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## What are we teaching or not teaching our students?

Editorial

By Jon A. Brake

That is a good question, isn't it? What are we teaching our students?

Several Kansas State professors have stated to the Free Press that students are coming to college not knowing how to read or write.

Several businesses in Manhattan have told the Free Press that they have changed their pricing so that the total is even because young employees cannot make out change.

And then there is the Manhattan High School mascot election which tells students if you don't like the outcome change it.

Have you ever noticed that the American Indian Wars all started when the Europeans arrived in America?

Check out pages 8 and 9 in today Free Press. The Indian Wars had been going on for hundreds of years before the United State was formed.

But, last spring three Kansas State University employees from The Multicultural Engineering Program objected to the Manhattan High School mascot, the Indians.

Several meeting were held and it was decided that the High School students would vote on a second mascot.

That vote was taken two weeks ago and the announcement was held up until the



We are not sure if this is the new Manhattan High School Wolf mascot or if it is just another Congressman after being re-elected.

School Board meeting last week. Students were to vote on

1. No second mascot
2. The Wolf
3. The Bison

According to the Manhattan Mercury "No mascot received 505 votes, the Wolf received 448 votes and the Bison received 441 votes."

Now, they had a "teaching" moment. If a vote, can be changed if you don't like the outcome.

Again according to the Mercury: "Although 'no mascot' received the most votes, Colburn (Student Council President Lily Colburn) said 63 percent of the vote went to the two mascot options, while 37 percent voted for none. Because of that, she

and MHS Principal Greg Hoyt chose to recommend the Wolf to the board to approve as the secondary mascot."

The Free Press would like to ask MHS Principal Greg Hoyt: "What did you teach Miss Colburn and the MHS students today? If you don't like a vote you can change it? That's like what they are trying to do in Washington D.C. today.

You should be teaching the students to respect the vote. Voting is a fundamental right in America. Changing the vote because you are the Principle is not the American way.

## How the Left Became So Intolerant

By Kim Holmes  
The Daily Signal

When most people think of intolerance, they imagine a racist taunting a black person. Or they think of the white supremacist who killed a demonstrator in Charlottesville, Virginia.

It seldom occurs to them that intolerance comes in all political shapes and sizes.

A protester storming a stage and refusing to let someone speak is intolerant. So, too, are campus speech codes that restrict freedom of expression. A city official threatening to fine a pastor for declining to marry a gay couple is every bit as intolerant as a right-winger wanting to punish gays with sodomy laws.

There is a word that describes this mentality. It is "illiberal." For centuries, we have associated the word "liberal" with open-mindedness. Liberals were people who were supposed to be tolerant and fair and who wanted to give all sides a hearing. They cared about everyone, not just their own kind.

Americans need an alternative to the mainstream media. But this can't be done alone. Find out more >>

By contrast, illiberal people were hardheaded in their opinions and judgmental about others' behaviors, hoping to control what other people thought and said and to cut off debate. In extreme cases, they would even use violence to maintain political power and exclude certain kinds of people from having a say in their government.

Sadly, the kind of liberalism

we used to know is fast disappearing from America. While the intolerance of the far right is well known, its manifestations on the far left are less known and often not fully acknowledged.

All too often, people who call themselves progressive liberals are at the forefront of movements to shut down debates on college campuses and to restrict freedom of speech. They are eager to cut corners, bend the Constitution, make up laws through questionable court rulings, and generally abuse the rules and the Constitution in order to get their way.

They establish "zero tolerance" regimes in schools where young boys are suspended for nibbling breakfast pastries into the shape of a gun. They are supposedly great haters of bigotry but sometimes speak of Christians in the most bigoted manner imaginable, as if Christians were no better than fascists.

American liberals are, in short, becoming increasingly illiberal. They are surrendering to the temptations of the closed mind.

We must be careful about what this means. There are hard (sometimes very hard) and soft forms of illiberalism that exist regardless of their ideological (left-right) variations.

The hard forms are totalitarian or authoritarian. They rely on the threat of force in some measure to maintain power, and they are invariably anti-democratic and anti-liberal. Think of communism, fascism, and all the various hybrids of authoritarian regimes, from Putin's Russia to Islamist states that

support terrorism.

Soft forms of illiberalism, on the other hand, are not totalitarian or violent. Outwardly they may observe the limits constitutional democracies place on the arbitrary use of power, but there is a suspicion that liberal democracies are not fully legitimate.

On the other side of the political spectrum, leftists often judge liberal democracies as economically and socially unjust because they are capitalist. Since most liberal democracies still allow conservatives to have a voice in the democratic process, leftists find them wanting, and in some cases condemn them outright as inherently oppressive (of racial and sexual minorities, for example), precisely because conservatives still have a voice.

Hard forms of illiberalism certainly exist in America today. On the right they are manifest in the form of hardcore racists and white supremacists, and on the left as communists, anarchists, or any leftist radical who openly threatens violence.

But soft illiberalism is present as well, and in America today it is pervasive.

Historically, a progressive liberal was someone who imbibed the intellectual nectars of both progressivism and classical liberalism.

The progressive tradition is easily recognizable. It is the legacy of prominent progressives from the turn of the 20th century such as Herbert Croly, John Dewey, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, and others.

## Common Core's real goal? 'Dumbing down people'

World Net Daily

"The schools are actually doing exactly what they were designed to do: dumb down the American people," declared international journalist and teacher Alex Newman.

Newman, coauthor of the newly released book "Crimes of the Educators: How Utopians Are Using Government Schools to Destroy America's Children," says education bureaucrats in Washington are not sincere when they claim to possess solutions to America's education problems.

"In response to the very real crisis in what passes for government-run 'education' in America today, the educational establishment is rolling out various so-called 'solutions' that will only make the problems worse," Newman said. "That is primarily because the phony remedies, which will extort taxpayers for more billions, only purport to treat the symptoms rather than the root cause - the fact that the system was literally designed to dumb down American children as a crucial element of replacing liberty and

self-government with collectivism and tyranny."

In "Crimes of the Educators" Newman and coauthor Samuel Blumenfeld expose many of the false solutions to America's education woes. They write about the increased use of psychotropic drugs to try and treat ADD and ADHD in children. They unveil "cooperative learning" as a classroom teaching method based on communist ideology.

But perhaps the most notorious faux government solution is

the Common Core State Standards Initiative, they report.

Get "Crimes of the Educators: How Utopians Are Using Government Schools to Destroy America's Children," and see what Common Core really is doing to children.

Common Core has created national standards in math and English language arts for every student in America to meet at the end of each grade level. However, the standards are complicated and obtuse, as Newman and Blumenfeld de-

scribe in their book.

They are so complicated, in fact, that many parents can't even help their children with math homework because they can't understand the problems, either.

"As just one example of how bad these national 'standards' are, consider that both of the subject-matter experts selected by Common Core's own architects for the Validation Committee refused to sign off on them," Newman revealed. "The math expert cited, among other prob-

lems, incorrect math. The English Language Arts expert blasted the fact that the standards will reduce the ability of children to think for themselves."

In addition to imposing questionable standards, Newman reports the Department of Education is collecting obscene amounts of data on every student in the country - even data such as the number of teeth a child has lost and the condition of his or her gums.

## K-State announces plans for Cactus Bowl pregame rally

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State University is ready to support the Wildcats as they compete in the Cactus Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona, on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017. The K-State Alumni Association, K-State Athletics, the KSU Foundation and K-State's Office of the President will host a pregame rally on gameday at Game Seven Grill, 201 S. 4th St., Phoenix.

The pregame rally is free and open to the public. Doors to the

venue will open at 3 p.m. MST. Game Seven Grill is located adjacent to Chase Field where the Cactus Bowl will take place. The event will offer K-State fans an opportunity to gather before the game, with the venue serving as the official K-State Alumni Association headquarters of the Cactus Bowl. Food and beverages will be available for purchase off the menu.

Additionally, a 20-minute program will take place at approximately 3:30 p.m. MST,

featuring the K-State Pep Band, Willie the Wildcat and the K-State cheerleaders, K-State President Richard Myers, Athletic Director Gene Taylor and Alumni Association President and CEO Amy Button Renz.

More information about K-State's Cactus Bowl celebrations and activities can be found at [www.K-State.com/Bowl](http://www.K-State.com/Bowl) or on the Alumni Association's app, K-State Alumni Link for Life. Tickets for the Cactus Bowl can be purchased at [www.KStateSports.com](http://www.KStateSports.com).

## Kicker Country Stampede Names Adrienne Hayes as General Manager

MANHATTAN KS - Adrienne Hayes has been named General Manager of Kicker Country Stampede. Adrienne has been an integral part of Kicker Country Stampede since 2001 and has recently served as Operations Manager of the event.

As a key part of Kicker Country Stampede's leadership team, Adrienne will be responsible for overseeing the festival and will act as co-leader of the Stampede's marketing team. "Adrienne has been a huge asset and a valued partner to me as the Kicker Country Stampede has grown. I'm excited to be able to



Adrienne Hayes

focus my efforts on the sales and marketing side of the festival with Adrienne at the helm as General Manager," states Wayne Rouse, President of Kicker Country Stampede.

Adrienne and her husband Jared are long time members of the Manhattan community and are proud parents of two children.

The Kicker Country Stampede Music Festival is an outdoor country music and camping festival held at the Tuttle Creek River Pond State Park, north of Manhattan, Kansas. The festival has been held the last weekend of June since 1996.

## Wichita megachurch plans 33-acre development

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — One of Wichita's largest churches is planning to develop a major housing subdivision and special-events complex.

Central Community Church filed plans with the city for developing 33 acres (13.35 hectares) of vacant land just west of the existing church buildings. City Council member Bryan Frye said he met with church leaders last week for a briefing on the development, the Wichita Eagle reported.

Plans call for as many as 280

homes and senior-living apartments, an amphitheater, a special events center or nightclub, a chapel, shops, a soccer field and two ponds. The megachurch would also set aside space for developing a future school that would serve students in kindergarten through high school.

Frye said this is the first time he's seen a Wichita church try to build an entire multi-use neighborhood on its property.

"It's very exciting," he said. "I haven't seen anything like

that on the west side. In fact, I haven't seen anything like it in Wichita."

The plan will be presented at a public meeting Thursday before the Subdivision and Utility Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission. The committee will review the proposal's map that subdivides the land for the development, said Neil Strahl, a senior planner.

The Planning Commission will likely consider the development proposal in January, Strahl said.

## Education Department urged to resume loan cancellations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government watchdog is urging the Education Department to resume the process of forgiving student loans for tens of thousands of Americans who were defrauded by for-profit colleges.

In a report published Mon-

day, the Office of Inspector General, an independent body within the education agency, recommends that the department restart "review, approval, and discharge process" for defrauded students.

Education Secretary Betsy

DeVos has come under criticism for stalling the review of over 95,000 claims for loan cancellations. The agency has not approved a single claim during her time in office and DeVos' critics charge that she is looking out for industry interests.

## Fate of young immigrants divides Dems on last-minute budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Illinois Rep. Luis Guterrez, a passionate, liberal Democrat of Puerto Rican descent, there is no more important issue in the year-end budget showdown than protecting from deportation hundreds of thousands of immigrants who came to the U.S. illegally as children — and who have only known America as their home.

The fate of these "Dreamers," as they are commonly known, is one of the trickiest issues to resolve as the White House and Congress seek to avert a Christmas government shutdown that nobody says they want. House Democrats, and their leader, Nancy Pelosi, insist that the Dreamers be dealt with as part of a broader package that combines unfinished legislative business, including military spending, disaster aid and low-cost health care for children.

"You want a bipartisan budget and you want my vote? Then make it an American budget, one that includes a pathway to freedom for our Dreamers," Guterrez said. "It's the right thing to do."

Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer cares about Dreamers, too, but he isn't playing hardball over immigration. At the top of his list of political concerns are the re-election bids next year of 10 Senate Democrats running in states that President Donald Trump won in 2016. Many of them want nothing to do with shutting down the government over immigration.

"I understand the passion on that. I'm not in favor of voting to shut down the government," said Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, where Trump won almost 70 percent of the vote. "There are a lot of things I feel passionate about. But I'm not going to make 300 million people suffer because I can't get the process working the way it should."

House and Senate Democrats stand divided as leaders look to wrap up a sweeping spending deal by Dec. 22 and avoid a debilitating shutdown.

At issue is Trump's decision to rescind Barack Obama's executive order creating the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which gave protected status to about 800,000 young immigrants in the country illegally. In scrapping the order, Trump gave Congress until March to come up with a legislative solution.

In September, the president told Pelosi and Schumer he would support the DREAM Act — Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors — which offers childhood immigrants a pathway to citizenship, as part of a broader immigration

agreement.

But this fall, progress stalled. That led liberals such as Guterrez to pressure leadership to use Democratic leverage — their votes are needed to pass legislation such as the budget or next year's increase in the government borrowing — to ensure Trump lives up to his promise.

Republicans want to separate immigration from the year-end agenda, in part to avoid the appearance of getting muscled by Democrats like Pelosi and in part to try to get a better deal.

"We are certainly willing to enter into those good-faith negotiations, but they do not belong in an end-of-the-year spending appropriations debate," said Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate. "We do want to resolve this, but it's not going to be before the end of this year."

For her part, Pelosi won't commit to helping Republicans keep the government open unless the DACA issue is dealt with.

"We will not leave here without a DACA fix," she told

reporters last week.

Indeed, just 14 Democrats joined House Republicans in voting for a two-week stopgap spending bill last week.

But in the Senate, the dynamic among Democrats was wholly different, with Democrats voting for the stopgap measure by a 5-to-1 margin.

Aides to lawmakers in both parties say the DACA issue was discussed only briefly at a White House meeting between Trump and top congressional leaders.

"There was no disagreement that it should be done. The question was when, where, how and why, and those discussions are continuing," Schumer told reporters Friday. "We hope to get it done before the end of the year."

Schumer spokesman Matt House says Schumer is genuinely optimistic that Senate negotiations over a hybrid package blending the DREAM Act with additional border security measures are going well. House talks, meanwhile, appear stalled.

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# Scandinavian Christmas for Valley Gals

A Scandinavian - American Christmas celebration took place for Valley Gals Friday, December 8th, 2017 at Keats Fellowship Hall Community Center.

Valley Gals found an American version of a Scandinavian Smorgasborg buffet style "Gongboard" tables filled with traditional foods selections from all five Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.) Ethnic Nordic foods were prepared by hosting bakers: Jacque J. Staats, Dick Oberst, Wilma and Arlen Loecker- lefse (a Norway soft flatbread); Nancy Peterson - Swedish Cookies; Ron Pauli - breads and desserts; Mary Pauli - Kransekake Cakes. Some imported Norske cuisines included Wild Swedish Lingonberries, cold appetizers, Icelandic chocolate, and Danish pastries. Beverages were Swedish coffee (Sweden is one of the three biggest coffee consumers in the world) a choice of cold Scandinavian drinks and Nordic snowman water. Uff Da ... Sorry NO Lutefisk reported by Baker Coleman Douthit.

Jeanette Campbell and Mary Pauli welcomed Valley Gals to stroll around and discover how the Scandinavian Nordic countries are ranked "World Happiness People" (Norway is the overall happiest country in the world; close behind Denmark and Iceland; Sweden consistently sits near the top; Finland ranked 5th.) Gift bags were left by Julenisse Bearer of Gifts to entice Valley Gals to fill with memories while interacting with activities as they learned how Scandinavian are masters of Christmas cheer and lightening up their darkest days of winter. Scandinavian folklore are known as nisses, tomtes, or neisses; Julenisse is a Christmas Nisse or Christmas Pixie.

Glaedelig Jul/ Merry Christmas in Danish. Nicole and Melanie Douthit welcomed Valley Gals to learn how to make Danish 'Julehjerter' - a traditional Christmas woven heart basket. Oldest known pleated Christmas hearts were made by the Danish author Hans Christian Anderson in 1860. Hearts hung on Christmas trees are filled with candy. This woven heart basket can also be used in February for Valentine's Day. Julenisse (aka Nicole and Melanie) made a woven heart for each guest.



Ron Pauli, Mary Pauli, Dick Oberst, Arlen Loecker, Nicole Douthit, Coleman Douthit, Jacque Staats, Melanie Douthit and Nancy Peterson (not in photo Wilma Locker) hosted a Scandinavian - American Christmas celebration for Valley Gals with an American version of a Scandinavian Smrgsbord

Hyvaa Joulua / Merry Christmas in Finish. Steam your worries away ... sauna's and candles are some of Finland's ways to relax and lighten up their winter. Finish people make picturesque natural lanterns around their candles using piles of snowballs or icy covers made of water that has been frozen in a bucket. Valley Gals learned about a Schwedenfackel (fire log) used as an open fire. Finland, Sweden and Denmark are countries along the Baltic Sea.

Gleoileg Jol / Merry Christmas in Iceland and welcome to Jolabokaflor, or 'The Christmas Book Flood'. Iceland is a North Atlantic island where books are exchanged as Christmas Eve presents, then you spend the rest of the night in bed reading your book and eating chocolate. Iceland publishes more books per capita than any other country.

God Jul / Merry Christmas in Norwegian. Jacque Staats, Dick Oberst, and Arlen Loecker demonstrated a fascinating process of making lefse (a soft flatbread made from a potato dough.) Jacque's Grandfather used a homemade lefse rolling pin with small indented-square designs; now days Jacque is the "roller" using her Grandfather's rolling pin. Using their long, thin lefse sticks Dick and Arlen

were the "flippers." Lefse is something special Jacque Staats and Wilma Locker remember from when they were little and started making lefse as young ladies. Wilma is now passing on the art of lefse making to her children and grandchildren. Supporting their Norwegian wives family tradition of lefse making husbands Dick Oberst and Arlen Locker are now lefse rollers and flippers. Jacque has traveled to Norway with her Mother; Wilma has family in both Norway and Sweden she would like to visit after she retires. Jeanette Campbell has traveled to Norway to visit her pen pal. Norway is a country along the Norwegian Sea.

God Jul / Merry Christmas in Swedish was Nancy Peterson's welcome. Born with Danish roots Nancy became Swedish by marriage and living in Lindsborg, Kansas. Nancy was astonished to discover that her mother-in-law's freezer was full of cookies rather than what's for dinner. As she settled into life in Lindsborg, Kansas, she realized that coffee and cookies are staples in this Swedish-American community. As a Lindsborg Swedish Dancer parent to three boys, Nancy stocked a number of bake sales to raise funds for the Dancer trips to Sweden. She also

served as financial manager of the group in planning and managing three youth-focused educational trips for students participating in the group. In 1978, when asked to compile and edit its first fundraising cookbook, Nancy focused on the sweet treats from this Swedish group/community. The recipe collection ultimately had six printings and proved a best seller. In the community, she was a lecturer on folk costumes, customs, and food demonstrations. In 1991, she served with Lindsborg's current Mayor Bill Taylor, Jr. as Co-Chair of Lindsborg's 50th Anniversary Svensk Hyllningsfest. As a "proper" Swedish hostess, Nancy served several favorite cookies along with recipes.

Mary Olson Pauli's Scandinavian displays showed how she believes maintaining ties to her past sustain a rich sense of her ethnic heritage. Born an Olson with Swedish and Norwegian roots; Mary's family is like the branches of a tree "we may grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one." Mary's Father and Brother have an ancient Scandinavian Norse Viking name "Odin". Mary's Norwegian family farm has been in the family since 1347; their land was used during 1994 winter olympics for down hill skiing near hosting city Lille-

hammer, Norway. Norwegian relatives have competed in skiing events during winter olympics. While husband Ron, Mary's Aunt and Mary were visiting their relatives in Norway 9/11 took place in the United States. Country Discoveries magazine titled Mary's published lifetime trip "Scandinavia Vacation Forged Family Ties." Ron and Mary have traveled to three of the Scandinavian countries (Sweden, Norway, and Denmark).

Mary Pauli's Norway display included her family history where Jacque Staats noted her family ancestry's name listed. Both Jacque and Mary Norwegian family farms are near Lillehammer. Could Jacque and Mary be related and found their extended family roots from Valley Gals Scandinavian Christmas Program? Jacque and Mary may have linked the past to the present, reminding us our heritage maybe found in many delight ways ... a link to Nordic Scandinavian countries that are ranked "World Happiness People."

## San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee dies suddenly at 65

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mayor Ed Lee, who oversaw a technology-driven economic boom in the city that brought with it sky-high housing prices, died suddenly early Tuesday at age 65.

A statement from the Lee's office said the city's first Asian-American mayor died at 1:11 a.m. at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital.

"It is with profound sadness and terrible grief that we confirm that Mayor Edwin M. Lee passed away," the statement said. Lee was surrounded by family, friends and colleagues. No cause of death was reported.

San Francisco Board of Supervisors President London Breed became acting mayor and planned a late morning news conference.

Supervisors and other public officials were stunned and saddened by his sudden death. They praised the low-key mustachioed mayor better known as a former civil rights lawyer and longtime city bureaucrat than a flashy politician.

Former Mayor Willie Brown and the late political power broker Rose Pak talked Lee into filling out the rest of Gavin Newsom's term when he was elected California's lieutenant governor in 2010.

"We won based on our political shenanigans and our political skill sets. He got elevated to our mayor-ship under our charter and got re-elected twice," Brown said.

Brown said Lee will be known as the man who "stepped up and made it possible for Silicon Valley to almost re-locate to our city."

Lee was appointed mayor by the Board of Supervisors in 2011. He won a four-year term in 2011 and was re-elected in 2015. He was an advocate for the needy, but in 2015, he ran against a slate of little-known candidates who criticized him as doing more for tech leaders than for poor people.

Detractors claimed he catered too much to Silicon Valley, citing his brokering of a tax break in 2011 to benefit Twitter as part of a remake of the city's downtown. Meanwhile, housing prices have surged in San Francisco with modest homes

now topping \$1.5 million.

Lee, who was married and had two daughters, was a civil rights lawyer who became the San Francisco city administrator before taking over as mayor.

He was a staunch supporter of San Francisco's sanctuary city policy toward immigrants, a stance he reiterated last month when a Mexican man who had been repeatedly deported was acquitted of murder in the 2015 killing of Kate Steinle.

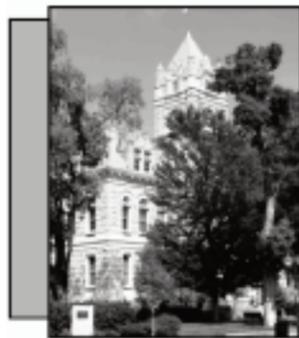
The case became a flashpoint in the nation's immigration debate, with then-candidate Donald Trump repeatedly referencing it as an example of the need for stricter immigration policies and a wall along the Mexican border.

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**Riley County Commission Minutes**

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**Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes December 04, 2017 115 North 4th Street Manhattan, KS 66502 8:30 AM Call to Order**

**Public Comments**

Hobson said the public meeting on Wildcat Creek Bridge replacement will held at the Keats Center tonight, December 4, 2017 at 6:30.

**Business Meeting**

Sign a Tax Roll Correction Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction.  
RESULT: ADOPTED [2 TO 0]  
County Commissioner Wilson, Rodriguez  
No: Wells

**2018 Special Alcohol Fund Grant Agreement with the City of Manhattan for Riley County Court Services Probation**

Danielle Borth presented the proposed grant.  
Move to approve the 2018 Special Alcohol Fund Grant Agreement with the City of Manhattan for Riley County Court Services Probation.  
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

**5. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)**

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Sam McGowan, a Seasonal Laborer, in the Public Works Department, for Separation from County Service, effective November 22, 2017.  
Review Minutes.  
Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Nov 30, 2017 8:30 AM  
Move to approve the minutes.  
RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

**9. Administrative Work Session**

Move to add an executive session to the County Counselor's time.  
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

**10. Executive Session**

Move that the County Commission, including Chairman Wells, Commissioner Rodriguez and Commissioner Wilson recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor, attorney for the Commission, which would be deemed privileged in the at-

orney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the county commission chamber at 9:15 a.m.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez  
9:15 AM  
Move to go out of executive. No binding action was taken during the executive session

11. Pending County Projects County Counselor

9:30 AM  
Press Conference

**12. RCPD update - Captain Rich Fink (3-5 minutes)**

Fink stated there was one fatality accident in November. Fink said most rural accidents are one vehicle and speed related. Fink said everything is running smooth.

**13. Downtown Manhattan - Gina Scroggs (5 minutes)**

Scroggs said the Holiday Lighted Parade had 62 entries. Scroggs stated the entries were very well presented.  
Scroggs stated the lighted tree event at Blue Earth Plaza has become a destination event.  
Scroggs said the carriage rides are now available.

9:45 AM  
Tami Robison, Budget and Finance Officer

**14. 2017 Budget Amendment**

Robison presented the 2017 Budget Amendments. Move to approve the 2017 budget amendments.  
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

10:00 AM

Rebecca Bishop, Local Government/Public Finance Specialist

**15. Summary of Fiscal Conditions & Trends Report 2005-2015 - Riley County**

Bishop presented the Fiscal Conditions & Trends Report 2005-2015.

10:45 AM

**Joe Knopp, Knopp & Biggs 16. Riley County Park at Rocky Ford Work Session**

Knopp, on behalf of David Sager, discussed traffic coming down Mill Road to trespass on private Sager land and people trespassing over a private fence.  
Knopp said they are asking the County to look at resolving the matters together.

Holeman said the Kansas Tort Claims Act exempts counties from injury on property used as a park unless due to gross and negligent acts.  
Holeman stated County staff is not opposed to place signs at the location stating "No Trespass".  
Holeman stated he does not see anything which would place

the County in any liability due to gross and negligent acts.

Holeman said he disagrees with Mr. Knopp's degree of exposure he believes is on the County due to liability.

Wells stated he can be sympathetic due to trespassing he deals with on his family's property.

Wells said he would agree to the County placing signage.

Knopp stated his intent was to present the problems today to begin discussion to resolve the issues.

Knopp suggested meeting with Public Works to discuss how to resolve the problems.

Wilson and Rodriguez agreed the Board should schedule a meeting to view the locations in concern.

11:15 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services 11:18 AM

**17. Executive session to discuss confidential legal advice regarding potential litigation issues**

Move that the County Commission, including Chairman Wells, Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Wilson, recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor, attorney for the Riley County Commission, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:33 a.m.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez  
11:33 AM

Move to go out of executive session.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:39 AM

Adjournment Move to adjourn.

**9. Discuss Press Conference**

9:00 AM Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

11:39 AM

Adjournment Move to adjourn.

**Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes December 07, 2017 115 North 4th Street Manhattan, KS 66502 8:30 AM Call to Order**

**1. Public Comments**

Manges announced the Register of Deeds Office will be closed to the public on December 29, 2017.

**Business Meeting**

**3. Shared Leave Donation Form(s)**

Move to approve the Shared Leave Donation Form(s).  
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

**4. Shared Leave Donation Form(s)**

Move to approve the Shared Leave Donation Form(s).  
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

**5. Sign a Tax Roll Correction**

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction.  
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

**6. Approve payroll/accounts payables (when completed)**

Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of

\$508,982.08 and the following warrant vouchers for December 8th, 2017:

**2017 Budget**

County General	\$600,904.89
Health Department	62,261.93
Motor Vehicle Operations	4,054.21
Community Corrections	8,436.62
Capital Improvements Fund	25,893.30
Solid Waste	4,866.58
County Building	4,623.33
Road & Bridge Cap Project	30,975.95
RCPD Levy/Op	3,132.76
County Bond & Interest	1,138.00
Riley Co Fire Dist #1	3,694.15
University Park W&S	22.83
Fairmont Heights Cap Proj	1,200.00
Bridgeview Heights Cap	1,500.00
Valleywood Operations	80.83
Terra Heights Sinking	2,300.49
TOTAL	755,085.87

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

**7. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Dec 4, 2017 8:30 AM**

Move to approve the minutes  
RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

**9. Discuss Press Conference**

9:00 AM Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director

**10. Staff Update**

Williams presented the three alcohol grants for 2018.  
Move to sign the 2018 contracts for grant funding through the Special Alcohol Fund.  
Williams presented an update on Community Corrections and Juvenile Intake activity.  
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

9:15 AM Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director

**11. Staff Report**

Peterson presented a Noxious Weed/HHW staff report.  
Move to approve the KDOT County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds  
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

**9:30 AM Greg McHenry, Appraiser**

12. Appraiser's Office Report  
McHenry presented the Appraiser's Office staff report.

9:45 AM Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

**13. Planning & Development - Staff Update**

Wedel presented the update on the Planning and Development projects list.

10:10 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

**14. Administrative Work Session**

**15. Executive session to discuss confidential legal advice regarding potential litigation**

**issues**

Move that the county commission, including Chairman Wells, Commissioner Rodriguez and commissioner Wilson recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with Clancy Holeman, Riley county Counselor, attorney for the Commission, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the county commission chamber at 10:30 a.m..  
Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk, will be present during a portion of the executive session to provide factual information to the Commission.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

Moved to go out of Executive Session

No binding action was taken during the Executive Session

10:30 AM Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

**16. Financing for Radio Infrastructure**

P. Collins presented the radio infrastructure financing.  
Wells asked if there is liability for the County if the 911 system does not work?

Clancy stated the liability exposure does increase when you have been given information showing the current system needs replaced, but it would have to be proven it was cause for the outcome of the situation.  
Wells stated he feels other commissions have kicked the can down the road and the system needs addressed.

Rodriguez stated he is also concerned with the cost of the system.

Wilson discussed the financing of the radio system.  
P. Collins stated it will take 22 months to build out the new infrastructure.

Schoen stated there have been 39 calls in November which had difficulty. Schoen said in one instance in a very serious matter with a gun involved an officer was not able to be in contact with dispatch.

Schoen discussed several other serious matters in which communication with dispatch could not be made.

Wells said he would prefer to do the lease agreement since there is the possibility to pay the lease off early.

Robison stated the cost presented does not include the radios or maintenance cost. Robison said the cost are also exempt from the tax lid.  
Moved to move forward with final contract based on the funding model for lease purchase and have council bring it back for final approval in December  
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

11:00 AM Executive Session

**17. Executive session to discuss a performance matter involving non-elected personnel**

Move that the County Commissioners, including Chairman

Wells, Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Wilson, recess into executive session on a performance matter, pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, in order to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chamber at 11:20 a.m.

11:20 AM  
Move to come out of Executive Session

No binding action was taken during Executive Session

11:15 AM Tom Bruno, Bruno & Associates

**18. Work Session—Tom Bruno, Bruno & Associates; Discussion of the 2018 State of Kansas Legislative Session**

Bruno reviewed the 2017 legislative session. Bruno said in the 2017 session was mainly about budget and taxes.

Bruno said the 2018 legislative session begins January 8, 2018.

Bruno stated the big issue in 2018 will be the court ruling regarding inadequate school funding.

Bruno said Constitutional Home Rule will be an issue, but will face opposition from certain industry. Bruno stated constitutional amendments usually take a couple of years.

Bruno said delinquent tax collection and government transparency will be an issue.

Bruno said the Commerce Committee has discussed STAR bonds and CID's.

Bruno stated the tax lid will be discussed.

Bruno discussed the transition with the Governor position.

**19. Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Tax Foreclosure Sale**

Cox discussed the real estate tax foreclosure sale.

Cox presented the resolution authorizing the real estate tax foreclosure sale.

Move to approve Resolution No. 120717-72 A Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Tax Foreclosure Sale.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

Cox stated he has been nominated as the Vice-President of the Kansas Association of Counties. Cox asked if the Board is okay with him serving in the capacity if elected

The Board agreed Cox would be allowed to serve on the Board of the Kansas Association of Counties.

Move to direct staff to take the action discussed during the previous executive session for confidential communication-potential litigation  
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner AYES: Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

11:55 AM Adjournment

Move to adjourn

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Marvin Rodriguez, County Commissioner

AYES: Wells, Wilson, Rodriguez

11:55 AM Lunch

# District Staffing Decisions Reduce Teacher Pay by \$13,700

School lobbyists routinely cite low teacher pay as rationale for more school funding but a new school staffing study shows how districts' staffing decisions have diverted money from teacher salaries. According to The Sentinel, a nationwide study by Dr. Ben Scafidi and published by EdChoice.org shows the average Kansas teacher could be paid \$13,708 more per year if non-teaching personnel had been added at the same pace as enrollment has grown since 1992.

The report shows Kansas had a 12 percent increase in head-count enrollment between 1992 and 2015 but school districts added 50 percent more non-

Potential Teacher Pay Increase if Non-Teacher Hires Had Kept Pace with Enrollment 1992 to 2015				
Region	Students	Teachers	Non-Teachers	Teacher Pay Increase
U.S. average	20%	29%	47%	\$ 11,128
Kansas	12%	28%	50%	\$ 13,708
Missouri	9%	28%	24%	\$ 6,544
Nebraska	12%	21%	53%	\$ 16,939
Oklahoma	17%	12%	36%	\$ 8,872
Colorado	50%	55%	94%	\$ 15,250

Source: Ed Choice: Back to the Staffing Surge. Courtesy of The Sentinel

teachers in addition to 28 percent more teachers. The extra pay that could have gone to teachers is based on only adding 12 percent more non-teachers and assumes the average pay and benefits cost of \$60,000 per non-teaching employee. Nationwide, there was a 20 percent enrollment and a 47 percent increase in non-teaching staff and a 29 percent increase in teachers, 'costing' teachers \$11,128 in foregone annual salary.

For perspective, the National Center for Education Statistics

lists the average Kansas teacher salary at \$47,984 for 2017, which ranks #42 in the nation; the extra money that's been diverted to hiring more non-teachers would boost Kansas to #12 in the nation.

Dr. Scafidi's study also shows average teacher pay actually declined in Kansas and across the nation, despite strong gains in per-student spending. Inflation-adjusted spending jumped 45 percent in Kansas but average teacher pay dropped 7 percent; nationwide, spending was up 27 percent while teacher pay declined 2 percent. Average teacher pay increased in Nebraska and

Oklahoma but declined in Colorado. All staffing decisions, including the number and type of employees as well as compensation decisions are

strictly at the discretion of local school boards in Kansas. Payroll listings for many Kansas school districts can be reviewed and downloaded at KansasOpenGov.org.

# Fewer Blacks, Hispanics Go Jobless Under Trump

By Fred Lucas  
The Daily Signal

More black and Hispanic Americans are getting jobs on President Donald Trump's watch, the latest employment numbers show, although critics accuse him of ignoring such minority populations.

The White House, not surprisingly, is happy to tout the results.

Unemployment among blacks declined from 8 percent one year ago to 7.3 percent in November, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Blacks' labor force participation rate rose slightly over the past year, from 61.9 percent in November 2016 to 62.2 percent last month.

Unemployment among Hispanics fell by a percentage point, from 5.7 percent to 4.7 percent, over the year. Hispanics' labor force participation rate held steady, dipping from 65.7 percent to 65.6 percent.

The labor force participation rate reflects the percentage of Americans working or actively looking for work, while the unemployment rate is the percentage of jobless Americans still looking for work, as opposed to

having given up.

"All Americans continue to see results from the president's bold economic agenda," White House spokeswoman Lindsay Walters told The Daily Signal in a written statement, adding:

While overall unemployment in November remained at a nearly 17-year low, the rate is also at historic lows among several groups, including Hispanics—where it is the lowest in at least 44 years—and African-Americans—where it is at its lowest levels since 2000.

The overall unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent, a 17-year low. It was 3.6 percent among whites and 3 percent among Asians, about the same for both as a year ago.

Teen unemployment, measured from ages 16 to 19, was the dark lining. Though it dropped nominally from November 2016, from 26.6 to 25.5 percent, that's up from 23.3 in July.

Limiting taxes and curbing unnecessary government regulation makes it easier for workers and entrepreneurs to succeed, said Daniel Garza,

president of the Libre Initiative, a conservative Hispanic group.

"The Hispanic community is beginning to see the benefits of an improving economy. Lawmakers in Washington have a critical opportunity to deliver on tax reform that lowers rates, closes loopholes, and enhances competitiveness—which families and entrepreneurs are counting on," Garza told The Daily Signal in an email statement, adding:

By locking these reforms in place for the long term, Congress and the president will help to ensure a stable environment that encourages greater economic opportunity and wage growth. Reducing the tax rate on American businesses to 20 percent—without creating new tax burdens—will be particularly helpful in ensuring the U.S. economy is competitive with those of our major trading partners, boosting the prospects of American workers and families. Hispanic families stand to gain a great deal if lawmakers deliver on these promises in the days ahead.

The economy has surpassed 3 percent growth for several

months.

When President Barack Obama was in the White House, critics of candidate Trump said 3 percent growth would be impossible, noted Stephen Moore, an economist who is a distinguished visiting fellow at The Heritage Foundation.

"The left's problem is that they said there is no way to grow the economy at 3 percent, and now they say it's because of Obama," Moore, who advised the Trump campaign on economics, told The Daily Signal. "Every economic indicator, with no exceptions, shows we are looking at forward growth. It's very positive, and a dramatic improvement."

# Tax package would ease hit to residents of high-tax states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans on Tuesday were speeding toward an agreement on a massive tax package that would ease the hit on Americans living in high-tax states and appease corporations that could have lost precious tax breaks.

Negotiators were working to expand a deduction for state and local taxes to allow individuals to deduct income taxes as well as property taxes, said two congressional aides. Negotiators were also working to eliminate the alternative minimum tax for corporations.

Negotiators agreed to let homeowners deduct interest on the first \$750,000 of a new mortgage, down from the current limit of \$1 million, the aides said.

The aides spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss private negotiations.

Negotiators were still working Tuesday on how to pay for

the expanded tax breaks, though Republican lawmakers were optimistic that a deal was eminent. The total amount of tax breaks cannot exceed \$1.5 trillion over the next decade, under budget rules adopted by both the House and Senate.

The Senate's No. 2 Republican, Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, said a deal could come as soon as Tuesday. "I think it could and I hope it is," he said.

Lawmakers said workers could start seeing changes in the amount of taxes withheld from their paychecks early next year. However, taxpayers won't file their 2018 tax returns until the following year.

Both the House and Senate bills would scale back the deduction for state and local taxes, limiting it to \$10,000 in property taxes. The issue is important to lawmakers from high-tax states such as New York, New Jersey and California.

California Republicans are pushing to amend the bill to enable individuals to deduct state and local income taxes as well as property taxes. Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas, said there is an agreement on how to address the issue, though he wasn't specific.

"It's a huge issue in districts and there's an agreement about how they are going to approach it and I just want to see that issue taken care of," said Sessions, chairman of the House Rules Committee. "Once again, we're in negotiation, and sometimes when you negotiate you have to decide what you're willing to fight for and we need to fight for that."

Rep. Tom Reed, R-N.Y., warned that nothing is final until the whole package is worked out. But, he said, he believes negotiators have found a way to include income taxes in the deduction for state and local taxes.

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## Reuters Article on Tax Reform is Blatant Fake News

### FreedomWorks

On December 7, Reuters published an article, subsequently shared by The Drudge Report, that is a quintessential example of why many on the right label mainstream media outlets as “fake news.” The article is titled “Millions would lose mortgage, gift write-offs under U.S. tax bill: study.” What this headline suggests is patently false. The actual text of the article is not much better, spinning the reforms to common tax deductions in the pending House and Senate tax reform bills to a nausea-inducing extent.

Before getting into the details, here is the truth: all three deductions the article references, mortgage interest, charitable donations, and state and local property taxes, remain in a significant form under BOTH the Senate and House versions of tax reform. Yet, the Reuters article states, “The left-leaning Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy said that up to 29 million U.S. households now writing off donations, home loan interest and state and local property tax payments would no longer be able to do so under either of the two plans.”

### THAT IS FALSE.

The reality: taxpayers that qualify for these deductions will be completely free to continue utilizing them. To say they “would no longer be able to do so” is beyond misleading. The truth is that many millions of taxpayers would not choose to claim these deductions because under both versions of

the bill they would pay more in taxes if they choose to do so. Both versions DOUBLE the standard deduction for individuals and couples. Thus, taxpayers’ mortgage interest payments, charitable contributions, and property taxes would need to exceed about \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for couples for it to be more lucrative to claim these deductions instead of the standard deduction.

Simply put, instead of getting tax breaks for spending your money how the government wants you to spend it, all-but the most-wealthy individuals in the highest-taxed states and localities will get a larger tax break without strings attached. Americans will be free to spend or save this money in whatever way they feel is best for them... and that can include mortgage payments, charitable deductions, and property-tax payments, but this time with a little extra to spare.

As far as the reforms to these common deductions, even those are marginal in both bills. Both bills grandfather in existing mortgages, allowing homeowners to claim the same deductions they do now, while only changing tax treatment of new mortgages and home-equity loans. In fact, the Senate bill keeps the deduction as-is, while the House bill lowers qualifying new home-purchases from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000. Again, should the House version prevail, if you already have a mortgage on a home purchase of over \$500,000, your qualifying

deduction will not change.

State and local property tax deductions are capped in both bills at \$10,000. This will only impact those with high-valued properties in high-tax states and localities. However, in regards to the claims in the Reuters article, the deduction remains in place for the vast majority of taxpayers who currently qualify for this deduction. They absolutely will be able to claim this deduction should they so choose.

Finally, there is no change to the charitable deduction. If a taxpayer chooses to donate to a registered charity, then they are free to deduct this gift under both bills.

Again, however, most taxpayers won’t choose to itemize their deductions and utilize these three tax breaks because the standard deduction will likely put more money back in their pocket to spend however they please! Contrary to the language initially used by Reuters, nothing prohibits those who qualify for these deductions from claiming them besides getting more of their money back through the standard deduction.

Reuters attempts to clarify these points much later in the article, but never succeeds in doing so. The headline and first several paragraphs read as if these deductions are being completely wiped out and that, as a result, Americans who previously qualified for these deductions will face a higher tax burden, when precisely the opposite is the case.



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# Budget Experts Call for 'Bold Leadership' to Cut National Debt

**Katrina Willis**  
**The Daily Signal**

Politicians continue to put their interests first in ignoring looming consequences to the massive and growing U.S. national debt, experts on the economy said at a recent forum.

"We are facing the largest, most predictable crisis in U.S. history, and almost nobody is talking about it," warned Romina Boccia, deputy director of economic policy studies at The Heritage Foundation. "We need bold leadership," Boccia said.

"The numbers are really terrifying," Brian M. Riedl, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, said of the mounting debt that is nearing \$20 trillion, adding:

If you just look at nominal dollars, [as the Congressional Budget Office] sets it, in the next 30 years, the national debt will go from \$20 trillion to \$92 trillion. That's the rosy scenario. That assumes no wars, no terrorist attacks, no recessions, and that interest rates stay low.

Boccia and Riedl spoke dur-

ing a panel discussion, "U.S. Debt: Causes, Costs, and Consequences," held July 12 at The Heritage Foundation in Washington.

Also on the panel were Michael Tanner, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, and David Barnes, policy director for Generation Opportunity.

### How We Got Here

Panelists pointed to an aging population and political expediency as the two biggest reasons for the out-of-control spending driving the debt increases.

Barnes said lawmakers lack the incentive to prioritize long-term strategies over short-term re-election concerns.

"As long as we, the people, don't hold [lawmakers] accountable, we're never going to get out of this problem, because we prefer to get something today and put off tough decisions," he said.

Both Tanner and Riedl said that many short-term votes by Congress are a consequence of the electorate's aging demographics. Politicians are re-

warded for protecting entitlement programs, they suggested.

"When I look at the debt, I look at the fact that we are spending more than we take in," Riedl said. "The reason for that growth, according to CBO? A hundred percent of it is Social Security, health care, and the interest on the debt."

### Why People Should Care

Despite relative silence from Congress on the debt, panelists said, it should be a top priority for lawmakers and their constituents.

"It makes us poorer, to start with. The Congressional Budget Office indicates that young people in the midcentury will have income [between \$3,000] to \$5,000 a year less than they would if this debt didn't exist," Tanner said.

"It's also making us poorer today. Companies look at this mountain of debt and ultimately see it as future taxes, future problems for their borrowing, and they therefore invest less and slow their expansion," he added.

### Why Not Increase Taxes?

In response to a question from the audience, panelists ar-

gued that higher taxes could not fix the growing national debt.

"You can't tax your way out of this debt," Tanner said. "If you were to not just tax, but confiscate, every penny that everyone in the top 1 percent of American incomes earned last year, you wouldn't come close to paying off the debt."

Riedl singled out for criticism Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., who contended for Democrats' 2016 presidential nomination, and his rhetoric about more heavily taxing the top 1 percent of income earners.

"Let's say Bernie Sanders be-

comes president and imposes a 100 percent tax rate on millionaires," Riedl said. "Everything earned over \$1 million a year has a 100 percent tax rate. ... You would raise 3 percent of [gross domestic product]."

"The deficit is heading towards 10, 15, 20 percent of the GDP in the next couple decades. It is mathematically impossible to get there by taxing the rich."

### How to Control Debt

Barnes said dollar-for-dollar spending reductions could be "a start" in addressing the prob-

lem.

Related legislation would create mandatory spending cuts to match increases in the debt ceiling. That's the thrust of the a bill proposed by Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio.

"Some broader budget process reforms [are needed] as well," Barnes said.

"I think there's going to have to be some overall cap on the growth rate of debt," Tanner said. "Something of that nature for overall debt, where debt exceeds X percent of GDP, you can't spend. That will at least force them to debate the issue."

# Be Thankful for the Founding Fathers

**By Jarrett Stepman**  
**The Daily Signal**

It is sometimes astounding the kind of foresight the Founding Fathers had in protecting future generations from tyranny.

The current international push to criminalize free speech in the name of various social movements should make us thankful that we have the First Amendment. Most other nations, even in the Western world, don't have nearly the codified protection of speech that we in America have.

For instance, French President Emmanuel Macron recently called on his country to address the fact that France had no age of consent law (oh, France) and the more common global issue of sexual harassment. These were worthy goals, yet his proposal was a law that would have taken an ax to free speech rights.

Macron suggested his country criminalize gender-based offensive statements.

"Let's seal a pact of equality between men and women," he said. "It is essential that shame changes camp. Gender-based insults will be punishable by law. Offenders will face a deterrent fine."

So if you say that Macron does tyranny like a girl, it seems you may be in hot water with the law.

According to The Daily Caller, France is also considering making cat-calling illegal.

To be sure, cat-calling is a particularly boorish and ungentlemanly behavior, yet one can see how such a law can be immediately abused. Additionally, similar measures in other countries haven't been particularly effective.

The individual rights of citizens get curtailed, but the social pathology continues. The worst of all worlds.

Government control of speech in relation to gender has perhaps even deeper implications in the transgender debate, as some Western countries have

taken to passing laws that effectively force citizens to use the pronoun of a person's choice under the threat of fines, or even jail time.

One of the most far-reaching of these laws was passed in Canada earlier this year. It threatens people who refuse to use preferred or gender-neutral pronouns with legal punishment.

The law's authors contend that it was created to prevent discrimination based on gender identity. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called it a "critical extension of human rights."

Of course, it's really a bald assault on the individual right of free speech. As The Weekly Standard's Max Diamond wrote:

Those who refuse to use gender neutral pronouns such as 'they' or 'zi' and 'zir,' or who oppose the notion that gender is subjectively determined, may find themselves facing the full force of federal law.

Alas, Canada has nothing like the First Amendment that would have cut off such a law at the knees. Such laws criminalizing speech are much more difficult to enact in the United States because of the First Amendment.

Of course, getting smacked down in court hasn't stopped some states from pushing the envelope. The New York City Commission on Human Rights adopted legal guidance in 2016 that threatened employers with fines of up to \$125,000 for refusing to use a person's preferred pronoun, and up to \$250,000 for such "violations that are the result of willful, wanton, or malicious conduct."

In October, California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a law that criminalizes using the wrong pronoun to identify a transgender person in a nursing home. This law even puts jail time on the table for repeat violators of the law.



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# The Most Violent Era In America Was Before Europeans Arrived



By News Staff | Science 2.0

There's a mythology about the native Americans, that they were all peaceful and in harmony with nature - it's easy to create narratives when there is no written record.

But archeology keeps its own history and a new paper finds that the 20th century, with its hundreds of millions dead in wars and, in the case of Germany, China, Russia and other dictatorships, genocide, was not

the most violent - on a per-capita basis that honor may belong to the central Mesa Verde of southwest Colorado and the Pueblo Indians.

Writing in the journal *American Antiquity*, Washington State University archaeologist Tim Kohler and colleagues document how nearly 90 percent of human remains from that period had trauma from blows to either their heads or parts of their arms.

"If we're identifying that

much trauma, many were dying a violent death," said Kohler. The study also offers new clues to the mysterious depopulation of the northern Southwest, from a population of about 40,000 people in the mid-1200s to 0 in 30 years.

From the days they first arrived in the Southwest in the 1800s, most anthropologists and archaeologists have downplayed evidence of violent conflict among native Americans.

"Archaeologists with one or

two exceptions have not tried to develop an objective metric of levels of violence through time," said Kohler. "They've looked at a mix of various things like burned structures, defensive site locations and so forth, but it's very difficult to distill an estimate of levels of violence from such things. We've concentrated on one thing, and that is trauma, especially to the head and portions of the arms. That's allowed us to look at levels of violence

through time in a comparative way."

It wasn't just violent deaths that poke holes in the harmony with the land and each other myth. A paper in June in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* found that the Southwest also had a baby boom between 500 and 1300 that likely exceeded any population spurt on earth today. The northern Rio Grande also experienced population booms but the central Mesa Verde got

more violent while the northern Rio Grande was less so.

Kohler has conjectures on why. Social structures among people in the northern Rio Grande changed so that they identified less with their kin and more with the larger pueblo and specific organizations that span many pueblos, such as medicine societies. The Rio Grande also had more commercial exchanges where craft specialists provided people both in the pueblo, and outsiders, specific

# Native Americans Won And Lost Their Lands By Conquest



things they needed, such as obsidian arrow points.

But in the central Mesa Verde, there was less specialization.

“When you don’t have specialization in societies, there’s a sense in which everybody is a competitor because everybody is doing the same thing,” said Kohler. But with specialization, people are more dependent on each other and more reluctant to

do harm.

If that sounds like rationalization based on Harvard psychologist Steven Pinker’s *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined*, it is.

“Pinker thought that what he called ‘gentle commerce’ was very important in the pacification of the world over the last 5,000 years,” said Kohler. “That seems to work pretty well in our

record as well.”

The episode of conflict in Southwest Colorado seems to have begun when people in the Chaco culture, halfway between central Mesa Verde and northern Rio Grande, attempted to spread into Southwest Colorado.

From 1080 to 1130, the Chaco-influenced people in Southwest Colorado did well.

In the mid-1100s, there was a severe drought and the core of Chaco culture fell apart. Much of the area around Chaco lost population, and in 1160, violence in the central Mesa Verde peaked. Slightly more than a century later, everyone left that area, too.

“In the Mesa Verde there could be a haves-versus-haves-nots dynamic towards the very end,” said Kohler. “The people

who stayed the longest were probably the people who were located in the very best spots. But those pueblos too were likely losing population. And it might have been the older folks who stuck around, who weren’t so anxious to move as the young folks who thought, ‘We could make a better living elsewhere.’” Older, or with too few people to marshal a good defense, the remaining people in

the Mesa Verde pueblos were particularly vulnerable to raids.

At least two of the last-surviving large pueblos in the central Mesa Verde were attacked as the region was being abandoned. Some of their inhabitants probably made it out alive, but, says Kohler, “Many did not.”



# Free Press Big 12 Sports

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## Football Holds Annual Awards Ceremony

**KSU Sports Information**  
MANHATTAN, Kan. – Byron Pringle, Alex Barnes and D.J. Reed were named Kansas State's 2017 offensive and defensive MVPs, while Reed and Matthew McCrane took special teams MVP honors as the Wildcat football program held its annual awards ceremony Sunday at McCain Auditorium on the K-State campus.

Reed, a product of Bakersfield, California, enters the bowl season ranked second in the Big 12 and 21st nationally in both passes defended (13) and interceptions (4). Over a three-game span against Kansas, Texas Tech and West Virginia, Reed totaled seven passes defended and two interceptions.

Named a Second Team All-American kick returner by the Walter Camp Football Foundation, Reed ranks in the top 10 nationally in kickoff-return average (2nd; 35.3), punt-return average (2nd; 17.1) and punt-return touchdowns (10th; 1). He currently ranks first in Big 12 history in single-season kickoff return average and sixth in school history in punt return average.

An All-Big 12 performer, Pringle finished the year as one of the league's top receivers and return threats as the junior hauled in 28 catches for 705 yards and six touchdowns while averaging a hefty 25.2 yards per reception. He was named Big 12 Player of the Week after his four catches for 166 yards and four total touchdowns in a win at No. 10 Oklahoma State. He also averaged 26.4 yards per kick return.

Barnes was the team's leading rusher this season with 702 yards and six touchdowns while averaging 5.2 yards per carry. He hit the 100-yard mark two times this season – versus Oklahoma and KU.

McCrane, a native of Brown-

wood, Texas, leads the Big 12 and ranks seventh nationally by making 21 of his 26 field goal attempts in addition to all 43 of his extra points. The school's career record holder with 57 field goals, McCrane is also first in school history in career field goal (86.4) and extra point (99.2) percentage, while he is third in career points (299).

All-Big 12 selections Will Geary and Trent Tanking garnered Defensive Front Seven Player of the Year honors, while All-Big 12 right tackle Dalton Risner earned Offensive Lineman of the Year honors.

On the academic side, Academic All-Big 12 selection Zach Reuter received the program's Scholar-Athlete award for the second straight year, while the Big 12-leading and 29 Academic All-Big 12 selections were also honored. A total of 19 Wildcats will play in the Cactus Bowl having already earned de-grees from Kansas State.

Kansas State rides momentum created by winning four of its last five games into the 2017 Cactus Bowl against UCLA on Tuesday, December 26. The game, which kicks off at 8 p.m. (CT), will be shown nationally on ESPN. Fans can order bowl tickets through the K-State Bowl Information page by clicking here.

**2017 K-State Football Awards**  
**Overachiever Award – Bernard Goodwater**

**Red Raider Award – Nick Ast and Mitch Copeland**

**Scholar-Athlete Award – Zach Reuter**

**Purple Pride Award – Colby Moore**

**Ken Ochs Courage Award – Tanner Wood, Jesse Ertz and Reggie Walker**

**Kevin Saunders Never Give Up Award – Alex Delton**



Kansas State's D.J. Reed (2) was named Special Teams Most Valuable Player and Defensive Most Valuable Player. (Photo by Ben Brake)

and Dalvin Warmack

**Bob Cope Memorial Award – Davis Clark**

**Nancy Bennett Memorial Award – Winston Dimel**

**Anthony A. Bates Memorial Award – Brogan Barry**

**Joan Friederich Award – Trent Tanking and Dayton Valentine**

**Jim "Shorty" Kleinau Award – Drew Scott and Nick Walsh**

**Most Improved Defensive Player – Jayd Kirby and Kendall Adams**

**Most Improved Offensive Player – Dalton Schoen and Skylar Thompson**

**Outstanding Defensive Front Seven Award – Will Geary and Trent Tanking**

**Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award – Dalton Ris-**

**ner Special Teams Most Valuable Player – Matthew McCrane and D.J. Reed**

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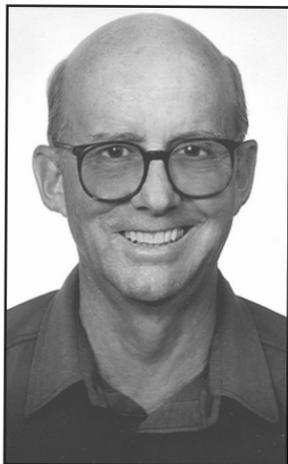
# Sports Potpourri

In their basketball game last Saturday in Stillwater, Wichita State overcame a very shaky start "12 turnovers in the first 14 minutes" against Oklahoma State and defeated the Cowboys 78-66. The Shockers made just four turnovers during the final 26 minutes of the game and out-rebounded O-State 30-22.

Landry Shamet and Conner Frankamp led the way for Wichita; Shamet had a career-high 30 points and Frankamp added 14 and played a steady floor game.

Wichita State will move into the top five in the polls after Duke, Kansas, and Florida all lost last week; that means nothing right now, but it's encouraging to have a high national ranking.

If small forward Markis McDuffie (6-8, 212) returns at full speed during the semester break, that will greatly solidify



By Mac Stevenson

the Shockers' ballclub. Wichita needs another consistent scorer to go with Shamet and McDuffie will fill that role; he'll also add quickness on defense and solid rebounding.

Wichita State has a fine team as is, but the addition of McDuffie will make them compet-

itive on every level. And don't forget freshman center Asbjorn Midtgaard (7-1, 280); watch for Midtgaard to play a significant role for the Shockers before the dust settles on the 2017-18 season.

Two things should be obvious to Kansas basketball fans: first, the Jayhawks were significantly overrated with their number-two in the nation ranking; and second, the two losses to Washington and Arizona State (95-85) will be meaningless later in the season.

KU doesn't have a team that's going to receive a number-one seed in the NCAA Tournament in March, so Coach Bill Self and his team can focus on making improvement. But that's going to be difficult if KU doesn't get freshman Billy Preston and recruit Silvio De Sousa eligible very soon.

Kansas has no inside defense at the present time; center Udoka Azubuike is just 18

years old and playing his first full season of college basketball and he's lost on defense. That will change if Preston and De Sousa join the team, if they don't, it's going to be a long season by KU standards.

The Big 12 has 10 quality teams and Kansas is, right now, far from the best. But that could change dramatically in the next three weeks. It's been no one's fault from KU, but the Jayhawks and their fans have had to go through an awful lot of drama with the NCAA in the last few seasons.

Kansas State's basketball team dropped to 8-2 with a 61-54 loss to Tulsa last Saturday. Dismal shooting told the story. K-State hit just 4 of 31 three-point shots, a horrendous 12.9 percent.

The best thing for Wildcat fans to do about this game is forget it. Most of those missed threes were wide-open shots; if K-State had hit just a fair percentage of their outside shots,

they would have won easily. It was just one of those bad nights that every team has.

Kansas State's football team will play UCLA at the Cactus Bowl on December 26 in Phoenix; this will be K-State's eighth consecutive bowl game and the 19th of Coach Bill Snyder's illustrious career.

Snyder is highly appreciative of his fans and said, "We have a wonderful fan base, and so many people that save throughout the course of the year; the only vacation they take is the bowl game after our regular-season is over. They are fully invested in our program and this means a great deal to them."

The bowl game, however, isn't the only focus for Wildcat fans at the end of the 2017 season; offensive coordinator Dana Dimel accepted an offer to become UTEP's new head coach. There's been controversy and some conflict concerning Dimel's desire to be K-State's next head coach. That's over

now. Following the bowl game would be the perfect time for Coach Snyder to step down and for the administration to give Sean Snyder the chance he's earned to be the Wildcats' head coach. K-State's going to have most of the key players from the bowl game returning next season; young Snyder would have the players he needs to have an exceptional season.

If this comes to pass, it would have to be with the understanding that Sean Snyder gets his chance, but not a four or five-year contract. He should get a three-year contract that has a modest buyout clause in case the change doesn't work out, that would be a fair compromise for all concerned. The guess here is that Sean Snyder would turn out to be an outstanding head coach and the K-State family would remain firmly intact. The time has come to try it.

## Sneed Filling Up Stat Sheet for K-State MBB

By Corbin McGuire  
KSU Sports Information

WICHITA — Xavier Sneed did just about anything he could to will K-State to a win over Tulsa on Saturday. While his effort was not enough in a 61-54 loss in INTRUST Bank Arena, his wide-ranging talent was certainly on full display.

Against Tulsa, Sneed led K-State in points (15), assists (4) and rebounds (8), while also registering three steals and a block, both tied for team-highs. He's the first Wildcat lead his team in five different categories for a game in at least 30 years.

"I just try to do everything possible to win a basketball game for my team," Sneed said Saturday night. "That's all I did today and I tried my best."

Sneed gave K-State some serious life in the first half. The sophomore hit a pair of treys and pinned a Tulsa layup attempt on the glass in the first four minutes of the game.

To stop a 9-0 Tulsa run, Sneed drew a foul on a 3-point attempt and converted all three at the line, where he finished the game 5-for-5. At that point, he had scored nine of K-State's first 11 points.

"He was great. He came out with a lot of energy," junior guard Kamau Stokes said of Sneed. "I felt like everybody was ready to play, especially him."

Sneed's most exciting contribution occurred near the 4:00 mark of the first half. The 6-foot-5 Wildcat timed up a Barry Brown 3-point miss perfectly, throwing down a put-back dunk with one hand.

"The first half, he came out great," Stokes said. "He was making shots; he was the only one that was really making threes, and he was just playing with a lot of energy that we needed at that time."

Tulsa limited Sneed to only two points in the second half but he found other ways to give his team chances to win. Sneed picked up three of his assists in the second half, two of which either gave K-State the lead or tied the game. Additionally, his five second-half rebounds all came in the game's final 6:23.

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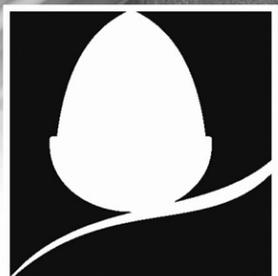
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## Big 12 Basketball Standings

School	Big 12	Overall
TCU	0 - 0	10 - 0 1.000
West Virginia	0 - 0	9 - 1 .900
Oklahoma	0 - 0	7 - 1 .875
Texas Tech	0 - 0	7 - 1 .875
Kansas State	0 - 0	8 - 2 .800
Baylor	0 - 0	7 - 2 .778
Iowa State	0 - 0	7 - 2 .778
Kansas	0 - 0	7 - 2 .778
Okla State	0 - 0	7 - 2 .778
Texas	0 - 0	6 - 2 .750

## K-State Basketball Schedule

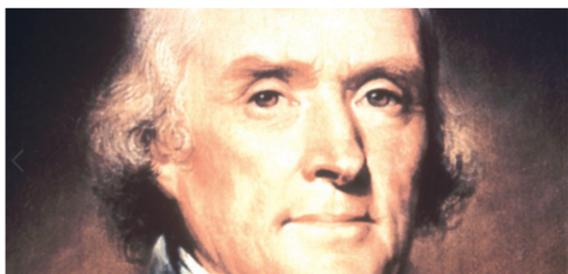
Date	Opponent	Time/ TV
Sat, Dec 16	Southeast Missouri State	
Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan	7:00 p.m. FSKC
Wed, Dec 20	Kansas State	Washington State
Spokane, Wash.	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Fri, Dec 29	Kansas State	Iowa State
Ames, Iowa	8:00 p.m.	ESPNU
* Mon, Jan 01	West Virginia	Kansas State
Manhattan, Kan	4:00 p.m.	ESPNU

## Kansas Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/ TV
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
Fri, Dec 29	Kansas	Texas
Austin, Texas	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2

## Big 12 Basketball Schedule

Date	Away Team	Home Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
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
Tue, Jan 02	TCU	Baylor	Waco, Texas	6:00 p.m.	ESPNNews
Tue, Jan 02	Texas Tech	Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
* Wed, Jan 03	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	8:00 p.m.	ESPNU
* Sat, Jan 06	Texas	Baylor	Waco, Texas	1:00 p.m.	ESPNU
* Sat, Jan 06	Iowa State	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	3:00 p.m.	ESPNU
Sat, Jan 06	Kansas State	Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	3:00 p.m.	FSW Plus
* Sat, Jan 06	Oklahoma	West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	6:15 p.m.	ESPN/2
Sat, Jan 06	Kansas	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	8:15 p.m.	ESPN/2
Tue, Jan 09	Texas Tech	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	6:00 p.m.	ESPNU
Tue, Jan 09	Baylor	West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	6:00 p.m.	ESPN2
* Tue, Jan 09	Iowa State	Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
* Wed,					



"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

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#### Diary of Isaac T. Goodnow 1857

Tuesday 4/14/57

Cold yet. Settled our bills—for supper breakfast & lodgings 50 cts. Cheap. Nothing but coffee since leaving home. Rode over & uninhabited country 21 miles. Had to build a bridge in one place. Came to the Little Nemeha, but had much trouble to find a crossing—succeeded after going up & down 8 miles—Spent the night with the family of a widow from Illinois.

Wednesday 4/15/57

Still cold. Rode 15 miles to Nebraska City. Introduced to many of the preachers. Discussed college affairs &c. P.M. & Eve attended Educational meetings of the Preachers. Went to bed late. Stop at Br Wood's with J. Denison, C.H. Lovejoy, & Br Marlatt. Awoke in the night with the sound of music—from a fine band from a boat just leaving the wharf, to go up the river. Slept well, though we did not retire till late.

Thursday 4/16/57

Had my boots repaired & my watch fixed. Attended A.M. session of conference. Paid \$2 for printing minutes. Took a walk to the steamboat landing with Marlatt. Difficulty with the Pawnee Indians & Settlers on the Weeping Waters 25 miles west. Meeting here on the subject. P.M. wrote E.—Z— read letters, &c. Sermon in the evening by Rev Mr Horne, formerly of the N. Indiana Conference. Snow storm. A winter night!!

Friday 4/17/57

Cold & wintery. Met the committee on Education, who approves our Manhattan college plan. Educational Meeting. Attended conference: A.M. & P.M. Evening sermon by Rev. Goss. just from the East whither he has been to raise money to build a church in Lawrence K.T.—. Meets with a hard reception—collected about 3 hundred dollars. Introduced to Prof W. Oakley of Topeka, formerly of Delaware N.J. & a room-mate of F.A. Loomis. Conference recommended me as agent to raise money to build our church

Saturday 4/18/57

A.M. Br Collins up before conference for retaining 10 per cent of money on subs'ns for church. Was required to tender the amount to Trustees. Joined the S.S. Society. .50 cts. Appointed Agent for Bluemont Central College, in connection with Br Denison—heavy re-

sponsibility Eve—Miss'y. meeting —1st Anniversary in K.—interesting—made a life member, complimentary (?). Prof. H. Oakley. Ret'd. late & slept well. \$265. Paid.

Sunday 4/19/57

Cold yet & pleasant. Br Lovejoy sick with chills. Love feast at 9 A.M. Old-fashioned & interesting. Read a letter. 11 A.M. a rousing sermon by L.B. Dennis. P.M.—Funeral sermon on the murder of Old Father Holland,—preached by Rev. J.M. Chivington. Evening sermon by Bishop Ames. Simple & eloquent.

Monday 4/20/57

Bishop opposed to preachers—Itinerants—from acting as agents for colleges: A damper on our college plans. Preachers have rec'd their appointments & most of them have left. Eve—our college trustees have concluded to go ahead in spite of the opposition of the Bishop to a Conference Agent. Br J. Denison will take agency. The Lord help us, to do our duty, Br Goss.

Tuesday 4/21/57

Cool windy day. Brs. Denison, Lovejoy, Still, Marlatt, & Prof. Oakley left to day to return to Kansas. I feel somewhat lonely. Visited a steam saw mill, run by Br Dan'l. Wood our benevolent host. Boarded the Admiral steamboat. Read & wrote some. Called at the land agent's office. Eve—Steamboat Col Crosman arrived, went aboard & took my passage for St Louis—lie by for the night Found Bishop Ames & Adam Poe on board.

Wednesday 4/22/57

A bright, cool morning. On our right are the high banks of Nebraska—on the left the low lands of Iowa. The Missouri river is crooked, muddy full of snags & of course dangerous. Passed on our right White Cloud, Iowa Point, &c—on our left Sydney?, Savanna (Boston) St Joseph much miscellaneous conversation with Bishop Ames & others—he (?) ?

Thursday 4/23/57

Rested well. Passed Doniphan, Achinson, Kickapoo & stopped sometime at Weston to take in hemp. F- to St L \$6. P- ton \$32. Wrote a bit, Z— Passed Parkville, Quindaro, Wyandott, Kansas City, Independence landing &c Changed my room to room with S.R. Millard (?) Rec'd on board a family of Wyandotts, & several ladies with children to make music! Eve—felt sleepy— & lay down at 8 to nap it but slept



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.



Ellen Denison Goodnow was the wife of Isaac Goodnow. They settled near Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas Territory. They were free state supporters, and she is mentioned frequently in his diaries.

right straight along.

Friday 4/24/57

At Wellington. Called sometime at Lexington, — went into a coal mine—coal 20 inches thick, — shale above 1 ft, clay below, — also visited a rope factory,—hemp. — use 6 tons per day. Read in Harper's Magazine. Called at Miami & took in hemp. Brunswick a fine town on the left bank & Glasgow on the right. Stopped at Arrow-rock over night. Gambling—the sin of the River — on board.

Saturday 4/25/57

Delayed some hours in taking in cattle for St Louis. Mild & hazy. Took a run on shore. Two emigrants returning—Mass,—wrote to C. Robinson.

Negotiated with S R. Millard to buy lots &c. Conversated considerable with passengers. Read paper & in Harper. Passed Boonville, Jefferson City. Boat infested with gamblers, — vampires of our greenhorns.

Sunday 4/26/57

10 A.M. Sermon by Bishop Ames, on the evidences of Christianity. A noble effort. Read an Article on Jerusalem. H.M. —e. Arrived in St Louis, at 3. P.M. Put up at the Missouri House. Rainy in the morning—pleasant P.M. Read & wrote some & rested, seems pleasant to be by myself once more.

Monday 4/27/57

Have not slept much—mind too much on business. Washed

all over. Called on Br Brooks, Editor Central Advocate. Efforts to stock—way seemed hedged—finally an opening. Sold br Brooks 1 share. Called on Br Mitchell—just the man to aid. Eve—considerable conversation with an emigrant from N.J. bound for Kansas. Stops at the hotel with me—wife & 7 children. Fine day. Retired rather late. A long chat with Capt Baldwin of Memphis, formerly of Vt.—till 11 ½.

Tuesday 4/28/57

A.M. Made several calls—disappointed in not receiving the services of Br Mitchell Feel rather dull from the want of sleep. Called with J Brooks upon the Editor of Missouri Democrat. He will in tomorrow's paper call the attention of the people. Call upon C. Slater, who introduced me to Ex-mayor Howe. Eve J.P. Thomas walk with one of my old pupils Mr Carpenter. Museum.—1 hour.

Wednesday 4/29/57

Slept better than usual. Went again into the museum, with Carpenter & Leeds. Cetacean Saurian, Ophidion, Reptile, Zeuglodon, Macrospodylus, 96 ft long, 36 ribs on a side from 2 to 3 ½ ft long, jaws 5 & 5 ½ long open 4 ft. Diam 5 ft. Silliman, Leidy of Phil. Muellerd of Berlin, & Paul of W. original testimonials Notice of my business in the Missouri Democrat. Call from Roemhelt, also from Z.M. Smith an old W. student. Called with him on his wife—happy to see them. Drew a map of my claim & the outlines of Zeuglodon. Had my hair cut, head shampooed. Eve—took a hot shower bath. not feeling very well. Went to bed early.—rather restless.

Thursday 4/30/57

Not very well—took some Pain killer & at dinner some Ice cream—2 extremes! A decided improvement followed. Made a number of calls, & rec'd. a number from Kansas settlers.—

wishing information. Rec'd quite a number of letters of introduction from Br Brooks. Saw Mr Bradstreet, a young man from N.Y. City.

Friday 5/1/57

Took the cars for Alton. Called on Rev. Mr Earp. Br Morgan &c. Went to Upper Alton, & dined with Rev Mr Caldwell, who went round with me. Collected \$5.00, on subscriptions but effected no sales of stock. Stopped over night with J.B. Corrington, P.E. an excellent man with a noble hearted wife. Had a long visit with him about literary institutions & teachers, old acquaintances &c. Am some afflicted with a sore throat, an old difficulty that has not troubled for some time.

Saturday 5/2/57

Rode to L. Alton in the Omnibus. Collected \$2.00. Dined with Br Earp. Attended Quarterly meeting at Br Boyle's Mission. Preaching by Br Caldwell. Went home with Br S.B. Catts to spend the Sabbath. He very much reminds me of J.M. Howe of N.Y. He is a noble man—in the M.E. church. Visit with Br Boyle.

Sunday 5/3/57

Sore throat yet. Pleasant morning. A.M. Love feast & sermon by Br Corrington—P.E. Baptizing after it. Eve—communion & sermon by Rev Ferguson's Introduced to several brethren &c Throat quite sore

Monday 5/4/57

Labored hard.—Collected a few dollars but no sales of stock. Several calls from them who wish information on Kansas. Called on Mr (?) school. Mr Earp—Morgan &c. Have found S.B. Catts my best friend—much like J.M. Howe. wishes me to write him on returning home. Took the steamer Jeanie Deane for Quincy. Ill.

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'MORNING,

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YOU

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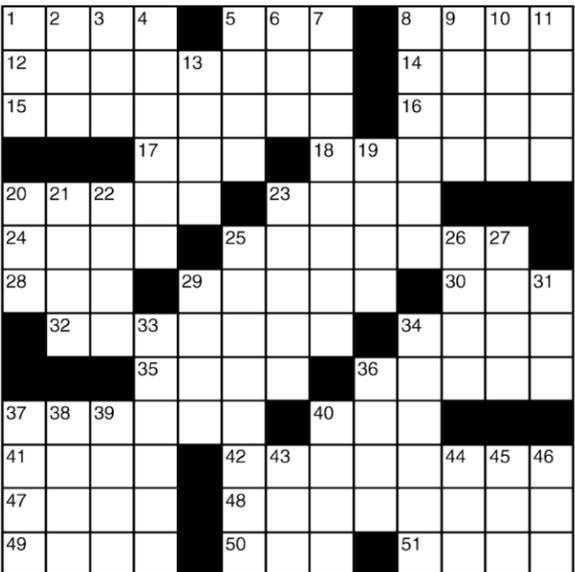
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"None of my socks match!"

**King Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Piece of beef-cake?
  - 5 Chevy Equinox, for one
  - 8 Competent
  - 12 Stretch out
  - 14 Hoofbeat sound
  - 15 News correspondent
  - 16 Golf target
  - 17 Air safety org.
  - 18 Big drip?
  - 20 Get more magazines
  - 23 In the twinkling — eye
  - 24 Chopped
  - 25 One with an exciting social life
  - 28 "Absolutely"
  - 29 Sand formations
  - 30 Homer's interjection
  - 32 Wasp's weapon
  - 34 Culture
- DOWN**
- 1 "For — a Jolly Good Fellow"
  - 2 Last (Abbr.)
  - 3 Neither partner
  - 4 Stabbed
  - 5 Long story
  - 6 Salt Lake athlete
  - 7 Fact-checker, often
  - 8 Sore
  - 9 United nations
  - 10 Lounge about
  - 11 Dueler's sword
  - 13 Eat away at
  - 19 Supermarket stack
  - 20 Shaft of sunlight
  - 21 Former mates
  - 22 Birds' home
  - 23 Title holder
  - 25 Hints at
  - 26 Advantage
  - 27 Reddish horse
  - 29 "CSI" collections
  - 31 Day fractions (Abbr.)
  - 33 Dutch river
  - 34 Get back at
  - 36 Satanic
  - 37 Marceau's forte
  - 38 Portent
  - 39 Doing
  - 40 Operatic solo
  - 43 Drivel
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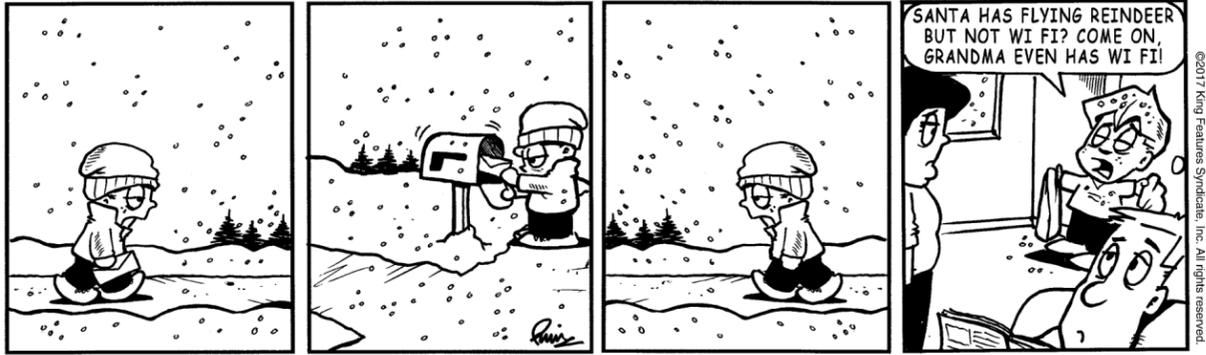


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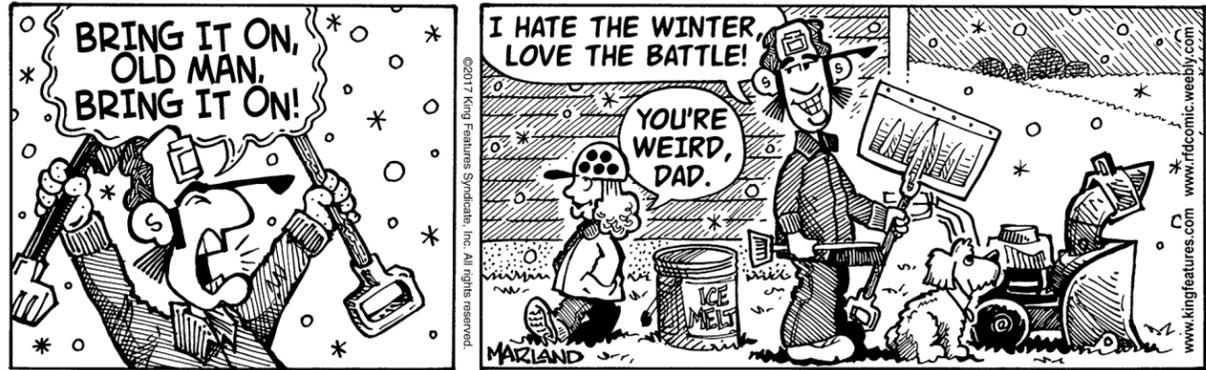
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## Etou scores 22 as Tulsa holds of Kansas State 61-54

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Tulsa coach Frank Haith sent precocious guard Elijah Joiner into Saturday night's nip-and-tuck game against Kansas State with a few minutes left and a simple message to remember.

"I said, 'Hey, you get an open look, you take it,'" Haith recalled later, "so for a freshman, I guess that means if I'm in the arena, I'm taking the shot."

He knocked it down with veteran poise.

The deep shot from right in front of his bench gave Tulsa the lead with just over three minutes to go, and the Golden Hurricane held on to beat the Wildcats 61-54 in a sloppy, defensive slugfest.

"I thought our guys played with great toughness," said Haith, who is no stranger to the Wildcats from his days coaching Missouri in the Big 12. "I thought we made some tough shots down the stretch, and I thought everybody that played contributed."

Junior Etou had 22 points and seven rebounds, and Martins Igbanu added 10 points, as the Golden Hurricane (5-4) overcame the loss of junior guard DaQuan Jeffries. Their third-leading scorer at nearly 12 points a game hurt his hand on the rim in practice and could



K-State's Kamau Stokes goes for the basket.

(File photo by Ben Brake)

miss the next two months.

The loss of their best athlete forced Haith to implement a series of zone defenses, including one he installed just this week. That befuddled the Wildcats (8-2), who missed all nine of their field-goal attempts over the final five-plus minutes and

wound up 4 for 31 from beyond the 3-point arc.

"The first half we ran offense and got good corner shots and we just missed them," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "Those corner 3s were open, we didn't make them, then I think the second half we panicked a

bit and forced some action, got a little uncharacteristic."

Xavier Sneed had two of the 3-pointers and finished with 15 points and eight boards for the Wildcats. Dean Wade had 13 points, Kamau Stokes had 11 and Barry Brown finished with 10.

"Just a bad shooting night," said Stokes, who along with Brown combined to go 1 for 15 from the 3-point arc. "We just didn't make the shots that we normally make."

The Wildcats, who entered the game 13th nationally in scoring defense, forced Tulsa into as many turnovers (11) in the first half as made field goals. Etou had four of them as he struggled to deal with the pesky hands of the Wildcats' perimeter players.

Still, the Golden Hurricane trailed just 30-27 at halftime, and they used an early flurry of points in the second half to pull ahead on Etou's 3-pointer with 12:38 to go.

The game remained a nip-and-tuck affair down the stretch, neither team ever leading by more than six until the final seconds, when Tulsa was able to put things away.

"This was the very first game where we put everything together as a team, and that feels good," the Golden Hurricane's Martins Igbanu said. "Some games we were guarding the ball but we didn't rebound well and some games we were missing assignments. We still missed assignments but we played through it."

STRANGE DOMINANCE

Tulsa improved to 6-1 against the Wildcats in a series dating to 1932. The teams were playing the first game of a three-game series between schools that are within driving distance of each other.

### BIG PICTURE

Tulsa won a defensive slugfest despite 15 turnovers, including eight from Etou. A big reason was the Golden Hurricane's perimeter defense and work on the boards, where they out-rebounded the Wildcats 40-30 despite giving up several inches in the paint.

Kansas State was trying to match its best start under Weber, but instead watched a 23-game non-conference home win streak come to an end. The Wildcats considered the game at Intrust Bank Arena in Wichita a home game even though it was a 2-hour drive from their campus in Manhattan.

### UP NEXT

Tulsa begins a two-game homestand against Prairie View A&M on Thursday night.

Kansas State gets a week off before facing Southeast Missouri State next Saturday.

## No. 16 Arizona State upset No. 2 Kansas in Lawrence

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Bobby Hurley is no stranger to college basketball lore. So when his Arizona State team travelled to Allen Fieldhouse to face Kansas on Sunday, the former Duke star knew what they were in for.

"No one really wins here," Hurley said. "You come in here, most of the time you're not leaving real happy."

Well, the Sun Devils sure did. Tra Holder scored 29 points on 8-for-16 shooting, and No. 16 Arizona State upset No. 2 Kansas 95-85 on Sunday to improve to 9-0.

Shannon Evans II had 22 points, and Remy Martin added 21 for the Sun Devils. Arizona State shot 50 percent from 3-

point range and 50.8 percent overall to hand Kansas (7-2) its second straight loss. The Jayhawks fell to unranked Washington on Wednesday night.

"I didn't really have to coach a whole lot tonight," Hurley said. "These guys sitting with me here deserve all the credit."

After a slow start that forced Hurley to use a timeout less than two minutes into the game, the Sun Devils found themselves down by as much as 13 before making their first field goal. The energy in Allen Fieldhouse was as high as has been all season, as Hurley expected.

Arizona State got back into it, though, trimming the deficit to just three points at halftime and eventually outscoring the

Jayhawks 58-42 in the second half. To get over this initial hump, the Sun Devils had to take a breath and tune out the raucous environment.

"The game slowed down for us," Holder said. "At first it was really rapid, the crowd got into it."

For Kansas, the difference was defense — or the lack thereof.

"It wasn't our offense," coach Bill Self said. "Hey, if you score 85 at home, you're supposed to win."

Lagerald Vick led Kansas with 25 points, his fifth time with 20 or more this season. Devonte' Graham added 19 points and eight assists.

Svi Mykhailiuk had an off

day, going 3 for 14 from the field and not registering any of his 14 points until he hit a 3-pointer with 6 minutes left. He had four turnovers and four fouls.

### BIG PICTURE

Kansas lost consecutive games for the first time since December 2013. Self will need to diagnose what went wrong in a hurry, with the start of conference play just three games away.

Arizona State picked up another marquee victory after knocking off No. 15 Xavier in late November. The Sun Devils are 9-0 for the first time since 1974-75 and look to be one of the top teams in the Pac-12.

### FANTASTIC FRESHMAN

Martin finished with 21 points on a 8-11 shooting and a perfect 2-for-2 from 3-point range. A true freshman, he didn't seem to be intimidated by the Allen Fieldhouse crowd despite it being just his ninth career game.

"It was a tremendous thing for me to witness and be a part of," Hurley said.

### NEWMAN HURT

Kansas starting guard Malik Newman took a knee to the head late in the game, sending him to the floor for a couple minutes as he was evaluated by medical staff.

After the game, Self said that he was told Newman suffered a concussion, but that he didn't know the severity or much of a concrete timetable for his recovery.

### POLL IMPLICATIONS

Kansas will tumble after the two losses. With another impressive win, Arizona State should continue its rise toward the top of the poll.

### UP NEXT

Kansas heads north to face former Big 12 rival Nebraska on Saturday.

Arizona State hosts Vanderbilt next Sunday.

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