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Riley County commissioner defends free connection to Manhattan city sewer system

By Tim Carpenter

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MANHATTAN — Riley County Commission chairman Ron Wells defended a secret deal that enabled his family's property where he lives on the edge of Manhattan to be connected, free of charge for decades, to the city of Manhattan's sewer system.

The arrangement saving the Wells family thousands of dollars during the past 35 years was stumbled upon by a Riley County environmental health employee looking into the commission chairman's belated building permit application for work to convert part of a barn into an apartment. County staff were surprised to discover Wells didn't have county-approved sewer service at two addresses on the property, including the apartment where Wells lives and his mother's former residence.

Wells responded to inquiries from county government colleagues by claiming the existence of an agreement that, since at least 1981, had excluded the payment of monthly fees for sewer lines serving the property. Wells never produced the records, and no confirmatory documents were found in county files. However, Wells maintained the exemption was secured by his parents to compensate for damage caused by the installation of a pipeline across the family's farm field.

"This is a done deal. There were a lot of good-ol' boy handshakes going on," Wells told The Topeka Capital-Journal during interviews in which he repeatedly asked the newspaper not to disclose information about the arrangement. "It



Riley County Commission chairman Ron Wells confirmed family property where he lives just outside of Manhattan's city limits has two residences connected to the city's sewer system at no charge under a never-before disclosed arrangement in place for decades. In 2016, Wells declined recommendations by county staff to explain the sewer connections to officials at City Hall. (Photo by Jon A. Brake, Free Press)

opens up a can of worms. It's not going to help me a bit."

The Capital-Journal obtained a 2016 memorandum prepared by the county's legal staff that addressed the building permit issue and, by extension, the sewer line controversy involving Wells. County counselor Clancy Holeman and a second county attorney agreed there was no legal justification for county zoning or health staff to withhold signatures on Wells' building permit application. In effect, the lawyers added weight to Wells' contention — despite lack of evidence —

there was a confidential agreement guaranteeing owners of the property would receive city sewer service at no charge.

Another document secured by The Capital-Journal — one prepared by the county's planning and development director — conformed to the same legal analysis, while also recommending Wells inform city officials of the sewer hookup. County director Monty Wedel warned Wells that failure to disclose the connection to City Hall could put him at risk of "considerable" back charges.

Wells ignored suggestions by

county employees that he voluntarily talk to city officials about the sewer system.

Manhattan's city manager said in an interview he was unaware Wells had been receiving city services without payment.

"First I've heard of it," said Ron Fehr, city manager since the early 1990s. "It would be unusual for free service forever."

'Not Don Quixote'

Steven DeHart, a county environmental health specialist, initially raised questions about Wells' sewer service connections in April 2016. He said he was threatened with dismissal if he refused to sign the building permit requested by the county commissioner.

DeHart said Wedel, his direct supervisor, told him it would be foolish to jeopardize his job by refusing to comply with Wells' demands. DeHart said Holeman, the county counselor, also left the impression resistance could undermine DeHart's future within county government. DeHart said he approved the building permit when confronted with overwhelming evidence that Riley County administrators had no interest in holding Wells accountable. On April 15, 2016, DeHart signed the permit for work Wells had done to renovate a barn to include a two-bedroom apartment and tie it into the city sewer system.

"To me, it's theft of services," said DeHart, who said he wasn't like the title character of a Miguel de Cervantes novel. "I'm not Don Quixote fighting imaginary windmills. This is all kinds of wrong."

DeHart said his workplace environment deteriorated after

the confrontation until he was dismissed by the county four months ago. Reasons given for his ouster seemed petty to DeHart, who believes the root cause was conflict with Wells.

DeHart said neither the city nor the county could definitively say the sewer lines on Wells' property at 3605 Anderson and 3609 Anderson, adjacent to Manhattan's city limits, meet specifications. Absent compelling evidence that the county and city agreed to provide Wells' family with free sewer services, DeHart said, the city should assess back fees and penalties on the property owners. The city should begin charging the out-of-city residential rate, which could be about \$60 per month for each residence, for continued access to the city's sewage and stormwater infrastructure.

"If they treat him like a regular citizen, they'll make him pay a penalty," DeHart said. "The question is: Can he use his position to avoid it?"

Missing proof

Wells said a copy of the single-page document on Riley County letterhead proving his parents, Donald and Dorthea, were granted the exemption was in his hands as recently as 2015. He wasn't able to locate it after DeHart raised red flags in early 2016 about the sewer hookups. Wells said it could be in storage at the ranch-style home his parents once occupied on Anderson, which Wells referred to as uninhabitable.

It is likely, he said, that the letter could surface in a matter of weeks. It would be fair to give him sufficient time to locate the letter and discuss it with city and county officials

before disclosing the arrangement in the newspaper, he said. "I think you're jumping the gun," Wells said.

Wells, a retired general contractor who earns about \$45,000 annually as a county commissioner, said that sometime around 1968 the county installed a sewer line in a farm field owned by the Wells family. Eventually, he said, the dirt settled and the contractor failed to fill the void.

Wells said his dad ordered the county to dig up the sewer line. Instead, he said, a county engineer offered the family a pair of sewer line connections without charge to compensate for the damage. The offer was accepted, Wells said, but the letter to his father outlining the arrangement is missing.

He said the county sewer line was eventually taken over by the city of Manhattan, but the Wells family hasn't paid the city for sewer services since 1981. The old family farmhouse on the property, which had a septic system, was demolished in 2012, about the time Wells renovated a portion of the barn into an apartment. The kitchen and restroom in the apartment were tied into the city sewer system, Wells said. Both residential spaces are served by well water on the property, he said, and don't draw on the city's water supply.

Conflict arising from the 2016 request from Wells for a retroactive building permit for the apartment structure led directly to revelations about the free sewer connections.

In the 20 months since the county scuttled further action on the sewer controversy, Wells said, he had neither time nor inclination to approach the city to discuss the appropriateness of not paying for city sewer or wastewater services. He said the ethics of special treatment wasn't something he thought about much over the years, but he expressed willingness to pay \$20 or \$30 per month to stay on the city's system. "At this point, it's not that I don't want to pay any money. It's just that it opens up a whole new — who pays what?" he said.

'Ron Wells' Sewer'

Wedel, the county's director of planning and projects, signed a two-page memorandum dated April 14, 2016, summarizing the situation facing Wells. He ti-

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Editorial - Wait A Minute

By Jon A. Brake

Many people in Manhattan know that Riley County Commissioner Ron Wells starts many Commission Meetings telling reporters what he thinks of them. Sometimes he will say something that does not look good in print: "It opens up a can of worms. It's not going to help me a bit," from above. Things like that.

Tim Carpenter is one of the State's best investigative reporters working for the Topeka Capital/Journal. He has won many awards and is respected in the business.

Wells, the City or County

may never find a written document showing an agreement.

Verbal Agreement

Twenty years ago the Free Press was asked by a property owner to look into a road right-way problem that he was having with Riley County and the City of Manhattan. It has been a long time ago and this Editor does not remember all the details but it sounded very similar to the story that Ron Wells tells.

Employees for Riley County wanted something from the property owner and they make an agreement. The property owner thought the County Employee would take care of the paper work, it never happened.

As in this case, Ron Wells' parents owned property and the County wanted something, they made an agreement and that was it. But, no paper work.

And Then:

In the story: "First I've heard of it," said Ron Fehr, city manager since the early 1990's. "It would be unusual for free service forever."

Mr. Fehr, if he thinks about it, knows that the City of Manhattan water department plant sits on land that was given to the City by Mr. E.B. Purcell. One of the stipulations was that the City of Manhattan would give the Schools and Churches free

water for perpetuity, "free service forever".

What was it three or four years ago that the City of Manhattan started charging the schools and churches for water?

Remember when the City of Manhattan wanted to take over the Bluemont School block? They were going to put in some kind of housing, maybe low income housing but the original town Platte said the last was for a school, in perpetuity.

What we are saying is that Mr. Wells could be right; his family did have an agreement but not in writing. And, that is the problem. How can he prove that there was an agreement?

But, how can the City or County prove that there was not an agreement?

What many people don't realize is that for many years (more than fifty) most transactions were made on a handshake, "we shook hands on it". We knew a Manhattan businessman, in the 1950's that purchased a business in Manhattan and assumed a loan on a handshake; it is a multi-million dollar business today.

Editorials are to end with a solution but, we do not have one. It could be that Mr. Carpenter could come back and find out if a County employee was fired for doing his job?

Riley County commissioner Ammend 2017 Budget

Table of Contents:			2017 Amended Budget		
			Amount of 2016 Tax that was Levied	Adopted 2017 Expenditures	Proposed Amended 2017 Expenditures
Fund	K.S.A.	Page No.			
General	79-1946	2b	19,103,535	28,161,074	33,340,174
Bond and Interest	10-113	3	253,993	872,744	2,817,210
County Building	19-15,116	4	349,935	380,000	455,181
Adult Services	***	5		564,242	1,116,602
Fire District	19-3610	6	572,691	657,940	703,463
Rural Fire Capital Outlay	***	7		330,103	547,522
Fire Station Projects	***	8			100,000
Solid Waste	65-3410	9		2,403,365	2,847,454
Fairmont Heights Capital Project	***	10			11,000
Hunter's Island Water	19-3541	11		29,300	33,367
Carson Sewer	19-27a09	12	3,933	13,363	46,356
Carson Sewer Reserve	***	13		20,590	2,191
Totals		XXXXXXXXXX	20,284,087	33,432,721	42,020,520
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COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

SUBJECT: 2017 Budget Amendment
PRESENTER: Tami Robinson, Budget and Finance Officer

BACKGROUND

Authority for amending a budget fund or funds is found in K.S.A. 79-2929a(a). It provides for the governing body of any taxing subdivision or municipality which is subject to the budget law provisions of K.S.A. 79-2925 through 79-2936 and amendments thereto, which

proposes to amend its adopted current budget during the year in which such budget is in effect, shall be subject to the same publication, notice and public hearing requirements as required by K.S.A. 79-2929, and amendments thereto, for the adoption of the original budget.

In addition, such published budget shall show any proposed changes in the amount of expenditures, by fund. Any proposed increase in expenditures shall be balanced by previously unbudgeted increases in revenue other than ad valorem property taxes.

Riley County Commissioner

...tled it simply "Ron Wells' Sewer."

County staff confirmed Wells had two sewer connections to Manhattan's sewer line traversing the property, Wedel said. He said Wells was told the standard procedure would be for someone in his position to fill out a city form to seek sewer service from a location outside Manhattan's boundary. The memo chronicled Wells' claim the county struck a deal giving his family "two sewer connections to the line without any assessments or fees in perpetuity" after farmland was damaged by installation of a sewer line.

"The applicant (Wells) was unable to retrieve the agreement or supporting documents following his exhaustive search of his records," Wedel said.

Dan Harden, who served previously as Riley County's public works director, said he had no recollection of any such deal related to a sewer improvement project linked with the Wells property, but indicated "it was possible such an agreement had been made."

Wedel advised Wells to contact City Hall regarding the sta-

tus of the sewer connections. If he declined, Wedel said, "it could result in considerable" charges if the city found the connections out of compliance with current Manhattan requirements.

Holeman, the Riley County counselor, filed a one-page document indicating "circumstantial evidence" described in Wedel's memo provided "sufficient support for the facts alleged" by Wells.

"Riley County can offer no evidence directly contradicting the applicant's statement of facts," Holeman said. "It is undisputed the existing sewer connection at issue is operational and does not violate any provision of the Riley County sanitary code."

Holeman's legal analysis left untouched the question of whether Wells could be violating city code.

What next?

In an interview, Wells said he could see how some people might have a problem with a county government official receiving city government services at no cost.

"It's not up to me to determine whether it's right or wrong," Wells said. "In all fairness, I'll go find out. Next week, I'll go down and talk to the city."

Ron Fehr, the city manager in Manhattan, said he would welcome that conversation.

"I'd want to investigate it," Fehr said.

Karen McCulloh, who sits on the Manhattan City Commission and twice served terms on Riley County's commission, said she had never heard of Wells' sewer deal. She said Wells could have taken a different tack when county staff expressed discomfort with the sewer connection.

"He needs to get straight with the city," McCulloh said. "Whenever you're a public official, perception is important."

Sense of fairness
 Wells, who voted to fire DeHart, said he was irritated a disgruntled former county employee contributed to a ruckus about sewers.

"There's no sense in creating a problem right now," Wells said. "This is just a dig back at anybody, I guess, we three com-

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missioners who discharged him."

DeHart said he understood generation of controversy directly involving a Riley County commissioner carried risk. He felt he had to do what was right. DeHart recalled a showdown meeting at county offices involving himself, Wells, Holeman, Wedel and Steve Higgins, a county zoning employee. DeHart said Wells confirmed at that gathering he was on the city sewer and referenced the free-pass letter. DeHart recommended Wells simply tell the truth to city officials.

"He said he wasn't ever going to pay it. I told him he needed to man up and go to the city and I would go with him and explain," DeHart said.

Wells' reply: "Nope."
 DeHart lost his job. Wells still isn't paying for sewer service.

"They hired me to protect public health. That's what I was supposed to do," DeHart said. "The people of Manhattan are paying sewer bills. Why should they pay if he doesn't have to?"

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US Rep. John Conyers announces he's retiring

DETROIT (AP) — U.S. Rep. John Conyers — beset with allegations of sexual harassment by former staff members — announced his retirement Tuesday, bringing to an end a more than five-decade run in the House.

The 88-year-old Conyers made the announcement while speaking with Detroit radio talk show host Mildred Gaddis. Conyers also endorsed his son, John Conyers III, to replace him in office.

"I'm in the process of putting my retirement plans together," he said from a hospital. "I am retiring today."

Shadawn Reddick-Smith, Conyers' spokeswoman, confirmed that the retirement was effective Tuesday.

"My legacy can't be compromised or diminished in any way by what we're going through now," Conyers said. "This too

shall pass. My legacy will continue through my children."

Michigan state Sen. Ian Conyers, a grandson of John Conyers' brother, told The New York Times for a story Tuesday that he plans to run for the 13th District congressional seat.

John Conyers, who was first elected in 1964, easily won reelection last year in the heavily Democratic district. But following the mounting allegations of sexual harassment, he has faced growing calls to resign from colleagues in the House, including House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Detroit leaders call for due process in support of U.S. Rep. John Conyers. The House Ethics Committee is investigating allegations of harassment and inappropriate touching by women who once worked for Conyers. (Dec. 4)

John Conyers' attorney, Arnold Reed, has said Conyers'

health would be the paramount consideration in whether he decides to step down from his House seat. He has already stepped aside from his position as ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, who replaced Conyers as acting Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, said he was saddened by news of the retirement of his "friend and mentor. But Nadler underlined in a statement that "there can be no tolerance for behavior that subjects women to the kind of conduct that has been alleged."

The House Ethics Committee has been reviewing the harassment allegations against Conyers.

On Monday, a woman who said she worked for him for more than a decade said he slid his hand up her skirt and rubbed

her thighs while she was sitting next to him in the front row of a church.

Elisa Grubbs made the allegation in an affidavit released late Monday by her attorney, Lisa Bloom. Grubbs is the cousin of another accuser, Marion Brown, who reached a confidential settlement with Conyers over sexual harassment allegations, but broke the confidentiality agreement to speak publicly last week.

Bloom posted Grubbs' affidavit on Twitter and confirmed to The Associated Press that it was genuine.

Grubbs' affidavit says that she worked for Conyers in various roles from approximately 2001 to about 2013.

"Rep. Conyers slid his hand up my skirt and rubbed my thighs while I was sitting next to him in the front row of a church," Grubbs said. "I was

startled and sprang to my feet and exclaimed, 'He just ran his hand up my thigh!' Other staffers witnessed the event."

She also said that she saw Conyers touching and stroking the legs and buttocks of Brown and other female staffers on "multiple occasions."

Grubbs said witnessing such harassment "was a regular part of life while working in the office of Rep. Conyers."

One time when Grubbs was at Conyers home, she said he came out of the bathroom naked when he knew she was in the room.

"This is about much more than one Congressman," Bloom told The AP in an email after Conyers announced his retirement. "Systemic change is urgently needed so no other women have to endure the retaliation, secrecy and delays my

client Marion Brown and others experienced."

Reed told the Detroit Free Press that the allegations by Grubbs are "another instance of tomfoolery from the mouth of Harvey Weinstein's attorney." Bloom previously represented Hollywood executive Weinstein, who is accused of sexual misconduct by a number of women. She quit Weinstein's team after the allegations became public and now represents sexual harassment victims.

Deanna Maher, who ran a Michigan office for Conyers from 1997 to 2005, also accused Conyers of sexual misconduct.

A former scheduler also alleged sexual harassment, retaliation and a hostile work environment in a February 2017 proposed complaint, but took no further action after a judge refused to file it under seal.

Border arrests plunge, deportation arrests soar

WASHINGTON (AP) — Border crossings plunged to a 45-year low while arrests by deportation officers soared during President Donald Trump's first months in office, as his efforts to overhaul the nation's immigration system went into effect.

The Border Patrol made 310,531 arrests during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, a decline of 25 percent from 415,816 a year earlier and the lowest level since 1971. Despite the significant decline, border arrests increased every month since May — largely families and unaccompanied children.

"ICE will no longer exempt any class of removable alien from potential enforcement activity," Thomas Homan, the acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, told reporters during a briefing Tuesday. "In other words, officers are empowered to do their sworn duty to enforce the law as it was written."

ICE, whose officers pick up people for deportation, made 143,470 arrests, an increase of 25 percent from 114,434 a year earlier. After Trump took office, ICE arrests surged 40 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The numbers released Tuesday provide the most complete statistical snapshot of immigration enforcement under Trump. And they show that deportation officers are taking Trump's call for an immigration crackdown to heart, even without the funding increase that the president has sought from Congress for more hiring.

In February, then-Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly scrapped the previous administration's instructions to limit deportations to public safety threats, convicted criminals and recent border crossers, effectively making anyone in the country illegally vulnerable.

"We have clearly seen the successful results of the president's commitment to supporting the frontline officers and agents of (the Department of Homeland Security) as they enforce the law and secure our borders," acting secretary Elaine Duke said in a statement.

ICE said that deportations totaled 226,119, a decline of 6 percent from the previous year, but that number masks a seismic shift away from the border. ICE often takes custody of peo-

ple at the border before deporting them; the sharp drop in Border Patrol arrests means fewer people to remove.

ICE said "interior removals" — people deported after being arrested away from the border — jumped 25 percent to 81,603 from 65,332 the previous year. They rose 37 percent since Trump's inauguration compared to the same period a year earlier.

Reasons for the precipitous drop in border arrests are unclear but Trump's election may have deterred people from trying. Trump has yet to get funding for the first installment of his proposed border wall with Mexico and the number of Border Patrol agents has declined as the government's struggles to fill vacancies continues under his presidency.

But officials stressed that they still believe the border wall is necessary nonetheless.

About 58 percent of Border Patrol arrests were people from countries other than Mexico — up from 54 percent a year earlier — largely from Central America. Starting around 2011, large numbers from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras began entering the

country in South Texas, which replaced Arizona as the busiest corridor for illegal crossings.

Ronald Vitiello, Customs and Border Protection's acting deputy commissioner, said he was "very concerned" about increases in families and children crossing in recent months. During the fiscal year, which included the President Barack Obama administration's final months, border authorities stopped people traveling as families 104,997 times on the Mexican border and unaccompanied children 48,681 times.

CBP also said inspectors at land crossings, airports and seaports denied entry 216,370 times during the fiscal year, a decline of 24 percent from 2016. Border Patrol arrests occur outside of those official points of entry.

CBP, which has faced allegations of excessive use of force, said its employees used firearms 17 times during the fiscal year, down from 27 the previous year and 58 in 2012. It said its employees were assaulted 847 times, compared to less than 600 each year going back to 2012.

Pennsylvania physician charged in 2 fatal opioid overdoses

By MARK SCOLFORO Associated Press

A Pittsburgh area doctor was charged Friday with causing the deaths of two patients by over-prescribing opioids, state prosecutors announced.

The attorney general's office charged Dr. Michel Toret with drug delivery resulting in death for the overdoses of Heather Dervin and Glenn Morgan last year.

His defense lawyer said Toret, 71, of Jeannette, did not violate standards of care.

"Certain facts have come to light that may have put Dr. Toret's medical care in question, however, we intend on defend-

ing against the charges," said his attorney, Michael DiRiso.

Prosecutors said an investigation was launched in late 2016 after one of the doctor's employees reported that he was prescribing large amounts of opioids.

Dervin, 26, overdosed on Sept. 10, 2016, about a week after getting methadone from Toret.

The police affidavit used to charge Toret said he continued to prescribe her a variety of drugs even after she reported needing replacements because the drugs had been stolen, a caller told the doctor Dervin was doctor-shopping and a drug

screen showed she was using illegal drugs.

A physician hired by prosecutors to review patient files described Dervin as "a young woman with pain complaints, mental disorder and little to justify the high-dose opioid prescribing she was receiving."

The consultant, Dr. Stephen Thomas, alleged that Toret had "actively ignored" an underlying addiction and engaged in "haphazard prescribing that was the proximate mechanism of her death."

Morgan's October 2016 death in a Kansas hotel room occurred days after Toret prescribed him oxycodone.

Police in Emporia, Kansas, said the 30-year-old Morgan's cellphone contained a text to Toret's wife that sought scripts for "high strength doses of opioid analgesics" eight days before he died.

Thomas, the prosecutors' pain management consultant, said Morgan's chief complaint when he first met with Toret in June 2015 was lower back pain from a vehicle accident.

"From the outset, the treatment was prescription opioids in the absence of a clear structural diagnosis," Thomas told police.

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City of Manhattan Agenda for Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION
MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER
21, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room. Mayor Linda Morse and Commissioners Michael L. Dodson, Wynn Butler, Karen McCulloh, and Usha Reddi were present. Also present were the City Manager Ron R. Fehr, Deputy City Manager Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager Kiel Mangus, City Attorney Katharine Jackson, City Clerk Gary S. Fees, 16 staff, and approximately 30 interested citizens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Morsaled the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS

Kansas State University-Interim Associate Provost – International Programs Grant Chapman; Mayor Linda Morse; and City Manager Ron Fehr recognized Commissioner Usha Reddi, recipient of the 2017 Innovative Educator of the Year Award from Kansas State University, Office of International Programs.

Mayor Linda Morse, City Manager Ron Fehr, and Kansas Government Finance Officers Association President Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director, City of Prairie Village, recognized Bernie Hayen, Director of Finance, recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Lifetime Achievement Award.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Morse proclaimed November 24, 2017, Festival of Lights. Brad Everett and Colin Noble, Original Founders, and Belinda K. McMillan-Snyder, Whoville, Inc., were present to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Morse proclaimed November 25, 2017, Small Business Saturday. Dustin Taylor, owner, Kansurance, and Small Business Council of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce representative, was present to receive the proclamation.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Reddi wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels. She stated there would be a Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 23, 2017, at Old Chicago and that Mayor Morse would be at the event to welcome those attending and encouraged everyone to attend. She reminded citizens to shop locally and support the community. She said the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Old Chicago is a wonderful event and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Butler stated that Johnny Kawin City Park

would be decorated with a Santa Claus hat and festive lights this year. He encouraged everyone to attend the Festival of Lights event on Friday, November 24, 2017, and stated that if anyone is interested in contributing to this worthy cause, please contact the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation and make a contribution to Whoville.

Mayor Morse encouraged citizens to watch the newspaper and websites for all the upcoming events this holiday season. She stated that Friday, December 1, 2017, is the Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade and will start at 5:30 p.m. from the Manhattan Town Center to Aggieville. She said that Friday, November 24, 2017, is the tree lighting ceremony at the Blue Earth Plaza and Small Business Saturday is on November 25, 2017.

**CONSENT AGENDA
(* denotes those items discussed)**

MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

CLAIMS REGISTER NO. 2864

The Commission approved Claims Register No. 2864 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from November 1, 2017 - November 14, 2017, in the amount of \$3,068,257.47.

LICENSES

The Commission approved a Merchant Guard Agency License for calendar year 2018 for G4S Secure Solutions (USA), Inc., 1100 Main Street, Suite 1340, Kansas City, Missouri; PBP Management Group, Inc., 2102 East 21st Street, Suite C, Wichita, Kansas; Prudential Security, Inc., 20600 Eureka Road, Suite 900, Taylor, Michigan; and VendTech Enterprise, LLC, 250 North Rock Road, Suite 360, Wichita, Kansas; a Tree Maintenance License for calendar year 2018 for Capital City Tree Care, Inc., 7920 Northwest 35th Street, Silver Lake, Kansas; Tree Biologics, Inc., 2880 Zeandale Road; and Tree Man-MHK, 2104 Fox Meadows; and an annual Cereal Malt Beverages Off-Premises License for Dillon's #15, 130 Sarber Lane, and Hop-N-Skip, 2233 Tuttle Creek Boulevard.

ORDINANCE NO. 7324 – ISSUE – GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SERIES 2017-D

The Commission accepted the bid from Robert W. Baird and Co., Inc., of Red Bank, New Jersey, and approved Ordinance No. 7324 issuing \$9,230,000.00 in general obligation improvement and refunding bonds (Series 2017-D) for the following ten (10) capital projects (\$5,530,000.00): Marlatt Bridge Channel (SM1307); Manhattan Public Library Children's Expansion (SP1301); Wildcat Creek Lift Station, Phase 2 (SS1211);

Wildcat Creek Lift Station Bank Stabilization Project (SS1424); 2012 Waterline Improvements (WA1202); Westwood/Elm/Walnut Water Line Replacement (WA1308); Fourth Street and Pottawatomie Avenue Water Line Replacement (WA1309); 900 Block of Old Claflin Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement (SS1307); Wildcat Ridge Sanitary Sewer System Replacement (SS1308); and Poliska Lane Stormwater Improvements (SM1606); and the refunding of Series 2008-C (\$450,000.00) and the refunding of Series 2010-B (\$3,250,000.00).

RESOLUTION NO. 112117-A – DELIVERY OF BONDS – GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SERIES 2017-D

The Commission approved Resolution No. 112117-A authorizing delivery of the Series 2017-D bonds.

PUBLIC HEARING – INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS – MEADOWLARK HILLS

Mayor Morse opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Morse closed the public hearing.

*** ORDINANCE NO. 7325 – ISSUE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS – MEADOWLARK HILLS**

Commissioner McCulloh commented on the item and voiced concerns with the amount requested and the use of Industrial Revenue Bonds for this project.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission. He provided clarification on the use of Industrial Revenue Bonds, highlighted Meadowlark Hills history and performance with the City of Manhattan, and stated that Meadowlark Hills receives a property tax exemption by state statute.

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7325 issuing \$3 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds to fund the 2017A Series IRBs, and approved certain documents and actions in connection with the issuance for the purpose of acquiring two group homes for seniors located at 120 N. Scenic Drive, Manhattan, and 7621 Falcon Road, Riley.

RESOLUTION NO. 112117-B – ISSUE – TEMPORARY NOTE SERIES NO. 2017-04

The Commission accepted the bid from Country Club Bank, of Prairie Village, Kansas, and approved Resolution No. 112117-B issuing Temporary Note Series No. 2017-04 in the amount of \$2,495,000.00 to finance: Heritage Square South, Unit Two- Sanitary Sewer (SS1701), Street (ST1701), and Water Improvements (WA1701); and Northwing Addition, Unit Two- Stormwater (SM1709), Sanitary Sewer (SS1718), Street (ST1709), and Water Improvements (WA1712).

*** RESOLUTION NO. 112117-C – ESTABLISH – FOOD AND FARM COUNCIL**

Ron Fehr, City Manager, informed the Commission that the City received a request from the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition and the Food and Farm Taskforce to table the item for further review. He stated they would ask them to present the item at a future Joint City/County/County Commission meeting.

The Commission tabled Resolution No. 112117-C authorizing the establishment of a Food and Farm Council for Riley County and Manhattan.

NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT (SS1705, CIP #WW163P)

The Commission accepted the recommendation of the Selection Committee, and authorized City Administration to negotiate a professional services contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., of Olathe, Kansas, for the project Sanitary Sewer Collection System Maintenance and Management Assessment Project (SS1705, CIP #WW163P).

Mayor Morse opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Morse closed the public comments.

After discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner Dodson moved to approve the consent agenda and table Item G: RESOLUTION NO. 112117-C – ESTABLISH – FOOD AND FARM COUNCIL. Commissioner McCulloh seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0, with the exception of Item E: ORDINANCE NO. 7325 – ISSUE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS – MEADOWLARK HILLS, which carried 4-1 with Commissioner McCulloh voting against the item.

GENERAL AGENDA

TABLE CONTRACT /CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 9 - CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PEACE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM IMPROVEMENTS (PR1704)

Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented an overview of the item. He highlighted the project timeline, bid summary and alternates of the Parks and Recreation Peace Memorial Auditorium improvements, discussed alternatives and options for consideration, and highlighted fundraising efforts by the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium. He asked the Commission to table the item and allow City staff to continue to evaluate the bid pricing and then bring the item back to the Commission with additional information.

After comments from the

Commission, Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions from the Commission. He stated that the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium would prefer the project be fully completed rather than only the basic audio component. He informed the Commission that the contractors have agreed to extend their bids for 30 days and provided clarification that the \$65,000.00 in the Capital Improvements Program from the Special Parks and Recreation Fund was intended to be used for stage curtain replacement, stage floor repair and refinish, and replacement of tables and chairs.

He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding pricing options, bids and alternates, and the amount of funds raised by the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium.

Bruce McMillan, Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, provided additional information and clarification on the base bid amounts received and the bid alternates.

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, provided additional information and funding required regarding the two audio only options and the audio and lighting option presented.

Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation, informed the Commission that the initial goal was to fundraise \$500,000.00 for both the auditorium and the foyer improvements. He stated that the preference from the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium is to do both the audio and lighting improvements. He then responded to additional questions from the Commission and stated that he was looking for direction from the Commission.

Mayor Morse opened the public comments.

Dave Fiser, President, Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium, recognized the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium Board members in attendance. He informed the Commission that the group is very proud of the Peace Memorial Auditorium foyer and provided approximately

\$100,000.00 for the foyer project as well as design fees. He presented an update on the item and stated that the original estimate is not sufficient to complete the total project the way the group believes it should be completed. He provided background information on working with Bruce McMillan, the City Commission, and City staff and said the group would prefer to get the audio and lighting done at the same time. He provided an update on fundraising efforts and informed the Commission that the group has raised \$347,039.00 in cash to date and have additional pledges for the project. He stated that the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium are willing to continue to work on fundraising, desire to see one of the bids move forward, and want to continue to work with the City Commission

and City staff to complete the project. He then responded to questions from the Commission and thanked the Commission for their support.

Bruce McMillan, Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, responded to questions from the Commission and provided additional information on the Architect's Bid Estimate and clarification on the bid alternates. He stated that the proposal is the basic package.

Dave Fiser, President, Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium, informed the Commission that the group is interested in a stage that is good enough for a production, at an economical price, and to make Peace Memorial Auditorium a community facility for everyday use.

After comments from the Commission, Dave Fiser, President, Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium, responded to additional questions from the Commission about the project. He stated the group is working with family trusts and continuing to work with many different donors. He said the foyer project is very nice and the group is committed to work with the Commission, the project architect, and City staff to complete the entire project.

Barbara Poresky, 3905 Barbara Lane, Treasurer, Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium, stated that she has spent a lot of time on the plans, bid specifications and reviewing the bids and information received. She then responded to questions from the Commission.

Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions from the Commission and provided clarification on the costs for each option presented.

Dave Fiser, President, Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium, reiterated that the group is committed to work further on the project, stated the bids are good bids, and encouraged the Commission to move forward.

Randi Dale, 2416 Rogers-Boulevard, voiced her appreciation to the Commission and provided recent events and presentations held in Peace Memorial Auditorium. She stated that sound is very important and that the wiring on the stage needs to be updated. She informed the Commission that there would be a Holiday Musical Recital on December 8, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., with the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Tau Chapter and encouraged the community to attend.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Morse closed the public comments.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission and potential funding options for consideration.

Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions from the Commission and provided an

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overview of the 10 alternates, improvements and project funding considerations.

Commissioner Dodson requested additional information on the pricing and wanted City staff to come back with costs for each item, element by element. He voiced support for continuing to move forward with the project, but wanted additional information as well as prioritization on the items.

Commissioner McCulloh stated the group is not looking to do the Taj Mahal and are doing well with basic lighting and audio components. She voiced support to make the necessary improvement to Peace Memorial Auditorium so that more groups would use the Auditorium.

Commissioner Butler voiced his appreciation on an excellent job in completing the foyer and informed the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium group that they have done a great job on the private fundraising so far. He voiced concern with mission creep for the project and stated that he did not want to see another dollar of taxpayer money go into this project right now. He stated the costs could be cut down based on what end-users of the Auditorium would need and the criterion.

Bruce McMillan, Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, provided additional information on the specifications in consultation with the audio and theatrical consultant. He informed the Commission that this is a basic audio and lighting component package with some additional lights. He stated that he would re-evaluate the items and pricing with the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium and City staff and then bring the item back to the Commission with additional information.

Commissioner Reddi stated that she needs more information on the items and pricing. She also wanted to see what are the other options as a reference to the current pricing, based on a very basic option as well as what electrical issues are needed.

Mayor Morse stated that electrical upgrades is needed to be made to Peace Memorial Auditorium and that lighting and audio needs to be improved and prioritized. She wanted to continue to work with the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium and thanked them for their efforts. She stated that this is an important feature of City Hall, for the community and for the Parks and Recreation Department, and wanted to complete the project as economically as possible.

possible.

After discussion and additional comments from the Commission, Commissioner Butler moved to table the item for the Peace Memorial Auditorium construction contract and design contract until we can get further information. Commissioner McCulloh seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

At 8:40 p.m., the Commission took a brief recess.

PETITION/RESOLUTION NO. 112117-D/AGREEMENT - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - STONECREEK BUSINESS CENTER/CUMBERLAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (ST1710)

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, presented an overview of the item. He highlighted the subject property area, the aerial maps of the property, the aerial map of the Blueville Addition, the petition request, the rules and regulations for consideration, and the recommendation from City Administration. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding the Blueville Addition process, the petition process and benefit district, and the proposed improvements to the intersection of Cumberland Road and Scenic Drive.

After additional comments from the Commission, Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, responded to questions from the Commission regarding the alignment of Cumberland Road and Wildcat Creek Road, the width of Cumberland Road, speed limits, drainage, and future considerations for Transportation Development Districts in development areas.

After further discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner Butler moved to find the petition sufficient; approve Resolution No. 112117-D, finding the project advisable and authorizing construction; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Alfred Benesch & Company, of Manhattan, Kansas, in an amount not to exceed \$253,000.00, for the Stonecreek Business Center/Cumberland Road Street Improvements (ST1710). Mayor Morse seconded the motion.

Mayor Morse opened the public comments.

Doug Hinkin, representing Stonecreek Family Physicians, 1426 Sharingbrook Drive, informed the Commission that the presentation covered all the

points they were concerned about. He stated that they have a lot of employees and patients that want to make a left turn and this will help as well as provide an emergency access. He commented about drainage and stated that they are 100 percent behind this proposal.

Travis Wymer, Advanced Dental Arts, informed the Commission that he passed out the petition and received 100 percent approval.

Brad Waller, Alfred Benesch, provided clarification on the proposed 24-foot wide road and informed the Commission that no curb and gutter is planned right now. He responded to questions from the Commission and stated that the decision to use asphalt or concrete is yet to be determined.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Morse closed the public comments.

On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

FIRST READING - AMEND - MANHATTAN URBAN AREA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (ADOPT AND INCORPORATE THE FLINT HILLS/FORT RILEY JOINT LAND USE STUDY UPDATE, AUGUST 2017)

Chad Bunker, Assistant Director for Community Development, presented an overview of the item. He highlighted the process and history of the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), presented a map of the study area boundary, provided a map of the Land Use Planning Zone and noise impact area, and presented a map of the Noise Disclosure Boundary. He outlined other recommendations including an implementation committee, the growth plan for Blue Township, the regional geographic information system database, the habitat-protection practices and initiatives, the Wildcat Creek flood risk reduction, and the housing market analysis. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding measuring criteria for noise, notifications and educational efforts, and highlighted the Noise Disclosure Boundary map.

After comments from the Commission, Chad Bunker, Assistant Director for Community Development, provided additional information on communication and education efforts with Fort Riley and discussions with a local abstract company and the Riley County Register of Deeds Office. He also highlighted the Land Use Planning Zone (LUPZ) map and movements in the LUPZ from 2005

to 2011 to 2015.

Eric Cattell, Director of Community Development, informed the Commission that the JLUS information is on the City's website and there is an interactive web page that also links to the Fort Riley web page with information regarding training events.

Mayor Morse opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Morse closed the public comments.

After discussion and comments from the Commission, Commissioner McCulloh moved to approve first reading of an ordinance amending the Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan by adopting and incorporating by reference the Flint Hills/Fort Riley Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Update, dated August 2017, and adding the necessary citations to Chapter 4, Chapter 6, and Appendix B, and deleting the dates of the JLUS on page 123, as proposed. Commissioner Reddi seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION - PET LICENSING

Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager, presented an overview of the item. He provided information on the City's current licensing process, the annual license sales collected and license fees, the current enforcement process, and the number of animal control service calls dispatched to Animal Control. He informed the Commission that a public meeting was held on June 29, 2017, to receive feedback from the veterinary community on possible changes to the pet licensing process. He then responded to questions from the Commission and provided proposed and possible changes to the current process and ordinance.

Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided clarification on the number of pets licensed and those pets that are vaccinated.

Tom Lindquist, representing Little Apple Veterinary Hospital, 909 South Seth Child Road, provided information on licensing compliance of pet owners and voiced concerns regarding sharing private client information and vaccination information. He stated that maintaining client confidentiality is one of the standards, which must be met in order to maintain their accreditation. He then responded to questions from the Commission regarding client confidentiality and the potential to combine rabies vaccinations and licenses at their business.

He stated that Wichita's model seems like the best way to increase compliance and make it easier for the client to get a license from the City.

Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager, informed the Commission that based on the public meeting with local veterinarians, there were concerns expressed about handling the license process and requiring veterinarians to provide vaccination records to the City. He informed the Commission that they would likely have to increase the current pet license costs. He then responded to questions from the Commission and provided clarification on the license costs for spayed/neutered and unsprayed/unneutered pets.

Tom Lindquist, representing Little Apple Veterinary Hospital, 909 South Seth Child Road, responded to questions from the Commission regarding cost of rabies vaccinations and the ability to microchip a pet versus having two separate tags.

Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager, informed the Commission that providing public health and safety is an important aspect of pet licensing. He responded to questions from the Commission about the current licensing fees established by ordinance and the potential for veterinarians to handle licensing of dogs and cats.

After comments from the Commission, Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager, informed the Commission that the City does not currently actively seek out those pet owners that are not in compliance or issue a violation. He responded to questions from the Commission regarding enforcement provisions and efforts to increase pet licensing compliance.

Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions from the Commission and stated that Fort Riley is providing their own animal control services.

After additional discussion and comments from the Commission, Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager, responded to questions from the Commission on the desire to improve the current pet licensing and enforcement process as well as to continue working with veterinarians to find a possible solution that will achieve greater efficiencies and compliance with pet licensing requirements.

Mayor Morse opened the public comments.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Morse closed the public comments.

This was a discussion item only and the Commission took no formal action.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:38 p.m., the Commission adjourned.

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Trump lashes out at FBI in a series of tweets

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump launched a fresh attack Sunday on the credibility of his own FBI, responding to revelations that an FBI agent was removed from special counsel Robert Mueller's team investigating Russian election meddling because of anti-Trump text messages.

Trump, two days after his former national security adviser Michael Flynn pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI, again denied that he directed FBI Director James Comey to stop investigating Flynn.

The Republican president offered a running Twitter commentary Sunday amid renewed focus on Mueller's probe and

Flynn's decision to cooperate with the investigation as part of his plea agreement. Democrats said the developments suggested growing evidence of coordination between Trump's circle and Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the panel is beginning to see "the putting together of a case of obstruction of justice" against Trump.

"I think we see this in indictments ... and some of the comments that are being made. I see this in the hyperfrenetic attitude of the White House, the comments every day, the continual tweets," Feinstein said. "And I

see it most importantly in what happened with the firing of Director Comey, and it is my belief that that is directly because he did not agree to lift the cloud of the Russia investigation. That's obstruction of justice."

In a series of tweets, Trump questioned the direction of the federal law enforcement agency and wrote that after Comey, whom Trump fired in May, the FBI's reputation is "in Tatters — worst in History!" He vowed to "bring it back to greatness." The president also retweeted a post saying new FBI Director Chris Wray "needs to clean house."

The president seized on reports that a veteran FBI counterintelligence agent was

removed from Mueller's team last summer after the discovery of an exchange of text messages that were viewed as potentially anti-Trump. The agent, Peter Strzok, had also worked on the investigation of Democrat Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server.

Peter Carr, a spokesman for Mueller, said Mueller removed Strzok from the team "immediately upon learning of the allegations." He would not elaborate on the nature of the accusations. The person who discussed the matter with The Associated Press was not authorized to speak about it by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Topeka Capital-Journal Declares War on Masterson

Editorial
By The Sentinel

The Topeka Capital-Journal editorial board lobbed heavy artillery at Sen. Ty Masterson. It was an attack without provocation launched from an office far removed from Masterson's constituents.

The reason for the editorial board's pre-emptive strike? Masterson speaks eloquently about the principles of small government and individual liberties. Apparently, that's reason enough for the Cap-J's editorial board to lob written missives in Masterson's direction.

Masterson called a now-vetoed tax bill to retroactively increase taxes on everyday Kansans, a "piece of garbage" and said the bill's supporters targeted the middle class.

"This is your best shot? Think about who you're shooting at," he said. "We should not be raising taxes on hard-working Kansans when we have not even looked at the other side of

the ledger."

Editorial writers accuse Masterson of making government the enemy for these words: "Kansas is not the government. Kansas is our neighbors and our friends, and it is our responsibility to make sure than an out-of-touch government doesn't continue to demand more and more of their money."

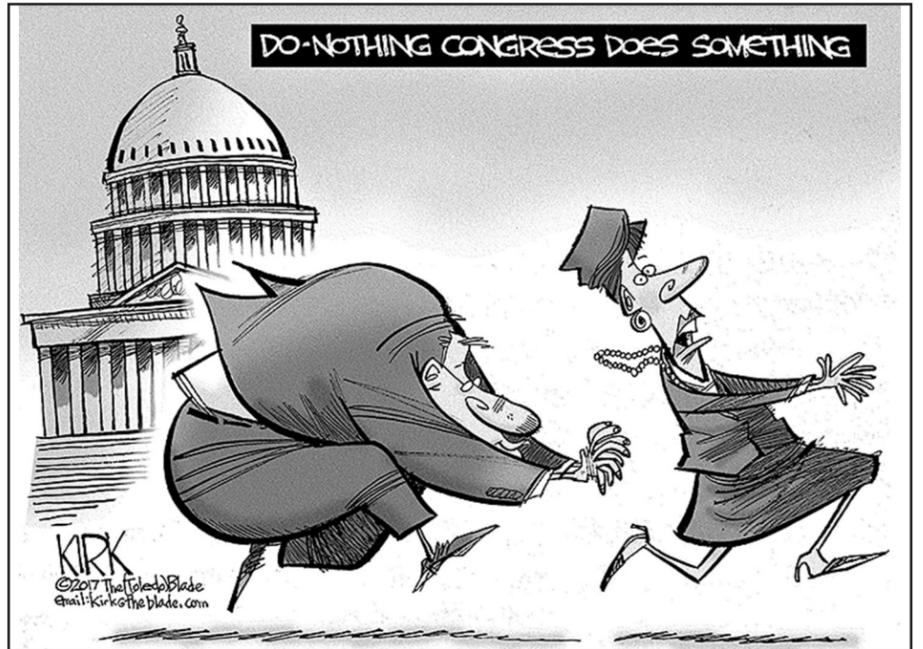
If those words make government the enemy, it's safe to say the Cap-J went out of its way to make Masterson an enemy of its readers. The writers use deception as a means to pretend allowing Kansans to keep more of the money they earned is somehow akin to destruction. They write about increasing student debt due to tuition increases, despite the fact that tuition is up around the nation—and not just in Kansas. They write that delayed KDOT projects cost construction companies work, never questioning whether its the government's role. They write of lower K-12 funding, despite the fact that schools are spending more money than ever be-

fore.

Most egregiously, the writers contend that retroactive, punitive taxes on businesses and individuals are "sensible," though they can't be bothered to offer anything other than their own opinion on what constitutes "sensible."

Honest people can disagree about how best to provide state services, but attacking an individual for holding strong to principles doesn't help. Masterson isn't likely to change his mind simply because a newspaper lobs missives in his direction. Instead, he's more likely to build a defense and fight harder. The Cap-J editorial board would be wiser to list solutions.

If those editorialists want to declare war on principled conservatives, they should pick up a copy of Sun Tzu's Art of War and choose their battles more carefully. Calling out a popular state Senator for holding fast to principle isn't a battle a wise warrior chooses.



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Judicial Watch Releases 29 Pages of FBI Clinton-Lynch Tarmac Meeting Documents Previously Withheld by Justice Department

FBI Concerned About Preventing Damage from Leakers

Judicial Watch

(Washington, DC) – Judicial Watch today released 29 pages of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) documents related to the June 27, 2016, tarmac meeting between former Attorney General Loretta Lynch and former President Bill Clinton. The documents show that FBI officials were more concerned about leaks than the actual meeting itself. The new documents also show that then-FBI Director Comey seemed to learn of the meeting from news reports.

The new documents were obtained by Judicial Watch in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice (No. 1:16-cv-02046)) filed after the Justice Department failed to comply with a July 7, 2016, FOIA request seeking:

All FD-302 forms prepared

pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's investigation of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private e-mail server during her tenure.

All records of communications between any agent, employee, or representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding, concerning, or related to the aforementioned investigation. This request includes, but is not limited to, any related communications with any official, employee, or representative of the Department of Justice, the Executive Office of the President, the Democratic National Committee, and/or the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton.

All records related to the meeting between Attorney General Lynch and former President Bill Clinton on June 27, 2016.

The new FBI documents show FBI officials were con-

cerned about a leak that Bill Clinton delayed his aircraft taking off in order to "maneuver" a meeting with the attorney general. The resulting story in the Observer is seemingly confirmed and causes a flurry of emails about the source of the article. FBI official(s) write "we need to find that guy" and that the Phoenix FBI office was contacted "in an attempt to stem any further damage." Another FBI official, working on AG Lynch's security detail, suggests instituting non-disclosure agreements. The names of the emails authors are redacted. There are no documents showing concern about the meeting itself.

The FBI originally informed Judicial Watch they could not locate any records related to the tarmac meeting. However, in a related FOIA lawsuit, the Justice Department located emails in which Justice Department officials communicated with the FBI and wrote that they had communicated with the FBI. As a result, by letter dated August 10, 2017, from the FBI stated, "Upon further review, we subsequently determined poten-

tially responsive documents may exist. As a result, your [FOIA] request has been reopened..."

On June 27, 2016, Attorney General Loretta Lynch met with former President Bill Clinton on board a parked plane at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting occurred during the then-ongoing investigation of Mrs. Clinton's email server, and only a few days before she was interviewed the Justice Department and FBI. (Judicial Watch filed a request on June 30 that the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General investigate that meeting.)

The tarmac meeting also

came just days before former FBI Director James Comey held the July 5, 2016, press conference in which he announced that no charges would be filed against Mrs. Clinton. In his subsequent, May 3, 2017, testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Comey said the Lynch-Clinton tarmac meeting was the "capper" among "a number of things" that had caused him to determine that Department of Justice leadership "could not credibly complete the investigation and decline prosecution without grievous damage to the American people's confidence in the justice system."

"These new FBI documents

show the FBI was more concerned about a whistleblower who told the truth about the infamous Clinton-Lynch tarmac meeting than the scandalous meeting itself," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "The documents show the FBI worked to make sure no more details of the meeting would be revealed to the American people. No wonder the FBI didn't turn these documents over until Judicial Watch caught the agency red-handed hiding them. These new documents confirm the urgent need to reopen the Clinton email scandal and criminally investigate the resulting Obama FBI/DOJ sham investigation."

New Director Alone Can't Fix 'Rogue' Consumer Agency

Judicial Watch

Of all the high-profile men that have gone down recently for sexual harassment, none of the accused politicians have suffered any consequences indicating that elected officials are immune from punishment. In the last few weeks powerful entertainment figures, prominent television news personalities and a top political journalist have been fired for sexual harassment while members of Congress embroiled in similar scandals remain in power.

Minnesota Senator Al Franken simply issued a public apology for groping and demeaning women, telling a local newspaper "I've let a lot of people down and I'm hoping I can make it up to them and gradually regain their trust." In a social media post, the Democratic lawmaker dedicated a heartfelt "I am sorry" to all who have considered him an ally, supporter and champion of women. Veteran Michigan Congressman John Conyers took the amnesia route, claiming that he knew nothing about secretly paying a staffer—with taxpayer funds from his office budget—to make a sexual harassment scandal vanish. Multiple former staff members also accuse the 88-year-old lawmaker, the longest serving House member and until a few days ago the ranking Democrat on the powerful Judiciary Committee, of sexual harassment. A few years ago, Conyers got busted for illegally forcing congressional staffers to be personal servants and work on state and local campaigns, but he wasn't even disciplined. This seems to be par for the course in Washington.

A few years ago, Judicial Watch sued a Florida congressman with a long history of deceit and corruption, for sexually harassing a female employee. The Democratic legislator, Alcee Hastings, was impeached by Congress as a federal judge after getting caught in a scandal involving the solicitation of a \$150,000 bribe in return for "fa-

vorable treatment for defendants in a racketeering case before him." The disgraced judge was an unindicted co-conspirator, but there was enough evidence against him for Congress to boot him from the bench. Hastings is one of only six federal judges to be impeached by Congress and removed from the bench. Appropriately, he joined one of the nation's most corrupt enterprises and has flourished by committing a multitude of misdeeds that include mixing work as a public servant with romance. Earlier this year Hastings was in hot water after a watchdog revealed he gave his girlfriend the maximum taxpayer salary for five consecutive years to work in a field office. Top congressional salaries are supposed to go to the Washington D.C.-based chief of staff.

Judicial Watch's lawsuit against Hastings was on behalf of a female employee that he regularly harassed. Her name is Winsome Packer and she was repeatedly subjected to "unwelcome sexual advances, unwelcome touching" and retaliation by Hastings when he chaired the United States Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. For over two years, from January 2008 through February 19, 2010, Packer was forced to endure unwelcome sexual advances, crude sexual comments, and unwelcome touching by Hastings while serving as the Representative of the Commission to the United States Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Although Packer repeatedly rejected Hastings' sexual attention and complained about the harassment to the Commission Staff Director, Fred Turner, Hastings refused to stop sexually harassing her. Instead, the congressman and Turner retaliated against Packer—including making threats of termination—because she continued to object to Hastings' conduct.



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Mayfield, Jackson, Love are Heisman Trophy finalists

Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield made Heisman Trophy history just by being selected as a finalist.

Mayfield, reigning Heisman winner Lamar Jackson of Louisville and Stanford running back Bryce Love were chosen as finalists for the 83rd Heisman Trophy on Monday night.

The award for most outstanding college football player will be given out Saturday night in New York.

Mayfield and Jackson are finalists for the second straight year, and Jackson is trying to become the second player to win two Heismans, joining former Ohio State star Archie Griffin.

Mayfield, though, will come to Manhattan as the clear favorite. He finished fourth in the Heisman voting in 2015, but was not invited to New York. Last year, he was one of five finalists and finished third behind Jackson and Clemson's Deshaun Watson.

Mayfield is the seventh player to finish in the top five of Heisman voting three times, joining Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard of Army, Doak Walker of SMU, Griffin, Herschel Walker of Georgia and Tim Tebow of Florida.

The Heisman has been naming finalists and bringing them to New York for the presentation since 1982. Mayfield is the ninth Oklahoma player to be selected as a finalist, matching Miami for the most from one school.

Mayfield is trying to become the sixth Heisman winner from Oklahoma and third Sooners quarterback (Jason White and Sam Bradford) to win since 2003.

This season, Mayfield has led the No. 2 Sooners (12-1) to the Big 12 championship and the College Football Playoff. Oklahoma plays Georgia (12-1) in the Rose Bowl semifinal on Jan. 1. Mayfield leads the nation in efficiency rating at 203.76 and has thrown for 4,340 yards and 41 touchdowns.

Jackson's numbers have been better than last season in some categories, but Louisville (8-4) has not had the big wins to go with it. With little fanfare, the quarterback is averaging 411 total yards — up from 393 last season — and accounted for 42 touchdowns.

"I'm honored to be chosen as a finalist with these two outstanding players," Jackson said in a statement. "They both had great seasons and deserve this tremendous honor. I want to thank all my teammates and coaches for achieving this honor together."

Griffin won back-to-back Heisman trophies for Ohio State in 1974 and '75.

Love is second in the nation in rushing at 164.42 yards per game and is averaging 8.32 yards per carry for the 15th-ranked Cardinal. An ankle injury slowed Love the last month of the season, but he still led the nation in rushes of at least 50 yards with 12. He also scored 17 touchdowns.

2017-18 Bowl Football Games

Saturday, Dec. 16 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
New Orleans Bowl	Troy vs. North Texas	1 p.m.	ESPN	Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans
Cure Bowl	Western Kentucky vs. Georgia State	2:30 p.m.	CBSSN	Camping World Stadium, Orlando, Fla.
Las Vegas Bowl	Oregon vs. Boise State	3:30 p.m.	ABC	Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas
New Mexico Bowl	Marshall vs. Colorado State	4:30 p.m.	ESPN	Dreamstyle Stadium, Albuquerque, N.M.
Camellia Bowl	Arkansas State vs. Middle Tennessee	8 p.m.	ESPN	Cramton Bowl, Montgomery, Ala.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Boca Raton Bowl	FAU vs. Akron	7 p.m.	ESPN	FAU Stadium, Boca Raton, Fla.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 bowl games

Bowl game	Team	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Frisco Bowl	SMU vs. Louisiana Tech	8 p.m.	ESPN	Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas

Thursday, Dec. 21 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Gasparilla Bowl	FIU vs. Temple	8 p.m.	ESPN	Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Friday, Dec. 22 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Bahamas Bowl	Ohio vs. UAB	12:30 p.m.	ESPN	Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium, Tallahassee, Fla.
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	Central Michigan vs. Wyoming	4 p.m.	ESPN	Albertsons Stadium, Boise, Idaho

Saturday, Dec. 23 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Birmingham Bowl	Texas Tech vs. South Florida	12 p.m.	ESPN	Legion Field, Birmingham, Ala.
Armed Forces Bowl	Army vs. San Diego State	3:30 p.m.	ESPN	Amon G. Carter Stadium, Fort Worth, Texas
Dollar General Bowl	Toledo vs. Appalachian State	7 p.m.	ESPN	Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Ala.

Sunday, Dec. 24 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Hawai'i Bowl	Fresno State vs. Houston	8:30 p.m.	ESPN	Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Tuesday, Dec. 26 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Heart of Dallas Bowl	West Virginia vs. Utah	1:30 p.m.	ESPN	Cotton Bowl, Dallas
Quick Lane Bowl	Duke vs. Northern Illinois	5:15 p.m.	ESPN	Ford Field, Detroit
Cactus Bowl	Kansas State vs. UCLA	10 p.m.	ESPN	Phoenix

Wednesday, Dec. 27 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Independence Bowl	Florida State vs. Southern Miss	1:30 p.m.	ESPN	Shreveport, La.
Pinstripe Bowl	Iowa vs. Boston College	5:15 p.m.	ESPN	Yankee Stadium
Foster Farms Bowl	Arizona vs. Purdue	8:30 p.m.	FOX	Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif.
Texas Bowl	Texas vs. Missouri	9 p.m.	ESPN	NRG Stadium, Houston

Thursday, Dec. 28 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Military Bowl	Navy vs. Virginia	1:30 p.m.	ESPN	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium
Camping World Bowl	Virginia Tech vs. Oklahoma State	5:15 p.m.	ESPN	Camping World Stadium, Orlando, Fla.
Alamo Bowl	Stanford vs. TCU	9 p.m.	ESPN	San Antonio, Texas
Holiday Bowl	Michigan State vs. Washington State	9 p.m.	FOX	Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego

Friday, Dec. 29 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Belk Bowl	Texas A&M vs. Wake Forest	1 p.m.	ESPN	Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte, N.C.
Sun Bowl	Arizona State vs. NC State	3 p.m.	CBS	Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas
Music City Bowl	Kentucky vs. Northwestern	4:30 p.m.	ESPN	Nissan Stadium, Nashville, Tenn.
Arizona Bowl	New Mexico State vs. Utah State	5:30 p.m.	CBSSN	Arizona Stadium, Tucson, Ari.
Cotton Bowl	Ohio State vs. USC	8:30 p.m.	ESPN	AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas

Saturday, Dec. 30 bowl games

Bowl game	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
TaxSlayer Bowl	Louisville vs. Mississippi State	12 p.m.	ESPN	EverBank Field, Jacksonville, Fla.
Liberty Bowl	Memphis vs. Iowa State	1:30 p.m.	ABC	Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, Memphis, Tenn.
Fiesta Bowl	Penn State vs. Washington	4 p.m.	ESPN	University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ari.
Orange Bowl	Miami vs. Wisconsin	8 p.m.	ESPN	Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla.

Monday, Jan. 1 bowl games

Bowl games	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
Outback Bowl	Michigan vs. South Carolina	12 p.m.	ESPN2	Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla.
Peach Bowl	Auburn vs. UCF	12:30 p.m.	ESPN	Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta
Citrus Bowl	Notre Dame vs. LSU	1 p.m.	ABC	Orlando, Fla.
Rose Bowl (Semifinal)	Oklahoma vs. Georgia	5 p.m.	ESPN	Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
Sugar Bowl (Semifinal)	Clemson vs. Alabama	8:45 p.m.	ESPN	Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans

Monday, Jan. 8 bowl games

Bowl games	Teams	Time (ET)	TV channel	Location
National Championship Game	Semifinal winners	8 p.m.	ESPN	Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta

Scott Frost bringing 7 UCF assistants with him to Nebraska

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—New Nebraska coach Scott Frost will bring seven of his assistant coaches from Central Florida with him to Lincoln.

Frost announced Monday that UCF staffers joining him will be offensive line coach Greg Austin, defensive coordinator Erik Chinander, defensive line coach Mike Dawson, outside linebackers-special teams coach Jovan Dewitt, defensive backs coach Travis Fisher, running backs coach Ryan Held and quarterbacks coach Mario Verduzco.

"This is an outstanding group of coaches and men of tremendous character who have played a key role in our success at UCF the past two seasons," Frost said. "They are excellent teachers, mentors and recruiters and have earned great respect from the young men who play for them. I am proud they have chosen to join our staff as we get started at Nebraska."

Troy Walters, the Knights' offensive coordinator and receivers coach, is UCF's interim coach and a candidate for the permanent job. The other UCF assistant not on Frost's list of hires was tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator Sean Beckton.

The staff has a Nebraska flavor. Austin was an offensive lineman for the Huskers from 2003-06 and Held was a walk-on receiver in 1994-95. Barrett Ruud, a star linebacker for the Huskers from 2001-04, also is on the staff but his assignment has not been announced.

The assistants will all have two-year contracts through Dec. 31, 2019. All of the coaches are currently part-time employees to allow them to coach UCF in the Peach Bowl against Auburn. Their status will change to full-time after the UCF bowl game.

Frost's contract has not been finalized, but according to a memorandum of understanding released Monday he will have a salary pool of up to \$5 million a year for his assistant coaches. Frost has committed \$3.175 million in salaries so far: Chinander (\$800,000), Austin (\$475,000), Dawson (\$475,000), Dewitt (\$475,000), Verduzco (\$350,000), Fisher (\$300,000) and Held (\$300,000).

Frost can have three more full-time assistants. The NCAA is allowing a 10th assistant for the first time beginning in January.

Frost, who agreed to a seven-year deal totaling \$35 million, can earn bonuses totaling almost \$1 million if he's able to win conference and national championships in the same year, according to the memorandum signed on Nov. 27, six days before he was announced as the new coach.

His bonus structure calls for him to be paid \$100,000 for winning or tying for first in the Big Ten West, \$200,000 for appearing in the conference championship game or \$300,000 for winning the league title. He



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K-State Headed to Cactus Bowl

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Following two dramatic wins to close out the regular season in a tie for the fourth place in the Big 12 standings, K-State Nation is heading to Phoenix as Kansas State officials announced today that the Wildcats have accepted an invitation to play UCLA in the 2017 Cactus Bowl on Tuesday, December 26.

The game, which will be K-State's fourth appearance in the bowl formerly known as the Copper, Insight.com and Buffalo Wild Wings bowls, pits the Big 12 and the Pac-12 and will be played at Chase Field at 8 p.m. CT, with a nationwide television audience watching on ESPN.

"I am very proud of our team and coaches for ending the season with four wins in the final five games and earning a bowl invitation for the eighth straight season," said Athletics Director Gene Taylor. "We look forward to showcasing our football program and Kansas State University in the Cactus Bowl, and I know our fans are excited to show their outstanding support in Phoenix while our football student-athletes, coaches and staff are provided a first-class experience."

The Wildcats (7-5) will be playing in their 21st bowl game in school history and 19th under Bill Snyder as the Cats are 8-10 all-time in bowls under the legendary and hall of fame head coach. Following 11-straight bowls from 1993-2003 under Snyder, the Cats have now gone bowling in each of the last eight seasons.

K-State heads into bowl season as one of the hottest teams in the Big 12, winning its final two games over No. 10 Oklahoma State and Iowa State. The Wildcats' road to the Cactus Bowl began with three wins in their first four games. Three straight close losses dropped

the Cats to 3-4 on the year before a Sunflower Showdown win over KU and a thrilling road win at Texas Tech moved the team to 5-4. Following a heartbreaking loss to West Virginia, K-State went on the road to No. 10 Oklahoma State and became the first unranked Snyder team to defeat a Top 10 team on the road before closing the season with a walk-off win over Iowa State to move to 7-5.

"We are proud of the young men in our program for the way they improved throughout the season and very pleased to represent Kansas State University and the Big 12 Conference in the Cactus Bowl," said head coach Bill Snyder. "The Cactus Bowl is a first-class bowl organization with a rich history, and we appreciate the entire bowl staff for their efforts and support of our program."

"We have a wonderful fan base, and so many people that save throughout the course of the year, and the only vacation they take is the one after our (regular) season is over. They love to attend bowls and it's why we have such great attendance year in and year out at bowl games. They are fully invested in our program and this means a great deal to them."

UCLA, K-State's 2015 Valero Alamo Bowl opponent, enters the game with a 6-6 record. The Bruins hold a 2-1 advantage all-time in the series with the two teams splitting home games in 2009 and 2010 before UCLA edging out a 40-35 win in the 2015 Alamo Bowl.

K-State's seating allotment for the Cactus Bowl includes a total of 6,000 tickets, and after accommodating pre-orders, student tickets and team needs, approximately 3,000 tickets remain for the general public. All fans who placed a pre-order will receive the number of tickets that were requested. The K-State Athletics Ticket Office



Kansas State's Wide Receiver Bryan Pringle (9) pulls in a pass from the Quarterback during a game with KU. (Photo by Ben Brake)

will work over the next week to assign specific seats based on the athletic department priority points and mail pre-ordered tickets. Detailed information regarding bowl ticket order fulfillment has been emailed to fans who placed a pre-order.

Public tickets for K-State fans who did not place a pre-order are available now at the

K-State Online Ticket Office at www.kstatesports.com/bowl1-game and through the K-State Athletics Ticket Office in Bramlage Coliseum or via phone at 1-800-221-CATS between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., on Sunday and beginning again at 8:30 a.m., on Monday. Fans are strongly encouraged to order through K-State's official allot-

ment to ensure that all Wildcat fans are seated in the official K-State sections of the stadium. The location for K-State's ticket allotment at the Cactus Bowl is among the best of any bowl game with prime lower level endzone locations available for \$65.

Student tickets, priced at \$65, will go on sale at 8:30 a.m.,

Wednesday to ICAT members, while all remaining students can purchase tickets beginning Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

The K-State Alumni Association will also provide official travel packages to the bowl game. Visit the Alumni Association's official bowl travel page - <http://k-statesportstours.com> - for travel package information.

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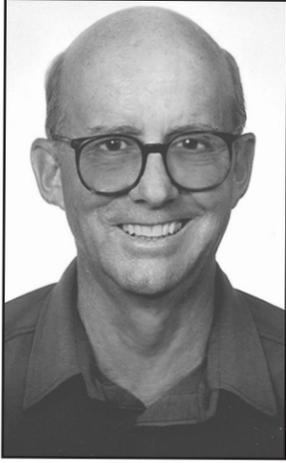
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KU's basketball team improved their record to 7-0 with the 86-70 win over Syracuse last Saturday. Point guard Devont Graham saved the Jayhawks with one of his best games, scoring 35 points and hitting seven of 13 three-point shots. Lagerald Vick played very well, scoring 20 points with eight rebounds and seven assists. The rest of the Jayhawks were average at best.

Kansas has the potential to be one of the four or five best teams in the nation, but that's dependent on whether or not forward Billy Preston becomes eligible. And having recruit Silvio De Sosa (6-9, 245) join the team at the semester break would be icing on the cake. Without Preston, KU will be limited as to how far they can go.

That brings us to a number of questions: What in the world is going on with the basketball el-



By Mac Stevenson

igibility issue of KU's freshman forward Billy Preston (6-10, 240)? Is the NCAA involved? Is it KU's administration that is doing the investigating or whatever it is that's being done? Is this just something that Preston did or are others outside the university involved? Is it the car that Preston has been driving

that's causing concern, or are there other issues?

This is similar to the Cheick Diallo situation two years ago when the NCAA wouldn't make a decision on his eligibility within a reasonable length of time. Coach Bill Self and KU's administration became involved nationally with that one and it didn't reflect favorably on the NCAA. It serves no useful purpose to make members of the NCAA look stupid "as they so often are" and that might be why the university and Self have been so secretive about what is going on with Preston.

No matter what, it's become another major frustration with KU fans; the resemblance with the Diallo episode is clear. The main difference is that Self and KU's administration have decided to stay silent publicly and that is undoubtedly a wise decision. Taking an adversarial position against the NCAA is like talking back to your commanding officer in the army, those are ill-advised actions.

If Kansas is able to add Preston and De Sousa to their roster at the semester break, the sky's the limit for the Jayhawks. Without those two, KU will have another excellent season, but there will be plenty of bumps in the road.

Wichita State enhanced their national ranking with an impressive road win (69-62) at Baylor. The Shockers were led by guards Conner Frankamp and Landry Shamet; Frankamp hit five of eight three-pointers on his way to 17 points and Shamet scored 11 points and hit three of four three-pointers.

Coach Gregg Marshall's team had a 6-1 record after the Baylor game and Wichita will become even more formidable when small-forward Markis McDuffie (6-8, 215) returns to the lineup. McDuffie is recovering from a stress fracture in his foot; he was the Shockers' leading scorer and rebounder last season.

Oklahoma's convincing 41-

17 win against TCU in the Big 12 championship football game guaranteed the Sooners a slot in the Final Four playoffs. And it fortifies the Big 12's national prestige. In addition, OU QB Baker Mayfield appears to be a cinch to win the Heisman Trophy.

The Sooners have a good chance to win the national championship behind their awesome offense and improving defense; that would indeed solidify the standing of the Big 12. It would also make the league's decision to have just 10 teams look a whole lot better. Some of the major conferences have so many teams that it's difficult to keep track of their format. If the Big 12 leaders are smart enough to leave the conference as is, it will prove an advantageous decision over time.

Kansas State's annual participation in a bowl game produces many rewards and this season will be no different.

Among the most important, the bowl game will be a great aid in recruiting for the 2018 class. And the overall national prestige of the Wildcats' program will continue to grow. But the most valuable asset to the football team will be the extra three weeks plus of practice before the game.

The extra practice time is invaluable for young players who haven't played much during the regular season; that includes redshirts and youngsters who don't have the necessary experience.

QB Skylar Thompson will benefit more than most; he's played enough now that he and the coaching staff know what he needs to improve on and Thompson will receive intensive coaching while preparing for the bowl game. And this extra practice will carry over to next fall.

It's another step forward for Kansas State football.

No. 2 Oklahoma stakes playoff spot, 41-17 over No. 10 TCU

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Baker Mayfield and No. 2 Oklahoma never fretted the potential consequences of having to play in the revived Big 12 championship game.

The Sooners just went out and proved how deserving they are of that playoff berth coming their way by dominating TCU again, 41-17 on Saturday in the second top-10 matchup in four weeks between the Big 12's top two teams.

"I'm really proud of our group for not listening to the entire narrative across the country that we shouldn't be playing this championship game and all that mess," coach Lincoln Riley said. "We knew there was going to be a championship game and that was just going to be part of our journey if we wanted to get to this place."

Mayfield, the Heisman Trophy front-runner, threw four touchdown passes as Oklahoma (12-1, CFP No. 3) won its record 11th Big 12 title.

"The reason I came back was to play for a national title," Mayfield said. "The most exciting thing about today is we control our destiny. ... That's all out in front of us."

The Sooners are a lock Sunday to be in the College Football Playoff for the second time in three seasons. They are the only Big 12 team to make the four-team playoff format that started in 2014.

Mayfield was so confident in the Sooners winning their third straight Big 12 title that in postgame he wore a shirt he had from back-to-back championships that already been updated, showing the three in a row he has won since transferring from Texas Tech.

"I had it updated before Bedlam," Mayfield said, referring to game against rival Oklahoma State a month ago.

The Sooners probably would have made the playoff even if the Big 12 hadn't played its first championship game since 2010. But a loss would have likely knocked OU out of contention.

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Big 12 Basketball Standings

School	Big 12	Overall	
TCU	0 - 0	8 - 0	1.000
Kansas	0 - 0	7 - 0	1.000
Kansas State	0 - 0	7 - 1	.875
Okla State	0 - 0	7 - 1	.875
West Virginia	0 - 0	7 - 1	.875
Texas Tech	0 - 0	6 - 1	.857
Oklahoma	0 - 0	5 - 1	.833
Baylor	0 - 0	5 - 2	.714
Texas	0 - 0	5 - 2	.714
Iowa State	0 - 0	4 - 2	.667

K-State Basketball Schedule

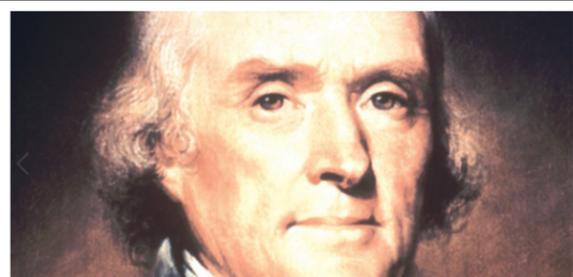
Date	Opponent	Time/	TV
Sat, Dec 09	Kansas State		Tulsa
Wichita, Kan.	7:00 p.m.	FSKC	
Sat, Dec 16	Southeast Missouri State		
Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan	7:00 p.m.	FSKC
Wed, Dec 20	Kansas State	Washington State	
Spokane, Wash.	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2	
Fri, Dec 29	Kansas State	Iowa State	
Ames, Iowa	8:00 p.m.	ESPNU	

Kansas Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/	TV
Sun, Dec 10	Arizona State		Kansas
Lawrence, Kan.	12:00 p.m.	ESPN	
Sat, Dec 16	Kansas		Nebraska
Lincoln, Neb.	7:00 p.m.	FS1	
Mon, Dec 18	Omaha		Kansas
Lawrence, Kan.	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2	
Thu, Dec 21	Kansas		Stanford
Sacramento, Calif.	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2	

Big 12 Basketball Schedule

Date	Away Team	Home Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
Thu, Dec 07	Iowa	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Hall of Fame Classic					
Fri, Dec 08	TCU	Nevada	Los Angeles, Calif.	12:00 a.m.	ESPNU
Fri, Dec 08	Oklahoma	Southern California	Los Angeles, Calif.	9:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat, Dec 09	Wichita State	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	3:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat, Dec 09	Baylor	Randall	Fort Hood, Texas	6:00 p.m.	TBA
Sat, Dec 09	West Virginia	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat, Dec 09	Kansas State	Tulsa	Wichita, Kan.	7:00 p.m.	FSKC
Sun, Dec 10	Arizona State	Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	12:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sun, Dec 10	Alcorn State	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	5:00 p.m.	Cyclones.tv
Tue, Dec 12	Michigan	Texas	Austin, Texas	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Wed, Dec 13	Kennesaw State	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	8:00 p.m.	FSW Plus
Thu, Dec 14	Texas Southern	Baylor	Waco, Texas	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat, Dec 16	Louisiana Tech	Texas	Austin, Texas	1:00 p.m.	LHN
Orange Bowl Classic					
Sat, Dec 16	Oklahoma State	Florida State	Sunrise, Fla.	1:30 p.m.	FS2
Sat, Dec 16	Oklahoma	Wichita State	Wichita, Kan.	3:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat, Dec 16	Iowa State	Northern Iowa	Des Moines, Iowa	3:30 p.m.	MC22
Sat, Dec 16	Rice	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	7:00 p.m.	TBA
Sat, Dec 16	Kansas	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	7:00 p.m.	FS1
Sat, Dec 16	Southeast Missouri State	Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan	7:00 p.m.	FSKC
Sun, Dec 17	Savannah State	Baylor	Waco, Texas	2:00 p.m.	FSW
Mon, Dec 18	Omaha	Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Mon, Dec 18	Western Kentucky	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	8:00 p.m.	FSW Plus
Mon, Dec 18	Tennessee State	Texas	Austin, Texas	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Tue, Dec 19	Northwestern State	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	7:00 p.m.	FSOK
Tue, Dec 19	Florida Atlantic	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	7:00 p.m.	FSW Plus
Tue, Dec 19	Tulsa	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	8:00 p.m.	FSOK
Wed, Dec 20	Maryland Eastern Shore	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	6:00 p.m.	Cyclones.tv
Wed, Dec 20	Coppin State	West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	6:00 p.m.	AT&T SN
Wed, Dec 20	Southern	Baylor	Waco, Texas	7:00 p.m.	FCS
Wed, Dec 20	Kansas State	Washington State	Spokane, Wash.	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Thu, Dec 21	Kansas	Stanford	Sacramento, Calif.	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Fri, Dec 22	Texas Rio Grande Valley	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	12:00 p.m.	FSOK
Fri, Dec 22	Abilene Christian	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	2:00 p.m.	FSW Plus
Fri, Dec 22	Northwestern	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	6:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Fri, Dec 22	Texas	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Fri, Dec 22	William & Mary	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	8:00 p.m.	FrogVision
Sat, Dec 23	Fordham	West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	11:00 a.m.	AT&T SN
* Fri, Dec 29	West Virginia	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	6:00 p.m.	ESPNU
Fri, Dec 29	Baylor	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	7:00 p.m.	FCS
Fri, Dec 29	Kansas State	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	8:00 p.m.	ESPNU
Fri, Dec 29	Kansas	Texas	Austin, Texas	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat, Dec 30	Oklahoma	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA	ESPNU
* Mon, Jan 01	West Virginia	Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan	4:00 p.m.	ESPNU
* Mon, Jan 01	Texas	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	6:00 p.m.	ESPNU



"I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

— Thomas Jefferson

Diary of Issac T. Goodnow - 1857

Transcribed by staff and volunteers of the Riley County Historical Museum from a typescript of the original diary held in the collection of the Kansas State Historical Society. The Goodnow House Historic Site, 2001 Claflin Road Manhattan, Kansas 785-565-5490 is open to the public Saturday and Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and when Riley County Historical Museum staff is available Tuesday through Friday 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Diary of Isaac T. Goodnow 1857

Monday 3/23/57

Finished taking notes from Mrs Robinson's history of K—. Read in Jaegar's Nat'l. History. Had R. & M. Kimball to dine on that turkey which R— shot in my garden. Mrs Morse called & got some quinine for husband who is sick with chills. Pegged my boots, &c. Damp misty day. Cleared off in the evening. Ellen has been over to Mr Houston's.

Tuesday 3/24/57

Mended & greased my boots, husked corn &c. Had Br Denison at dinner. Rode with him to Manhattan to meet the Trustees of our church They voted to appoint me an agent to travel East to raise \$2500. to build a meeting house in our city; that my expenses be borne & that I have \$2 per day for my services.

Called on W.E. Parkerson & L. Mrs Houston is worse as I learn by M.K. Report comes that Gov. Geary is dead! I hope in God it is untrue!

Wednesday 3/25/57

Start for Waubonsa this morning with Br D—to explore. Crossed the ferry at M— & dined at Frank Palmer's. Treated with maple molasses &c. Called at Mr Bardwell's — absent East after his family. Crossed deep creek—saw Rev Mr Jones, & reached W.—some 2 hours high. Rode 2 miles to Mr (?) Ret'd & staid over night at Mr (?), Waubonsa has 5 houses 2 tents & a small saw mill. A large one 45 horse power is going up. Large emigration expected

Thursday 3/26/57

Rode to Zeandale to Mr Pillsbury's Collected specimens of fossils & with Mr Marshall we rode 2 miles to visit a coal mine on deep creek. Found it a thin layer 6 inches thick—bituminous coal just down by the edge of the creek. Fine claims on the creek. Ret'd. to a Mr Hayne's & took dinner. 2 ½ P.M. Entertaining man. On his journey up last year just this side of Westport he saw the clothes of a man hanging upon a tree, who had been hung by the Border ruffians! Called on Mr Blood & discussed city affairs. Ret'd. home 8 ½ O clock evening. Sat up till nearly 11 O clock. Very much fatigued. Letter from cousin Rose L. Redway.

Friday 3/27/57

Arose late. Prospect of rain. Attracted by the crows to a fine rabbit, which our noble cat had caught the last night. Br McCullom called for ½ Bu seed

corn. Dined with us. Call from W.E.P—who set fire to a ravine which caused us hard work to stop it. Miscellaneous work to day. Ellen rode up to get the mail—I. paper! Call from R. & M. Kimball in the evening.

Saturday 3/28/57

Husked corn. Call from Lucinda, who dined with me. Ellen went down to W.E.P., so that L—might come up. Did not return till dusk. Wm. E.P.—dined here. Mr Cline who is taking the census (called Bogus) Between the Big Blue & Wild Cat creek there are 110 voters & 258 women & children. Went over to Br D's & with him helped W.E.P. raise his frame for a house ¼ mile N—Mr. Barnes sent up & got 16. Bus corn. Visited with Mr. Sparks. Eve, quite fatigued.

Sunday 3/29/57

Remained at—not very well slept 2 hours A.M. P.M. read considerable. Took a walk to the spring & killed a small rattlesnake, which had his quarters in a ledge just above the spring. Warm & rain in the evening Took a warm bath!

Monday 3/30/57

Rain most of the day. Call from R.K. with his br, Edward who arrived yesterday with the remainder of his father's family, some 8 of them, making in all 10 for our nearest neighbors. Ellen called on them in spite of rain & is much pleased with them. Br Denison called. Meeting at C.E. Blood's on education & to take into consideration a letter of Redpath on the affairs of K. Gov Geary having resigned. Too rainy & unwell to attend. A touch of a chill & some fever. Call from J. Gill.

Tuesday 3/31/57

Mr Houston came after seed corn & stopped to dinner. Trustee meeting at my house. The subject of a college was discussed & favorable action had. Conditional, on the action of the Cincinnati land company. Husked corn &c. Call from Richard Kimball.

Wednesday 4/1/57

Went to Manhattan & consulted with the Town Companies respecting a Methodist College, near Manhattan. To forward this they have pledged 50 shares of Manhattan stock & 100. building lots. Joined Mr Houston in buying out a claim that will furnish a good site for the C- & put it into the hands of Thomas Playford. A hard day's work but I hope a profitable one. Did not get home till nearly 10 O' clock P.M.



Isaac Goodnow was an early resident of Manhattan, Kansas, and was a free-state supporter. He was a delegate to the Leavenworth Constitutional Convention and was one of the founders of Bluemont College.

Thursday 4/2/57

Husked corn. Call from Henry D—who dined with us. Mr. Eggleston called & engaged 10 Bu. corn. Mr Kimball came & bought 25 Bu. also. Rode over to Mr H's & conversed on college & city affairs. Called upon Mr Kimball's family for the first time.

Friday 4/3/57

Rode to the city after getting off a load of corn to C. Barnes. Engaged several shares of city at \$50 pr. share. Also sold several Bu potatoes at 2.50 pr Bu. P.M. Let Mr Eggleston have 10 Bu corn on credit as a favor to a poor man. Calls from Mr Marlatt & J.D—; talked over college interests &c. W.E.G. came up in the evening & spent the night with us. Dr Still has arrived. We must be ready to leave for conference next week on Friday.

Saturday 4/4/57

Called at Mr Kimball's. Rode to Manhattan—Purchased 10 shares of City Stock for J. Kimball. Husked corn. Rode to Mr Roosa's. Dr Still called & spends the night, together with a Mr Tho. Smith. Call from J. Denison, Rainy & towards night cold & windy.

Sunday 4/5/57

A very windy cold day. Feb. seems to have returned. Rode with Dr. Still to S Perry's where he addressed us upon Melchizidec. P.M. sermon by Mr Marlatt a candidate for a conference preacher. Called at Mr Houston's & dined with him. Dr Still is with us yet. Quite a long talk with him on colleges & churches. shall need to obtain subscriptions here for college purposes.

Monday 4/6/57

Very pleasant day. Husked corn. Sold 20 Bu corn to Mr Pattee, & 3 Bu Potatoes to Mr Neally. Repaired window to cabin. Dr. Still remains with us

Still. Quite a good audience. After meeting had considerable conversation relative to our college.

Wednesday 4/8/57

Miscellaneous work preparatory to leaving home for 3 months on my agency to raise money to build the meeting house at Manhattan Q. meeting at Rev J. Denison. Nominated 13 Trustees for Bluemont Central College, to be presented to the Kansas & Nebraska Conference Went to Manhattan on business. supped at Lucinda's. Called on Mr Kimballs & sold my hog. Shelled corn &c, in the evening.

Thursday 4/9/57

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Friday 4/10/57

Called at Dr Huntings & borrowed a satchel. Left for Conference with Br J. Denison, Dr Still, N Trafton, & Marlatt after much delay in Manhattan. Rode 15 miles in a very cold wind to Mr Charles Jenckins where we spent the night. Was quite chilly about half the night. Book & letter from Ivison Phinney.

Saturday 4/11/57

Travelled over 30 miles through an unsettled country—high prairie, & dined in a fine little ravine with a cool stream of good water. P.M. contin[ue]d our journey 13 miles before coming to any set-

tlement. Went on 6 miles on the Nemaha, past Richmond to the Messrs. Newtons, a good Babbist family, Father Thomas, & one son, Thomas R., preachers, where we rec'd. a settlers welcome. Supped & went to bed very much fatigued & enjoyed a sweet rest & sleep. Quite a cool day with the wind in our faces.

Sunday 4/12/57

Arose much refreshed. Still cold. After breakfast, attacked with Diarhea,— took some medicine & went without dinner. Lay by to day. 3 sermons, by J.D. 1 ½ P.M., A Still at 4 P.M. & N.T. in the evening. Glad of the privilege of resting from traveling we are 57 miles from Manhattan, 6 ½ from Nebraska line, & 58 from Nebraska City. We are on a visit with a regular Patriarchal family: Father & Mother, 3 sons— 2 married, one daughter & husband with 12 children, including 3 of a deceased son. Cold yet W.N.W.

Monday 4/13/57

A cold windy day. Crossed the S. Fork Nehema & through a vast wild country without timber for 11 miles. Visited Table rock, & stump Rock near the N. Fork of the Nemaha. Got separated from Dr Still. Stopped over night with a Penn—family a good place. Saw 2 large white Herons dead on the plains Slept finely.

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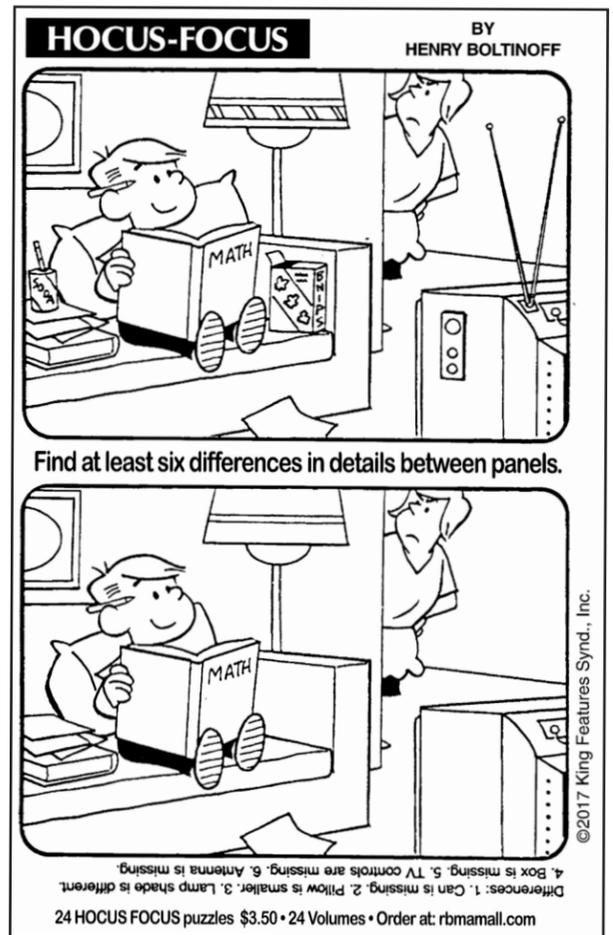
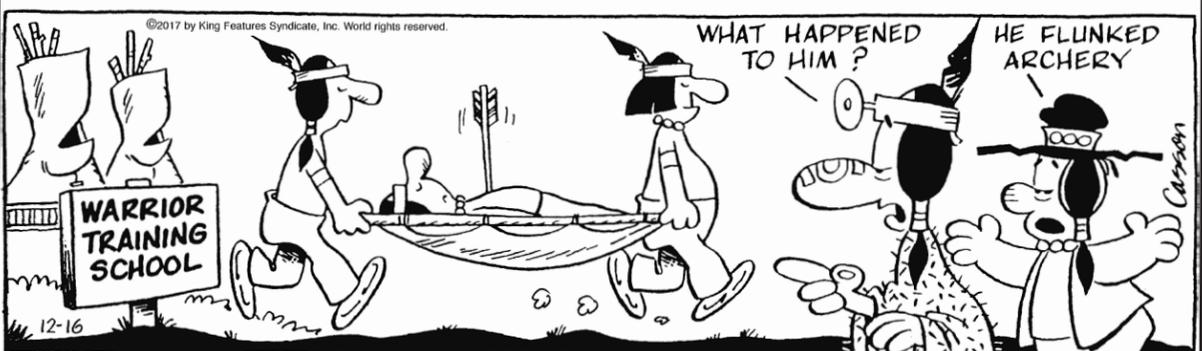
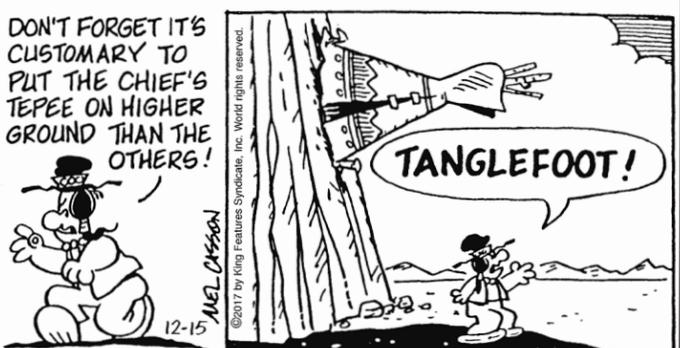
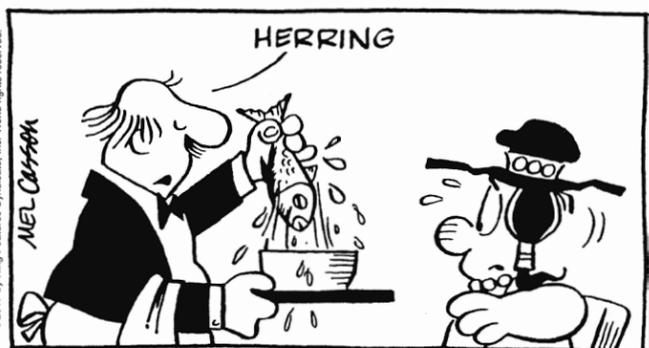
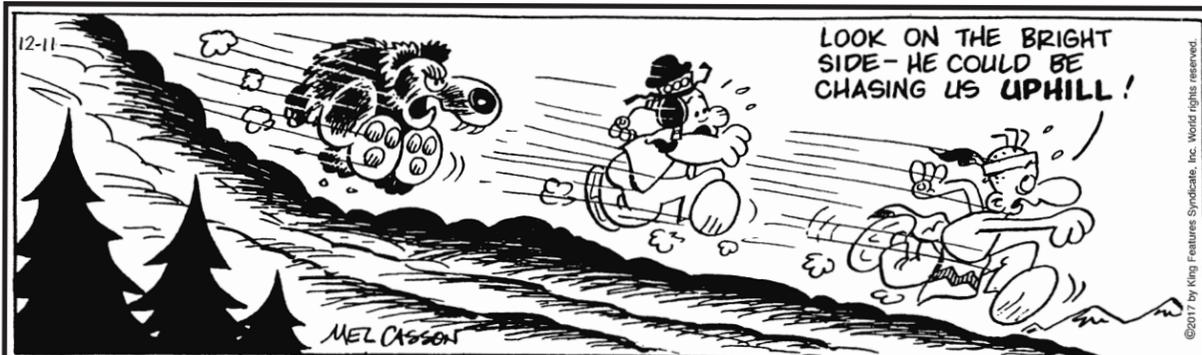
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 - 12 Resting
 - 13 Neighborhood
 - 14 Expert
 - 15 Shipwreck site
 - 16 Ancient Briton
 - 17 Say it's OK
 - 18 It's right on the map
 - 19 Shell game need
 - 20 Took the bus
 - 21 — canto
 - 23 Mainlander's memento
 - 25 Flower cluster
 - 28 Heckle or Jeckle
 - 32 Baking potato
 - 33 Any of four that chase Pac-Man
 - 34 Aberration
 - 36 Last syllable of a word
- DOWN**
- 1 Tragic
 - 2 Concept
 - 3 Hearty quaffs
 - 4 Forgotten, maybe
 - 5 Spotted horse
 - 6 Huron neighbor
 - 7 Soothe
 - 8 Body art, for short
 - 9 Good ring?
 - 10 On the rocks
 - 11 Apportion (out)
 - 20 90 degrees
 - 22 Overact
 - 24 American emblem
 - 25 Carnival city
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 - 27 Scoundrel
 - 29 Luau bowlful
 - 30 Doctrine
 - 31 Greek H
 - 35 Dairy-section item
 - 36 Overcoat named for a region of Ireland
 - 39 Talon
 - 40 Whip
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 - 43 Bocelli show-stopper
 - 45 Eastern bigwig
 - 46 Pealed
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Kansas State holds on to pass road test at Vanderbilt, 84-79

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Kansas State isn't known for its foul shooting, but it was hard to tell Sunday.

The Wildcats shot 91.7 percent from the free-throw line to pass their first road test of the season with an 84-79 win at Vanderbilt.

KSU's 22-of-24 performance was the third-best in school history with a minimum of 20 attempts.

"Ironically, we haven't shot very well at home — free throws," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "When we were in Vegas, we shot the ball very well from the free-throw line, but those are all big plays down the stretch."

The Wildcats (7-1) entered the game with a 70.5 percent mark at the foul line, including a combined 23 of 27 (85.2 percent) at the Las Vegas Invitational.

Xavier Sneed scored a career-high 21 points by hitting 8 of 11 from the floor and all four foul shots.

"I've told people he might be one of the most improved players not only in our league, but the country," Weber said. "He's an elite-level athlete. He has a lot of emotion, sometimes too much."

Kamau Stokes added 20



K-State's Barry Brown (5) goes up for a dunk, Brown had 18 points for the game. (File photo by Ben Brake)

points and Barry Brown had 18 for KSU.

"Any road win will mean a lot later on this season," Stokes said. "(Xavier) is playing with a lot of confidence on both ends of the floor. I feel like he needs to continue that for us to be good."

Vanderbilt (3-5) rallied from a 16-point deficit to tie it at 71 with 3:33 remaining on Matthew Fisher-Davis' 3-pointer, but was outscored 13-8 the rest of the way.

"First 15 minutes, they pretty much had their way with us and in the last 25 minutes we

played at a much higher level," Commodores coach Bryce Drew said. "We gave ourselves a great opportunity to win this game down the stretch."

Vanderbilt's Jeff Roberson added to his Southeastern Conference lead with his fifth double-double by scoring 22 points

and grabbing 10 rebounds. Freshman Saben Lee added 19 points, including 12 at the free-throw line, and Joe Toye scored 11.

After trailing by as many as 16 in the first half, Vanderbilt went on a 10-0 run to cut the deficit to 58-57 on LaChance's 3-pointer with 9:15 remaining in the game.

BIG PICTURE

Kansas State: The Wildcats got their first signature win over a team that made it to the NCAA Tournament last season.

Vanderbilt: The Commodores made an impressive rally in the second half, but couldn't get important foul shots to fall during the final two minutes.

REMEMBERING PERRY

Vanderbilt held a moment of silence before the game to honor former Commodore star Perry Wallace, who died Friday. Wallace, 69, became the first black varsity basketball player in the SEC 50 years ago.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wallace family," Drew said. "You definitely feel the impact that he made, not only at Vanderbilt but across the country and we're definitely going to miss him and hopefully our program can represent

him in a good way moving forward."

SHORTHANDED RALLY

Vanderbilt's second-half comeback was impressive, considering LaChance and Djery Baptiste both fouled out. "We have a deep team," Drew said. "We feel like a lot of guys can go out there and help our team win and if they're given the opportunity they take advantage of it. Obviously, we missed the guys that fouled out." Vanderbilt has lost four of its last five games.

COACH'S TAKE

Weber saw a lot of positives in the Wildcats' seventh win of the season. "You shoot 58 percent on the road, only seven turnovers, a lot of good decisions," he said. "Xavier has a career high, Kam 20 (points) and even better: six assists, no turnovers."

UP NEXT

Kansas State hosts South Carolina Upstate (3-7) on Tuesday. USC Upstate has lost three straight by double-digit margins.

Vanderbilt hosts Middle Tennessee (5-1) on Wednesday. MTSU's Nick King posted career highs in points (32) and rebounds (11) in Saturday's 81-76 win at Florida Gulf Coast.

No. 8 Wichita State tops No. 16 Baylor 69-62 with big finish

WACO, Texas (AP) — One of the most difficult things to do when playing a zone defense is identifying shooters on the perimeter.

No. 8 Wichita State used outside shooting to exploit No. 16 Baylor's zone in a big way on Saturday, ending the Bears' 46-game nonconference home winning streak.

Conner Frankamp scored 17 points, including a 3-pointer with 2:50 to go that sparked a game-ending 7-0 run in the Shockers' 69-62 win.

"He's a great shooter, and we look for him against the zone," Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall said. "It's why he's out there. He does a great job of letting it go with confidence."

The Shockers shot 63 percent (10 of 16) from 3-point range, including 5 of 8 from Frankamp. Wichita State forced

Baylor to miss its last five shots and made four of five free throws in the final 1:38.

"Ten for 16, that's hard to do if there's no defense on you, so that was the big difference," Baylor coach Scott Drew said.

Shaquille Morris added 15 points for Wichita State (6-1), which also received 11 apiece from Landry Shamet and Darral Willis Jr. Shamet also controlled the flow of the offense with seven assists and one turnover.

"We kept telling ourselves, 'It's just a zone,'" Shamet said. "No discredit to them, but that's what we were saying. Sometimes we get like, 'Oh God, it's a zone, what do we do?'"

Manu Lecomte scored 12 of his 15 points in the first half for Baylor (5-2), and Jo Lual-Acuil

Jr. overcame a scoreless first half to finish with 13 points before fouling out in the final 30 seconds. King McClure scored 12.

Neither team led by more than seven, but the Shockers never trailed after a pair of Shamet 3-pointers put them up 33-29 at halftime. Baylor got within two three times before getting even with 3:10 to go on a three-point play by Jake Lindsey.

But Baylor never wrestled the lead away, thanks to a veteran Wichita State team answering each run.

"They're really organized in offense and defense," Lecomte said. "They made us work and we tried to make them work, but they're very patient, too, on offense. And that's how they pulled it out."

Baylor started the week undefeated, but lost twice to Top 25 teams. The Bears were down to seven scholarship players after their top reserve, senior forward Terry Maston, broke his shooting hand in their 76-63 loss at No. 21 Xavier on Tuesday night.

BIG PICTURE

Wichita State: The Shockers are the best team in the country on the road with a 42-6 mark over the past five seasons, and they showed that poise every time Baylor made a run. The Shockers only tried five 3-pointers in the second half, but Baylor had to respect that ability. That opened up holes in the Bears' zone and allowed the Shockers to play inside-out.

Baylor: The Bears managed to stay in the game despite shots not falling much of the time.

They shot 37 percent from the floor and 5 for 21 (24 percent) from 3-point range. Baylor held a 34-28 lead in points in the paint, 10-5 off turnovers and 12-8 on second chances, but Mark Vital's eight points were the only real contribution the Bears had off the bench, other than Lindsey's late three-point play.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Wichita State: The Shockers missed a big opportunity when it blew a 16-point lead to Notre Dame on Nov. 22 in the Maui Invitational championship game. This was an important win, since it's the only other opportunity against a top-25 team before conference play begins Dec. 30.

Baylor: A resume that includes wins over Wisconsin and No. 25 Creighton should be

enough to keep it in the Top 25 despite the 0-2 week. The Bears' schedule softens over the next five games, which means chances to move up will be limited.

INJURY SCARE

Vital hurt his ankle after a drive to the basket when he fell down with Morris, a 6-foot-8, 279-pound center, on top of him. The Baylor freshman said he will receive treatment on it, but doesn't expect to miss any time.

"Shaq is a big dude. I hit him one play and bounced right off of him," Vital said with a laugh.

UP NEXT

Wichita State: Home against South Dakota State on Tuesday.

Baylor: Home against Sam Houston State on Monday.

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