 million available for cash flow purposes. This would provide the necessary funds up front for schools and the worst downside is that the Highway Fund would be asked to continue this practice a second year. The Kansas economy is improving. Tax receipts for the first 10 months of this fiscal year are \$230 million more than last year; this is without a tax increase and represents a 6.8 percent increase. About \$30 million of this increase is from the tax amnesty program last fall and the rest is from improved economic conditions.

The legislature will officially adjourn on May 27. *****

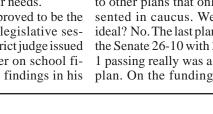
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WEEKDAYS

MAY 11 - MAY 17

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC	News		Good Mor				Mak- eover	Mak- eover	The View		Holly- wood	News
KSNK/NBC 89	News Cont'd Today							Live With Regis and Kelly		Martha Stewart Living		
KBSL/CBS	News				The Early	Show	The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG 3	World News			Caillou	Boohbah	Barney- Friends	Dragon Tales	Dragon Lions Tales		Sesame Street		Teletub- bies
WGN 13	Chang- ing				Hillbil- lies	Happy Days	Matlock	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Files
NICK 29	Oddpar- ents	Rocket Power	Rugrats	Spon- geBob	Max & Ruby	Rubba- dubbers	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Little Bill	Varied
FAM (30)	Digimon- Digital	Bey- blade	Power Rangers	Digimon- Digital	Growing Pains	Living the Life	The 700 Club		7th Heaven	Varied	Full House	Growing Pains
USA (31)	Martin	JAG	Varied	Movie	Varied Pro	ograms		Movie	Varied Pro	ograms	JAG	
TBS (37)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie		Dawson's Creek		Dawson's Creek		Saved- Bell	Saved- Bell		
TNT (38)	The Lost	World	The Prete	The Pretender Charmed			ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Assignme Discovery		Designer	Guys	Designer Designer Guys Guys		Rally Round the House	
A&E (47)	Mummies From Cry		Movie			Murder, She Wrot		he Wrote	Murder, She Wrote		City Confidential	
ESPN (49)	SportsCenter		SportsCe	nter	Sports- Varied Center		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Outside- Lines	Baseball Tonight
HBO (7)	Movie Varied Programs Cont'd						•		•			
DISN (17)	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	The Wiggles	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Stanley	Rolie Polie	Rolie Polie	Out of the Box	PB&J Otter	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles
MAX (21)	Movie Cont'd	Varied	Movie		Varied	Movie	Varied Programs					

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC	All My Children		One Life to Live		General H	General Hospital		Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	News	ABC WId News
KSNK/NBC 8 9	News	Family Feud	Days of Our Lives		Passions		Inside Edition	Family Feud	Million- aire	Jeop- ardy!	News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light T		The People's Court		Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News
K15CG 3	Reading Rainbow				-	George Shrinks	Beren. Bears	Liberty's Kids	Cyber- chase	Arthur	Zoom	Busi- ness
WGN 13	News		In the Hea Night	t of the	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	Will & Grace
NICK 29	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer	Rugrats	Rugrats	Varied Programs				Spon- geBob	Amanda	U-Pick	Hey Arnold!
FAM 30	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	So Little Time			Switche- d!	Knock First	Full House	Full House	
USA 31	JAG	Varied Pro	ograms				-		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
TBS 37)	Cosby	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld
TNT 38	Law & Oro	ler	NYPD Blu	e	NYPD Blu	NYPD Blue Judging Amy			Angel Charmed			
DSC (42)	Surprise b	y Design	Surprise t	by Design	Rally Rou House	nd the	Double A	gents	Varied Programs			
A&E (47)	American	Justice	Movie				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		City Confidential	
ESPN (49)	Varied Pro	ograms					ļ		Around the Horn	Interrup- SportsCenter tion		nter
HBO (7)	Movie Cont'd Varied Programs				Movie		Varied Programs		•			
DISN (17)	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	Winnie- Pooh	House of Mouse	House of Mouse	Recess	Lilo & Stitch	Recess	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister
MAX (21)	Movie Cont'd	Varied Pro	ograms	Movie	Varied Pro	ograms	-	-	-	-		e

THURSDAY

MAY 13

	6 PM	6 :3 0	7 PM	7:3 0	8 PM	8:3 0	9 PM	9:3 0	10 PM	10 :3 0	11 PM	11 :3 0
KLBY/ABC	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	Hang- time	NBA Basketball: Western Confere Game 5 Los Angeles Lakers at S					News Nightline (CC) (CC)		Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 89	News	Wheel of Fortune				Frasier (Series Finale) (N) (CC) (N) (CC)		n Finale)	News The Tonig (CC)		ht Show	Late Night
KBSL/CBS	News (CC)	Friends (CC)			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) Without a		Trace News ound (CC) (CC)		Late Shov Jackman.		Late Late	
K15CG 3	The News With Jim I		Sun- flower	Kansas Spotlight	s The New This Old ht House Hour (CC) at Thurston High			World Keeping News Up		Charlie Ro (CC)	os e (N)	
WGN 13	Will & Grace	Home Improve.		Movie: Trading Places + are altered by a bet made					Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Elimi- date (N)	The 5th Wheel
NICK 29	Rugrats (CC)	Spon- geBob	Oddpar- ents	Sabrina- Witch	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Rose - anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
FAM 30	7th Heave (Part 1 of 2						Whose The 700 C Line?		lub (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
USA 31)	JAG Ghosts (CC)		Law & Order: Movie: Virtuosity ** Special Victims Fiction) Denzel Washin								ar Trek ns (1994)	
TBS (37)		Friends (CC)		5. Marshals in another f								
TNT 38	Law & Ord Mortis (CC		Law & Oro (CC) (DVS		Law & Order Law & Ord Survivor (CC) (DVS) (CC) (DVS)					Movie: Internal Affairs *** (1990)		
DSC (42)	New Dete Forensic		Extreme S Life or Lin		Helike (CC	like (CC) Flood of the Millennium (CC			Extreme S Life or Lin		Helike (CC)	
A&E (47)	American The Perfec			Cold Case Files A woman turns in fiance as a murderer. (CC)			Poker Kings (N) (CC)		Third Watch Know Thyself (CC)		Cold Case Files (CC)	
ESPN 49		IL Hockey: Conference Final Game 4 Te Announced. (Live) (CC)				eams to NHL Hockey: Conference Final C Be Announced. (Live) (CC)			Game 4 T	eams to	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	
HBO (7)	(5:15) Movie: Mars Attacks! (1996) Movie: The Matrix Re fighters revolt against			loaded ** machines.	★ (2003) F Keanu Ree	003) Freedom Tomor- nu Reeves. (CC) row		Hookers & Johns: Trick or Treat (CC)		Deadwood Riders arrive with a vaccine.		
DISN (17)	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire		antis: Milo Voices of				Boy Mts. World	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister
MAX 21	(4:45) Mov Me if You			nfidence ★ Iward Burns			Movie: Exe Suspense)				Intimate Sess.	Passion Cove

FRIDAY

MAY 14

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC	(5:59) News	Ent. Tonight	George Lopez	George Lopez	Hope & Faith Daytime Emmys (N)		20/20 (N) (CC)		News (CC)	News Nightline (CC) (CC)		Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	
KSNK/NBC 8 9	News	Wheel of Fortune	Game Show Moments		Dateline NBC (N) (CC)			News		The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Night	
KBSL/CBS	News (CC)	Friends (CC)					Cold Case Hubris (CC)		News Late Show (CC)		v (CC)	Late Late	
K15CG 3	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	Wall- Fortune	Market- Market	larket- Kansas Black/White &		BBC World	Red Charlie Ro Green (CC)		ose (N)		
WGN 13	Will & Grace	Home Improve.	Movie: Ca gets involv	boblanco (ed in gold s	1980) An A alvage in P	merican Peru.	WGN New (CC)	s at Nine	Becker (CC)			The 5th Wheel	
NICK 29	Rugrats (CC)	Spon- geBob	Jimmy Neutron	Danny Phantom	Teenage Robot	Chalk- Zone	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Rose- anne	Rose- anne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	
FAM 30					e Kid ★★½ (1984) A Japanes s a teenager to defend himse					The 700 Club (CC)		Paid Program	
USA 31	JAG Full Engagement (CC)		Law & Order: Law & Ord Special Victims Special Vi				Law & Order: Special Victims		Touching Evil Attachment (CC)				
TBS (37)	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	MLB Base (Live)	ball: Atlant	a Braves at Milwaukee Brewers. Miller Park.			Movie: Field of Dreams *** ^{1/2} (1989, Fantasy) <i>Kevin Costner.</i> (CC)					
TNT (38)	Law & Ord (CC) (DVS		NBA Bask (Live) (CC		offs Teams to Be Announced. NBA Basi (Live) (CC			ketball: Playoffs Teams to Be Announced.					
DSC (42)	Monster H	louse	Gold Star (CC)	Racing	American Chopper Dixie Chopper 2		American Hot Rod		Gold Star Racing (CC)		American Chopper Dixie Chopper 2		
A&E (47)	American	Justice	Biography Howard	: Ron			Biography Happy Days (CC)		American Justice Traces in Blood (CC)		Biography: Ron Howard		
ESPN (49)	Sports- Center	Softball: ((CC)	J.S. Nationa	.S. National Team at T		exas. Baseball To		Fonight (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		Baseball Tonight	
HBO (7)		:15) Movie: Blind Movie: National Sect ate *** (1987) (2003) Martin Lawren				Shrek 2: 1st	Deadwood Riders arrive with a vaccine.		On the Record (N) (CC)		Movie: Above the Law ★★1/2 (1988)		
DISN (17)	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch			Movie: Stitch! The M (2003) Voices of Chris				Barbar- ian	Barbar- ian	Barbar- ian	Barbar- ian	
MAX (21)	(5:30) Mov Sonja ★★					els: Full Throttle Movie: Mad Max ameron Diaz. (CC) Thunderdome +				All Nude Peep Show			