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What Is Another Sales Tax To Manhattan

(Editor's Note: What is another Sales Tax to Manhattan?)

Well, if you are a liberal on the City Commission it is just another day at the office. If you have a job it is going to cost you more to eat, drink, play well, you know what I mean.

The City of Manhattan needs to find three Conservative (not two and not four) three Conservative to run for the City Commission and put a stop to this spending. \$275,000,000 in debt and the Sales Tax will be maxing out soon.

Tuesday night the Commission had a Work Session on the new Parks Plan. The Graphic at right shows the City spending \$30,000,000 over the next 10-years but it does not show the extra \$10,000,000 for a new Sports Complex.

And if you think that the public is going to stop this by going to meeting, you are wrong. This decision has already been made the public meeting are just for show.

Here is a memo given to the City Commission Tuesday night)

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMO
March 31, 2017
FROM: Eddie Eastes,
CPRP, Director of
Parks and Recreation
MEETING: April 11, 2017
SUBJECT: Parks and
Recreation Facility Feasibility
Study PRESENTER:
Eddie Eastes, CPRP,
Director of Parks and
Recreation**

BACKGROUND

At the January 11, 2017, City Commission meeting, the Commission provided direction to the Parks and Recreation Department on a preferred concept for CiCo Park that included 12 tennis courts and to initiate a process for a possible ballot

question for voters to consider regarding the continuation of the existing .25 cent Quality of Life Sales Tax (QOL) for funding new indoor spaces, CiCo Park improvements, and community trail opportunities with attention towards storm water management as projects occur.

A Steering Committee that was appointed by the City Commission to work with the consultant in developing a Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study, held meetings February 24, 2016; March 30, 2016; July 6, 2016; November 16, 2016; and March 29, 2017, to reaffirm community priorities as identified in the Strategic Facility Improvement Plan (SFIP), to provide input to the consultant in developing a Parks and Recreation Facility detailed conceptual plans for identified priorities, and to review the Final Draft of the Facility Feasibility Study (FFS) prepared by the consultant, Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, P.A.

PRIORITY 1:

Neighborhood Recreation Center Feasibility Study

The consultant has developed preliminary building programs for two (2) Community Multipurpose Indoor Facilities at Anthony and Eisenhower Middle Schools, prepared conceptual facility and site layouts, established preliminary capital cost requirements, and set preliminary facility operational cost recovery for each identified neighborhood facility. An analysis of revenues, expenditures, fees, and cost recovery scenarios for each facility is included in the FFS.

City staff identified the Douglass Park site as a location for additional indoor spaces based on its eligibility to utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

At the July 19, 2016, City Commission meeting, the Commission recommended design Option 3 for the Southeast Neighborhood Recreation Center in order to stay within the

\$3.3 million CDBG Fund balance.

At the November 15, 2016, City Commission meeting, the Commission conducted a public hearing on the Substantial Amendments to the 2015-2019 CDBG Consolidated Plan and the 2016 CDBG Annual Plan and Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program application and approved the Substantial Amendments and Resolution No. 111516-C and related documents, authorizing submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act. The application is requesting a \$3,304,000 Loan Guarantee from HUD for the construction of the Southeast Neighborhood Recreation Center to be located at the Douglass Park. Following approval of the Section 108 Application, project design could begin the fourth quarter of 2017.

PRIORITY 2:

Improvements to safety and playability of existing field playing surfaces.

For Priority 2, based on SFIP findings, the Steering Committee recommended eight tennis courts for CiCo Park and a Master Plan for CiCo Park to help further determine tennis court locations and playing surface improvements for the existing ballfields. Detailed schematics of the tennis court and ballfield improvements with detailed cost projections are included in the FFS.

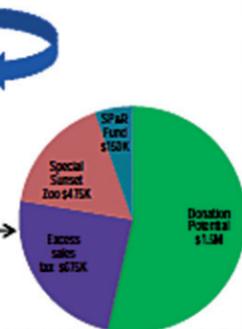
PRIORITY 3:

Improve availability and condition of community parks, trails, and neighborhood parks.

Connectivity to existing facilities and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to various facilities was the primary focus for the community, neighborhood and parks aspect of the FFS. The Parks and Recreation FFS focus was the potential connectivity of these systems to the various sites specifically evaluated within this Study.

Proposed Projects (2017-2027)

PRIORITY	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST
1	Eisenhower Middle School Gymnasium Addition	\$ 8,500,000
	Anthony Middle School Gymnasium Addition	8,500,000
2	CiCo Park Baseball/Softball and Tennis Improvements	7,400,000
3	CiCo Park - Site Improvements & Trails	\$ 1,100,000
	Trail Improvements	2,000,000
4	Indoor Aquatics Center, Possible 2027 Sales Tax Renewal	
		\$ 27,500,000
¼ cent renewal \$27.5M Revenue estimate is conservative and anticipate excess funds could be realized from the 1/4 cent renewal, based on the current sales tax performance history.		
Sunset Zoo	Exhibition Asia Exhibit, \$2.8M	\$ 2,800,000
	Zoo Parking Lot	575,000
Excess sales tax balance \$1.25M (Q4 2017)		



Recommendations are included within the Parks and Recreation FFS Final Document.

The Parks and Recreation Department will continue to make incremental improvements to neighborhood parks and trails with operational budgets and promoting Capital Improvement Program projects to address community needs.

PRIORITY 4:

Indoor Aquatics Feasibility Study

For Priority 4, the Steering Committee recommended that City Park Pool not be considered as a viable solution to indoor aquatics. As an alternative, they recommended a separate indoor aquatic facility be considered for CiCo Park.

The consultant has evaluated the feasibility of covering City Park Pool as well as a new facility located in CiCo Park and developed conceptual facility and site layouts, capital cost requirements and preliminary facility operational costs which are included in the Parks and Recreation FFS.

At the July 19, 2016, City Commission meeting, City Administration recommended City Staff continue to work with community partners, KSU, and USD 383 for opportunities to provide indoor aquatics to the community rather than task Bruce McMillan Architects, to develop detailed schematics and detailed construction and operational cost for indoor aquatics.

DISCUSSION

This Parks and Recreation FFS is about getting detailed schematics to the City Commission for approval to move this effort in providing indoor space and outdoor facility improvements to the community for a vote on a funding method to implement new facility construction and facility improvements

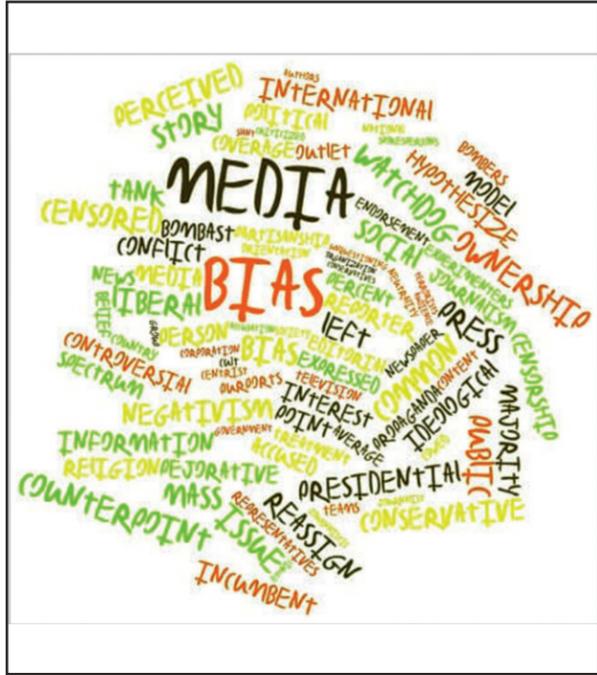
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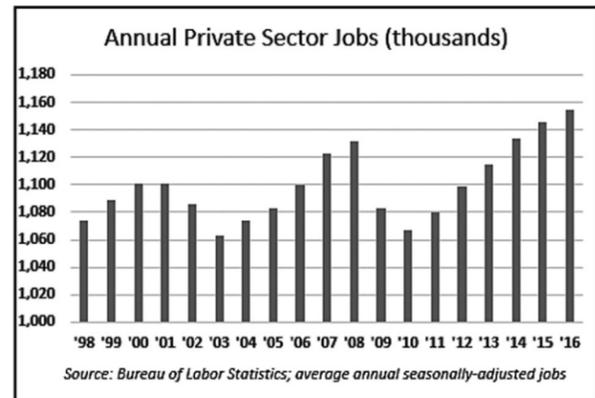
Fake news in Kansas promotes political agenda



By Dave Trabert
Kansas Policy Institute

An editorial in the Wichita Eagle reminded me that it's been awhile since I wrote about fake news in Kansas, and there's a lot. The Eagle edito-

rial bemoaned a loss of 400 jobs in February but failed to disclose that private sector employment set a new record! The Bureau of Labor Statistics data comparing February 2016 to February 2017 shows Kansas



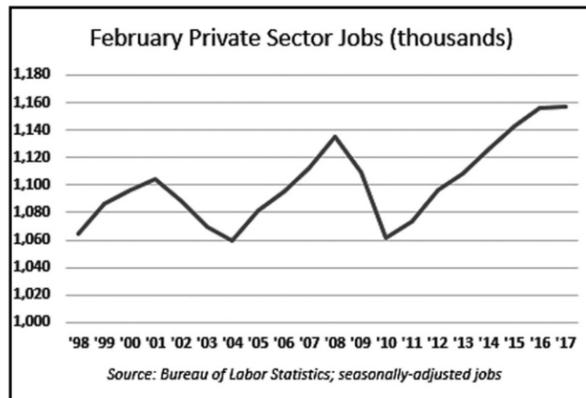
added 1,300 private sector jobs and shed 1,700 government jobs.

Kansas needs to shed government jobs through retirement and turnover, so the February data is pretty good news for taxpayers. Kansas has 27% more state employees per 10,000 residents than the national average and 34% more local government employees on that measurement, earning the dubious honor of being the second-worst state in the nation for local government employees per 10,000 residents. Excessive government employment negatively impacts the economy due to unnecessary taxation.

So why would media not report that Kansas set a private sector employment record in Kansas? In a word, politics. As in, media so desperately wants low-tax, pro-growth policy to fail that they can't allow taxpayers to have the facts.

All last year, media reported that Kansas was losing private sector jobs but two weeks ago, BLS revised their numbers and said Kansas added 9,100 private sector jobs in 2016. With the exception of The Sentinel, media refuses to report the positive news.

Private sector employment set an annual record in 2016 at 1.157 million jobs, despite challenges in oil & gas extraction and agriculture. Total private sector employment will likely be even higher when the Bureau of Economic Analysis publishes its 2016 data. BEA tracks all



employment but BLS does not include proprietors or farm workers. Farm worker employment may be soft but Kansas has seen proprietor employment increase by about 8,000 jobs annually between 2012 and 2015.

Here are some more examples of fake news in Kansas.

KCTV5 aired a story about school funding, in which Senator Barbara Bollier said the state's budget cannot be balanced without a tax increase. We sent evidence to the station showing that the budget can indeed be balanced without a tax increase, but they would not respond.

KAKE-TV reporter Bryan Ramsdale said Kansas is facing a \$1.6 billion deficit, which isn't even close to being true. Attempts to set the record straight were ignored.

Print and electronic media is full of false claims that the State has borrowed money from the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs). Hearing this caused some re-

the record, the Kansas Division of Budget confirms that scheduled KPERs payments will total \$2.8 billion between 2012 and 2019; that's an even \$1 billion increase over the previous eight years – and more perspective hidden from citizens.)

And while many legislators and media are demanding the repeal of the exemption on pass-through income, most in media refuse to report the serious consequences of doing so. According to U.S. Census data, pass-through employers created 82 percent of the new jobs in Kansas in 2013 and 2014. Forcing those employers to pay hundreds of millions more in taxes will definitely harm job creation.

If Paul Simon wrote a song about fake news in Kansas, he might call it "50 ways to mislead your readers."

Bill would make grocers one-stop-shop for food, regular beer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A years-long effort by Kansas grocery and convenience stores that want to sell more alcoholic products culminated in a compromise on Friday when lawmakers agreed to allow them to sell full-strength beer and allow liquor stores to sell more non-alcoholic products.

Uncork Kansas, a group representing grocery and convenience stores, has been advocating for the stores' ability to sell full-strength beer, wine and liquor in a state that the temperance movement led in part by famed bar-raider Carry Nation kept dry for nearly 70 years. National prohibition lasted just 14 years.

The Senate passed the bill 27-11 on Friday, a day after it was approved in the House. The bill now awaits a decision by conservative Republican Gov. Sam Brownback.

The general effort to get more alcohol in grocery and convenience stores goes back a couple decades, according to Uncork Kansas lobbyist Jessica Lucas. Her group advocated for sales of beer, wine and liquor in grocery stores — the full gambit

of what liquor stores sell — but liquor stores said competing with grocery chains could put them out of business.

The compromise measure would allow grocers and convenience stores to sell full-strength beer, up to 6 percent alcohol by volume. Under current law, they can only sell cereal malt beverages, with up to 3.2 percent alcohol by volume.

Liquor store would retain the right to sell wine and liquor, and they could sell more non-alcoholic products such as mixers, shot glasses, lottery tickets and cigarettes.

Although the compromise is better than past proposals for sales of beer, wine and liquor, some liquor store owners said, the legislation would still make cuts to their profit margins.

Steve Faust owns MDL Wine and Spirits in Overland Park. He said his store would survive, but the new law would have an impact.

"It will decrease my volume, decrease my profitability, potentially decrease the number of employees that I employ," he said, noting his store sits at an intersection near Hy-Vee gro-

cery and convenience stores, a 7-Eleven and a Phillips 66.

But he said this was a good year to compromise because grocery and convenience stores may soon struggle to find and stock cereal malt beverages.

Colorado and Oklahoma approved the sale of more alcohol in grocery and convenience stores last year, which Lucas said means vendors could reduce the amount of the product they sell. That, she said, would it harder for Kansas grocery and convenience stores to fill their shelves. Oklahoma's law, which goes into effect in 2018, is being contested by retail liquor groups.

Rep. Les Mason, who chairs the House commerce committee, said the deal prevents grocery store beer sections from drying up if cereal malt beverage isn't available. The commerce committee heard another bill earlier this session before the compromise was reached. Mason said he hasn't previously supported alcohol expansion efforts, but he supported the compromise.

Kansas Association of Beverage Retailers lobbyist Amy Campbell said the bill addresses

the cereal malt beverage issue while trying to ensure liquor stores aren't put at a competitive disadvantage.

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"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

How the editor and publisher of a tiny Oregon weekly took on the state

By Benjamin Mullin
Editor and Publisher

Les Zaitz wasn't spoiling for a fight.

After busting frauds and needling scoundrels at The Oregonian for decades, Zaitz was ready for a quiet semi-retirement on his ranch in Eastern Oregon.

And why not? His 1980 coverage of the eruption of Mount St. Helens was bronzed for posterity. His stories on lethal Mexican drug cartels earned him a finalist nod at the Pulitzer Prizes. He drew national attention for his reporting on the Oregon militia standoff.

When he retired last year from The Oregonian, he was looking forward to his new gig: Editor and publisher of The Malheur Enterprise, a weekly newspaper in a sleepy town nestled alongside a river in Eastern Oregon. He bought the paper in 2015 with his wife, herself the former editor of a weekly, and expected that running the paper would take up a couple of days each week.

"I was content for us to just do a good job covering local government and local crowd feeds and good profiles and teaching the reporters to kick up their game a notch," Zaitz said.

It appears, however, that the news follows Zaitz wherever he goes. Less than six months into his tenure as editor and publisher of The Malheur Enterprise, Zaitz and his two reporters stumbled onto a huge story. To solve that puzzle, Zaitz and his team would have to battle a state agency over the psychiatric records of a man suspected of killing his ex-wife and a passing motorist.

It all started shortly after Jan. 12, when Anthony Montwheeler was indicted for murder, kidnapping and assault after he abducted his wife, stabbed her to death in the front seat of his pickup and collided with the an oncoming car as he fled police.

It was big news for The Malheur Enterprise, and Zaitz saw it as a teaching opportunity for his newsroom of two. Zaitz and his wife bought the weekly



Les Zaitz, the editor and publisher of The Malheur Enterprise. (Photo by David Zaitz)

to save it from going out of business, and he views the newspaper as a journalism laboratory.

So, they got to work. Zaitz helped his reporters background the suspect, and the gumshoe work turned up unexpected details: Montwheeler had a criminal background stretching back 25 years; he previously kidnapped his former wife and 3-year-old son; and — most importantly — he was released by Oregon officials just 23 days before the latest crimes.

But Zaitz knew he was looking at one of the biggest stories of his career when the team discovered that Montwheeler had avoided a seven-year prison sentence by convincing a psychologist that he was mentally ill. Then, years after he was confined to a mental hospital, he was released by the state Psychiatric Security Review Board when he admitted to faking his mental illness.

"That, right away, raised my antenna," Zaitz said. "I thought, 'wait a minute, what's going on here?'"

After filing a request with the review board, Zaitz got ahold of an audio recording of the December hearing that set Montwheeler free. The state wouldn't release 15 records used as exhibits in Montwheeler's hearing, but the recording was enough for Zaitz to write a blockbuster story labeled "Deadly Decisions."

The article, which stretched for more than 3,000 words, laid it all out: A dangerous man let loose by state appointees after faking mental illness and living

in a state hospital on taxpayer largesse. A massive gap in the Oregon criminal justice system. And two lives cut short because of it.

But there was more. Zaitz wanted to know what was in those 15 records the review board wouldn't release. So, he wrote Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, who on March 15 ordered the review board to release the records.

Then it got ugly. The review board defied the attorney general's order, citing privacy concerns. A week later, the board told The Malheur Enterprise to expect a lawsuit that would block access to the records. Then, it made good on its threat.

Zaitz didn't back down. He just got mad.

"Frankly, it really got my hackles up," he said. "It's just offensive to me that they would use the brute force of the state to try and slam our fingers in the file cabinet drawer to keep us away from the records."

Zaitz dug in for a fight. He wrote an appeal requesting reader support. He raised the alarm in the press. As he told the state agency, picking a fight with a tiny weekly was like "poking a stick in a badger hole."

Asked for comment last week, the review board told Poynter it would not comment on the pending litigation.

While the review board was silent, others began speaking up. The Seattle Times published a column in support of the Enterprise. Therese Bottomly, the director of news for The Ore-

gonian, described it as a "David and Goliath fight" in an email to Poynter. Attorney Duane Bosworth, a First Amendment specialist, noted that the public's interest in the records was "extraordinarily high" in an email to Poynter. Daniel Bevarly, the executive director of the National Freedom of Information Coalition, called the state's refusal to turn over the records "disturbing."

"This is a very interesting and disturbing case," Bevarly wrote. "It represents a troubling trend regarding the pursuit of public records."

Indeed, The Malheur Enter-

prise was among a growing number of publishers finding themselves battling for public records without the resources necessary to prevail. Nearly two-thirds of editors that responded to a survey from The Knight Foundation at the end of 2015 said that news organizations were no longer prepared to go to court to preserve First Amendment freedoms. When asked why, nearly 90 percent said money was the primary factor. (Full disclosure: The Knight Foundation funds Poynter's coverage of transformation in local news).

As it turns out, The Malheur Enterprise didn't have to fight for very long. On Tuesday, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown took the rare step of intervening in the case, calling the review board's lawsuit "plain wrong" and ordered the records released.

"No one requesting public records should be at risk of being sued by a state agency," she wrote. "I believe the public is best served by bringing this matter to an end now, rather than after a lengthy and costly litigation."

The Malheur Enterprise got the records on Tuesday. In an email to Poynter, Zaitz said the newspaper is now following the paper trail wherever it leads.

"This wasn't a fight we went looking for but it wasn't one we were going to run from either," Zaitz said. "Now, we'll carefully review the records to determine the history of the state's handling of Anthony Montwheeler — and pursue additional records as warranted."

Zaitz wasn't looking for a fight. But you can be sure he's going to finish it.

Prosecutor Challenges Florida Governor's Right to Take Cases

ORLANDO, Fla. — A Florida prosecutor is firing a double-barreled response to Gov. Rick Scott's efforts to take almost two-dozen criminal cases away from her after she said her office would no longer seek the death penalty.

State Attorney Aramis Ayala filed a lawsuit Tuesday in federal court, and was filing another one with Florida's highest court later in the day, challenging Scott's ability to remove her from death-penalty cases in her district, which covers Orlando and its suburbs.

Ayala's complaint with the Florida Supreme Court will ask the justices to declare her the prosecutor in the cases that were ordered to be taken away from her. If the justices won't do that immediately, the lawsuit asks them to stop the transfer of

cases from her office until the state's highest court decides whether Scott's actions were proper or if they violated the state's constitution.

Ayala's federal lawsuit claims Scott's actions violated the U.S. Constitution by disregarding the choice of Orlando-area voters who picked Ayala during last year's election. The federal lawsuit also said Ayala's due process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment were violated by the governor's orders.

"Earlier in her career as an Assistant State Attorney, Ayala had been willing to seek a death sentence in an appropriate case, and she held that belief throughout her campaign for State Attorney," the federal complaint said. "However, although Florida law grants State

Attorneys the authority to seek the death penalty in first-degree murder cases where aggravating factors are present, neither the Florida Constitution nor the Florida Criminal Statutes require them to do so."

Ayala's attorney, Roy Austin, was asking the federal court to temporarily freeze any action on the complaint until the Florida Supreme Court lawsuit is resolved.

Austin is a high-profile, Washington-based addition to Ayala's fight against the governor. Austin was a former deputy assistant to President Obama for the White House's office of urban affairs and worked as a deputy assistant general in the civil rights division of the U.S. Justice Department.

Austin called the governor's actions "unprecedented."

Heavier trucks for ag-only to be allowed on some Kansas roads

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Six-axle semitrailer-tractor vehicle combinations with a gross weight of up to 90,000 pounds will be allowed on some Kansas roads, but only if the vehicle is hauling agricultural loads.

House Bill 2095 cleared both chambers of the Legislature this week, with a narrower scope than initially written.

The agricultural industry

pushed for the bill, and railroads pushed back. The bill initially passed the House in February on a 77-48 vote. As it continued to move through the Legislature, language was added to restrict loads generally to farm commodities or livestock. The compromise language passed the Senate on a 38-2 vote Wednesday and on a 123-1 vote in the House Thurs-

day. It heads to the governor's desk.

Under the legislation, the Kansas Department of Transportation will issue special vehicle permits for certain vehicle combinations with a gross weight of more than 85,500 pounds but not more than 90,000 pounds, transporting divisible loads on six or more axles. They cannot operate on

interstate highways and must adhere to posted restrictions on bridges.

Currently, the weight limit is 85,500 pounds. The 90,000 pounds on six axles was less than what the agriculture industry would have desired, according to committee testimony, but was considered a target that could pass the Legislature.

The farm sector noted that

Kansas is an island with its comparatively low limit, surrounded by states with higher limits. The railroad industry cautioned that it could result in the abandonment of short rail lines.

"For most of our Kansas members, that decision has already been made for them because over 70 percent of our co-op upright grain storage fa-

cilities currently have no active rail service. Thus, it isn't even an option to go directly to the rail. But, what many do, and will continue to do, is truck to a rail load out facility," Kaufman said in written testimony.

Advocates also contended the higher limits would reduce trips and increase road safety. They also cited a shortage of truck drivers.

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Democrats Have Zero Leverage after Gorsuch

By Ilya Shapiro
CATO Institute

This was an eventful week for two government institutions, the Supreme Court and Senate. More than a year after Justice Antonin Scalia's death, the high court will on Monday finally return to a full complement of nine justices. But the confirmation of the newest justice, Neil Gorsuch, happened only after the Senate decided, on a party-line vote, to exercise the "nuclear option" and remove filibusters for Supreme Court nominations.

These developments sound like a really big deal, but they were easily predictable given our toxic political climate and won't actually change the operation of either institution. But here are five takeaways for our post-nuclear-option world:

1. The Supreme Court. The court effectively returns to the status quo before Scalia's death. No two justices are the same, but Gorsuch could have been expected to vote the same as Scalia on all the hot-button cases that broke down 5-4, and also on the cases (especially in criminal procedure) that joined the court's left and right against the middle. As it turns out, Scalia's absence only changed the result in a handful of cases and the court has largely succeeded in avoiding 4-4 splits. Adding a ninth justice will, however, make it marginally easier to get the four votes needed to "grant cert" (have a case accepted for review), especially on potentially controversial issues.

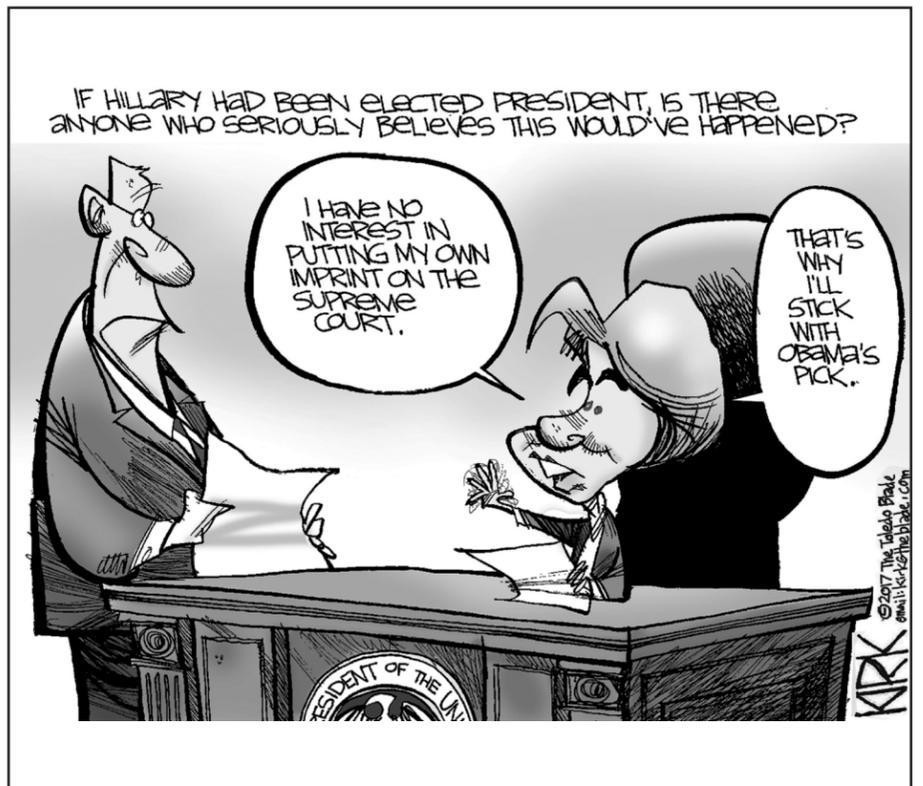
2. The Senate. The exercise of the "nuclear option" returns Senate procedures to what they were 15 years ago. The filibuster was simply not employed for partisan purposes against a nominee who had majority support before Harry Reid started filibustering George W. Bush's lower-court nominees in 2003. (Infamously, the Senate denied Miguel Estrada an up-or-down vote seven times to prevent Bush from later having the opportunity to elevate the first Hispanic justice.) Reid used the "nuclear option" to eliminate that sort of filibuster a decade later, so perhaps this week's action should be called "thermonuclear." A Senate majority will still be able to stall a nomination made by a president of the opposing party—we could see more Merrick Garlands-but a Senate minority will lack that power.

3. The next nominee. By filibustering the milquetoast Gorsuch despite the high probability and repeatedly expressed intention of the Republicans to go nuclear, the Democrats have destroyed any leverage they had over the next nominee. Should there be another vacancy under President Trump while the GOP controls the Senate, there will be zero incentive for the President to moderate his choice. It's not at all clear that Republican senators such as Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and other "institutionalists" would've gone along with a "nuclear option" to replace Justice Ruth Bader

Ginsburg with a nominee more controversial than Gorsuch. But now they won't face that dilemma.

4. Our political culture. Given the highly charged battle we've seen — only three Democrats, from states Trump won bigly (Indiana, North Dakota, West Virginia), voted for Gorsuch, and just one more, fellow Coloradan Michael Bennet, voted against a filibuster — too many people will now think of the justices in partisan terms. That's too bad, but not a surprise when contrasting methods of constitutional and statutory interpretation largely track party politics. Relatedly, confirmation hearings will continue to be Kabuki theater, educational to some about various legal doctrines but not illuminating anything of the nominee's judicial philosophy. On the other hand, perhaps nominees will occasionally feel free to express themselves, knowing that they don't need any of the minority party's votes.

5. Neil Gorsuch. You may not agree with him on every case, but his opinions will be well-reasoned and clearly written. Gorsuch's mentor, Justice Byron White, liked to say that each new justice makes for a new court, and I look forward to the breath of fresh air, intellectual rigor, collegiality, and constitutional seriousness that Justice Gorsuch will bring. Neil Gorsuch will serve with distinction.



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Gorsuch Joins the Supreme Court With Nod to Scalia

By Caleb Ecarma
Heritage Foundation

Neil M. Gorsuch joined the Supreme Court on Monday morning as Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, for whom Gorsuch once clerked, administered the judicial oath of office in a formal Rose Garden ceremony.

The White House event shortly after 11 a.m. followed a private swearing-in two hours earlier at the Supreme Court, where Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. officiated.

"I have no doubt that you will go down as one of the truly great justices in the history of the Supreme Court," President Donald Trump said to his nominee, in opening remarks in the Rose Garden.

Gorsuch becomes the 113th justice in Supreme Court history, filling the ninth seat on the bench that had been vacant since the unexpected death of Justice Antonin Scalia nearly 14 months ago.

Gorsuch, who will turn 50 in August, is the youngest current member of the court. He had served since 2006 on the Colorado-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"Justice Gorsuch, you are now entrusted with the sacred duty of defending our Constitution," Trump said, adding:

"Our country is counting on you to be wise, impartial, and fair. To serve under our laws, not over them, and to safeguard the right of the people to govern their own affairs. I have no doubt you will rise to the occasion and that the decisions you will make will not only protect our Constitution today, but for many generations to come.

Gorsuch took the oath of office—taken by public servants in all U.S. government

branches—at the private ceremony scheduled for 9 a.m. at the Supreme Court. Gorsuch took the oath with his left hand upon a family Bible held by his wife Louise.

Little more than two hours later, Gorsuch took the judicial oath administered by Kennedy in the Rose Garden. This time his wife held the Bible as Trump, who nominated Gorsuch Jan. 31, looked on.

This particular oath, Kennedy said in brief remarks, also dates to 1789 and "reminds us that we as a people are bound together."

All current justices, as well as Scalia's widow, Maureen, and eldest son, Eugene, were present for both ceremonies.

"I've always heard the most important thing a president of the United States does is appoint people, hopefully great people like this appointment, to the United States Supreme Court, and I can say this is a great honor," Trump said beforehand.

The president added, to laughter: "And I got it done even in the first 100 days. You think that's easy?"

Trump noted that Gorsuch and Kennedy are the first former clerk and justice to serve together on the nation's highest court.

"You remember that, right?" the president quipped, turning to the two men and referring to their prior association. "That's sort of a big deal," he added.

The Senate confirmed Gorsuch by a 54-45 vote Friday, after Republicans triggered the so-called nuclear option Thursday to end Democrats' filibuster and require only 51 votes rather than 60 to end debate and proceed to a vote. Only three Democrats voted to confirm him.

Gorsuch thanked the president, vice president, and the team, led by former Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, that saw him through "months and so many miles trooping together thru the Senate complex" during the confirmation process.

He also thanked by name Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, both of whom fended off Democrats' multiple attempts to derail his nomination.

To his former law clerks and friends, Gorsuch said: "This is truly your doing, this is your day. ... You know who you are, and you know your names are etched in my heart forever."

Addressing Scalia's widow, the new justice pledged: "To the family of Justice Scalia: I will never forget that the seat I inherit today is that of a very, very great man."

Gorsuch's voice broke slightly as he thanked his wife and two children.

Gorsuch also had a word for his new colleagues.

"Thank you for the warm welcome," he said. "I look forward to many happy years together."

Those years begin right away. Gorsuch will rule on several high-profile cases, as the court meets in private as early as Thursday to consider cases for the upcoming term.

"The swearing in of Neil Gorsuch, who is a committed constitutionalist, is a big victory for conservatives and the Trump administration," said Elizabeth Slattery, a legal fellow in the The Heritage Foundation's Institute for Constitutional Government.



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Peggy Noonan, Who Explored Why Trump Appeals to Americans, Wins Pulitzer for Commentary

By Ken McIntyre
Heritage Foundation

In a rare acknowledgement of conservative journalists by the most powerful arbiter of serious journalism, political commentator and columnist Peggy Noonan on Monday won a Pulitzer Prize for her columns for The Wall Street Journal on the 2016 presidential campaign.

Awarding her the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary, judges said Noonan earned it for “rising to the moment with beautifully rendered columns that connected readers to the shared virtues of Americans during one of the nation’s most divisive political campaigns.”

The Pulitzer judges recognized Noonan’s graceful but grounded work—she tends to write as if passing along personal, first-person musings on what she has observed or friends have said—in 10 columns published between Feb. 27 and Dec. 31, 2016.

In the first entry, she writes of the divide between two classes – the “protected” and the “unprotected”—and the dissatisfaction among the latter, ordinary Americans, that powered



Peggy Noonan has a sweet moment with her former boss, President Ronald Reagan, in 1988. (Photo: The White House)

Donald Trump’s campaign: Many Americans suffered from illegal immigration—its impact on labor markets, financial costs, crime, the sense that the rule of law was collapsing. But the protected did fine—more workers at lower wages. No effect of illegal immigration

was likely to hurt them personally. It was good for the protected. But the unprotected watched and saw. They realized the protected were not looking out for them, and they inferred that they were not looking out for the country, either.

The unprotected came to think they owed the establishment—another word for the protected—nothing, no particular loyalty, no old allegiance. Mr. Trump came from that. Noonan would be sharply critical of Trump during the campaign, but saw early that he

not only could win the nomination but also the general election against Hillary Clinton.

Although her columns and commentary sometimes have been kinder to more centrist or even liberal Republicans such as John McCain and George W. Bush than to conservatives such as Sarah Palin or Ted Cruz, many conservative Americans still claim Noonan, 66, as one of their own.

This is perhaps because she continued to hold up the example of one of her greatest political heroes, Ronald Reagan.

Noonan, who first drew national attention as a speechwriter and special assistant to President Reagan from 1984 to 1986, has written a weekly column for The Journal since 2000.

The Brooklyn native also is the author of nine books, five of them bestsellers, beginning with 1990’s “What I Saw at the Revolution: A Political Life in the Reagan Era,” through 2015’s “The Time of Our Lives: Collected Writings.”

As her Wikipedia entry notes, Noonan wrote Reagan’s acclaimed “Boys of Pointe du Hoc” speech in 1984 marking the 40th anniversary of D-Day.

Millions of Americans also heard Reagan deliver a moving, Noonan-penned address to the nation following the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.

While writing speeches for Vice President George H.W. Bush (she was chief speechwriter for his successful campaign to succeed Reagan as president), Noonan coined the phrases “a kinder, gentler nation” and “a thousand points of light.” She also came up with “Read my lips: No new taxes”—a memorable pledge (and play on Clint Eastwood) that came back to haunt Bush.

In a column published Nov. 26, less than three weeks after Trump defeated Clinton, Noonan warned that the incoming president’s reputation as a garrulous dealmaker needed to undergo a transformation so that he is seen as patriot above all.

She wrote: The press does not believe, not for a second, and Democrats do not believe, not for a second, that Mr. Trump will be able to change the habits of a lifetime. They are relying on it.

Mr. Trump shocked them by winning. He should shock them now with rectitude.

Private nonprofit, for-profit universities could get regulatory relief

By William Patrick
Watchdog

Bad press, combined with federal rules and regulations disproportionately targeting the higher education alternatives, have taken their toll on nonprofit and for-profit universities in recent years — but that could soon change.

For-profit and private nonprofit colleges and universities offer career-building options separate from traditional public universities. Small class sizes, hands-on training and flexible schedules are common features designed to help students obtain degrees, practical jobs skills and employment-related certifications.

Student bodies also are diverse, and not just demographically. Active military members, veterans, adults at various stages of life, and those with jobs and children are more intentionally accommodated. As a result, enrollment has skyrocketed over the past two decades.

But regulatory change is afoot. In February, Arthur Keiser, chancellor and CEO of Fort Lauderdale-based Keiser University, was named chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.

The committee will make recommendations to U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos — a noted Florida education reformer — regarding accreditation and institutional eligibility for federal student financial aid.

Keiser University is a private nonprofit school with nearly 20,000 students enrolled across 18 Florida campuses. It offers 100 degrees at the doctoral through associate level, and employs 3,800 staff and faculty, according to its website.

Bottom of Form
Other large Florida private nonprofit universities include Nova Southeastern, St. Leo,

Barry and the University of Miami. Together with Keiser, they serve about 87,000 students.

More recently, the U.S. Department of Education signaled a potential policy shift when it allowed additional time for postsecondary schools to appeal “gainful employment” determinations issued by the Obama administration in its final days.

“This action is taken to allow the Department to further review the (gainful employment) regulations and their implementation,” a statement from the acting assistant secretary for the federal student aid office said in March.

Billed as an accountability measure, outgoing Education Department officials released the first student loan debt-to-earnings rates on Jan. 9, pursuant to regulations finalized in 2014. At stake is access to federal student financial aid, the lifeline for for-profit and nonprofit career schools.

Industry representatives viewed the 11th-hour release as a parting shot from an administration overly hostile to higher education alternative career schools.

Steve Gunderson, president and CEO of Career Education Colleges and Universities, a membership organization of 470 campuses offering career training programs, said the decision was “all about political motivations and harming institutions” and had “nothing to do with expanding higher education access and opportunity or creating sound public policy.”

“It is time to stop the war,” Gunderson said in a statement. Schools now have until July 1 to submit appeals and comply with formerly enacted regula-

tory disclosure requirements. The former administration regulatory actions were bolstered by high-profile disasters in the career training space in which it played an active role.

For-profit colleges made headlines when California-based Corinthian Colleges International closed or sold off

more than 90 nationwide campuses in 2014 amid allegations of falsified job-placement data and predatory lending.

Last year, the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau accused ITT Tech of pushing high-cost predatory loans on vulnerable students. The school closed after DOE

required it “to boost its cash reserves,” and ultimately cut off access to federal student aid.

The industry also has received negative publicity for high student loan default rates, which some scholars say is on par with public universities when comparing similar student body demographics.

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City of Manhattan Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study Projects will Cost \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000



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With respect to development of new indoor aquatic facilities two initial considerations were addressed. Covering the existing 50- meter City Park lap pool was one option that was analyzed.

City Park, located in the central part of the city is within walking distance of a significant portion of the community and is heavily used. City Park pool facilities are well used also. The visual impact of the scale of this facility would be significant and impact the use

of the existing pool during construction and permanently with the shade provided during summer months. The Steering Committee did not recommend further consideration of this option.

City Parks Plan Will Cost Taxpayers \$\$\$\$

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as outlined in the Parks and Recreation FFS.

A final Steering Committee Meeting was held March 29, 2017, in which the Committee reviewed the FFS final document, considered implantation options utilizing a sales tax to fund improvements, and reviewed a draft sales tax question.

Implementation options considered:

Option 1: Bond and construct all projects simultaneously with \$.25 cent sales tax (sales tax remains at 8.95%)

Option 2: Bond and construct all projects simultaneously with a \$.4 cent sales tax (sales tax increases to 9.1%)

Option 3: Stagger construction of projects as funds are available with \$.25 cent sales tax (sales tax remains at 8.95%)
 – Eisenhower completed 2020
 – Anthony completed 2021 –

CiCo completed 2025 – Trails continual throughout the 10 years

The Steering Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the Parks and Recreation FFS be accepted by the City Commission at the April 11 Work Session and concurred with the draft sales tax question. Additionally, the majority of the Steering Committee preferred implementation of Option 3. Several Steering Committee members (30%) preferred implementation of Option 2 in order to achieve all improvements in a shorter time frame even though it would require a higher sales tax increase than the \$.25 cent as indicated in Option 3.

At the April 3, 2017, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) meeting, the Board reviewed the FFS final document, considered implantation options

utilizing a sales tax to fund improvements, and reviewed a draft sales tax question. PRAB moved to recommend the FFS be accepted by the City Commission with a preferred Option 3 for implementation of improvements, and recommend the draft sales tax question be considered for funding improvements. Further, PRAB discussed the future use of excess QOL sales tax funds, PRAB unanimously supports the use of any excess QOL sales tax funds for Sunset Zoo improvements as the original 2009 sales tax was intended.

A draft sales tax question is attached and a final draft sales tax question would be brought back to the Commission for review at a later date. Note in the language of the draft sales tax question that the question details the collection of the “New Sales Tax” to commence on the

later date of the cessation of the .25% city-wide retailers’ sales tax implemented on October 1, 2009, or January 1, 2018, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law - any new sales tax cannot occur until the existing sales tax is retired.

Indoor improvements would occur on USD 383 property. Tennis court improvements at CiCo Park would occur on USD 383 property. In order for the City to construct facilities on USD property, an interlocal agreement will be required between the City and USD

The City and USD 383 currently have a Memorandum of Understanding for shared use of facilities that was renewed in 2013 and a new Memorandum of Understanding is envisioned on the expanded facilities.

Additional indoor improvements will provide community-

wide benefits to the citizens of Manhattan and Riley County. USD 383 recognizes these benefits and has submitted a letter of support to the City Commission expressing their full intention to cooperate with City efforts to advance mutually beneficial improvements and the district intentions to participate in adjustments, revision, and /or expansion of current agreements on property and shared facilities. (See the attached letter from USD 383).

FINANCING

The current \$0.25 Quality of Life Sales Tax expires in 2019, but could be called as early as August 1, 2017. Adequate funds will have been collected to finalize debt retirement of the City Park Pool Project, Northview/CiCo Pool Projects, and the Sunset Zoo Nature Exploration Center

Project by August; however, there would not be an excess of sales tax funds. It is anticipated that approximately \$1,276,395 in excess QOL sales tax funds would be generated by the end of 2017. Any excess funds would return to the City General Fund to be utilized at the discretion of the City Commission.

If the City were to notify the Kansas Department of Revenue that the ‘old’ quality of life sales tax were to expire the last quarter of 2017, and in November the voters passed the ‘new’ quality of life sales tax the tax would be continuous from 2017 into 2018. (The State needs a three month notice to end or begin a tax rate.) In this scenario, revenue from the old tax would be received through March 31, 2018.

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The City of Manhattan, Kansas Community Development Department identified that a neighborhood recreation center, proposed to be located in Douglass Park at 10th and Yuma St., will

enhance the opportunities for youth and adult court use and provide an additional venue for neighborhood activities and support. The Neighborhood Multipurpose Facility proposed for Douglass Park has been developed in conjunction with Community Multi-

purpose Facilities being considered for sites in the northeast and northwest portions of Manhattan adjacent to Eisenhower and Anthony Middle Schools. The Douglass Park site is centrally located in the south portion of the city and allows access to a community center within walking or biking distance of the center of town.



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Anthony Middle School _ The preliminary program consisted of court space for 4 multi-sport courts, an elevated walking track, a multi-purpose/community room, an appropriately scaled lobby,

hospitality space, staff office area, restrooms with lockers and changing space, storage, and miscellaneous building support spaces. A 44,000 square-foot facility to be located adjacent to the existing middle school would accommodate 4-courts, while a

33,000 square-foot facility would accommodate 3-courts. The primary difference between this facility and the proposed Douglass Park facility is the size of the court space.

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Potential excess QOL sales tax funds could be utilized as originally intended at the Sunset Zoo. Sunset Zoo admission/participation numbers continue to increase which increases pressure for adequate parking. Currently, the Zoo has 78 parking stalls which are inadequate for many high attendance days and all special events that occur at the Sunset Zoo must utilize the gravel/dirt overflow parking lots north and

east of the existing parking lot. Utilization of excess sales tax funds to provide an additional 95 parking stalls would be consistent with the original intent of the \$.25 cent Quality of Life Sales Tax. Additionally, Sunset Zoo is in a fund raising campaign for Expedition Asia, a \$2.7 million project, which will provide the Zoo with three new interactive exhibits, featuring critically endangered species from Asia (Malayan Tiger, Sloth Bear, and Amur

Leopard), as well as providing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to the lower tier of the Zoo, which will make the Sunset Zoo 100% ADA accessible when done. It will also allow Sunset Zoo to deal with some antiquated exhibits that the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) commented on at the most recent Sunset Zoo AZA accreditation inspection. Utilization of excess sales tax funds towards new exhibits would be consistent with the

original intent of the \$.25 cent Quality of Life Sales Tax.

Possible time line for the November 2017 Election is:

- April 11, 2017 – Work Session to consider Steering Committee recommendation
- May 2, 2017 – City Commission considers a resolution authorizing the specific language of a sales tax question to be proposed to the public for the general election in November
- June through November 2017 – community education of the sales tax question

September 1, 2017 – deadline for special sales tax question to be delivered to the Riley County Clerk for the November general election

November 7, 2017 – Election Day

RECOMMENDATION
City Administration recommends that the City Commission accept the Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility

Study as recommended by the Steering Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; provide input on a preferred implementation option; provide input on a draft sales tax question for the Commission to consider in the future; and provide direction for City Administration to develop a draft interlocal agreement and a shared use memorandum of understanding between USD 383 and the City for the Commission to consider in the future.

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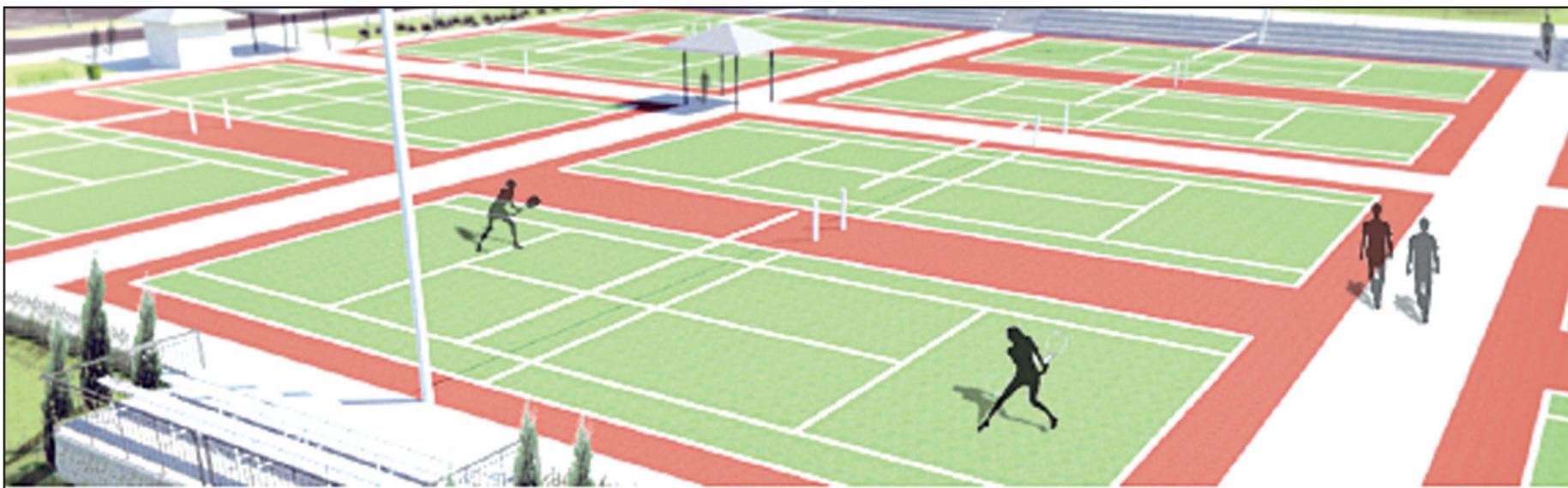


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Eisenhower Middle School _ The preliminary program consists of court space for 4 multi-sport courts, an elevated walking track,

a multipurpose/community room, an appropriately scaled lobby, hospitality space, staff office area, restrooms with lockers and changing space, storage, and miscellaneous building support

spaces. This approximately 44,000 square foot facility is to be located adjacent to Eisenhower Middle School. The primary difference between this facility and the proposed facility at Douglass Park is the size of the court space.



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Priority 2 focuses on improvements to outdoor sports facilities

used for recreational and competitive leagues and programs. Many of these programs and venues are of great benefit to our commu-

nity. The following are a few well-recognized benefits of recreation programs that occur at these facilities:

Official: Russia knew Syrian chemical attack was coming

By ROBERT BURNS and LOLITA C. BALDOR

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The United States has concluded Russia knew in advance of Syria's chemical weapons attack last week, a senior U.S. official said Monday.

The official said a drone operated by Russians was flying over a hospital as victims of the attack were rushing to get treatment. Hours after the drone left, a Russian-made fighter jet bombed the hospital in what American officials believe was an attempt to cover up the usage of chemical weapons.

The senior official said the U.S. has no proof of Russian involvement in the actual chemical attack in northern Syria.

But the official said the presence of the surveillance drone over the hospital couldn't have been a coincidence, and that Russia must have known the chemical weapons attack was coming and that victims were seeking treatment.

The official, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly on

intelligence matters and demanded anonymity, didn't give precise timing for when the drone was in the area, where more than 80 people were killed. The official also didn't provide details for the military and intelligence information that form the basis of what the Pentagon now believes.

Another U.S. official cautioned that no final American determination has been made that Russia knew ahead of time that chemical weapons would be used. That official wasn't authorized to speak about internal administration deliberations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The allegation of Russian foreknowledge is grave, even by the standards of the currently dismal U.S.-Russian relations.

Although Russia has steadfastly supported Syrian President Bashar Assad's government, and they've coordinated military attacks together, Washington has never previously accused Moscow of complicity in any attack that in-

volved the gassing of innocent civilians, including children. The former Cold War foes even worked together in 2013 to remove and destroy more than 1,300 tons of Syrian chemical weapons and agents.

Until Monday, U.S. officials had said they weren't sure whether Russia or Syria operated the drone. The official said it still isn't clear who was flying the jet that bombed the hospital, because the Syrians also fly Russian-made aircraft.

U.S. officials previously have said Russians routinely work with Syrians at the Shayrat air base where the attack is supposed to have originated. U.S. officials say the chemical weapons were stored there and that those elements add to the conclusion that Russia was complicit in the attack.

Last Thursday 59 Tomahawk missiles were fired on the government-controlled base in the United States' first direct mili-

tary action against Assad's forces.

The U.S. has been focusing its military action in Syria on defeating the Islamic State group.

On Monday, Col. John J. Thomas, a U.S. military spokesman, said the U.S. has taken extra defensive precautions in Syria in case of possible retaliation against American forces for the cruise missile attack.

Thomas told reporters at the Pentagon that the increased emphasis on defensive measures to protect U.S. troops on the ground in Syria led to a slight and temporary decline in offensive U.S. airstrikes against IS in Syria.

There has been no Syrian retaliation so far for the cruise missile attack, which destroyed or rendered inoperable more than 20 Syria air force planes, he said.

Thomas said the U.S. intends to return to full offensive air operations against IS as soon as possible.

Kansas to give parents more say in children's critical care

By JOHN HANNA
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas is taking steps to give parents more control over medical decisions about life-extending care for their disabled or critically ill children with a new law that supporters hope becomes a model for other states.

Republican Gov. Sam Brownback signed a bill Friday that will prevent hospitals and physicians from instituting do-not-resuscitate orders or similar directives for children if one parent objects. The new law takes effect July 1.

The law was a priority for Kansans for Life, an influential anti-abortion group that also lobbies against assisted suicide and on end-of-life issues. The

measure also had the backing of other conservatives groups, the Kansas Catholic Conference and advocates for the disabled. Brownback was surrounded by members of several families as he signed it.

"The dignity and quality of each life should be valued," Brownback said before signing the bill. "It should be revered. It should be protected."

Supporters said the new law is the first of its kind and it was inspired by cases in other states, including Missouri. Brownback and other supporters of Kansas' bill wore stickers featuring a photo of Simon Crosier, a 3-month-old St. Louis boy with a rare genetic disorder who died in December 2010.

The boy had a rare genetic disorder that often causes infants to be born dead or to die shortly after birth. His parents said a physician issued a do-not-resuscitate order for their son without their knowledge. They sought passage of the Kansas law, which is named for him, and hope it encourages Missouri lawmakers to follow suit.

The Kansas Senate approved the measure 29-9 last month, and the House followed suit two weeks later, 121-3.

Under the new law, health care providers must notify at least one parent when they intend to institute a do-not-resuscitate order or similar directive, and the parent can refuse. Parents can go to court if they be-

lieve the law is being violated, and if parents ask, health care providers are required to provide their policies outlining when medical treatments are deemed futile.

While acknowledging the tragedies faced by the Crosiers and parents in other states, several legislators who voted against the bill questioned whether it was necessary in Kansas.

Democratic Rep. John Carmichael, a Wichita attorney who has handled lawsuits involving medical care for three decades, said: "I have never known of an instance when the physician disregarded the family's wishes."

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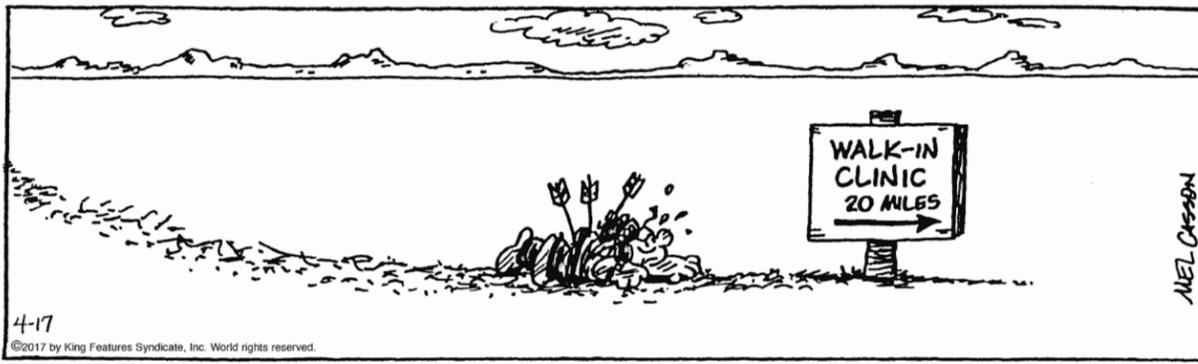
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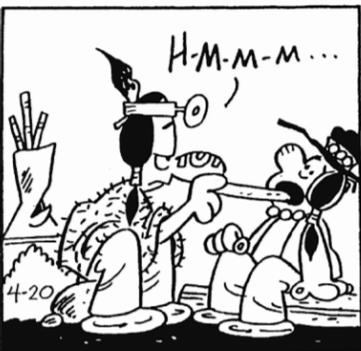
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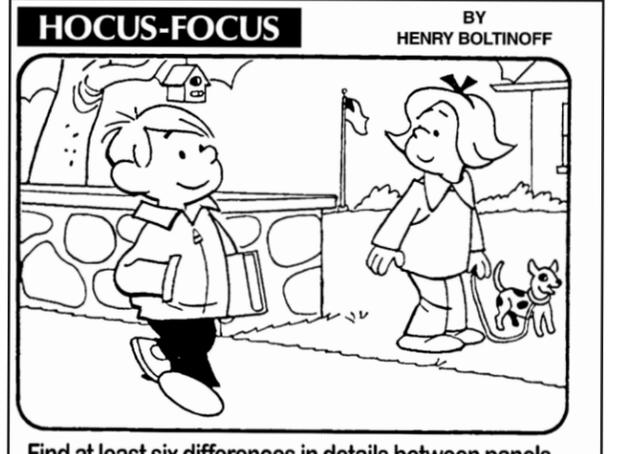
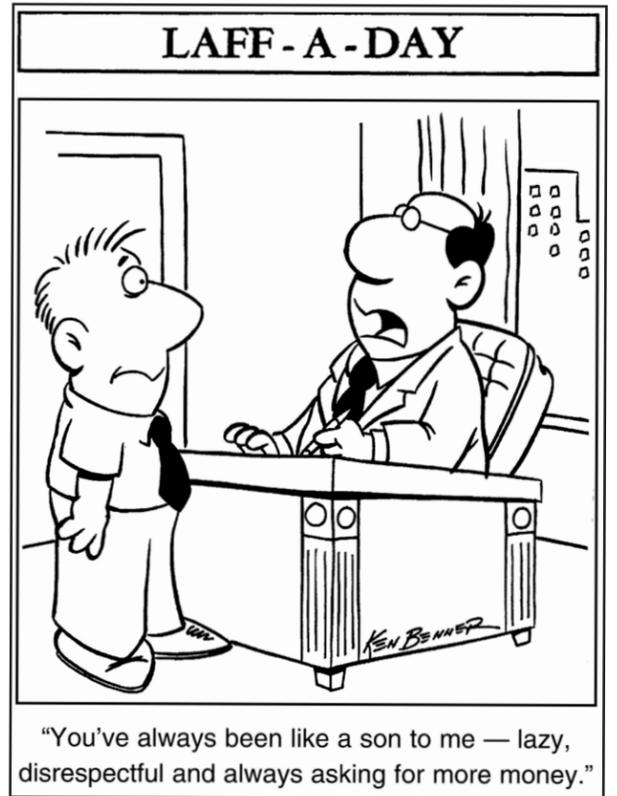
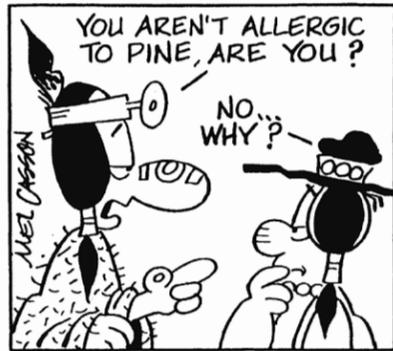
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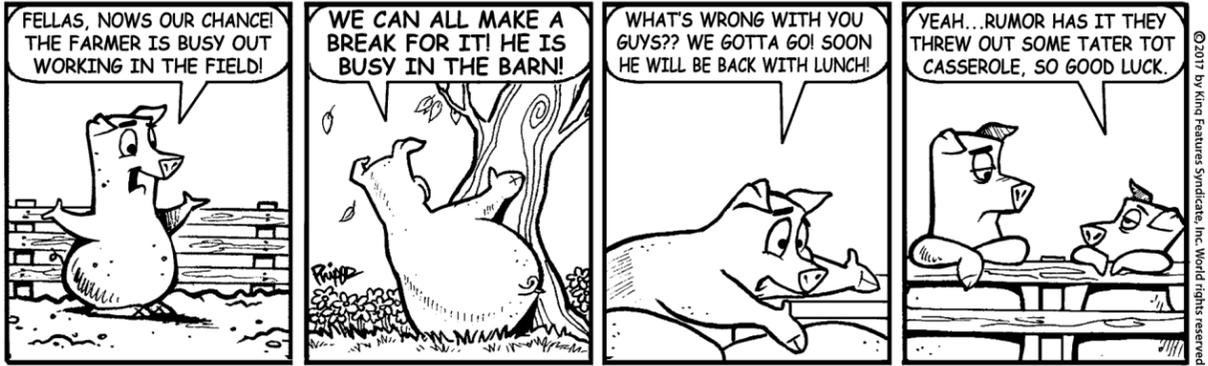
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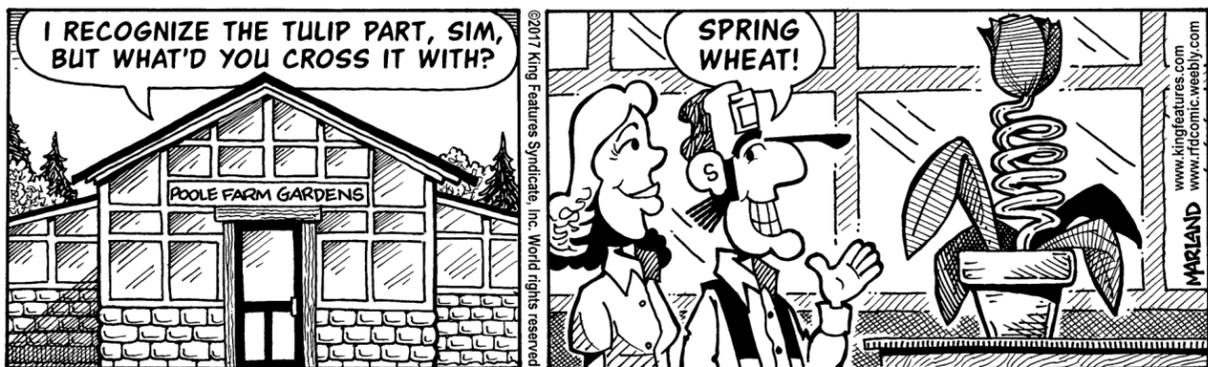
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The current linear trail system consists largely of dedicated shared-use trails by which cyclists, pedestrians and other trail users can minimize the interface with vehicular traffic. Although the net-

work of shared-use trails will continue to expand over time, many areas are not readily served by this type of trail system due to the nature of existing development and its environs. Therefore, other bicycle/pedestrian friendly alternatives are either in place or in the

Bicycle Master Plan to serve such areas, as well as provide links to the overall Linear Trail system. Phase 1 of the Facility Feasibility Study considered the existing and master-planned bicycle and pedestrian system network. The focus was in regard to the potential



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The enclosure of the existing CiCo Park facility would house both the leisure pool and lap pools while making use of the rest-

rooms and locker rooms currently in place. However, the existing building is not insulated nor capable of being conditioned, thus re-

sulting in a renovation of it as well creating additional construction costs for a suitable building. The steering committee did not recommend further consideration of this option.

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