

# World-Herald story wrong, Boosalis doesn't plan tax hike

OMAHA (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Helen Boosalis said Monday that she has not proposed any property tax reduction plan that would require sharp increases in the state sales and income tax rates.

Boosalis said a story in the Omaha World-Herald made it appear she had proposed specific increases in the state sales and income tax rates to replace revenue lost in reducing local property taxes.

"That is not correct," she said. "It is not my plan."

Boosalis took issue with a World-Herald story about a speech she gave in Omaha on Friday. In the speech she said:

"If Nebraskans are to share the benefits of education, we must share the burden of furnishing that education. That's why as governor, I will work with the unicameral to fulfill the promise made to Nebraskans made in the 1960s to have one-third of our taxes from the property tax, one-third from sales tax and one-third from the income tax."

"We can fulfill these promises without a tax increase," she said.

She did not, however, mention specific percentages by which the three

taxes would increase or decrease to meet the formula of three equal shares from the taxes.

A World-Herald reporter obtained figures from the State Revenue Department showing that in 1984 a total of \$950 million of state tax revenue came from local property taxes. The figures showed \$335 million came from the state sales tax and \$384 million came from the state personal and corporate income taxes.

To reach a ratio of one-third from each tax, the sales tax would have had to have been in the 6 percent to 6.5 percent range, instead of in the 3.5 percent to 4 percent range, the newspaper report said.

Thus, a sales tax increase of more than 60 percent would have been needed to raise the extra revenue, the World-Herald story said.

The personal income tax rate would have had to have been about 27 percent of the federal liability instead of 19 percent, and a corresponding increase in the corporate rate would have required increases of 40 percent, the story said.

Boosalis said those calculations made it appear that she wants the entire shift to one-third sales tax, one-third

income tax and one-third property tax to take place in one year.

"I'm not saying it would be done in a year or two," she said. "No one can say exactly when it will be done. But if you don't start, it will never be done."

She declined to give any estimate of how long such a shift might take. She said the state's rate of economic growth, changes in the federal income tax law and future actions of the Nebraska Legislature make a specific prediction impossible.

Boosalis said a gradual shift to one-third for each tax would not require increased sales or income tax rates because:

- Cost savings can be achieved through efficiencies in providing government services. She declined to give specifics, saying she won't know what state-government efficiencies are possible until she becomes governor.

- Some of the shift to sales and income tax revenue occurs naturally. Assuming tax rates stay constant, revenue from property taxes does not increase as rapidly as revenue from the state sales and income taxes.

Boosalis stressed that she was referring to increases in revenues from those taxes, not increases in tax rates.

# CAP's methods follow finest American tradition

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**Editor's note: The following article contains the opinions of the writer.**

Lincolinites concerned about the sale of pornographic materials in the area but don't know what to do about it need look no further than Citizens Against Pornography.

Citizens Against Pornography (CAP) was established in Lincoln in January of 1985 by Diane Nyangira. She said the organization's purpose is not to ban or censor the publication of pornography, but to encourage local merchants in "targeted categories" to stop selling pornographic material either over or under the counter.

"Banning and censoring is a negative way to go about getting the (pornographic) material out of the targeted areas," Nyangira said. "We try to educate the public and encourage those who are offended by pornography to speak out about it and try to work positively with their favorite merchants to get the pornography out."

According to a 14-point definition of obscenity as determined in the 1973 Supreme Court case, Miller vs. the State of California, both nonviolent, noncoercive, "soft-core," consenting-sex pornography and "hard-core," deviant depictions, including graphic violence without sexual content, and soft-core depictions of consensual sex between heterosexual couples lead to desensitization, callousness, and in some circumstances trigger emotionally violent behavior. Pornography affects the most dangerous sex offender as well as the normal person and it affects interpersonal relationships and personal moral development in everyone who uses it, not only in the disturbed, Nyangira said.

As normal and disturbed people become "desensitized" to soft-core materials, they also develop a fondness for more deviant materials. They incorporate them into their sexual practices, and begin to fantasize about, and even endorse the use of force in their sexual relationships, she said.

Dangerous offenders, such as child molesters, incestuous fathers, killers and rapists, develop a fondness for deviant material and incorporate it into their preparatory stimulation before seeking out a victim, whether it is a child to molest, a woman to rape, or an adolescent boy to assault. Rapists, in particular, report a preference for "soft-core" material before seeking out a rape victim in order to enable them to fantasize that the female they stalk will in fact resist, Nyangira said.

Individuals "habituated" to pornographic materials require increasingly

unusual and bizarre images to re-establish their original, pre-habituation level of sexual arousal, she said.

For the increasingly addicted "normal" consumer of pornography, habituation is overcome by engaging in increasingly unusual and bizarre sex acts, which often lead to dissatisfaction within marriage, and to seeking out a greater variety of sexual partners, including prostitutes, outside of marriage. Both sets of behavior are perceived to be "quite normal." This perception evolves into the belief that these materials do not harm others, even children.

Nyangira furthered her definition flipping through the pages of Hustler magazine emphasizing the cartoon series "Chester the Molester" and finally, deliberately stopping at the centerfold of an attractive nude young woman reclining on a blue silk sheet, showing a ruby red high-heeled shoe into her vagina.

"That's got to hurt," she said.

One way Citizens Against Pornography helps people concerned about the sale of pornography in target areas, such as grocery stores, gas stations, etc. is to use "positive consumer pressure" when dealing with merchants.

"We use a system of issuing local merchants who take a public stand against the sale of pornographic material a 'Welcome' sticker to place on their door," she said. "The sticker says the business is a family oriented one, which will not sell the materials."

Concerned consumers who shop there can also obtain cards from CAP that show their appreciation for not selling the material or encouraging them not to, to be given to the merchants. Nyangira says that just friendly conversation with the merchants makes a big difference.

Over 175 local merchants display the stickers; 21 of those have stopped the sale of the material within the last year, she said.

"We don't support boycotting or police raids or public burnings of the materials," she said, "it doesn't promote a positive, constructive atmosphere."

Citizens Against Pornography also educates the public about what it can do to stop pornography on television. She said if you see pornography on television and want to stop it, write a letter to the station explaining your feelings and also write a letter to the show's sponsor, which often does not know what it sponsors, and tell them about it.

"This really does make a difference," she said, "organize several people to do this and the voice is that much stronger."

Nyangira pointed specifically to an incident last year in which Channel 8

was going to show "R" rated videos during prime time. One letter stopped it from happening.

Bill Morris, president of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, said that when the NCLU Board first heard about Citizens Against Pornography, they were a "little nervous" about what the organization stood for and the methods they planned to use.

NCLU members openly attended CAP meetings, spoke with the CAP general council, followed their approach, and eventually found them to be perfectly legitimate and laudable.

"Whether or not we agree or disagree with the organization's philosophy is not the point," Morris said. "The thing that matters is whether or not their methods are legitimate. They are. Citizens Against Pornography is exercising their rights in the finest American tradition, and the NCLU would go to court to protect their rights."

Of course, he said, if they ever cross the line or overstep their boundaries, the NCLU would go to court to stop them.

## Discover Us art

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Sarah Travis, 7, said she liked drawing the elephant the best.

Claus said that most of the kids had already shown an interest for art at home. Their parents enrolled their kids in the art class so that they could develop their interest.

"Just like a kid interested in soccer, you give him the opportunity to do it," Claus said.

The kids will meet again Friday morning and again on Aug. 23.

After the third session, Claus said, "You should be able to see a lot of improvement."

## Police Report

Thursday, August 7

6:53 a.m. — Property damaged by storm at Hamilton Hall.

7:10 a.m. — Richards Hall damaged by storm.

8:30 a.m. — Cash stolen from Hamilton Hall.

11:30 a.m. — A plant and a painting stolen from Andrews Hall.

Friday, August 8

2:48 p.m. — Map stolen from Bessey Hall.

5:50 p.m. — Billfold stolen from car at the Sports Center.

Saturday, August 9

5:18 p.m. — Bike stolen from 1245 N. 16th.

6:01 p.m. — Intoxicated person taken into protective custody at 13th and R streets.

Sunday, August 10

1:41 p.m. — Camera stolen from Memorial Stadium.

9:03 p.m. — Cash stolen at Abel Hall.

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