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Concealed Carry: City Wants Court Protected

Here is a Memo given to the Manhattan City Commission about the State's new Concealed Carry Law:

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMO**

January 26, 2017

FROM: Katie Jackson, City Attorney
MEETING: February 7, 2017

SUBJECT: Municipal Court Security Improvements (SP1701) PRESENTERS: Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager

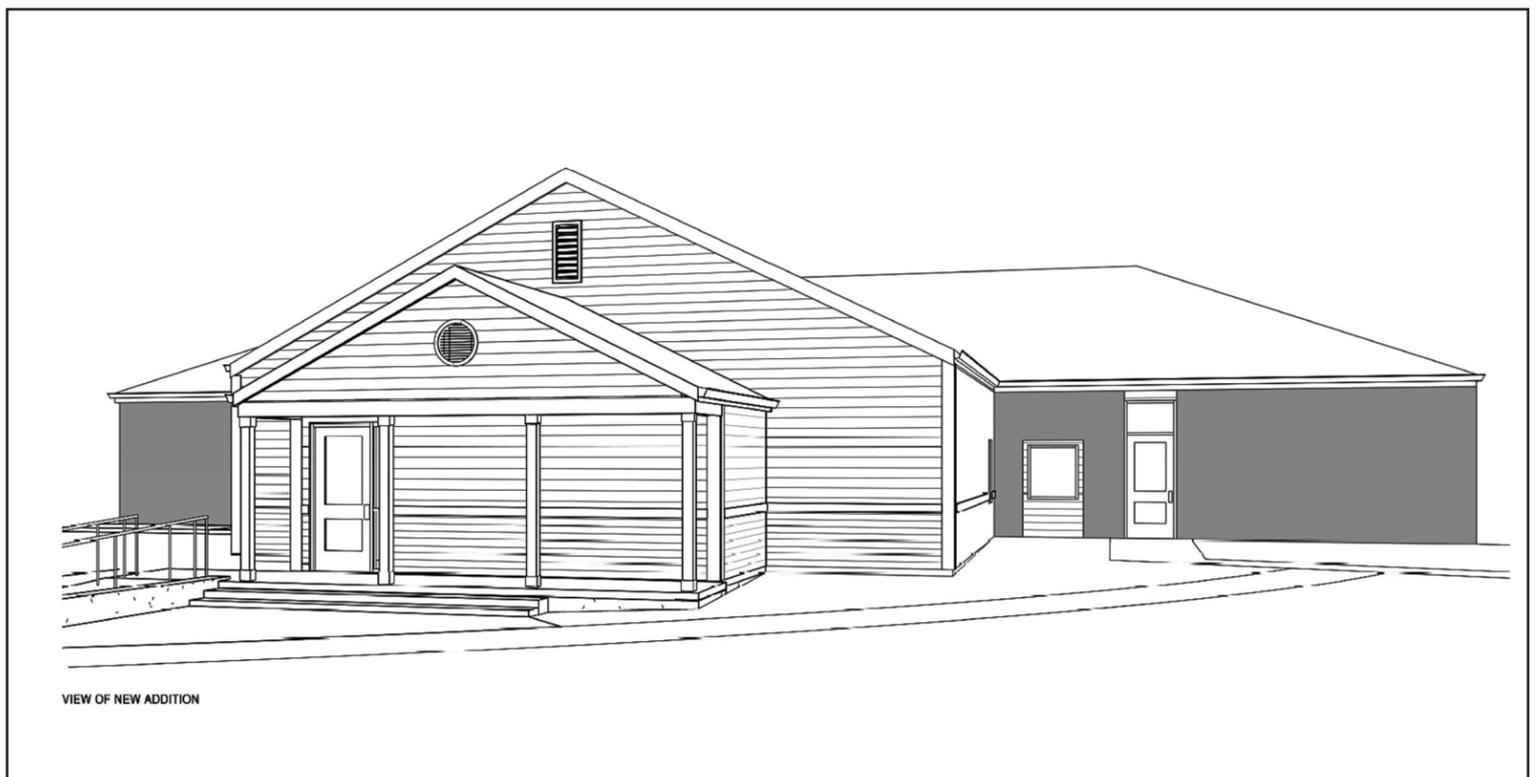
Katie Jackson, City Attorney

BACKGROUND

In 2006, the Kansas Legislature adopted the Kansas Personal and Family Protection Act, to implement licensed concealed carry within the state. Since then, the Legislature has gradually changed and expanded the rights of individuals to carry concealed weapons in public. Effective July 1, 2013, the Legislature mandated that municipal buildings allow concealed carry of weapons unless the municipal facility has "adequate security measures." The law permitted cities to exempt municipal facilities from the mandate, and gave cities a period of time to implement "adequate security measures."

At its June 18, 2013 meeting, the City Commission reviewed its municipal facilities to determine where to implement "adequate security measures" in order to ban concealed carry. After reviewing the list of City facilities and weighing the security risks and costs of implementing "adequate security measures", the City Commission decided to exempt only the Manhattan Municipal Court. The exemption has allowed the City to ban concealed carry in the Courthouse through posting of a sign.

On July 1, 2017, the statutory



VIEW OF NEW ADDITION

A new addition will be put on the Municipal Court building.

exemption will expire, meaning that the City must implement "adequate security measures" by that time or the City can no longer restrict concealed carry in the Courthouse. The state law, K.S.A. 75-7c20, requires the "adequate security measures" to include "the use of electronic equipment and armed personnel at public entrances."

The Riley County District Court recently completed its project to provide "adequate security measures" at its Courthouse. The Riley County Police Department (RCPD) budgeted to provide the necessary security personnel at both Courthouses. Also, the City currently retains the ability to ban open carry in the Courthouse, and signs are posted for that purpose.

Municipal Court is located at 610 Colorado Street, in a building that once served as the RCPD administration building.

The Courthouse includes the courtroom; offices for the Municipal Judge, City Prosecutors, Court Services Officers and other court staff; a consultation room for defense attorneys; and storage space. Upon entering the public entrance, there is unrestricted access to any part of the building. The clerks' desk is "open air" without any glass or barrier. There is no full-time security presence.

The Municipal Courthouse is a high-traffic City facility. Municipal Court processes more than 6,000 parking violations and more than 6,500 other cases (traffic and ordinance violations and misdemeanor offenses). Although many citizens resolve these matters through the Court's online ticket payment system, a large number of citizens visit the Municipal Courthouse in response to these matters. The vast majority of citizens do not pose a threat to City staff or other citizens;

however, the nature of the Court's operations does inflame and agitate some individuals. RCPD is present several times each week for routine matters, such as trials and hearings. In addition, the Court has requested RCPD response approximately 2-3 times a month due to disruptive or threatening conduct in the Courthouse.

The following facility improvements to implement adequate security measures would make the Courthouse more secure for citizens and City staff:

New entrance vestibule to allow room for security screening; reconfigured exit.

Glass window over clerks' desk to improve security and the ability to create designated "lines" to improve work flow.

Wall/door added to prevent public access to staff work areas.

Minor technology improve-

ments to improve Courthouse monitoring.

Flooring repairs and window additions to improve conditions.

If the project is completed, the public will pass through security screening at the front entrance. Security screening will include an x-ray machine and metal detector supervised by one sworn RCPD officer and one non-sworn RCPD employee. The Court staff and RCPD are discussing how to incorporate security screening into the Court's schedule to maximize efficiency at high-traffic times.

During the current Legislative session, there have been efforts to reinstate some authority to restrict concealed carry in certain locations. The outcome of those efforts is uncertain, and there would not be adequate time to complete a project to maintain the Court's exemption

if that aspect of the law for cities remains the same. Further, the proposed project is designed not only to allow the City to continue to the concealed carry ban, but to restrict free-flowing access to "back offices" in a manner similar to City Hall and to formalize the Court's operations.

The project estimate for design and construction is \$210,000. Funds are available in the Municipal Court's 2017 budget and the General Improvement Fund.

RCPD will provide the X-ray machine and metal detector using RCPD funds from concealed carry license fees (approximately \$25,000); the state law limits the use of these funds to this type of equipment purchases. RCPD has also budgeted for the two positions to provide Courthouse security and screening upon completion.

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Trump confidant presses for tough Kansas immigration

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a confidant of President Donald Trump on immigration, is asking the state Legislature to pass two measures aimed at fighting illegal immigration by barring "sanctuary cities" and allowing state troopers to enforce immigration laws.

Republican state Rep. John Whitmer, of Wichita, introduced the two proposals in a House committee Thursday at Kobach's request. Republican Sen. Caryn Tyson, of Parker, introduced identical versions in a Senate committee.

One measure would bar cities and counties from adopting sanctuary policies protecting immigrants in the country illegally and would require their cooperation with federal immigration and customs authorities. A similar bill got a hearing in a House committee last year but did not make it to that chamber's floor.

The other bill would require the Kansas Highway Patrol to partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on the "enforcement of federal immigration laws, detentions and removals, and related investigations."

Kobach, an immigration hardliner, advised Trump's campaign on immigration issues. Kobach is a former law professor who helped draft tough state and local laws cracking down on illegal immigration, including in Arizona and Alabama.

Arizona, for example, passed a series of immigration crackdowns last decade that culminated with the approval of SB 1070 in 2010, which launched protests, lawsuits and national controversy with its provision requiring police to try to determine the immigration status of people during routine stops. Courts barred enforcement of

several sections of the law, but the questioning requirement was ultimately upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, despite racial profiling concerns raised by critics of the statute.

Kobach's representatives declined to discuss the rationale for the measures, including the one covering the state patrol, which drew a rebuke from the head of the American Civil Liberties Union's Kansas chapter. Calling that proposal "absurd and wrong," Micah Kubic ques-

tioned why Kobach would push such legislation involving an agency outside his jurisdiction.

"Diverting scarce resources away from genuine threats to public safety and into duplicating the job of (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is wrong-headed, Kubic told The Wichita Eagle. "Multiple court decisions have established that it is the federal government's job to enforce immigration policy, not the job of state or local government."

Outdoor Gear Swap Meet

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 - Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Chili Feed

Boy Scout Troop 223 is hosting their annual Chili Feed on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Pottorf Hall in CICO Park (Riley County Fair Grounds). Tickets are \$5 and include all the chili you can eat, relishes, and a drink. Children under 6 eat for free. Fresh baked goods will also be available by cash donation for your enjoyment. All funds will go to support the Troop's camping activities. For tickets and information contact Anissa Hudak Andresen at (785) 813-1649.

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Campus sex assault bill would codify standards in Mississippi

Watchdog.

Legislation that would add a contentious Obama administration mandates on campus sexual assault procedures to Mississippi law is still alive in the state Legislature, even if they are tottering at the Department of Education.

The bill was approved Tuesday by the House Judiciary B Committee and is already on the House calendar.

The measure, sponsored by state Rep. Angela Cockerham, D-Magnolia, would require the state institutions of higher learning to implement a comprehensive policy toward allegations of sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking that goes a step beyond one proposed by the federal government in 2011.

The Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights said in its 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter that under Title IX — which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program or activity — that universities and colleges are to use a "preponderance of evidence" standard to adjudicate claims of sexual violence, a much lower standard than the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard of proof used in criminal courts.

The "preponderance" standard means that campus adjudicators just have to be 50.01 percent sure that an assault took place.

Critics say the policy has reduced due process rights for the accused and compromised the impartiality of investigators. It also restricts an accused's right to counsel and doesn't require that the accuser be present at a hearing.

Joe Cohn, legislative and policy director for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, recently wrote of the Mississippi bill:

"Legislators should keep in mind that procedures that are unfair to the accused actually harm the long-term interests of victims of sexual assault, because they damage the credibil-



The Mississippi law is based on the same "letter" sent by the Obama Administration to all schools telling them that they had to set up a council or commission to pass judgement on people (men) even if a local law enforcement agency finds no crime. These councils do not allow men to have an attorney in the "court". All Kansas Schools have set up these councils. The "letter" is not a U.S. Law, it is only a letter but Universities were told they would loose Federal Funding if they did not comply.

ity of campus proceedings and diminish public confidence in their results. FIRE hopes the legislature will rethink the bill and either replace its problematic provisions with language that reflects the rights of all students or abandon the bill altogether."

FIRE noted several instances in which the bill is unfair to the accused beyond the low standard of evidence. The bill refers to accusers as "survivors" throughout, creating a bias against the accused right from the beginning. To be a "survivor," one must have survived something, making a false or exaggerated accusation determination impossible.

The bill provides students little chance to cross-examine their accuser, and can only submit questions to the campus fact-finder, who has discretion in which questions to ask. The bill also would not allow accused students to be represented by an attorney. Since anything

they say in a campus investigation and hearing can be used against them in criminal court, not letting an attorney speak for them puts them in potential danger further down the road.

Accusers, under the Mississippi bill, would also have access to resources the accused would not, such as psychological help.

The bill insists that schools use "trauma-informed" or "victim-centered" investigative techniques. In practice, in college sexual assault cases these techniques have been used to make it impossible for an accuser's story not to be deemed truthful by insisting that inconsistencies and vagueness are proof of trauma.

Jameson Taylor, vice president for policy at the conservative Mississippi Center for Public Policy, said new guidance from the Trump administration will likely supersede the Obama directive.

"They (the Obama administration) took these Title IX re-

quirements for campus rape and drove a truck through that," Taylor said. "It's ironic that Mississippi is trying to enshrine into law a very questionable federal policy that is about to get rescinded."

A lawsuit was filed in June challenging the legality of the lower evidentiary standard and lack of due process protections promulgated by the 2011 federal mandate.

Beyond the lawsuit, U.S. Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., has been a thorn in the side of OCR after asking questions as to why the 2011 guidance document avoided public scrutiny. The original Obama-era directive is considered by critics to be invalid because it did not go through the proper notice-and-comment period required by the Administrative Procedures Act. If the Mississippi bill is enacted, it would be the only state in the union required to use the lower standard of evidence if the Obama-era guidance is rescinded.

Cowley College accepts \$15,000 degree program challenge

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) —

Restoring state funding for higher education offers a structural way to keep the cost of college down for students, the president of the Kansas Board of Regents said Friday after Gov. Sam Brownback announced a community college had accepted his challenge to develop a \$15,000 degree.

Blake Flanders, Regents president and CEO, said in an interview that over the past three years, Regents institutions had lost \$75 million. Last spring, Brownback cut 4 percent from public colleges and universities to help balance the budget.

Flanders and other officials watched Friday as Brownback hailed Cowley County Community College's decision to attempt to develop a \$15,000 four-year degree. Brownback issued the challenge to Kansas schools in his State of the State address last month.

Under the program, students would complete two years of coursework at Cowley County while still in high school, then transfer to Fort Hays State University. The total cost of the four-year degrees — which include education and applied technology — are estimated at less than \$15,000.

The program remains theoretical. The Legislature has to appropriate scholarship funding, and tuition rates haven't been set for Fort Hays. But if approved, students could begin taking advantage of it immediately.

"This type of program really highlights the need for higher ed and the need to keep costs down," Flanders said. "And that's why the Board of Regents' No. 1 priority is to restore the funding that was taken out of the budget for higher ed. That's the structural way to keep costs down for students and parents."

According to the Regents, state general funding for universities as a percentage of total funding has been declining since 1999, from a little more than 40 percent to just over 20 percent. At the same time, tuition as a percentage of funding rose from about 15 percent to nearly 30 percent.

State spending per full-time equivalent (FTE) student has fallen as well. In 2002, the state spent \$10,849 per FTE. In 2016, it was \$7,072.

Brownback's 4 percent cut to Regents institutions last May saved about \$30 million. As he has at other times, the governor cited low commodity prices as driving the state's revenue downturn, and consequently, budget difficulties.

Over the past few years, Kansas has invested in pensions and Medicaid, which have taken a lot of resources, he said. The state wasn't able to sustain

higher education funding, he acknowledged.

"We're in a tough budget cycle, and I would hope we could get back to the point of having stable funding for higher education," Brownback said.

Kansas faces a budget shortfall of more than \$500 million in the coming fiscal year. The governor's budget proposal doesn't call for his 4 percent cut to be reversed, and it's unclear whether the Legislature will reinstate some of the funding.

House Minority Leader Jim Ward, D-Wichita, commended Cowley County Community College's commitment to a \$15,000 degree. But Kansas needs to fund higher education, he said.

"Who's against trying to find affordable education opportunities? That's not the issue," Ward said. "The issue is you're not providing funding so kids can get into schools at any cost or without massive debt."

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Kansas bounces back from loss, tops KSU 74-71

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Josh Jackson's left eye was still blood red after it got poked during practice earlier in the day, and a bruise was forming on Frank Mason III's right elbow after a spill over court-side tables as he tried to save a loose ball.

Yes, third-ranked Kansas is a supremely talented team.

Turns out the Jayhawks have a lot of fight, too.

Jackson dealt with the bright lights that caused him vision problems to score 18 points, Mason's trip over the table highlighted his 21-point performance, and the Jayhawks rebounded from a rare home loss to hold off pesky Kansas State 74-71 on Monday night.

"I think those plays define seasons," Kansas coach Bill Self said afterward. "It's always an extra-possession hustle play that means the most to your team."

All those hustle plays allowed the Jayhawks (21-3, 9-2 Big 12) to beat the Wildcats (16-8, 5-6) for the fifth straight time, though it was just as nip-and-tuck as their meeting in Lawrence.

The game was tied 63-all with 2:50 left when Kansas ripped off six quick points, but the Wildcats kept hanging around. D.J. Johnson hit three of four foul shots down the stretch, and Kamau Stokes hit a 3-pointer from the wing to get within 72-69 with 19.2 seconds to go.

Devonte Graham calmly hit two more free throws to put the game away.

"We haven't lost two in a row

since 2013, not that it matters," Mason said, "but we wanted to come in here and play aggressive and play with a lot of pride."

Dean Wade led the Wildcats with 20 points. Stokes added 16 points and eight boards, Johnson had 14 points and Wesley Iwundu contributed 13 points and 11 rebounds.

"They're really good. They're one of the top five teams in the country, there's no doubt about it," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "We played both games to the last possession, but there's no moral victories. You have to win the game."

The Wildcats no doubt remembered the first meeting in Allen Fieldhouse, when the Jayhawks' Svi Mykhailiuk traveled on the way to the basket — no whistle was blown — for the winning layup. And they promptly roared out to a big early lead, leaning on their defense to produce easy offense.

But rarely do the Sunflower State rivals get together without a tussle.

Kansas used a pair of big runs to take a 37-35 lead into halftime, then appeared to flex its muscle coming out of the break. Jackson hit back-to-back 3-pointers, Landen Lucas threw down a dunk and the Jayhawks stretched their lead to 47-38 and forced Kansas State to call timeout.

The Wildcats responded by inching closer throughout the second half, and their big break came when Jackson picked up his fourth foul with 9:56 to go. With the springy freshman reduced to sitting on the bench,



Kansas State's Dean Wade (with ball) lead the Wildcats with 20 points in Monday nights game.

the Wildcats pulled ahead 60-59 on Wade's basket with 4 1/2 minutes to go.

It was still tied 63-all when Mykhailiuk hit an open 3-pointer from the wing, and that triggered a quick spurt by the Jayhawks that included free throws from Mason and Jackson.

They never trailed the rest of the way.

"I thought our guys competed really hard," Self said. "That was a good basketball game. That was two teams competing hard against each other."

BRAGG RETURNS

Self lifted Carlton Bragg Jr.'s

indefinite suspension after the sophomore was granted diversion for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, a charge that will be dismissed if he does not commit a crime for the next six months. Bragg left briefly in the second half after hurting his left foot, and nearly got a technical foul during a

scrap for a loose ball, before finishing with six points.

"We know he's been through a lot," Jackson said. "He did a great job of overcoming that and coming out and playing hard tonight. He did a great job."



D. J. Johnson (4) drives past a defender going for the basket.



Kamau Stokes (3) and Carlbe Ervin (1) go for the ball.



Barry Brown (5) puts the ball up and in for the Wildcats.



You could say Wesley Iwundu's (25) shot was off balance. (Photos by Ben Brake)

Gross Domestic Product by State: Third Quarter

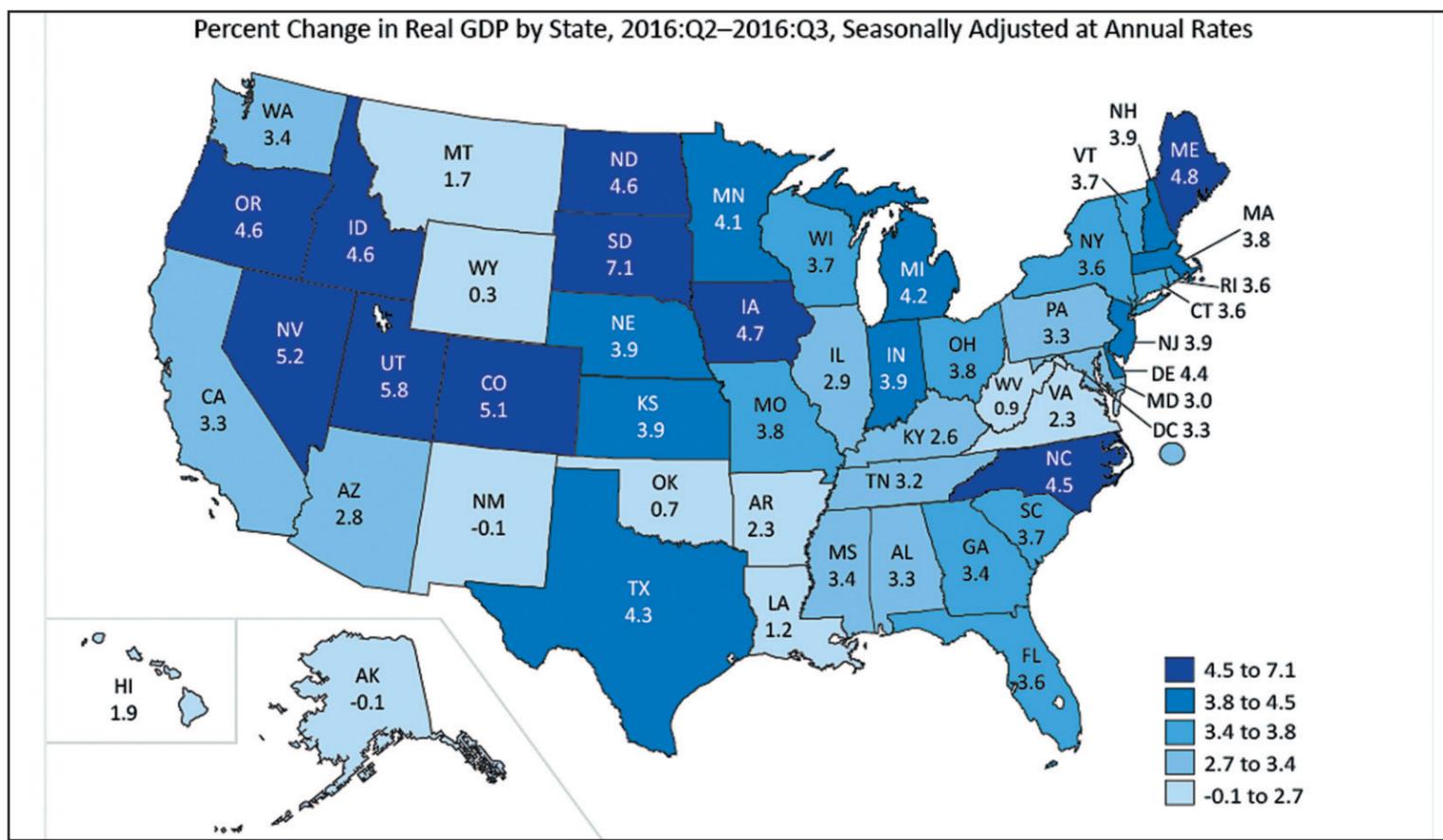
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Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased in 48 states and the District of Columbia in the third quarter of 2016, according to statistics on the geographic breakout of GDP released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Real GDP by state growth ranged from 7.1 percent in South Dakota to -0.1 percent in New Mexico. Finance and insurance; and information were the leading contributors to U.S. economic growth in the third quarter.

Finance and insurance grew 9.0 percent in the third quarter of 2016. This industry contributed to growth in every state and the District of Columbia. This industry contributed 2.50 percentage points to the 4.4 percent growth in Delaware, and 1.69 percentage point to the 7.1 percent growth in South Dakota—the fastest growing state.

Wholesale trade grew 8.3 percent. This industry contributed to growth in every state and the District of Columbia and contributed 0.94 percentage point to the 3.9 percent growth in New Hampshire.

Information grew 8.6 percent. This industry contributed



to growth in every state and the District of Columbia and contributed 0.98 percentage point to the 3.6 percent growth in New York.

Other highlights

Although agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting was not a significant contributor to GDP growth for the na-

tion, it had an important impact on economic growth in several states in the Plains region. This industry contributed more than 2.0 percentage points to growth in North Dakota and South Dakota, which grew 4.6 percent and 7.1 percent, respectively. This industry also contributed more than 1.2 percentage point to growth in Kansas and Ne-

braska, which both grew 3.9 percent.

Mining declined 3.5 percent for the nation. This industry subtracted 1.0 percentage point from growth in New Mexico, which declined 0.1 percent.

Nondurable-goods manufacturing declined 0.4 percent for the nation. This industry subtracted from growth in 37 states

and the District of Columbia.

Upcoming Release and Update of the Gross Domestic Product by State Accounts

Gross domestic product by state statistics for the fourth quarter of 2016 and annual statistics for 2016 will be released on May 11, 2017. At that time, BEA will also release revised

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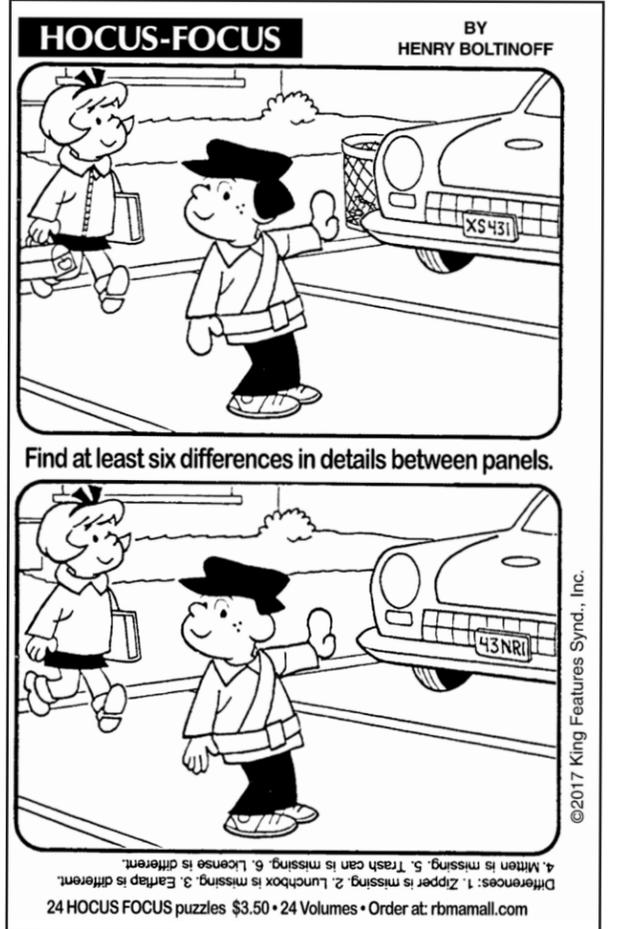
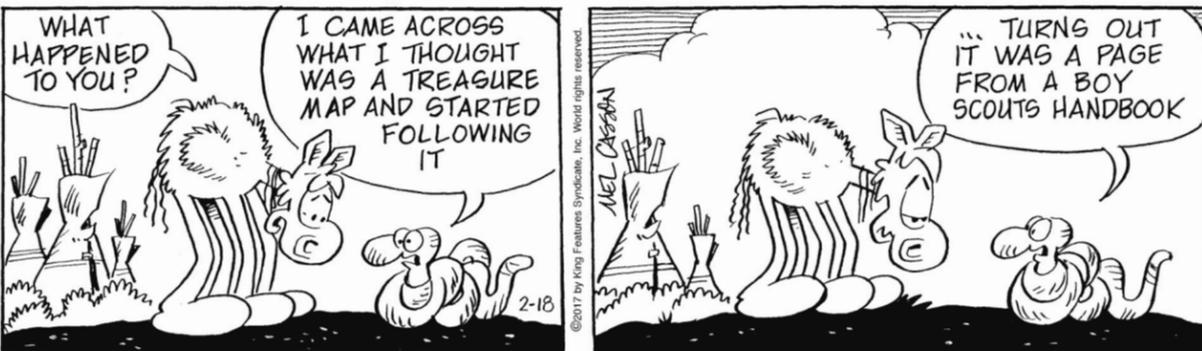
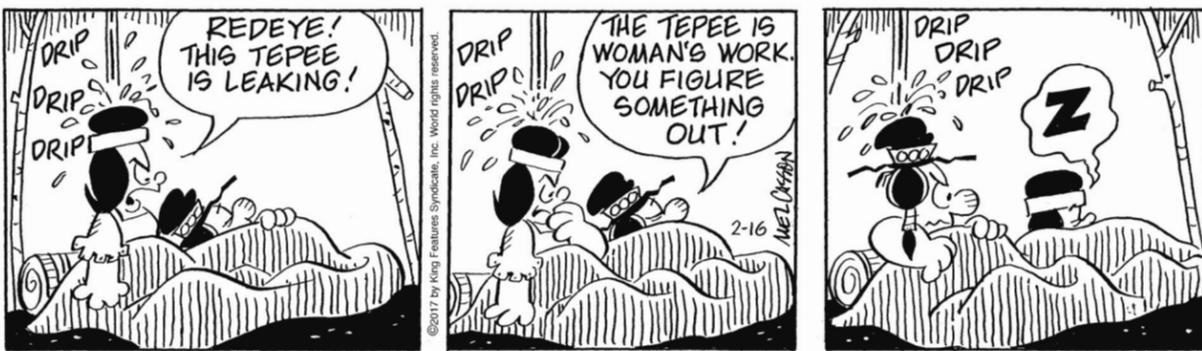
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 - 16 Underwent reduction
 - 18 Jeremy of basketball
 - 19 Tijuana
 - 20 Rolling stone's lack
 - 22 Poetic nightfall
 - 23 Antitoxins
 - 27 -- de deux
 - 29 Maintenance
 - 31 Quibblers split these
 - 34 Senorita's wiggle?
 - 35 "Rabbit, Run" author
 - 37 Feedbag morsel
 - 38 Piratic quaff
 - 39 Paving goop
 - 41 "-- is life!"
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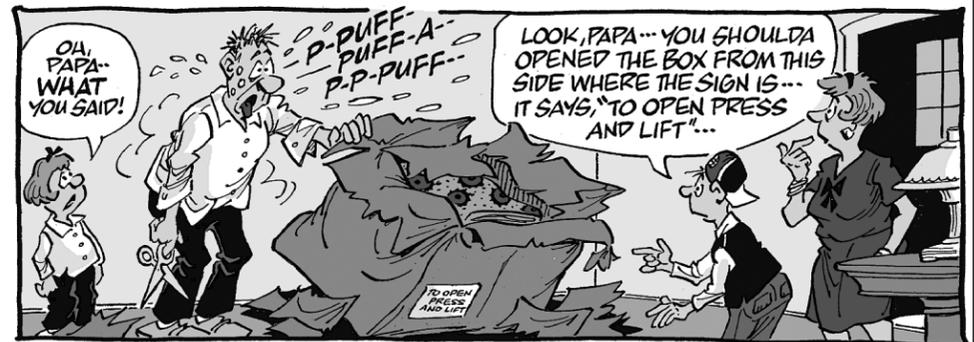
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DeVos confirmed as Education secretary as Pence breaks tie

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Senate on Tuesday confirmed school choice advocate Betsy DeVos as Education secretary by the narrowest of margins, with Vice President Mike Pence breaking a 50-50 tie in a historic vote.

Two Republicans joined Democrats in the unsuccessful effort to derail the nomination of the wealthy Republican donor. The Senate historian said Pence's vote was the first by a vice president to break a tie on a Cabinet nomination.

Democrats cited her lack of public school experience and financial interests in organizations pushing charter schools. DeVos has said she would divest herself from those organizations.

Republicans Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska fear that DeVos' focus on charter schools will undermine remote public schools in their states.

Despite the win, DeVos

emerges bruised from the highly divisive nomination process. She has faced criticism, even ridicule for her stumbles and confusion during her confirmation hearing and scathing criticism from teachers unions and civil rights activists over her support of charter schools and her conservative religious beliefs.

But President Donald Trump remained uncompromising and accused Democrats for seeking to torpedo education progress. In a tweet before the vote, he wrote "Betsy DeVos is a reformer, and she is going to be a great Education Sec. for our kids!"

After an all-night speaking marathon by Democrats, Sen. Patty Murray of Washington state, the top Democrat on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee urged her Republican colleagues to vote against DeVos, calling her unqualified and saying that she will be a poor advocate for low

income families and students with disabilities who rely on public education.

"We are just within one vote of sending this nomination back and asking the president to send us a nominee that can be supported by members on both sides of the aisle, that can set a vision that can fight for public schools, that can be that champion," Murray said.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said DeVos will seek to empower states, not federal bureaucrats, to make important education decisions.

"I know that she is committed to improving our education system so that every child - every child - has a brighter future," McConnell said ahead of the vote.

Emotions ran high ahead of the vote as constituents jammed senators' phone lines with calls and protesters gathered outside the Capitol, including one person in a grizzly bear costume to ridicule DeVos' comment dur-

ing her confirmation hearing that some schools might want guns to protect against grizzlies. Her opponents also charge that DeVos has no experience to run public schools, having never attended one or sent her children to a public school.

DeVos has provided few details about her policy agenda, but she is sure to have a busy job. She will have to weigh in on the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act and possibly undo some of the previous administration's regulation initiatives on school accountability and spending, which have been criticized by Republicans as federal overreach. Rules on such things as accountability already have been on hold.

She will have to address several hot-button issues in higher education, such as rising tuition costs, growing student debt and the troubled for-profit colleges, many of which have closed down, leaving students with huge loans and without a good

education or job prospects. Observers will pay close attention to how DeVos deals with sexual assault and freedom of speech on campuses.

DeVos will also have to react to Trump's campaign proposal of funneling \$20 billion of public funds toward school vouchers.

In addition to DeVos, Republicans hope to confirm a series of other divisive nominees this week: Alabama Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions as attorney general, GOP Rep. Tom Price of Georgia as health secretary and financier Steven Mnuchin as treasury secretary.

In each case Democrats intend to use the maximum time allowed under the Senate's arcane rules to debate the nominations, which may result in a late-night votes this week and delay Mnuchin's approval until Saturday.

Republicans complain that previous presidents have been able to put their Cabinets in place more quickly. Democrats

say it's Trump's fault because many of his nominees have complicated financial arrangements and ethical entanglements they claim they have not had enough time to dissect. Thus far, six Cabinet and high-level officials have been confirmed, including the secretaries of state, defense, homeland security and transportation.

The clash over nominees has created a toxic atmosphere in the Senate that mirrors the tense national mood since Trump's election, with Democrats boycotting committee votes and Republicans unilaterally jamming nominees through committee without Democrats present. Yet there's little suspense about the final outcome on any of the nominees because Democrats themselves changed Senate rules when they were in the majority several years ago so that Cabinet nominees can now be approved with a simple majority, not the 60 votes previously required.

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