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City Gives "No Answer" To Questions About Park & Rec. Plans



The newly renovated Northview Pool is located directly adjacent to the Northview Elementary School.

By Joe A. Knopp
Manhattan Attorney

To the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department. RE: Request for Record

I. Questions related to the Northview Pool Water Heater.

Specific Request for Records:

Ia. How much will the city spend for the construction of a building addition and heater installation at the Northview Water Park?

City Answer: Refer to the construction contract.

JAK: \$162,950 as per contract with Titanium Construction.

(Editor's Note: It is not against the Kansas Open Records Act to not answer questions, the question was not a request for a "Record" but for information. According to the Kansas Press Attorney: "It may not be required by the act, but it is unusual for a City to not answer a question.")

swer a question.)

Ib. Of that amount, (\$162,950) how much is allocated to the cost of the Northview Pool Water Heater?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: Bid document shows Sentry Value Company of Woodward Iowa was paid \$56,600 for a pool heater.

(Editor's Note: To get his answers, Joe Knopp had to read more than 300 pages of construction documents.)

Ic. What are the specifications for the Northview Pool Water Heater?

City Answer: Refer to the Technical Specifications section of the construction contract.

JAK: The heater specifications are found in drawings entitled "SP1" and "SP2." Those pages were not included in the

400 page attachment sent with the response to this request.

Id. What is the projected utility costs for each day of operation for the Northview Pool Water Heater?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: A citizen cannot assist in the calculations of these numbers without knowing:

- (a) the heater specifications,
- (b) the capacity of the pool,
- (c) the ambient air temperatures on the days when the pool will be heated.

(d) the temperature of the water to be heated to.

Someone should be getting these answers.

Editor's Note: It could be the City does not have the answer because they do not want the know what it will cost to run after it is built.)

Ie. What is the per unit cost

of electricity or gas for the operation of the Northview Pool Water Heater?

- Electric \$0.04208 KWh
- Electric \$14.1025 KW
- Natural Gas \$5.44 MCF
- KW - Kilo Watts - 1000 watts
- KWh - Kilo Watt hours - KW x hours - if you have a 100 watt light bulb on for 10 hours you have used 1KWh of electricity

If. How many days is the Northview Pool Water Heater projected to be in operation on an annual basis?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: Interesting to observe that there are no projections of use or cost.

Ig. How much is projected for the maintenance of the Northview Pool Water Heater?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

Ih. Is there any warranty

given for Northview Pool Water Heater? If so, for how long? Refer to the construction contract.

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: No information included in packet.

Ii. What is its expected life span of the Northview Pool Water Heater?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: \$56,000 heater. Will it last 5 years, 10 years, 2 years? It is one thing to buy it with "Sales tax bond money", but when it need replacing, it will be paid from the general fund or property tax money.

Ij. Are there any additional manpower costs attributed to the operation of the Northview Pool Water Heater?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

II. Questions related to the City Park - Sting Ray.

Specific Request for Records:

Iia. How much will the city spend for the repairs for the City Park - Sting Ray to make it fully operational?

City Answer: Refer to the construction contract.

JAK: Page 18 of the contract - \$103,660

Iib. Over the past three years, how many days during the pool season, has the City Park - Sting Ray not been operational?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: We don't know when it broke? There are no records of when it is running; how many people are using it when it is running; or how many life-guards were assigned to run it?

Iic. Is there any warranty given with the latest repairs?

City Answer: Refer to the construction contract.

JAK: The warranty for this repair is 2 years. See Memo dated November 7, 2016 from George Fischer, CEO of Slide Renu

Iid. What is the expected life span of the City Park - Sting Ray after the repairs are completed?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: Warranty for Repair is 2 years. Originally installed in 2010?

Iie. What are the specifications of the water pump that is used with the City Park - Sting Ray?

City Answer: Refer to the construction contract.

JAK: Two (2) 90 kW (120 HP) pumps that must start and stop instantaneously together. (See Murphys Waves LTD operating instructions.)

Iif. What is the cost of electricity per hour for the operation of the City Park - Sting Ray?

- Electric \$0.04208 KWh
- Electric \$14.1025 KW
- Natural Gas \$5.44 MCF
- KW - Kilo Watts - 1000 watts
- KWh - Kilo Watt hours - KW x hours - if you have a 100 watt light bulb on for 10 hours you have used 1KWh of electricity

JAK: Running a 120 horsepower motors is roughly equivalent to irrigating a pivot systems on a quarter section of corn. Research tells me that is costs \$18,000 for electricity a summer to irrigate corn per pivot. I know that the pivot motors are not running every day

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City Gives "No Answer"

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tors are not running every day for the entire summer. What it costs to irrigate corn in Kansas is not relevant.

Since we don't know how many days a summer the Sting Ray is running and how many hours a day it is on, we are guessing as to its cost.

It should be relatively easy for an electrician to tell us what is costs per hour to run two 120 hp electrical motors.

Apparently cost of operations not a factor in the city's decision process.

Ilg. What is the per unit cost of electricity for the city park or City of Manhattan in general?

Electric \$0.04208 KWh

Electric \$14.1025 KW

Natural Gas \$5.44 MCF

KW - Kilo Watts - 1000 watts

KWh - Kilo Watt hours - KW

x hours - if you have a 100 watt light bulb on for 10 hours you have used 1KWh of electricity

IIh. How many hours a day is the City Park - Sting Ray in operation?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: How did we determine the feasibility of this project if we don't have any idea of the past hours of operation?

IIi. What is the expected cost of operation of the City Park - Sting Ray on an annual basis?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: How did we determine the merits of expending money on this project if we don't have any idea of the future hours of operation?

IIj. What is the additional

manpower cost of the operation of the City Park - Sting Ray for the summer of operation?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: I thought that I recalled the testimony at the city commission meeting to be one lifeguard and one assistant who is not a qualified lifeguard. (Perhaps it was two assistants.) Interesting that no record of this manpower requirement is prepared for the commissions analysis.

IIh. Is there any additional liability insurance cost associated with the City Park - Sting Ray?

City Answer: No record with this information exists.

JAK: Should there be additional liability coverage? Is there any liability insurance on any city parks and rec activity?

Are we "self-insured" meaning if there is a claim, the Manhattan tax payer will pay it?

CONCLUSION

Manhattan spent \$103,660 on a water feature that has a two year warranty and a history of not lasting more than 5 years. We spent \$165,000 on a water heater and building for Northview pool.

We don't know what it costs to operate two 120 HP motors that must stop and start instantaneously with each other... nor the cost of heating a large swimming pool.

We don't know the manpower required to supervise this water feature to keep our children safe during its operation. (I think we do, but "No record with this information exists" is the easier answer.) We don't

know the cost of hiring additional lifeguards to be open the extra days that the heated pool will provide.

We don't know the cost of insurance.. If we have any? The Sting Ray requires a number of "consumable items":

Soft open mating on both the upper and lower dewquatering areas

(1) Soft urethane polykmer sprayed ride surface

(1) Nozzel cover soft matting pad

(10) Sting Ray skim boards

(10) Sting Ray boogie boards

(10) Sting Ray safety helmets

(10) Sting Ray rash vests.

I did not ask about the cost of replacing these consumable items and how often they need to be replaced. I am confident that "No record with this information exists" would be the response.

Out of a \$35 million dollar budget these items are probably minuscule to each of the commissioners. The initial investment reflects almost 1 mill of property tax.

The cost of operation, repair and replacement of these new features will go on forever... and be an additional burden on the proeprty taxpayer.

The "return on investment" analysis is non-existent. For a \$265,000 investment, how many people will actually use these luxurious features?

It is one thing to pay high taxes in Manhattan (I don't care whether it is property tax or sales tax...both are forcibly coming out of my pocket.), but to add insult to injury, it is deplorable to see this money (\$265,000 plus future operating costs) spent on items that have very little benefit to the general public when there are so many other glaring needs.

Bottom Line:

Senator: Trump won't let NKorea build missile to reach US

By RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) -- A senior Republican senator says he emerged from a dinner meeting with Donald Trump confident the president will not allow North Korea to build a nuclear-tipped missile capable of striking the United States.

"If I were North Korea, I would not underestimate President Trump's resolve to stop them from getting a missile to hit our homeland," Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina told reporters Tuesday.

Graham joined Sen. John McCain of Arizona for the dinner at the White House on Monday evening. Graham and McCain are defense hawks and have been two of Trump's sharpest GOP critics on foreign policy matters. But both senators are backing Trump's approach on North Korea, which has threatened to use pre-emptive strikes or any other measures it deems necessary to defend itself against the "U.S. imperialists."

The Trump administration has warned that all options, including a military strike, are on the table to block North Korea from developing a nuclear-tipped missile that could reach the U.S. mainland. But a pre-emptive strike against North Korea's nuclear and missile facilities isn't likely. The Trump administration is instead seeking to put pressure on North Korea with the help of China.

Graham said it's uncertain whether North Korea may actually launch a weapon of mass destruction at the U.S. But, he said, Trump "is not going to allow this problem to get any worse than it is today." The key, Graham added, is to make North Korea realize there's a "new sheriff in town."

McCain, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, declined to discuss the specifics of the meeting with the president. But he said the Trump administration's tough talk of defusing North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs is justified.

"Obviously you have to follow words with action, but I think their expressed concern is very legitimate. And I don't think it's inflammatory rhetoric," McCain said. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un "is intent on having the capability to strike the United States of America. That is the threat."

McCain said Trump is "exploring all options" on North Korea. But a pre-emptive strike, he said, "would be the last one."

In a show of force, Trump has dispatched to waters near the Korean Peninsula what he's called an "armada" of ships, including an aircraft carrier. South Korea's navy is planning to hold joint naval drills with U.S. aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson battle group, which has trained with Japanese destroyers in recent days, around the weekend.

Trump also has sought to press Chinese President Xi Jinping to exert greater pressure on North Korea, given China's status as the country's economic lifeline and sole major ally.

McCain said he welcomed the outreach to China. But he also criticized Beijing for repeatedly refusing to use its influence to bring North Korea to the negotiating table and curb what McCain considers Pyongyang's bellicose behavior.

"Instead, China has chosen to bully South Korea for exercising its sovereign right to defend itself from the escalating North Korean threat," McCain said, referring to a decision to deploy the THAAD missile defense system to the Korean Peninsula. China, in response, has waged a campaign of economic retaliation against South Korea, which McCain said has inflicted real damage.

"The twisted reality is that China is doing all of this to stop the deployment of a missile defense system, which is only necessary because China has aided and abetted North Korea for decades," he said.

Wells Fargo faces shareholders, protesters at annual meeting

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) -- Wells Fargo's top management faced a series of protesters and apologized to investors Tuesday, but board members kept their jobs - albeit barely in some cases - at the first big shareholder meeting since a scandal over sales practices erupted.

Shareholders clearly were irritated or angry at Wells' management. In a preliminary tally, three out of 15 board members received a bare majority of votes to keep their jobs. That includes Chairman Stephen Sanger, the bank's independent chairman, who received 56 percent of shareholder votes. That's in a world where it's common for a current director at a major corporation to receive north of 90 percent of shareholders' votes.

"Wells Fargo stockholders today have sent the entire board a clear message of dissatisfaction," Sanger said.

Although they voted everyone in, shareholders were clearly unhappy. All the directors who were at Wells Fargo before the scandal broke got 80 percent or less of shareholders' votes. The three who got 99 percent were CEO Tim Sloan - who got his job in October after former CEO John Stumpf departed - and two independent directors who started earlier this year.

Wells' nearly three-hour long shareholder meeting was interrupted several times by protesters, with one man, Bruce Marks with the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America, effectively dragged out by armed security guards. Sanger said Marks had to be removed because he physically approached a board member, something people sitting close to the incident disputed.

During the meeting, Sanger said "we are deeply sorry," as he addressed shareholders. And Sloan, who has repeatedly talked of making things right with customers, called it "unacceptable." That follows apologies already given to customers and employees.

The biggest question was whether Wells Fargo shareholders would oust the board, as two major proxy advisory firms advised them to vote out at least some of the directors. Other shareholder proposals related to retail sales practices and other corporate governance issues were also not approved by shareholders.

At the meeting, shareholders, current and former employees and customers vented their anger, questioning how board members did their jobs and the work of the company's auditor.

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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

11 Ways Trump Has Rolled Back Government Regulations in His First 100 Days

By Rachel del Guidice
Heritage Foundation

As President Donald Trump reaches his 100th day in the White House on April 29, he will have worked with Congress to rescind more regulations using the Congressional Review Act than any other president.

"We're excited about what we're doing so far. We've done more than that's ever been done in the history of Congress with the CRA," Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., told The Daily Signal in an interview, referring to the law called the Congressional Review Act.

The Congressional Review Act, the tool Trump and lawmakers are using, allows Congress to repeal executive branch regulations. Once the House and Senate pass a joint resolution disapproving of a particular regulation, the president signs the measure.

Passed in 1996 in concert with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act and then-Speaker Newt Gingrich's Contract with America reform agenda, the Congressional Review Act is what the Congressional Research Service calls "an oversight tool that Congress may use to overturn a rule issued by a federal agency."

The law also prevents agencies from creating similar rules with similar language.

Until this year, the law had

been used successfully only once—in 2001, when Congress and President George W. Bush rescinded a regulation regarding workplace injuries promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration during the Clinton administration.

Here's a look at the 11 regulatory rollbacks Congress has passed and Trump has signed:

Regulations governing the coal mining industry (H.J. Res. 41).

Mandated by President Barack Obama and finalized in 2016, these regulations "threatened to put domestic extraction companies and their employees at an unfair disadvantage," White House press secretary Sean Spicer said.

The resolution, signed by Trump in February, repealed the rule and "could save American businesses as much as \$600 million annually," Spicer said.

Regulations defining streams in the coal industry (H.J. Res. 38).

"Complying with the regulation would have put an unsustainable financial burden on small mines," Spicer said.

The so-called Stream Protection Rule included "vague definitions of what classifies as a stream," Nick Loris, a fellow in energy and environmental policy at The Heritage Foundation, told The Daily Signal in an

email, and undoing it does away with ambiguities:

For many regulations promulgated by the Obama administration, they fundamentally disregarded the nature of the federal-state relationship when it comes to energy production and environmental protection.

The Stream Protection Rule ... removed flexibility from mining steps and simply ignored that states have regulations in place to protect water quality. State and local environmental agencies' specific knowledge of their region enables them to tailor regulations to promote economic activity while protecting the habitat and environment.

Regulations restricting firearms for disabled citizens (H.J. Res. 40).

This rule, finalized during Obama's last weeks in office, sought to "prevent some Americans with disabilities from purchasing or possessing firearms based on their decision to seek Social Security benefits," Spicer said.

The repeal protects the Second Amendment rights of the disabled, Senate Judiciary Chairman Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said.

"Those rights will no longer be able to be revoked without a hearing and without due process. It will take more than the personal opinion of a bureaucrat," Grassley said on the

Senate floor.

But Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., said the regulation didn't cover "just people having a bad day," adding:

These are not people simply suffering from depression or anxiety. These are people with a severe mental illness who can't hold any kind of job or make any decisions about their affairs. So the law says very clearly they shouldn't have a firearm.

A rule governing the government contracting process (H.J. Res. 37).

Undoing the regulation will cut costs to businesses and free federal contractors from "unnecessary and burdensome processes that would result in delays, and decreased competition for federal government contracts," Spicer said.

A rule covering public lands (H.J. Res. 44).

The rule gave the federal government too much power "to administer public lands," in the words of the official website of House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, told The Daily Signal in an interview that the Bureau of Land Management's rule restricted the control that states and their citizens had, especially in the West.

"The Obama administration wanted to shift land policy from local governments with specific expertise to the federal government, basically shifting even more of the land management policy away from those affected by it," Lee said.

"Repealing this harmful rule will go a long way toward empowering local stakeholders and ensuring that Arizona's cattlemen, miners, and rural land users have a voice in the planning process," Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., said in prepared remarks.

Reporting requirements regarding college teachers (H.J. Res. 58).

The rule mandated annual reporting by states "to measure the performance and quality of teacher preparation programs and tie them to program eligibility for participation in the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education grant program," Spicer said.

Anne Ryland, a research assistant in education policy at The Heritage Foundation, told The Daily Signal in an email that the rule "gave the federal Department of Education power to evaluate teacher preparation programs at universities, and to link college students' access to

federal financial aid in the form of TEACH grants to the rating of the programs."

"University programs," Ryland added, "would be rated based on the effectiveness of their teaching graduates, with effectiveness determined by elementary and secondary students' test scores and achievement gains."

Regulations on state education programs (H.J. Res. 57).

Congress and Trump rescinded federal rules that "require states to have an accountability system based on multiple measures, including school quality or student success, to ensure that states and districts focus on improving outcomes and measuring student progress," Spicer said.

The repeal is the first step in "a reconceptualization of Washington's role in education," Ryland said.

"These regulations were prime examples of federal micromanagement," she said. "They were highly prescriptive and highly complex, serving only to put more power in the hands of bureaucrats and to distract schools and teachers from the work of educating students."

Drug-testing requirements (H.J. Res. 42).

Spicer said the regulation mandates an "arbitrarily narrow definition of occupations and constrains a state's ability to conduct a drug-testing program in its unemployment insurance system."

Four Republican governors—Scott Walker of Wisconsin, Greg Abbott of Texas, Gary Herbert of Utah, and Phil Bryant of Mississippi—wrote Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, to ask that states be allowed to implement their own policies.

"We believe this rule should be replaced with a new rule that allows increased flexibility for states to implement ... drug testing that best fits the needs of each state," the governors said in the February letter.

Hunting regulations for wildlife preserves in Alaska (H.J. Res. 69).

These regulations restricted Alaska's ability "to manage hunting of predators on national wildlife refuges in Alaska," Spicer said.

In a formal statement, Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney, called the rule "another example of the federal government's determination these past eight years to destroy a state's ability to manage their

wildlife."

Internet privacy rule (S.J. Res. 34).

Published during the final months of Obama's presidency, the rule sought to force "new privacy standards on internet service providers, allowing bureaucrats in Washington to pick winners and losers in the industry," Spicer said.

Flake, who sponsored the resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act, said repeal helps keep consumers in charge of how they share their electronic information.

"My resolution is the first step toward restoring the [Federal Trade Commission's] light-touch, consumer-friendly approach," Flake said. "It will not change or lessen existing consumer privacy protections. It empowers consumers to make informed choices on if and how their data can be shared."

Rule for logging workplace injuries (H.J. 83).

This rule from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration sought to squelch a more lenient one from the Labor Department. Spicer said the rule "disapproved" of a Labor regulation "extending the statute of limitation for claims against employers failing to maintain records of employee injuries."

"This OSHA power grab was completely unlawful," said Rep. Bradley Byrne, R-Ala., chairman of the House workforce protections subcommittee. "It would have done nothing to improve workplace safety while creating significant regulatory confusion for small businesses."

Through extensive use of the Congressional Review Act, Collins said, Trump is establishing a "legacy" of deregulation.

"I think there's really a legacy really to be had here," the Republican congressman from Georgia said.

Congress, with backing from Trump, is making good on promises and saying, "We're not going to allow our jurisdiction and our constitutional authority to be overrun by the executive branch," Collins said.

Past administrations from both parties, he said, have not been so devoted to deregulation.

"There was a definite disconnect between the previous administration, and even previous Republican administrations, on doing things on their own and not going through the proper legislative process," Collins said.

Montgomery announces he'll be leaving The Hutchinson News after a decade as publisher

GateHouse Media Senior Group Publisher John Montgomery announced on Monday that he's leaving the company, effective May 8.

Montgomery was editor and publisher of The Hutchinson News for 10 years before it was purchased in November by GateHouse Media. He said he will be moving to the Kansas City area.

Steven Curd, Lee's Summit, Mo., will serve as Interim Senior Group Publisher until a replacement is found, which he expected to take several months.

The announcement was made to staff during an 11 a.m. company-wide meeting.

"I decided the time was right for me, professionally and personally, to make a change in my life, to see what else is out there and try something new," Montgomery said. "I believe change is healthy. I've been at The News 10½ years. It's also healthy for the organization to have new leadership."

With the purchase of The News by GateHouse, Mont-

gomery took on the role of publisher for 16 newspapers, most in Kansas, including three in Colorado. He continued to work out of The Hutchinson News office, though traveling weekly.

"It's been a very challenging post," he said. "I'm grateful GateHouse gave me the opportunity. Obviously when GateHouse bought the Harris Group there were a lot of opportunities and synergies there. I enjoyed doing a fair amount of the heavy lifting of putting the two groups together."

"Change is constant today in the newspaper industry," Montgomery noted. "It's a lot of hard work. Some of the changes are difficult, but some of it is very exciting."

"I always thought I'd always be doing this," Montgomery, 50, said of newspapers. "But things change. I'm not getting any younger, if I want time to explore my options."

The son of a longtime newspaper publisher, Montgomery worked for Harris Enterprises since joining its executive train-

ing program in 1991. He was editor and publisher of The Ottawa Herald and then The Hays Daily News before taking the post in Hutchinson.

Montgomery says he has no immediate plans, other than to join his wife and daughter, who moved to Kansas City shortly after learning the Harris company was up for sale.

"I'm proud to have been associated with the legacy and tradition of The Hutchinson News," Montgomery said, pointing to the paper's 1965 Pulitzer Prize and The News winning the Kansas Press Association's Sweepstakes Award in the large newspaper division the past seven years, for either editorial, advertising or both, competing against all of the state's major newspapers.

"The staff is all good people, just outstanding professionals," he said.

He also was happy to be involved with a number of organizations in Hutchinson and Reno County, serving on their boards, Montgomery said.

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‘Communism for Kids’ Turns Deadly Ideology Into a Fairy Tale

By Jarrett Stepan
Heritage Foundation

In order to make the deadliest ideology of the 20th century palatable to young Americans, “Communism for Kids” is coming to a bookstore near you.

This newly released book from MIT Press “proposes a different kind of communism, one that is true to its ideals and free from authoritarianism.”

The death toll from communist regimes in the 20th century is well-documented. One study found that more people were killed under communism than homicide and genocide combined, and only 9 million more people were killed in World War I and World War II combined than under governments of this ideology.

Another study showed how the mass killings of civilians by their own governments took an immediate nosedive after the collapse of the Soviet Union and international communism.

According to the Amazon synopsis, the book weaves a fairy tale of “jealous princesses, fancy swords, displaced peasants, mean bosses, and tired workers.”

It is bewildering why MIT Press would publish a book that cutesies up the political creed that gave the world Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Fidel Castro, and many more of the world’s most prolific mass murderers. None of these brutal dictators are mentioned in the

book, according to The Washington Free Beacon.

Communism seemingly gets a pass to be reimagined as a sweet fable while it’s inconceivable that a book called “Fascism for Kids” would ever be printed by a reputable publisher.

Marion Smith of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation wrote, according to The Washington Free Beacon:

While I can imagine a book so titled that would make a valuable contribution to a reader’s understanding of the truth about communism, the book MIT Press published is not it. ‘Communism for Kids’ whitewashes and infantilizes ideas that, when put into action, have cost more than 100 million lives.

This odd attempt to get kids into communism is unlikely to spawn a new generation of true believers on its own, but it does highlight the growing problem for younger Americans who are generally clueless about even recent history.

As The Daily Signal previously reported, a study from the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation found that millennials, in particular, are stunningly ignorant about what occurred under the Soviet Union and other communist regimes just a generation ago.

One-third of millennials surveyed actually believe that more people were killed under former President George W.

Bush than under Soviet dictator Stalin.

If one truly wants to teach young Americans what communism is really about, it would be better to hand them a copy of the classic “Animal Farm,” by George Orwell.

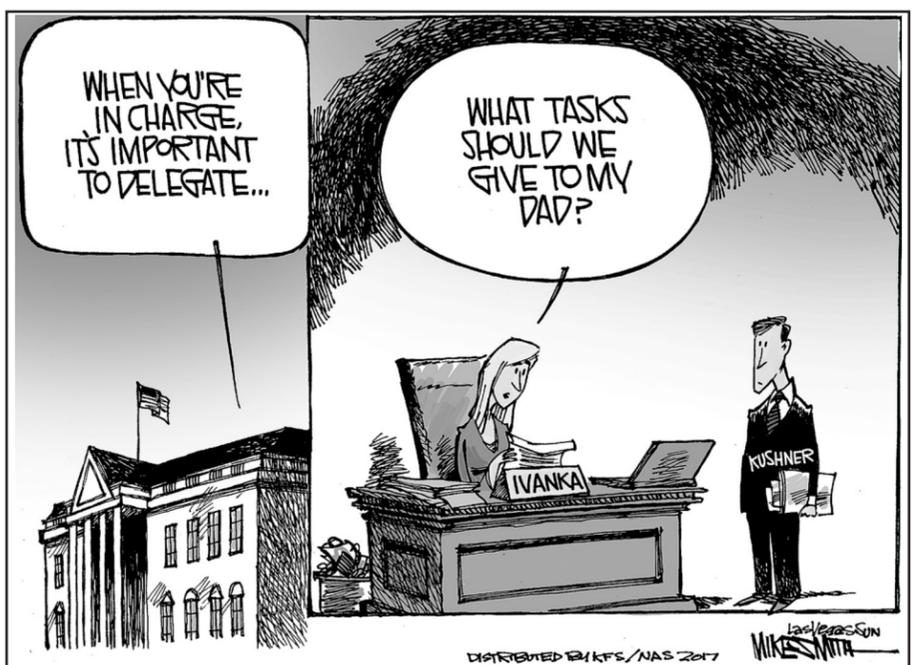
The book is an allegory—using farm animals as stand-ins—about the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia a century ago. The revolutionary promise of “all animals are equal” is used to overthrow farmers, but quickly turns into a new, even more oppressive tyranny under animal overlords

A reign of forced labor, intimidation, and terror puts the animals under the thumb of their new masters—their ideals used to prop up an all-powerful regime. The refashioned creed becomes “all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.” In the end, human, or rather “animal,” nature proved to be more powerful than any ideology.

As the Roman poet Horace once said: “You can drive out nature with a pitchfork, but she will ever hurry back.”

This lesson from Orwell would be a much better way to teach young people about destructive ideology than a fanciful account of how “true” communism—minus the mean authoritarian stuff and mass murder—would be truly grand.

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Fulfill Promise to Repeal Obamacare

By Michael F. Cannon
CATO Institute

Despite initially hinting that they were done with health care, the White House and congressional Republicans have indicated they want to keep working to fulfill their promise to repeal and replace Obamacare. Fortunately, there are reforms that would provide assistance to more Americans than Obamacare, deliver the largest effective tax in history, and even set the stage for fundamental tax reform.

Obamacare is causing premiums to double and health care to disappear. Its Medicaid expansion encourages states to cut care for the disabled in favor of able-bodied adults. It has left 2.8 million Americans to the tender mercies of just one insurance company - if that insurer sticks around. It has driven every insurer from the exchange in east Tennessee, leaving 43,000 enrollees with no exchange coverage at all in 2018, with more destruction to come.

The American Health Care Act inexplicably retained the regulations responsible for that damage, increased premiums 20 percent, and left more people uninsured than a straight repeal. It repealed Obamacare's Medicaid expansion in name only, while its other Medicaid provisions recreated Obamacare's incentives to expand Medicaid to able-bodied adults while cutting care to the disabled.

Rather than adopt Obamacare 2.0, Republicans should provide immediate and lasting relief to patients by keeping their promise to repeal Obamacare in full, and then replace it with Medicaid block grants

and "large" health-savings accounts. Each of these proposals complies with the special Senate rules that allow measures to pass by a simple majority.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the ACA's insurance regulations increase individual-market premiums an average 10 percent to 13 percent. Full repeal would provide immediate relief to consumers by causing premiums to fall for the vast majority in that market. Insurance protection would become affordable even for many current Medicaid enrollees.

There is plenty of money in the Medicaid system to cover many exchange enrollees who still could not afford coverage. Unlike the House bill, zero-growth block grants would put Medicaid on a budget and give states flexibility to redirect those funds from the fraudsters to the truly needy. Eliminating the House bill's new entitlement spending would free up resources to get states on board.

Reform must further reduce the number of patients who need subsidies by giving patients immediate and lasting relief from outrageously high health-care prices. Falling prices, like we see in other sectors of the economy, are the most important form of assistance we can provide to vulnerable patients.

Unlike Obamacare's and the House bill's entitlement spending, large HSAs would bring down prices by completely ending federal tax preferences for third-party payment.

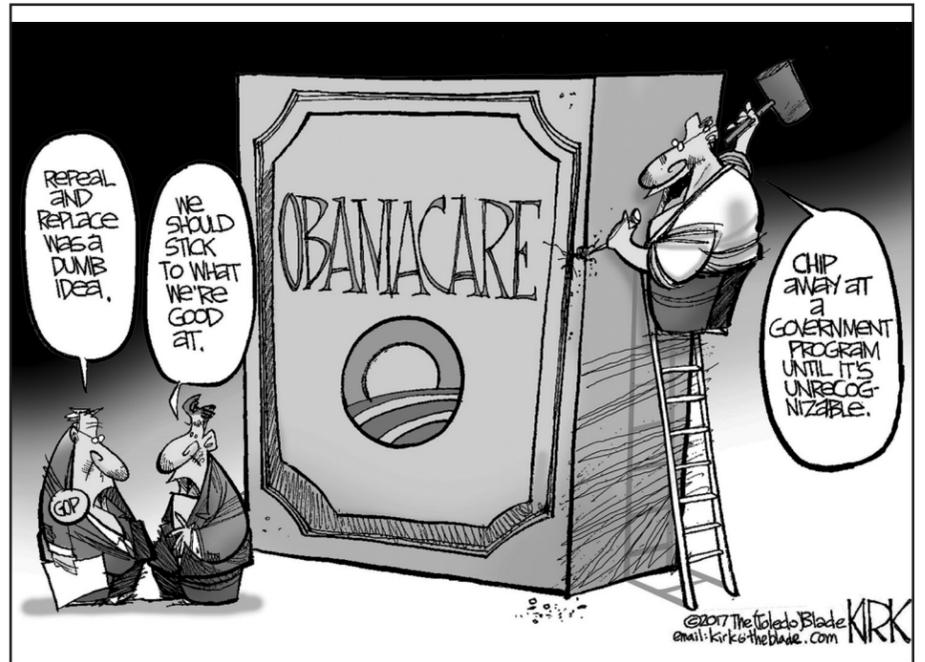
Private-sector experiments show that when consumers spend their own money instead of an employer's, they cause prices to plummet by as much

as 32 percent for lab tests, MRI and CT scans, cataract removal, colonoscopy, shoulder and knee arthroscopy, and hip and knee replacements. These price reductions are just the tip of the iceberg. One experiment reduced the average price for joint replacements at high-cost hospitals by an average 37 percent, or \$16,000.

Legislation introduced by Republicans Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona and Rep. Dave Brat of Virginia would expand HSAs and end tax preferences for third-party payment by letting workers control the part of their earnings their employers now use to dictate and pay for their health benefits. It would thus increase wages by an average of \$13,000 for workers with family coverage. Workers could deposit those pre-tax dollars in their HSAs, and use them to purchase portable health insurance that meets their needs and protects them from pre-existing conditions.

The tax code now penalizes workers who take this compensation as wages. Eliminating that penalty would, over the next decade, let workers control \$9 trillion of their earnings that the tax code otherwise would hand to their employers. Repealing this \$9 trillion health-insurance tax would be a larger effective tax cut than the Reagan and Bush cuts combined. It would also drive medical prices down, bringing health care within reach for millions.

Congress and President Trump have a mandate, a historic opportunity, and a responsibility to improve health care by repealing and replacing Obamacare.



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Kansas State's Running Back Justin Silmon (32) scores for the Purple Team in the spring game.

Photos By Ben Brake

Rushing Attack Propels Purple Team to 38-6 Victory in Spring Game

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Sophomore Alex Barnes scored two touchdowns and Justin Silmon and Alex Delton each added another as the purple team rumbled for 179 yards and 38 unanswered points to win the 2017 Spring Game, 38-6, in front of 13,338 fans at Bill Snyder Family Stadium Saturday.

Delton, who also threw for a game-high 249, dove across the goaline as time expired for the game's final score and to finish his game-best 78 rushing yards on 15 attempts. Barnes added 69 yards on 12 attempts, while Silmon posted 32 yards on 10 attempts.

K-State saw strong production from both starting quarterbacks as Delton completed 21-of-33 attempts with one TD

strike to sophomore Isaiah Zuber for the Purple, while red-shirt freshman Skylar Thompson threw for 112 yards on 10-of-17 passing for the White team.

Zuber led the charge for the Wildcat receivers in the game, hauling in eight passes for 96 yards and the score, while fellow sophomores and purple teammates Carlos Strickland II and Dalton Schoen each caught four passes to total 62 yards and 57 yards, respectively. On the opposite side, two white team wide receivers had multi-reception days with Corey Sutton snagging four passes for 61 yards and Isaiah Harris hauling in four balls for 40 yards.

Redshirt freshman Ian Rudzik led the White team and all defenders in the contest with

seven total tackles, while senior linebacker Trent Tanking added six tackles for the Purple squad. Brock Monty, Brogan Barry and Denzel Golsby hauled in interceptions in the contest.

The White team opened the scoring in the game with a 43-yard field goal by Nick McLellan to take a 3-0 lead with 8:39 to play in the period, capping of a 10-play, 54-yard drive. He extended the lead on the White's next possession, connecting on a 32-yard field goal to push the lead to 6-0 as the first quarter expired. The 11-play 33-yard drive began after an interception Barry, which he returned 27 yards.

But the Purple side wouldn't go quietly. The first touchdown of the day, and the first points of a 38-0 run to close the game,

came as Delton connected with Zuber on a 25-yard strike to take the lead with 11:30 to play in the first half.

Then the ground game took over.

Barnes scored the purple team's second touchdown of the day, punching it in from one yard out to push the lead to 14-6 with 2:27 remaining until halftime. The purple team's defense played a major role in the score, forcing a turnover on downs by the white squad on the previous drive.

The Pittsburg, Kansas, native scored the first points of the second half with 9:49 remaining in the fourth quarter, scoring his second touchdown of the day from four yards out to extend the purple team's lead to 21-6.

McLellan connected on his third field goal of the day, this time for the Purple side, two minutes later, extending the advantage to 24-6 with 7:33 remaining. The drive was again keyed by stout defense after the Purple squad recovered a fumble on the white team's 21 yard line.

Silmon was able to get on the scoresheet with 1:34 remaining in the game, sneaking into the endzone from one yard out to extend the lead to 31-6. Delton helped set up the score with passes of 18 yards and 16 yards to get the drive jump-started.

Delton went on to end the game with a bang, breaking outside and using his speed to race defenders to the pylon, scoring from 14 yards out as time ex-

pired to set the Purple's final advantage at 38-6.

K-State, which returns 45 letterwinners and 18 starters from last year's 9-4 squad, kicks off the 2017 campaign on Saturday, September 2, with the ninth-annual K-State Family Reunion against Central Arkansas in Bill Snyder Family Stadium. K-State then hosts Charlotte on September 9, followed by a trip to Nashville, Tennessee, to take on SEC foe Vanderbilt on September 16. K-State's five-game Big 12 home slate opens on September 30, against Baylor.

A limited number of single-game tickets for the 2017 season go on sale online only at www.k-statesports.com/tickets on June 20, while fans can purchase by calling the ticket office at 1-800-221-CATS beginning June 21.



Two Plus Two - Isaiah Harris (2) takes off with the ball with D.J. Reed (2) after him.



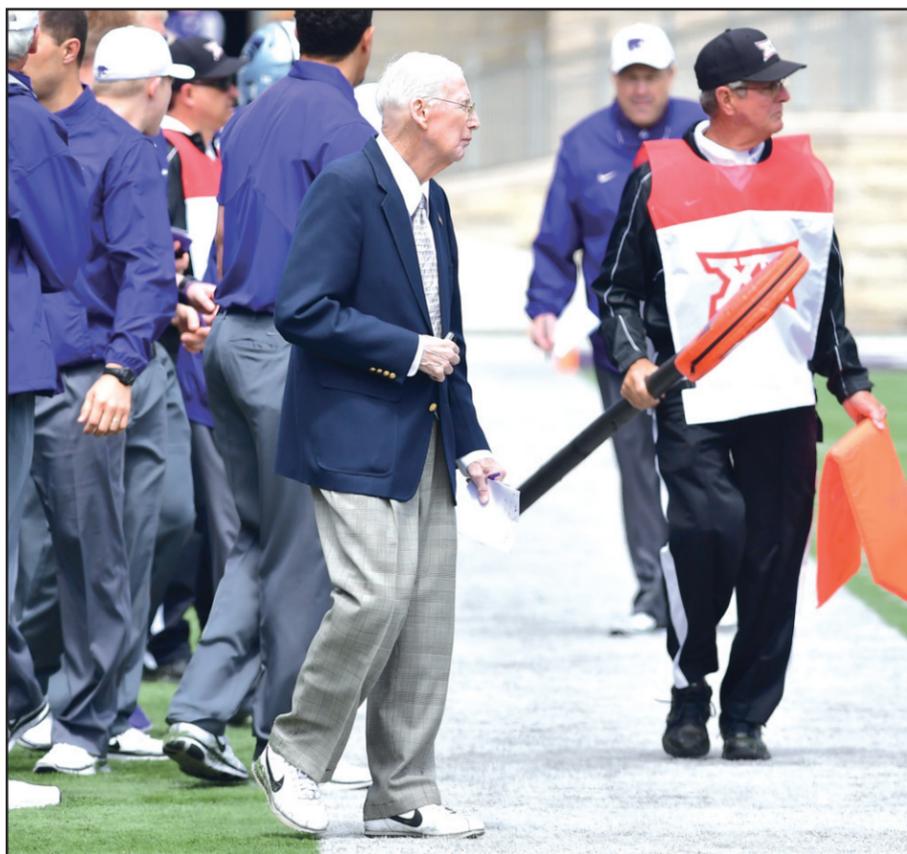
Wide Receiver Isaiah Zuber (7) scores one for the Purple Team.



Alex Delton (5) Quarterback for the Purple Teams tries to get away.



Wide Receiver Isaiah Zuber (7) scores another one for the Purple Team.



Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder was on the sideline.



Freshman Quarterback Skylar Thompson (10) gets off a running pass.



Defensive Back Brogan Barry (18) gets the interception for the White Team.



Defensive Back Kendall Adams gets an interception for the Purple Team.

Why Record Numbers of Americans Are Renouncing Their Citizenship

By Adam Michel
Heritage Foundation

Would you give up your citizenship in order to keep your bank account?

That's a question few Americans would ever want to confront, yet many Americans living abroad are now having to answer.

A little-known tax law, known as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, has resulted in some foreign banks no

longer serving Americans. The law, signed in 2010 by President Barack Obama, was intended to make it harder for Americans to keep money overseas and out of the reach of the IRS. The primary target was rich Americans allegedly hiding money from tax collectors.

To find tax avoiders, foreign banks are conscripted by the U.S. government to serve as a compliance arm of the IRS. As

a result, many of these stranded Americans have had to make the undoubtedly difficult decision to give up their citizenship just to continue to access their banking services.

Last year, 5,411 people renounced their U.S. citizenship, the largest number of published expatriates in one year, continuing a four-year streak of record-breaking numbers.

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act requires foreign financial institutions, such as banks, to identify and report to the United States most types of transactions for all American clients.

These new regulations are enforced by the threat of applying a 30 percent withholding tax on revenues generated in the United States by the noncompliant foreign financial institu-

tion. The reporting burden and withholding penalty faced by foreign banks trying to comply with the new regulations has made it easier for some Americans to renounce their citizenship than to find a bank that is willing to bear the bureaucratic costs of complying with the law.

These penalties are not just hitting the rich, and they are not just harming tax dodgers. The cost of complying with this law hits every American living overseas, not just those targeted by the original legislation.

Middle-class Americans living abroad who are fully compliant with U.S. tax laws are losing their mortgages, business bank accounts, and personal banking services. The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act has unintentionally ruined some Americans' livelihoods.

To add insult to injury, the cost of implementing this law may soon outpace the money that it brings in.

Furthermore, the direct cost to taxpayers does not include the compliance costs to financial institutions. A legal challenge to the law in 2015 estimated compliance costs alone were on track to total more than the 10-year revenue

estimates. These regulatory costs can discourage international business, slow investment, and hamper the global economy.

The root of the problem is more than just compliance costs, it's the U.S. government's presumption that it is entitled to your money even if it's earned in another country.

The U.S. is one of just a few countries that claims taxing rights on labor income earned abroad. Such a system of worldwide taxation hurts the American economy and makes it much harder for Americans to live abroad

Hopefully, relief from this law is around the corner. Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., and Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., recently released a bill that would repeal the onerous regulations.

Congress and the IRS should focus on the U.S. domestic tax system and leave Americans living abroad alone. The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act is yet another example of continued government overreach.

Hopefully, tax reform will bring with it relief for all Americans—including those living overseas.

Trump condemns Holocaust deniers

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Pledging to confront anti-Semitism in all its forms and to "never be silent," President Donald Trump on Tuesday denounced as accomplices to "horrible evil" anyone who denies that 6 million Jews were killed during the Holocaust.

In a speech marking Holocaust Remembrance Day, Trump also pledged that as president of the United States he will "always stand with the Jewish people."

Trump spoke at a U.S. Capitol ceremony hosted by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum to mark the unveiling of a new conservation and research center. The center will serve as a repository for a vast collection of artifacts by those who survived Adolf Hitler's massacre of Jews during World War II.

Members of Congress and Holocaust survivors - whose strength and courage Trump said was an inspiration - attended the emotional event in the Rotunda, the center of the Capitol. Survivors lit candles at

the end of the ceremony. "Those who deny the Holocaust are an accomplice to this horrible evil and we'll never be silent. We just won't," he said. "We will never, ever be silent in the face of evil again."

Trump said Holocaust denial is one form of "dangerous anti-Semitism that continues all around the world" and that can be seen on university campuses, in attacks on Jewish communities "or when aggressors threaten Israel with total and complete destruction."

"This is my pledge to you: We will confront anti-Semitism," he said. "We will stamp out prejudice, we will condemn hatred, we will bear witness and we will act. As president of the United States, I will always stand with the Jewish people and I will always stand with our great friend and partner, the state of Israel."

Trump's commemoration of the Holocaust follows a recent blunder by his chief spokesman, Sean Spicer, on the issue.

Spicer recently apologized for making what he later said was an "inappropriate and insensitive" statement earlier this month that compared Hitler to Syrian President Bashar Assad by suggesting that Hitler "didn't even sink to using chemical weapons."

The remark, which Spicer had made days after a chemical attack in Syria killed scores of civilians, ignored Hitler's use of gas chambers to kill Jews.

The White House's commitment to fighting anti-Semitism was questioned earlier in the year after it released a statement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day that excluded any mention of the Jewish people, in contrast to similar statements from previous administrations.

Trump's own relations with American Jews had become strained after a testy exchange during a news conference with a reporter for an Orthodox Jewish publication. Some also thought Trump had waited too

long to come out forcefully against bomb threats against Jewish community centers nationwide.

Trump's daughter, Ivanka Trump, converted to Judaism before marrying her husband, Jared Kushner, now a senior White House adviser. On an official trip Tuesday to Berlin, Ivanka Trump, now working at the White House as an assistant to the president, visited the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe.

Addressing survivors in attendance at the Capitol, Trump called each one a "beacon of light."

"It only takes one light to illuminate even the darkest space, just like it takes only truth to crush a thousand lies and one hero to change the course of history," he said. "We know that in the end good will triumph over evil and that as long as we refuse to close our eyes or to silence our voices, we know that justice will ultimately prevail."

Turkey hunter in Kansas mistakenly shoots brother and friend

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - Authorities say a hunter accidentally shot his brother and a friend after mistaking them for wild turkeys in southeast Kansas.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism says the victims were shot in face and body on April 12.

Soon after his shotgun's blast, the hunter sprinted toward what he thought was a coveted prize: the wild turkey gobbler he'd been calling to and watching.

But Kenneth Dienst found he actually had shot his brother and a friend.

"Right after he shot, he

thought he saw a turkey flopping on the ground, but when he hurried up there, he saw two guys rolling on the ground. He'd shot (both) in the face," said Jim Bussone, a Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism game warden who investigated the April 12 incident in Crawford County.

"The shooter swore he'd seen strutting toms and some other turkeys right up until then."

But in reality, he'd been looking at a gobbler's preserved tail fan, behind which Gary Dienst and Justin Wiles had been hiding and sneaking. The shooter was behind another fan. Bussone said the hunters ended up hunting each other.

According to Dan Peak, Crawford County sheriff, the victims - who spent time in three hospitals - are expected to survive.

Their story that day is one of bad decisions made by all, a potentially dangerous hunting tactic and the tricks that excitement can play on the human mind.

"When I teach hunter ed classes, I tell them even some good people can become undone by a big deer or a turkey and make mistakes," Bussone said. "You always have to be thinking, be careful and stay

under control."

April 12 was opening day of the Kansas spring turkey season, an exciting time when hunters usually replicate the sounds of hen turkeys to bring amorous toms into shotgun range.

Kenneth Dienst is from West Plains, Mo. Gary Dienst and Wiles are from Arkansas. They were hunting on leased lands in southeast Kansas.

Bussone said Kenneth Dienst had been dropped off at one property, while his buddies went to hunt at another. As well as turkey calls, the hunters were using a tactic known as fanning, in which the preserved tail fan of a wild turkey is used to attract, or sneak up on, a wild gobbler.

Bussone said problems began when Gary Dienst and Wiles returned to the property where Kenneth Dienst was hunting without telling him they were there.

Bussone referred to changing locations without alerting others as "one of the cardinal sins we teach against in hunter ed."

"They were calling to each other and sneaking up on each other like two toms coming at each other," Bussone said. "Both swore they were sneaking on real turkeys."

Hays doctor's license to practice suspended

HAYS, Kan. (AP) - A Hays doctor's osteopathic license to practice medicine was suspended for at least six months by the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts in a final order issued Tuesday.

Kirk D. Potter's license was suspended after the board reviewed records, heard oral arguments and received evidence in a conference hearing April 14, according to the final order document. The document was heavily redacted before being made public.

Potter did not return a phone call to his office Thursday afternoon. He can petition the board for reconsideration of the order within 15 days or he could file a petition for judicial review in district court.

Potter, who advertises online as a plastic and reconstructive surgeon, had been licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in Kansas since December 2008, but his license was suspended by emergency order Nov. 4.

In November, the board filed a petition seeking disciplinary action against Potter alleging that he had failed to practice with reasonable skill and safety Oct. 27. The order cited a section of the Healing Arts Act allowing a license to be revoked, suspended or limited if the doctor's ability to practice safely is "impaired by reason of physical or mental illness, or condition or use of alcohol, drugs or controlled substances."

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Ivanka Trump defends father, brushes aside groans in Berlin

BERLIN (AP) -- Ivanka Trump brushed aside groans and hisses Tuesday over her father's track record and defended his attitudes toward women as she made her first international outing as a White House adviser.

Trump pledged to push for "incremental, positive change" for women in the U.S. economy and told a Berlin conference on women that she's still "rather unfamiliar" with her role as first daughter and adviser to President Donald Trump.

The scattered groans and hisses came as she described her father as "a tremendous champion of supporting families."

Trump's one-day visit, at the invitation of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, gave Merkel and other officials face-to-face access with the president's influential daughter at a time when world leaders are still trying to discern where his policies will lead.

Merkel and Trump were part of a high-powered panel discussion Tuesday at the W20 Summit, a women-focused effort within the Group of 20 countries, entitled "Inspiring women: Scaling up women's entrepreneurship." They were joined by Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland, International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde and the Netherlands' Queen Maxima, among others.

The 35-year-old Trump, who stepped away from both running her fashion brand and from

an executive role at the Trump Organization to become an unpaid White House adviser, said she is still finding her feet in her new role.

"I'm listening, I'm learning, I'm defining the ways in which I think that I'll be able to have impact" in empowering women in the U.S. economy and beyond, she said.

She says she plans "to bring the advice, to bring the knowledge, back to the United States, back to both my father and the president - and hopefully that will bring about incremental, positive change. And that is my goal."

Trump has been a vocal advocate for policies benefiting working women and vocational training. During Merkel's visit to Washington in March, she organized a discussion with the German leader, her father, and American and German executives about how companies can better train workers.

However, Trump has faced a backlash in the United States, particularly from liberals who think she has done little to temper her father's conservative agenda. Since the president took office in January, liberal groups have questioned the impact of his policy moves on families.

On Tuesday, Berlin moderator Miriam Meckel brought Trump into the discussion with a pointed question about her White House role.

"As a part of the audience, especially the German audi-

ence, is not that familiar with the concept of the 'first daughter' I'd like to ask you: what is your role and who are you representing - your father as the president of the United States, the American people or your business?" she asked.

The question drew a quick response from Trump.

"Certainly not the latter. And I am rather unfamiliar with this role as well, as it is quite new to me," Trump responded. She added that "it has been a little under 100 days but it has just been a remarkable, incredible journey."

Meckel intervened again after Trump described the president as "a tremendous champion of supporting families and enabling them to thrive," noting some reactions from the audience.

"Some attitudes toward women your father has publicly displayed in former times might leave one questioning whether he's such an empowerer for women," said the moderator, who is the editor of a German business magazine and also a professor of corporate communications at St. Gallen University in Switzerland.

"I've certainly heard the criticism from the media, and that's been perpetuated," Trump replied.

But Trump added that her own personal experience and the fact that "thousands" of women have worked with and for Donald Trump for decades in the private sector "are a tes-

tament to his belief and solid conviction in the potential of women and their ability to do the job as well as any man."

"He encouraged me and enabled me to thrive," Trump said. "I grew up in a house where there was no barrier to what I could accomplish beyond my own perseverance and my own tenacity."

There was, she stressed, "no difference between me and my brothers. And I think as a business leader you saw that, and as a president you will absolutely see that."

Before the event, President Trump tweeted Tuesday that he is "proud of @IvankaTrump for her leadership on these important issues."

Later Tuesday, Siemens CEO Joe Kaeser gave Trump a tour of a training center in Berlin run by the German industrial conglomerate. Germany is proud of its vocational training system. Siemens says it has some 12,000 young people worldwide, including 9,000 in Germany, in programs that combine study with practical training.

Ivanka Trump also planned to visit the German capital's memorial to the 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis. Trump converted to Judaism herself ahead of her 2009 marriage to Jared Kushner.

Trump, who promoted child care and family leave policies during her father's campaign, told reporters Tuesday that child care "is going to be part of comprehensive tax reform."

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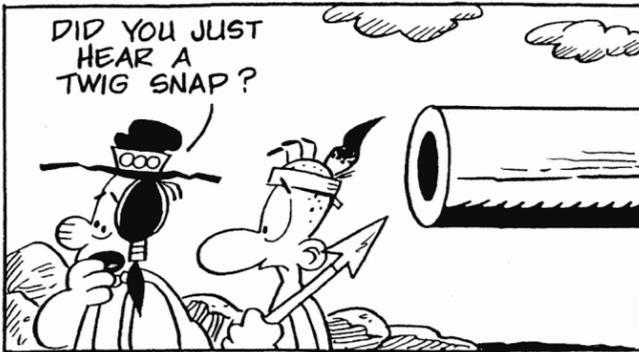
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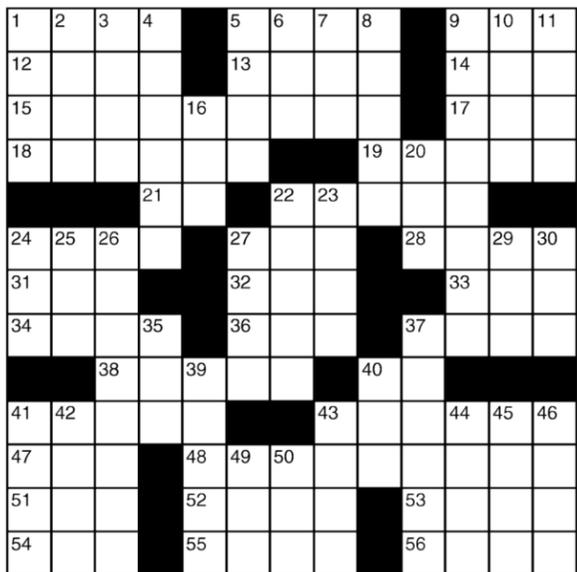
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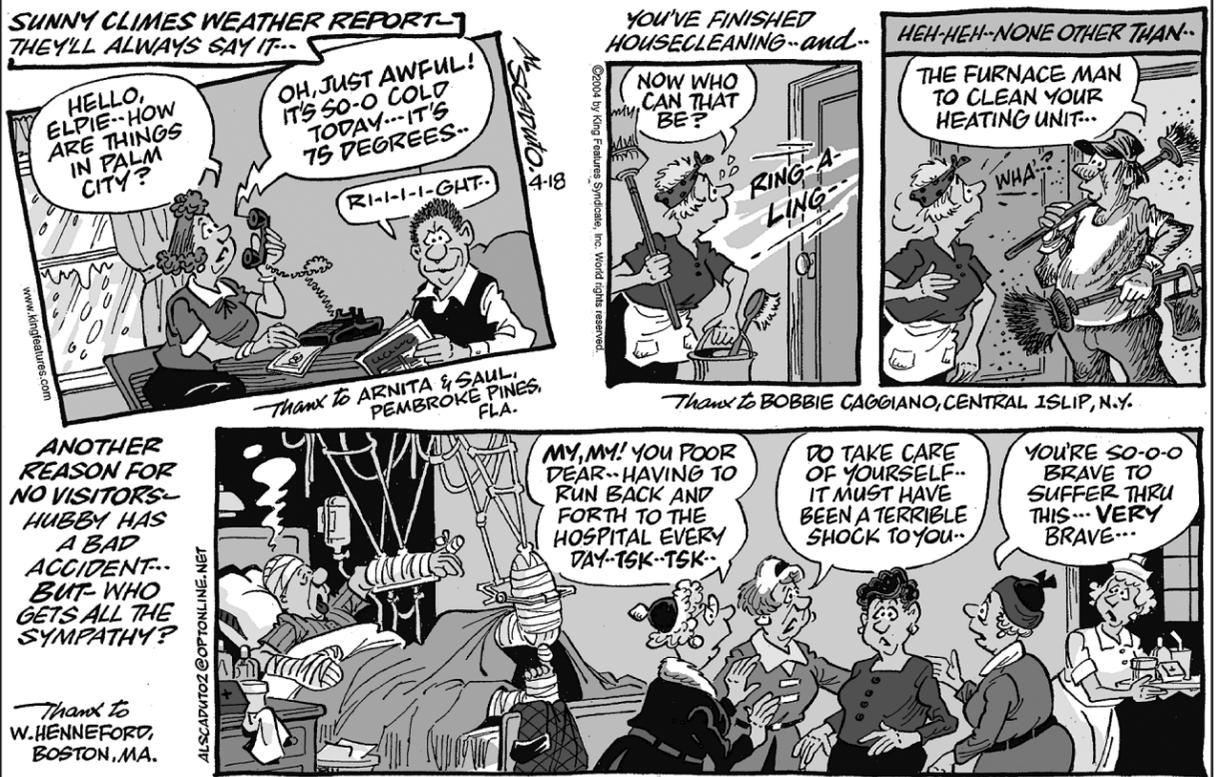
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Cats Score 11 Unanswered, Take Series from No. 21 West Virginia

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. – Eleven unanswered runs wiped away a four-run deficit and gave Kansas State its first Big 12 series win of the season, as K-State upended No. 21 West Virginia, 11-4, in the series' rubber game Sunday at Tointon Family Stadium.

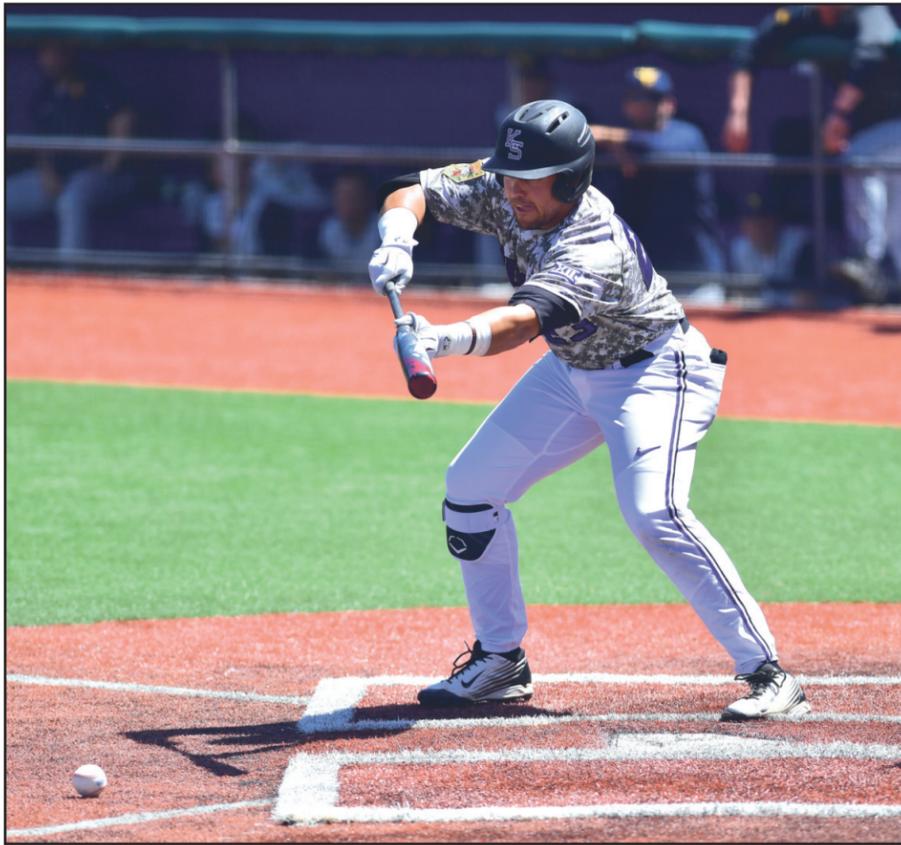
K-State (21-19, 4-11 Big 12) launched four homers – three in the eighth – and scored all 11 runs from the fifth inning on and handed West Virginia (23-15, 9-6 Big 12) its first conference series loss of the year.

"It feels real good, finally," head coach Brad Hill said after the series-clinching win. "Kids should feel good. That's a good ball club; to get your first series win against a ranked team. They're a good team all around, so the guys should feel real good."

The Wildcats plated five runs in the fifth inning after spotting the Mountaineers to a 4-0 lead at the halfway mark. In the inning, the first six Cat hitters reached and with the bases loaded, Cameron Thompson broke through with a single down the left-field line that scored Josh Ethier and Will Brennan.

Two batters later, and with the bases full once again, designated hitter Steve Serratore belted a bases-clearing double to the gap in left-center field that gave the Cats a 5-4 lead. All five runs in the inning were scored before WVU recorded its first out.

K-State extended its lead to 7-4 through six after Ethier led



Jake Scudder (23) puts down a bunt and beat it out at first base.

(Photos by Ben Brake)

off the inning with a double and later scored on a double off the bat of Quintin Crandall. Jake Scudder brought home Crandall on a two-out bunt single that beat a defensive shift from West Virginia.

Catcher Josh Rolette hit his first of two solo homers in the seventh inning before he, Crandall and Scudder each hit solo shots in the eighth to complete the 11-run string. It marked the first multi-homer game of Ro-

lette's career and he became the fifth Wildcat this season to hit two home runs in a game.

"It was fun, it was a fun day," Scudder said. "It's huge, we've been close the last couple weekends, we've won Friday, and had opportunities to win series. It's doing the little things and we finally pulled it out, we went 4-1 this week, that's huge for us."

Scudder continues to pace the Big 12 this season as he

now has 11 long balls on the year – the most by a K-State hitter since 2010 (Carter Jurica, 13).

Four relief pitchers out of the K-State bullpen combined to surrender just one hit over the final 4 2/3 innings following West Virginia's four runs. Nick Jones was credited for the win, moving his record to 5-0, and Bryce Ward threw two complete scoreless innings with a strikeout and no walks. Starter

Kasey Ford put in 3 2/3 innings of work and allowed two earned runs on five hits without walking a hitter.

"Proud of our pitching staff today," added Hill. "Four runs on a Sunday and pitched it by committee, thought the guys did an outstanding job ... Bryce (Ward) with those two shut-down innings after we scored, that's kind of the name of the game, right there."

Eight of K-State's nine starters registered a hit in the game while Crandall, Thompson, Scudder and Rolette each had multiple hits. The foursome, along with Serratore's three-RBI day, each drove in multiple runs.

K-State will play in the National College Hall of Fame Classic at Kauffman Stadium, home of the Kansas City Royals, on Tuesday vs. No. 10 Arkansas. First pitch is slated for 6:05 p.m., and will be televised on Cox Sports Television. Fans can also listen to the game on KMAN 1350 AM, 93.3 FM and streaming free at k-statesports.com.

"That's going to be fun," Hill said of playing in Kauffman Stadium. "That'll really be a lot of fun on Tuesday against Arkansas, so it should be a great matchup."

"Oh it's going to be fun," added Scudder. "We're going to go in there with a lot of confidence, it's going to be fun and we'll soak it all up and it should be a good time."

INSIDE THE BOX SCORE
• K-State scored 11 runs on

13 hits and committed two errors and left eight runners on base. West Virginia scored four runs on 10 hits with no errors and stranded seven baserunners.

• Wildcat hitters drew six walks compared to two strikeouts.

• Eight Wildcat batters recorded a hit and four had multiple hits – led by Scudder going 3-for-5 with a homer, two RBI and two runs scored.

• Rolette became the fifth K-State hitter to post a multi-homer game this season, joining Scudder, Crandall, Serratore and Grant Reuben.

• Scudder leads the Big 12 with a career-best 11 home runs – most by a cat since 2010.

• K-State combined to use seven pitchers who allowed one run on five hits over the final 5 1/3 innings.

• The seven pitchers combined to walk three and strike out four.

• K-State hit .500 (5-for-10) with runners in scoring position while WVU went 2-for-7 (.287).

• Each side got its leadoff man on base in five innings.

NOTES

• K-State is now 7-8 all-time vs. WVU and is now 5-4 at home.

• The Cats have taken 2-of-3 games from West Virginia in consecutive seasons for the first time.

• The series win was K-State's first Big 12 series win of the season while West Virginia loses its first conference series of the year.



KSU's Josh Rolette (24) hit the first of two homeruns.



Jake Wodtke (1) is safe at second with a stolen base.

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