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Tea Party To “Rally In Riley”

“Rally in Riley” will be on Saturday, February 27 at 10 a.m. for the Flint Hills Tea Party and follow the signs to the Riley County Grade School, 100 N. Remmele Street.

Kris Kobach, Professor of Constitutional Immigration and Election Law and Candidate for Kansas Secretary of State, will be the featured speaker with a question and answer period following. Kris’ experience and qualifications include:

- Counsel to US Attorney General John Ashcroft, US Justice Department, 2001-2003. Served as the Attorney General’s chief adviser on immigration law and border security.

- Architect of anti-terrorism programs at Justice Department after 9/11, including the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS), which led to the apprehension of numerous suspected terrorists.

- Testified before Congress on 10 occasions.

- Regular Guest (more than 70 times) on The O’Reilly Factor (FOX), and Lou Dobbs Tonight (CNN).

- White House Fellow, 2001-02.
- Member of the Republican National Committee, 2007-2009.

- Member of the Republican Platform Committee, 2008.

- Policy Adviser to Presidential Candidates Mitt Romney and Fred Thompson, 2007-2008.

- Recipient of Phyllis Schlafly’s Eagle Award, 2008.

- Constitutional attorney defending cities and states that fight illegal immigration against ACLU lawsuits, including: Hazleton, PA, the State of Arizona, Valley Park, MO, Farmers

Branch, TX, and others.

- Chairman of the Kansas Republican Party, 2007-2009.

- As Chairman, instituted the first Presidential Preference Caucus in Kansas in over 20 years.

- As Chairman, led the Kansas Republican Party to retake the 2nd Congressional District and expand its majority in the Kansas Senate to 31 of 40 seats.

- Overland Park City Councilman, 1999-2001.

- Graduate of Leadership Kansas, 1996.

- Law Professor at UMKC specializing in Constitutional Law, Election Law, Legislation, and Immigration Law, 1996-present.

- Bachelor’s Degree from Harvard University - Graduated Summa Cum Laude, 1988.

- Doctorate from Oxford University (England), 1992.

- Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School, 1995.

- Author of book on elections and ballot issues, *The Referendum* (Dartmouth Publ. 1993).

- Author of several scholarly articles on elections, including in *Electoral Studies*.

- Editorial contributor to the *New York Post*, *Washington Times*, and *Human Events*.

- Editorial contributor to *Midwest CEO*.

- Host of *The Kris Kobach Show*, KCMO 710 AM (airs every Sunday from 6-8 PM).

Join other patriotic Americans, regardless of party affiliation, for an eye opening review of your constitutional rights.

Refreshments will be served.



Last summer people gathered at the Riley County Courthouse to protest the Federal Government. Above tea bags were thrown into a horse tank to protest higher taxes.

Riley County Commission Looking At Power Outages

By Adam Reichenberger
Manhattan Free Press

Nature’s fury is taking its toll and after years of unanticipated costs and frustration steps are being taken to battle back. Power outages throughout vital facilities have plagued the County for ages and on February 11, Public Works Director and County Engineer, Leon Hobson brought before the County Commission one suggestion.

Hobson presented the “IT Standby Power Project” for discussion while aiming to stress the importance of this standby power system and look at budget options for said system. The construction costs have been estimated at \$134,000, which, according to Hobson, can be covered between the Building Fund (\$60,000) and CIP (\$75,000).

Here follows Hobson’s report: “After the ice storm a couple years ago the Commission requested budget numbers for generators which would power all of the buildings at the Plaza. With each building having its own electrical service this resulted in 4

separate generators. Upon review of the cost for the generators, the Commission determined they only had three areas of concern during a power outage.

“These were the IT Department, Emergency Management and the Public Works Department on Tuttle Creek Blvd. The Commissions desire was for the IT Department to be a stand alone area in regards to electricity, heating and cooling. This way the network would be available even if the rest of the County was working from remote location.

“The Commission approved the hiring of Orazem & Scalora Engineering to develop some preliminary designs and budgetary costs for the IT Department and the Public Works Facility...

“The following reasons support the need for a generator in the IT Department:

1. The loss of equipment due to no cooling during a power outage. The servers and network equipment currently have UPS’s that keep them running for between 10-20 minutes to allow

for proper shutdown during an outage. When the cooling systems are not operating the server room can reach 90-100 degrees in approximately 10 minutes.

2. The loss of equipment due to immediate shutdown vs. scheduled shutdowns.

3. The loss of equipment due to power flickers and surges when power is restored.

4. To minimize the amount of staff down time due to the time it takes to power off and power on all of the Network, Server and AS400 equipment.

“Over the last 2 years there have been 3-4 power outages a year. In the 5 years preceding there was only about 1 power outage per year. In 2009 there was a power outage which resulted in \$30,000 of equipment replacement. All of the equipment replaced from that outage was replaced unconditionally by those manufacturers’ warranties. This will not always be the case. Not all vendors are that way and many [do] not replace equipment due to power problems like outages and surges.”

Sales Tax Projects Under Microscope

By Adam Reichenberger
Manhattan Free Press

Recently, Budget Finance Officer, Johnette Shepek, along with Public Works Director and County Engineer, Leon Hobson, presented a summary of ½ cent sales tax projects to the County Commission.

A number of projects categorized as either Culverts, Bridges, Reconstructs or Asphalt Overlays have been on the table for a few years—some as early as 2003. Many of these, including all Asphalt Overlays and most Culverts are completed and their costs wholly covered.

A total of eight other projects have also begun which have yet to be completed. Some of these were estimated to be finished last year, but have taken longer than expected and construction has carried over into 2010.

The summary presented to the Commission was meant to draw attention to two projects whose approval is yet pending. The first of these is the Wildcat Creek

South Reconstruct project. The estimated total cost of the project is \$2,800,000 and the Commission will need to make a decision on its progress.

The other project, the South Manhattan Avenue Reconstruct, with an estimated cost of just under \$2,000,000, was previously agreed by consensus of the Commission not to be done.

Shepek and Hobson laid out the fiscal impacts of the sales tax and all projects completed or in progress, giving an estimated ending cash balance for 2012 at \$2,747,966. This value includes a projected \$1,000,000 collected per year (2010, 2011 and 2012) by the ½ cent sales tax, project costs and debt payments to both the 2005B GO Bond and a K-DOT Loan.

However, these figures did not include project costs for either of the pending Reconstructs, leading some to speculate whether the Wildcat Creek South project will be approved or scrapped for something else.

Obituaries

Delbert "Del" LeRoy Tolbert

Delbert "Del" LeRoy Tolbert, 79, Manhattan, KS passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at a Manhattan nursing home.

He was born March 22, 1930 at Auburn, KS, the son of LeRoy Albert Tolbert and Alice Mildred Renyer Tolbert. He grew up in Auburn and Tecumseh, KS and was a 1948 graduate of the Denison High School.

He was united in marriage to Mary Frances Barr on July 22, 1950 at Emporia, KS. She survives of the home.

Mr. Tolbert taught in a one-room school house in Anderson County, KS for two years. From 1956-1960 he taught 6th grade at Hutton Elementary before

becoming the principal at Murray Hill Elementary, both in Chanute, KS. In 1968 he became a Manhattan resident and principal at Northview Elementary for 15 years. He retired in 1984.

After retirement, Mr. Tolbert owned and operated Del-Mar Home Decorating in Manhattan for 12 years. During that time he taught soldiers at Ft. Riley in achieving their GED degrees.

He attended the First Baptist Church, Manhattan. His hobbies included picture framing, gardening, bird watching and he was an avid reader. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and storytelling.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Mary Lou Jensen and Carolyn Kay Eubanks.

In addition to his wife, Mr.

Tolbert is survived by a son, Steven D. Tolbert, and his wife, Gail, Overland park, KS; three daughters, Cynthia J. Gunckel, and her husband, Leslie, Round Rock, TX, Susan K. Liotta, and her husband, James, Topeka, KS and Sara L. Rempel, and her husband, Terry, Manhattan; 11 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Cremation is planned. No additional services are scheduled. Inurnment will be held at a later date in Garnett.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Northview Elementary School Library or the Manhattan Public Library and left in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, 1317 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502. Online condolences can be sent to www.irvinparkview.com.

Drusilla M. "Dru" Barker

Drusilla M. "Dru" Barker, 89, Manhattan, KS passed away Thursday, February 11, 2010 in the Mercy Regional Health Center, Manhattan.

She was born January 13, 1921 at Manhattan, but grew up and attended the schools in Pratt, KS. She received her BS degree in Home Economics from Kansas State University.

She was united in marriage to Dorsey G. Barker on August 6, 1944 at Pratt. He preceded her in death on April 16, 1993.

Mrs. Barker lived in many locations of the United States and abroad, while following her husband in his U.S. Air Force career.

They retired and moved to Manhattan in October 1974. She was a homemaker, but had worked in the Extension Service-Home Demonstration Unit in

Marion, KS, immediately following college and as a real estate agent, while living in Florida.

She was a member of the University Christian Church, FCE (Riley County Family and Community Education) of the Extension Service, Clovia 4H Scholarship House, Welcome Wagon, several bridge groups and was an active volunteer at the Mercy Regional Health Center.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Barker was preceded in death by a son, Gary Barker, on May 20, 1948; her parents; and a brother, Oscar Norby.

Survivors include three daughters, Cheryl Levin, and her husband, Otto, Kensington, KS, Darcie Barker, Manhattan and Debra Brannon, and her husband, Glenn, Big Sandy, TX; a brother, Dr. Marvin A. Norby, and his wife, Mary, Sioux City, IA; a sister, Melba Scott, and her husband, Richard, Pratt, KS; a sister-

in-law, Pauline Norby, Manhattan; nine grandchildren, Travis Levin, and his wife, Carmen, Joshua Levin, Chad Brannon, and his wife, Carly, Jolene Brannon, Jana Brannon, Jason Brannon, Jordon Brannon, Christopher Brannon and Truett Brannon; and five great grandchildren, Keeten, Bella and Annalise Levin and Hudson and Ford Brannon.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at the University Christian Church, Manhattan with Ryan Hayden officiating. Graveside services followed at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorial contributions can be made to the University Christian Church or the Mercy Community Health Foundation and left in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan.

Online condolences can be sent to www.irvinparkview.com.

Robert "Bob" Dale Anderson

Robert "Bob" Dale Anderson, age 49, of Manhattan, Kansas died Thursday February 11, 2010 at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born January 24, 1961 in Manhattan the son of Carrol and Karen (Loberg) Anderson.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman and loved to go fishing. Some of Bob's favorite things to do were to watch movies and to go bowling. He was known for playing practical jokes on his family. Bob was a sports fan and enjoyed Kansas State Wildcats sports of

all kinds.

On September 14, 2002 he married Christine Base in Manhattan. She survives of the home.

Additional survivors include his children: Nicole Anderson and Robert Anderson of Janesville, Wisconsin, Andrea Anderson and Allie Anderson of the home. He is also survived by his mother: Karen Anderson of Manhattan, his brother Cliff Anderson and his wife Julia of Manhattan; two nieces, two nephews, and one great-niece.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carrol Anderson on November 7, 2005.

Funeral Services for Mr.

Anderson were held on Wednesday February 17, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel in Manhattan with Pastor Eric Norris officiating. Cremation will follow the service and a private inurnment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Robert D. Anderson Memorial Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

On-line condolence can be sent to the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

First United Methodist Annual Soup

The First United Methodist Men's Annual Soup and Chili will be on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 from 5:15 to 7:15 in the Fellowship Hall of the main building at 6th and Poyntz Ave. in Manhattan. It is the annual fundraiser for the group and ben-

efits youth and scouting programs at the church. Advance tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ages 11 and younger. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Clyde Scott at 539-9307.

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Pawnee Employee Awarded Customer Service Award

Fred Prindaville, PhD psychologist at Pawnee Mental Health Services, was given the Kansas Health Solutions (KHS) quarterly Outstanding Customer Service Award on February 15. KHS is the Topeka-based not-for-profit organization that manages Kansas' Medicaid mental health program.

Dr. Prindaville was nominated for the award by a client of his who said, "When I first began seeing Dr. Prindaville, I came with a huge list of 'labels' from other providers which left me feeling hopeless, helpless and having no self esteem. With his help and encouragement, I can see myself as a whole person again."

Dr. Prindaville is the Supervisor of Outpatient Services in the Concordia office serving Cloud, Washington, Mitchell,



Fred Prindaville being awarded the KHS Award.

Jewell and Republic counties. He has been employed by Pawnee since 1978. Dr. Prindaville was awarded a plaque and a check for \$250 by KHS.

City Announces 2010 Spring Cleanup Dates

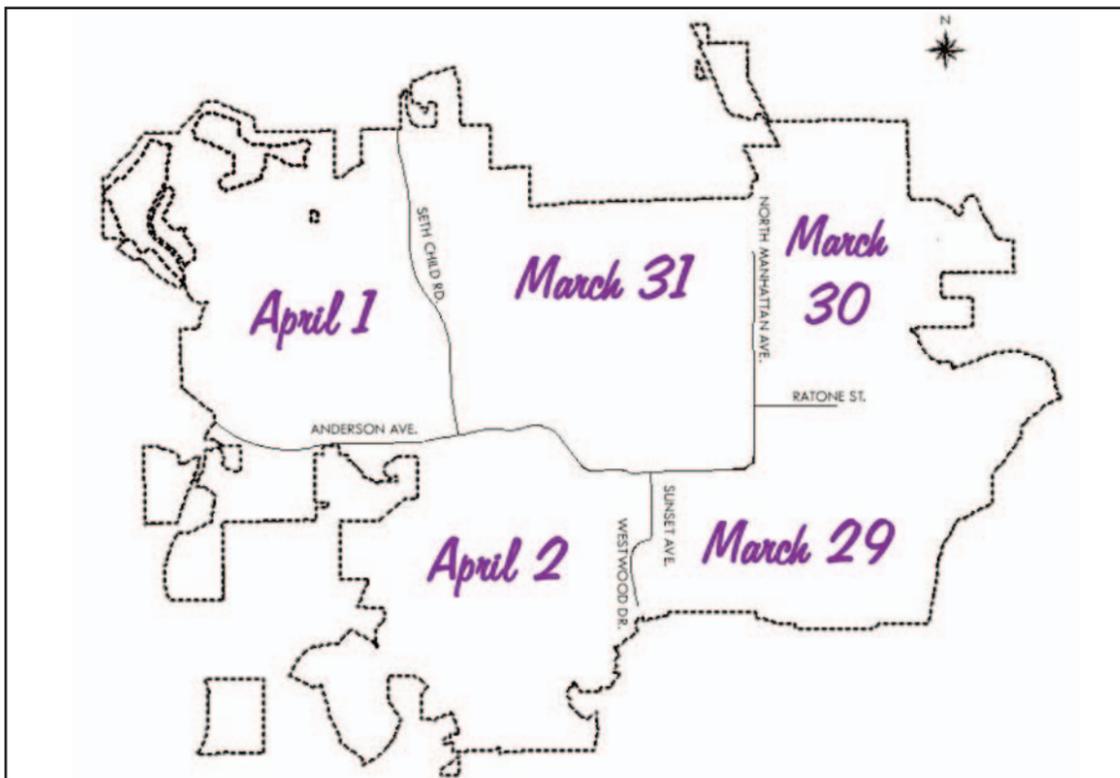
The 2010 City of Manhattan Spring Cleanup is March 29-April 2. Local area refuse companies are assisting with the program, and will collect all trash and debris for their respective customers. Refuse pickup will occur on regular collection schedules, and trash and debris must be placed at the same location as regular refuse collection. Participating companies are: Joe

Mallon Trash Service, B&L Trash Service, A1Trash Service, Arrowhead Trash, Howie's Enterprises, and Waste Management.

The City of Manhattan crews will only pick up yard waste, limbs, and branches. All yard waste, such as grass clippings and leaves, must be placed in yard waste paper bags. Limbs and branches must be stacked sepa-

rately. The yard waste paper bags must be placed on the curb by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the scheduled pick-up. Paper bags are available for purchase at many local retail stores.

Please call (785) 587-4540 with questions, or visit the City of Manhattan Web site, www.ci.manhattan.ks.us.



The Columbian Artists Membership Exhibit

The Manhattan Arts Center presents the Columbian Artists Membership Exhibit 2010 and in the front gallery Prints by Kaci Smith from February 27 to April 10 with an opening reception on February 27 from 5-7pm.

The Columbian Artists group was founded in December of 1998. It was conceived as a support group for experienced 2-dimensional artists. A strong response to the initial letter paved the way for the idea to become reality. Since December of 1998, The Columbian Artists have met monthly, usually at The Columbian Theatre in Wamego, Kansas; have expanded their

scope to include the 3-dimensional arts; have received a monthly mailing--including a calendar of events; and have formed interest groups to plan a variety of group activities including critique of recent work, exhibits, en plein air painting and workshops in a variety of media. The group has supported the visual arts in area high school high school through scholarship support and merit awards presented at League Art Shows. The membership includes 5 signature members of Kansas Watercolor, professional artists, former KSU Art faculty and Architecture/Landscape Architecture faculty; public

school art instructors and artists with a desire to improve and share their art production. The Manhattan Arts Center galleries are free and open to the public Monday through Friday 10 to 5pm.

The Manhattan Arts Center is funded in part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, which believes that a great nation deserves great art. Additional funding comes from the City of Manhattan and MAC members and friends.

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Thoughts From The Prairie

Constitution 101

The Kansas Senate passed the State Sovereignty Resolution, SCR 1615, February 11, 2010, by an overwhelming, somewhat bipartisan, majority of 33 to 7. Both our Senators Reitz and Taddiken voted YEA. So why is SCR 1615 such a big deal? It's a big deal because it fires a warning shot across the bow of the SS Federal Government that says, "You are about to invade our States "territorial waters!" Back off and take a look at the Constitution! And while you are at it, study the words of our Founders."

Thomas Jefferson said in his first inaugural address after iterating the blessings of Providence, "Still one thing more, fellow citizens—a wise and frugal government ...which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned..." You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out this does not include any provision for the government to take over a free enterprise business and certainly prohibits using public funds for political bribery.

It is becoming more apparent that many of our citizens and especially our elected officials are not heeding these words and are either unfamiliar with the provisions of our Constitution or are ignoring those provisions. The writers of the Constitution wrote it to be interpreted by ordinary citizens. The two overarching principles are rather simple; first, our nation was founded as a Constitutional Republic not a democracy; second, the predominant role of governing is relegated to the various states, not the federal government. The federal government has only that authority specifically granted by the Constitution, everything else is left to the states and the people.

SCR 1615, although not legally binding, does declare Kansas' intentions. "Be it further resolved: That this serves as Notice and Demand to the federal government, as our agent, to cease and desist, effective immediately, mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally delegated powers."

However, there is another resolution being considered that if passed, will place a proposed amendment to the Kansas Constitution on the November ballot. SCR 1626 proposes that Article 16 of the Kansas Constitution be amended to read: "Article 16. — HEALTH



Dick Miller

CARE 1. Health care. (a) To preserve the freedom of Kansans to provide for their health care... A law or rule shall not compel, directly or indirectly, any person, employer or health care provider to participate in any health care system or purchase health insurance..."

Please contact your senator regarding SCR 1626. Here are their email addresses and phone numbers:
 Email: Mark.Taddiken@senate.ks.gov, Ph: 785-296-7371;
 Email: Roger.Reitz@senate.ks.gov, Ph: 785-296-7360.

Contact representatives about SCR 1615: Email: sydney.carlin@house.ks.gov, Ph: 785-296-7657; Email: tom.hawk@house.ks.gov, Ph: 785-296-7665.

Consider the sacrifice that has been made for us. Dr. Paul Barkey gave us a glimpse into the past in his devotional guide, On This Day, February 16, by recording General Washington's account of Valley Forge in 1776: "No history now extant can furnish an instance of an army's suffering...To see men without clothes to cover their nakedness, without blankets to lie on, without shoes (for the want of which their marches might be traced by the blood from their feet)...and submitting without murmur..."

Come join us in honoring those Patriots at the Rally in Riley 10AM February 27th.

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"Conscience of Kansas"

Palms, Knuckles, and Fingertips: A Rich Assessment of Palin Hate

Oh, it is indeed a hard time to be a liberal. The storm clouds of destiny are so close one can feel the humidity of the humiliation that is about to rain down on the liberal left. The thunder, of course, is the American people who have had enough of uncontrolled spending and the quickstep to socialistic left with which Barack Obama and his political supporting cast has taken this country with an arrogant indifference to opposition by the American people. So, as is the case in a free country, our system will be used to wash away these destructive forces and the nation will begin to heal itself and hopefully, be wiser for the experience.

I have written about Palin Hate many times and have been observing its evolution as liberals attempt to come to terms with their upcoming ideological defeats in 2010 and 2012. This documentation has been a dirty business with many twists and turns and as always, with each writing, a little more is learned about both Palin and her attackers. The latest attack comes from liberal New York Times columnist Frank Rich. For the most part Rich blindly stabs his trident at Palin like most of the frothing left that knows they hate the former governor of Alaska for some reason or another but fail to make a coherent argument. To continue a documentation of the evolution of Palin Hate, I will give you an assessment of Rich's most overt thrusts at the Palin camp.

First, Rich does what all liberals do when they see red. He does what liberals accuse conservatives of doing; he bashes women. Out of the gate and in defiance of every feminist who ever voted democrat, Rich frames Palin as the evil, maniacal plotting female. In fact, when talking about Sarah Palin and the incident in which she wrote crib notes on her hand for a speech and was later made fun of by White House court jester Robert Gibbs, Rich takes pity on giggling Gibbs who he sees as a helpless pawn in Palin's elaborate plan to gain backlash support from the American people. In



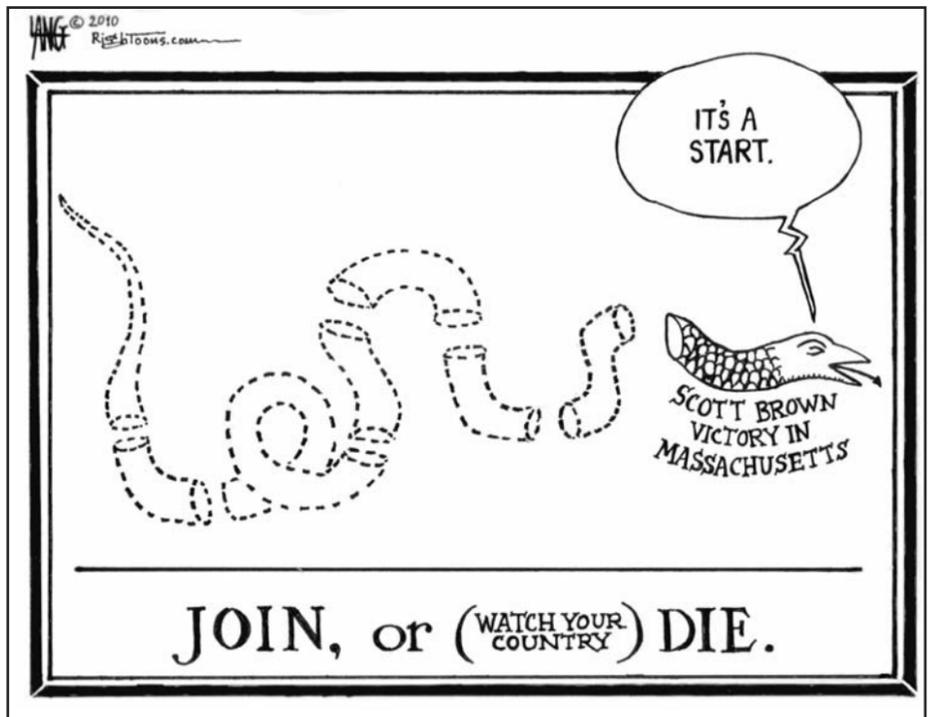
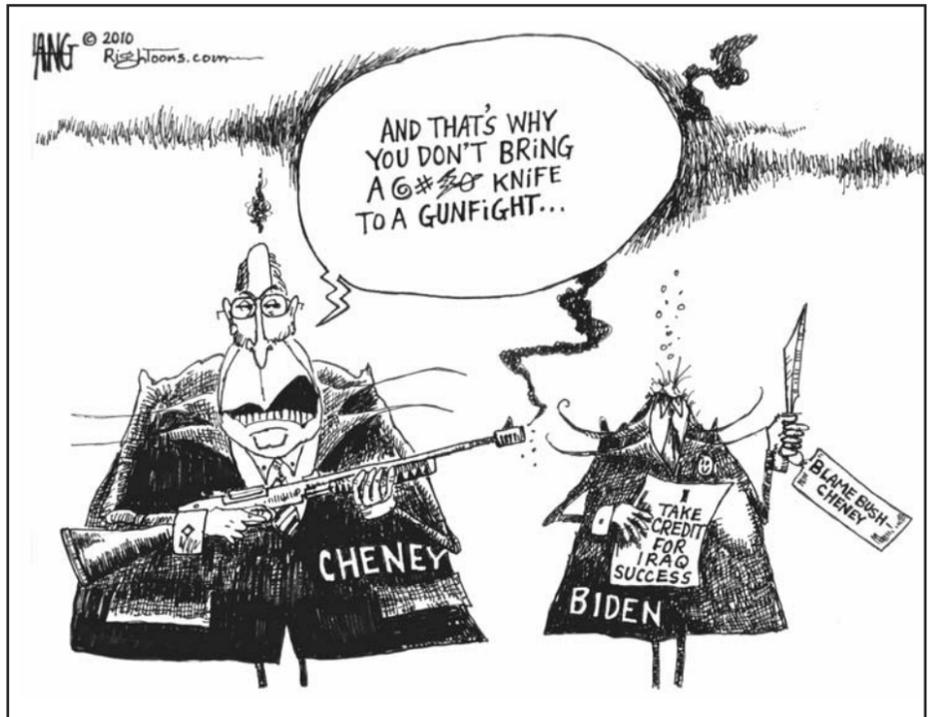
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fact, Rich eludes that Palin's only quality of note may be her plotting nature when he says, "you had to wonder if Palin, who is nothing if not cunning, had sprung a trap." All I can say to Frank Rich on that component of his Palin attack is that he pushed the point home very aggressively, "women, you just can't trust them," I'm sure the feminists would all be proud.

At this point, Rich's attack echoes the usual subliminal and overt liberal talking points of the left which include intolerance for financial success, anti-capitalistic spew, guilt by association, bathroom yardstick talk of who has the longest "conservatism," perpetuating the one-dimensional view of the Tea Party movement, Americans being brainless cattle, and finally the always popular liberal slap at Christianity.

The attacks by Frank Rich on Sarah Palin anger a majority in this nation. He probably does more to promote Palin to the public stage than his cohort, the press secretary, in that he shines even more light on the desperation of the modern liberal today with his multiple-lay-

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787*

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Schedule/Results Season

Date	Opponent	Opp Rank	Location	Time (CST)	Results	Media
Sun, Nov 08	Pittsburg State (Exh.)	-	Manhattan	3 p.m.	89 - 53 (W)	
Fri, Nov 13	Loyola Chicago	-	Manhattan	7 p.m.	92 - 54 (W)	
Sun, Nov 15	Western Illinois	-	Manhattan	3 p.m.	82 - 50 (W)	
O'Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tipoff						
Thu, Nov 19	Boston University	-	at San Juan, Puerto Rico	6:30 p.m.	80 - 70 (W)	
Fri, Nov 20	Ole Miss	-	at San Juan, Puerto Rico	7:30 p.m.	74 - 86 (L)	
Sun, Nov 22	Dayton 18/21	-	at San Juan, Puerto Rico	4:30 p.m.	83 - 75 (W)	
K-State Holiday Classic						
Sat, Nov 28	IUPUI	-	Kansas City, Mo. (Sprint Center)	3 p.m.	70 - 57 (W)	
Tue, Dec 01	Fort Hays State	-	Manhattan	7 p.m.	83 - 76 (W)	
Big 12 / Pac-10 Hardwood Series						
Sat, Dec 05	Washington State	-	Manhattan	8 p.m.	86 - 69 (W)	
Tue, Dec 08	Xavier	-	Manhattan	8 p.m.	71 - 56 (W)	
Sat, Dec 12	UNLV	-	at Las Vegas, Nev. (Orleans Arena)	6 p.m.	95 - 80 (W)	
Coors Classic						
Sat, Dec 19	Alabama	-	at Mobile, Ala. (Mitchell Center)	8 p.m.	87 - 74 (W)	
Mon, Dec 21	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	-	Manhattan	7 p.m.	90 - 76 (W)	
Tue, Dec 29	Cleveland State	-	Manhattan	7 p.m.	85 - 56 (W)	
Sun, Jan 03	South Dakota	-	Manhattan	12 p.m.	91 - 69 (W)	
Sat, Jan 09	Missouri *	-	at Columbia, Mo.	1 p.m.	68 - 74 (L)	
Tue, Jan 12	Texas A&M *	-	Manhattan	6 p.m.	88 - 64 (W)	
Sat, Jan 16	Colorado *	-	at Boulder, Colo.	3 p.m.	87 - 81 (W)	
Mon, Jan 18	Texas *	-	Manhattan	8 p.m.	81 - 62 (W)	
Sat, Jan 23	Oklahoma State *	-	Manhattan	3 p.m.	69 - 73 (L)	
Tue, Jan 26	Baylor *	-	at Waco, Texas	7 p.m.	76 - 74 (W)	
Sat, Jan 30	Kansas *	-	Manhattan	6 p.m.	79 - 81 (L)	
Tue, Feb 02	Nebraska *	-	at Lincoln, Neb.	7 p.m.	76 - 57 (W)	
Sat, Feb 06	Iowa State *	-	at Ames, Iowa	1 p.m.	79 - 75 (W)	
Sat, Feb 13	Colorado *	-	Manhattan	5 p.m.	68 - 51 (W)	
Wed, Feb 17	Nebraska *	-	Manhattan	6 p.m.	FOX Sports Kansas City	
Sat, Feb 20	Oklahoma *	-	at Norman, Okla.	5 p.m.	ESPNU	
Tue, Feb 23	Texas Tech *	-	at Lubbock, Texas	7 p.m.	Big 12 Network	
Sat, Feb 27	Missouri *	-	Manhattan	7 p.m.	ESPNU	
Wed, Mar 03	Kansas *	-	at Lawrence, Kan.	7 p.m.	Big 12 Network	
Sat, Mar 06	Iowa State *	-	Manhattan	5 p.m.	Big 12 Network	
Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship						
Wed, Mar 10	TBA	-	at Kansas City, Mo. (Sprint Center)	TBA		

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Cats Move To 7th in Both Polls

KSU Sports Information

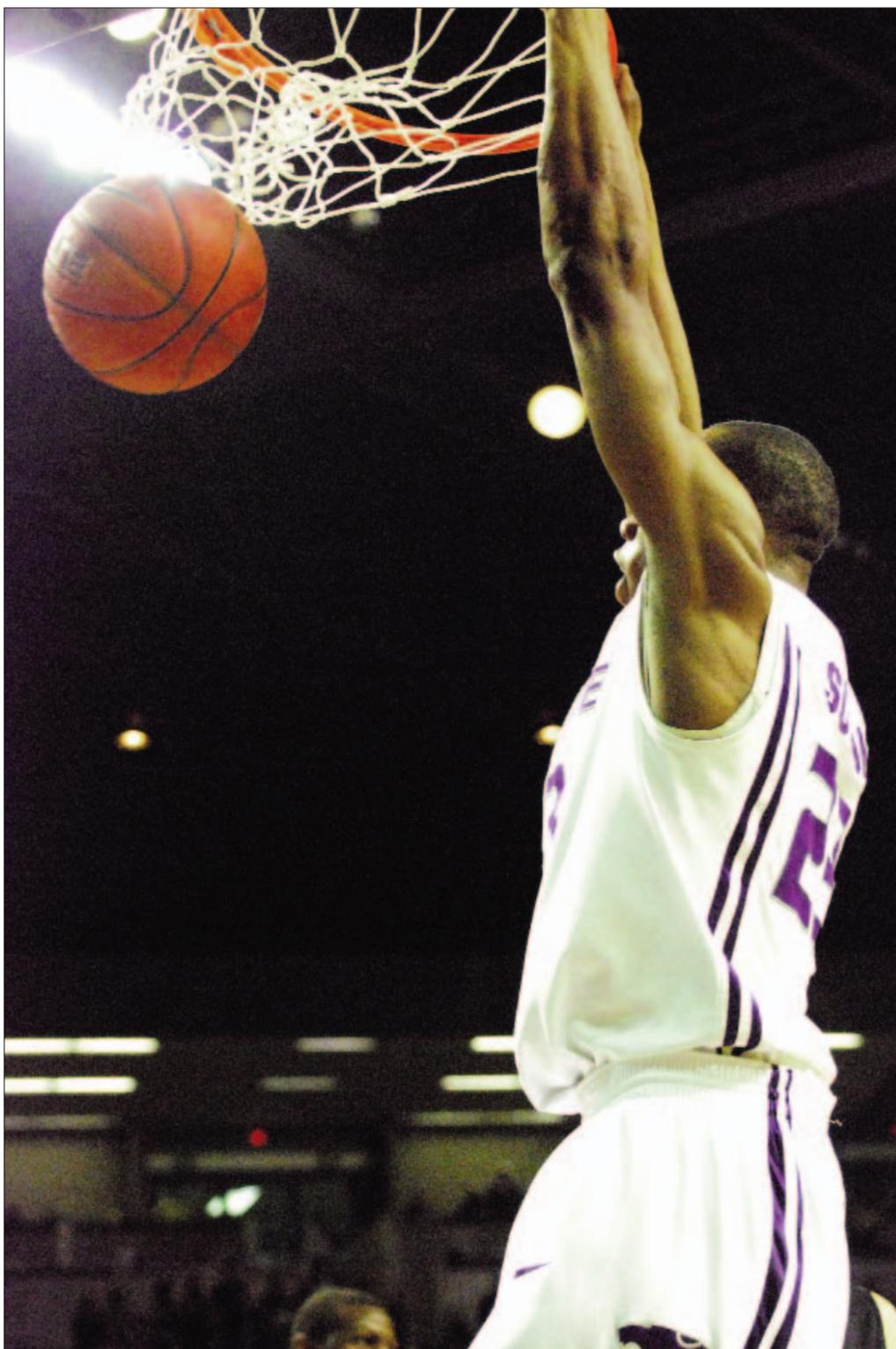
Kansas State continued to make history on Monday morning, as the Wildcats rose two spots to No. 7 in each major poll.

The No. 7 ranking is the highest in The Associated Press poll in almost 50 years since the Wildcats were ranked sixth on March 13, 1962. It is the highest ranking in the Coaches' poll since USA Today took over ownership of the poll in 1991-92. K-State has now been ranked in the Top 10 in both polls for the third time this season.

The Wildcats have now been ranked among the nation's Top 25 in both polls for 10 consecutive weeks, while they have been ranked among the AP Top 15 for seven straight weeks. It is the longest stretch in the Top 25 since ranking 16 consecutive weeks in the AP poll from 1972-73, while it is the longest stretch in the AP Top 15 since the 1961-62 team was among the Top 10 for 14 weeks in a row from Dec. 19, 1961 to March 13, 1962.

The Wildcats, who are past the mid-way point of the Big 12 season, are off to their best start in nearly 50 years with their current 20-4 overall mark. The record ties for the fifth-best start in school history and the best since the 1961-62 squad opened the year at 21-3. The team posted their 20th win of the season against Colorado on Saturday, becoming the first team to tally 20 or more wins in four consecutive seasons. Head coach Frank Martin also became the first head coach to post three 20-win seasons to start a career. It is also the earliest a K-State squad has won 20 games, surpassing the 1958-59 team that won its 20th game on Feb. 16, 1959.

The Wildcats conclude a brief two-game homestand on Wednesday, as the squad plays host to Nebraska (13-12, 1-9 Big 12) at Bramlage Coliseum at 6 p.m. CT. The game will be broadcast on FOX Sports Kansas City.



Dominique Sutton (23) drives one home.



Photos by Ben Brake

Jacob Pullen (0) looks to the inside.

Cartier Martin Scores Nine in All-Star Loss

KSU Sports Information

It's not the All-Star extravaganza that Cartier Martin wanted to be in, but for now, it will have to do.

The former Kansas State Wildcat took part in the NBA's All-Star weekend in Dallas on Saturday when he played in the NBA's Developmental League

All-Star game.

"It's an accomplishment," said Martin, who scored nine points and collective four rebounds for the Eastern All-Stars that lost to the West, 98-81. "There are some good players in the D-League, so to be considered one of the best is an accomplishment."

Bill Walker, another former

Wildcat, had been invited to take part in the NBA D-League's Slam Dunk Competition on Friday, but he is currently on the roster of the Boston Celtics. To participate in the dunk contest he would have had to be resigned by the Maine Red Claws.

Walker played nine games with the Red Claws in November and December after coming off a pre-season injury. He averaged 17.4 points per game against D-League competition.

With the Celtics this year, Walker has played in eight games and has scored eight points. Last year he contributed 88 points in 29 games in his rookie season.

Martin is back with the Iowa Energy based in Des Moines after recently playing on two 10-day contracts with the Golden State Warriors in the NBA. Playing in 10 games, Martin averaged 9.0 points and 4.7 rebounds per game. His single-game high was a 20-point effort against Sacramento.

"I've shown that I can play in

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K-State to Host WBCA "Pink Zone" Event

KSU Sports Information

K-State will host its sixth straight breast cancer awareness game on Sunday.

Kansas State women's basketball will take part in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) "Pink Zone" during the Sunday, Feb. 21, Big 12 matchup against Oklahoma in Bramlage Coliseum. This is the third season K-State has taken part in this nationwide awareness event, and the sixth straight season K-State has had a breast cancer awareness game.

The WBCA's "Pink Zone" initiative is a global, unified effort for the WBCA's nation of coaches to assist in raising breast cancer awareness on

the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond. This season 1,550 teams and organizations are taking part in the event.

The benefactor of this initiative is the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund, named for the legendary North Carolina State women's basketball coach Kay Yow, who died of breast cancer in January of 2009.

On the floor for the second straight season, Kansas State will wear pink uniforms. The jerseys resemble K-State's traditional home white uniforms, with the white replaced by pink. A pair of pink uniforms will be auctioned off at kstatesports.com. The online auction will begin on Feb. 22 and conclude on Feb. 26.

During K-State's "Pink Zone" event, the first 4,000 fans will receive a free pink K-State t-shirt provided by Mercy Regional Health Center, Briggs Auto and GTM Sportswear. Doors to the 2 p.m. game against the Sooners will open at 1 p.m.

Tickets remain available online at www.kstatesports.com or by calling the athletics ticket office at 1-800-221-CATS. Ticket prices for this special game, which also includes a half-time recognition of the women's basketball alumni reunion participants, are as follows: \$12 for chairbacks, \$9 for bench, \$8 general admission adult and \$5 for general admission youth.

Cats Drop Heartbreaker to No. 11 Aggies

KSU Sports Information

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Kansas State stormed out to a 33-25 halftime lead behind freshman Taelor Karr's career-high 19 points, but 11th-ranked Texas A&M rallied in the second half to claim a 69-63 win over the Wildcats Saturday night at Reed Arena.

Kansas State (12-12, 4-6) had four players in double figures, led by Karr's career night. Brittany Chambers chipped in 17 points, Kari Kincaid had 13 and Ashley Sweat moved into fourth place on the K-State career scoring charts with 10 points in the contest.

The Aggies (17-6, 5-5) opened the second half on an 11-0 run over the first six minutes, capped by a Tanisha Smith three-pointer, to take a 36-33 lead. K-State, which set a Reed Arena record with 11 made three-point field goals in the game, did not score in the second half until the 12:42 mark but kept the contest close and eventually regained the lead at 41-40 following Kincaid's three-pointer with 10:07 left.

Texas A&M widened the margin to 50-43 at the 7:19 mark, but a Chambers' three-pointer brought the Cats right back to within four at 50-46. The Cats kept the deficit at four points or less until a fastbreak layup by A&M with 4:09 left extended the lead to 56-50. Following a Sweat jumper, the Aggies went on a 7-0 run to up the lead to 63-52 and the Wildcats would only get as close as six points the rest of the way.

K-State shot just 30-percent from the floor in the contest, including 28-percent in the second half, while the Aggies connected on 50-percent of their field goals in the second half and 46-percent overall. The Wildcats out-rebounded the Aggies, 41-36, for the game and collected a whopping 20 offensive rebounds.

After trailing by seven midway through the opening half, Karr put the Wildcats in front, 19-18, with a three from the right corner with 8:05 to play. The Aggies' Tyra White answered with a jumper from the right wing, but Kari Kincaid found

Karr on a backdoor cut and a layup for a 21-20 edge with 7:29 to play.

Karr bumped K-State's lead to four with her third 3-point field goal of the first half with 6:11 to play. Two hustle offensive rebounds by Branshea Brown resulted in a deep three from Brittany Chambers at the 3:49 mark and capped an 18-4 run to give K-State a 27-20 lead.

The Wildcats' lead grew to eight following the first 4-point play of the season, as Karr connected on her fourth 3-pointer while being knocked to the floor by Damitria Buchanan with 37.5 seconds remaining. Karr drained the ensuing free throw to give a career-high 19 points in the opening stanza and the Wildcats a 33-25 lead at the break.

K-State shot just .333 from the field in the first half, but recorded 11 offensive rebounds that resulted in 14 second chance points.

Kansas State continues its two-game road trip through the state of Texas on Wednesday as the Wildcats

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time (CST)	Results	Media
Tue, Nov 03	Fort Hays State (Ex)	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	81 - 68 (W)	
Mon, Nov 09	Pittsburg State (Ex)	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	89 - 61 (W)	
Sat, Nov 14	Indiana State	Manhattan, Kan.	5 p.m.	73 - 77 (L)	
Mon, Nov 16	Arkansas State	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	79 - 80 (L) OT	
Fri, Nov 20	Washington State	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	70 - 63 (W)	
Mon, Nov 23	Creighton	at Omaha, Neb.	7:05 p.m.	54 - 63 (L)	
Fri, Nov 27	BYU	at Provo, Utah	4:30 p.m. (CT)	65 - 62 (W)	
Wed, Dec 02	Arkansas	at Fayetteville, Ark.	7 p.m.	58 - 60 (L)	
Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic					
Fri, Dec 04	Missouri State vs. UTEP	at Manhattan, Kan.	4 p.m.		
Fri, Dec 04	Grambling State	Manhattan, Kan.	6 p.m.	64-60 (W)	
Sat, Dec 05	Consolation Game	at Manhattan, Kan.	1 p.m.		
Sat, Dec 05	Championship Game	at Manhattan, Kan.	3 p.m.	87-62 (W)	
Sun, Dec 13	Northwestern	Manhattan, Kan.	2 p.m.	50-53 (L)	
Duel in the Desert					
Sat, Dec 19	Hawaii	at Las Vegas, Nev.	9:30 p.m. (CT)	61-71 (L)	
Sun, Dec 20	VCU	at Las Vegas, Nev.	4:30 p.m./9:30 p.m.	73-67 (W)	
Mon, Dec 21	TBA	at Las Vegas, Nev.	TBA	59-55 (W)	
Tue, Dec 29	UC Davis	at Davis, Calif.	9 p.m. (CT)	73-59 (W)	
Sat, Jan 02	Yale	Manhattan, Kan.	2 p.m.	78-59 (W)	
Sat, Jan 09	Kansas *	Manhattan, Kan.	11 a.m.	59 - 35 (W)	
Wed, Jan 13	Missouri *	at Columbia, Mo.	6 p.m.	65 - 50 (W)	
Sat, Jan 16	Oklahoma State *	at Stillwater, Okla.	7 p.m.	56 - 66 (L)	
Wed, Jan 20	Colorado *	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	57 - 63 (L)	
Sat, Jan 23	Nebraska *	at Lincoln, Neb.	11 a.m.	56 - 71 (L)	
Sun, Jan 31	Iowa State *	Manhattan, Kan.	2 p.m.	73 - 67 (W)	
Wed, Feb 03	Baylor *	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	47 - 65 (L)	
Sun, Feb 07	Kansas *	at Lawrence, Kan.	1 p.m.	60 - 70 (L)	
Wed, Feb 10	Missouri *	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.	37 - 33 (W)	
Sat, Feb 13	Texas A&M *	at College Station, Texas	7 p.m.	63 - 69 (L)	
Wed, Feb 17	Texas *	at Austin, Texas	7 p.m.		K-State Sports Network
Sun, Feb 21	Oklahoma *	Manhattan, Kan.	2 p.m.		FSN K-State Sports Network
Wed, Feb 24	Texas Tech *	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.		FSN Kansas City K-State Sports Network
Sat, Feb 27	Iowa State *	at Ames, Iowa	7 p.m.		K-State Sports Network
Wed, Mar 03	Colorado *	at Boulder, Colo.	8 p.m. (CT)		K-State Sports Network
Sat, Mar 06	Nebraska *	Manhattan, Kan.	12 p.m.		K-State Sports Network
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The Board of County Commissioners Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building February 1, 2010 with the following members present: Mike Kearns, Chairman; Karen McCulloh, Vice Chair; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Alvan Johnson, Member, was absent.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; and Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

McCulloh stated Debbie Nuss would like to be on the Health Board. Kearns agreed.

Vargo said he will contact Debbie Nuss.

Kearns said he contacted Brad Schoen and asked him to get his information technology staff and our information technology staff to meet to see if there is any way we can help them.

The Board discussed the article in the Mercury where some City Commissioners were discussing the composition of the Law Board.

McCulloh moved to approve the Notification of Change of Relationship from Financial Advisor to Underwriter between Riley County and Piper Jaffray & Company. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

In regard to the "Lowery" settlement McCulloh moved to approve a "Resolution No. 020110-06, A Home Rule Resolution Of Riley County, Kansas, Authorizing The County To Enter Into A Settlement Agreement Relating To Certain Litigation And To Pay The County's Portion Of The Settlement Amount And Authorizing The County To Issue General Obligation Bonds In An Approximate Principal Amount Of \$375,000 To Pay Such Costs." Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 020110-07, A Resolution Of Riley County, Kansas Authorizing The Underwriting And Offering For Sale Of The County's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 In The Approximate Principal Amount Of \$375,000." Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for John

M. Scott II Et Ux (204-18-2-20-03-008.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$118.96. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the F. Erma Fortner Trust (216-13-0-20-03-003.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$221.76. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Corefirst Bank & Trust (216-23-0-00-00-001.16-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$426.24. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Corefirst Bank & Trust (216-23-0-00-00-001.17-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$286.64. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Corefirst Bank & Trust (216-23-0-00-00-001.28-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$72.52. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Corefirst Bank & Trust (216-23-0-00-00-001.29-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$72.52. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Thomas D. Soder & Nancy R. Soder (251-01-0-40-02-005.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$89.48. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Thomas D. Soder Et Ux (251-01-0-40-07-001.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$267.38. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Robert J. Clouston Et Ux (117-26-0-00-00-004.01-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$126.98. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Larry J. Feldkamp (204-18-2-10-13-014.00-0) for tax year 2009. This

results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$675.58. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Mortaza Irannezhad (204-18-2-70-23-001.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$282.86. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Clayton J. Umscheid Et Ux (204-19-2-00-00-020.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$199.38. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Clayton J. Umscheid Et Ux (204-19-2-00-00-021.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$431.40. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Clayton J. Umscheid Et Ux (204-19-2-40-03-001.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$111.66. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Louis L. Abernathy Et Ux (205-22-0-00-00-008.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$291.32. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Christopher R. Soder (251-12-0-10-21-009.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$273.64. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Kathleen McKelvy Murray (251-12-0-10-34-003.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$398.76. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

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Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Wilbur Ray Erichsen Et Ux (273-06-2-00-00-011.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$167.08. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Thomas D. Soder & Nancy R. Soder (251-12-0-10-08-016.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$129.96. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2010 as amended. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

P. Collins discussed SB48 the E911 bill.

P. Collins recommended not supporting the amendment.

P. Collins expressed concern with the language prohibiting the use of the funds for the purchase of radio equipment.

Holeman said he will contact KAC about the recommended changes to SB48 and the Board of County Commissioner's opposition to them.

9:02 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session
Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; and Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Holeman presented a draft testimony concerning HB2445 which addresses encroachment of military reservations in Kansas.

Holeman stated he has contacted the working group about the hearing on HB2445.

Holeman presented a proposed amendment to the Riley County Personnel Policies. Holeman said the amendment to the Network Usage Policy, is to simply add a line for employees to print their name so the name is legible.

Holeman stated a resolution will be presented to adopt the Network Usage Policy change.

Holeman stated the resolution will be presented on Thursday to adopt

the Paperless/Secure Pay Stub Policy.

Holeman said the joint letter supporting hotel and restaurant inspections will be discussed by the City of Manhattan tomorrow.

9:30 Press Conference

Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Joyce Mermis, KMAN; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; and Jessie Furnish, attended.

McClure stated the Country Living Expo will be held Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 (noon) at Pottorf Hall, CiCo Park.

Wilson reported the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site will open tomorrow. Wilson said this is the fifth year that Extension has coordinated the program locally. This year we are partnering with the Manhattan Public Library. They will be hosting the site in their technology classroom which will allow the site to serve more people at one time. The site will open Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. from February 2nd to March 10th. Thirteen volunteers are certified through the IRS and trained to help prepare income tax returns for low to moderate income workers.

Vargo stated a Homestead Refund is a rebate of a portion of the property tax paid on a Kansas resident's homestead.

Vargo discussed Homestead and Food Sales Tax refunds. The Food Sales Tax refund is on a portion of sales tax paid on food purchases; for both you must meet the qualifications for residency, taxpayer status and qualifying income.

McCulloh said the Health Department has plenty of H1N1 vaccine. McCulloh stated there are no pre-existing conditions necessary to receive the vaccine and the shot is free.

10:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer
Joyce Mermis, KMAN, attended.

Hobson discussed Public Works projects.

Hobson said the Walnut Creek Road bridge needs replaced.

Hobson presented the KDOT contract for the Eureka Drive project.

Kearns moved to approve the Authority to Award Contract Commitment of County Funds for Project 81 C-3921-01 (Eureka Drive from Scenic Drive west 2.0 miles) with KDOT for County matching funds in the amount of \$367,000.00 for Smoky Hill, LLC Salina, Kansas for grading and surfacing the project for a total amount of \$1,771,060.20. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Hobson discussed Public Works projects.

10:15 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Joyce Mermis, KMAN, attended.

Shepek presented the 2011 Budget Calendar.

McCulloh moved to approve a Highway Use Permit for the City of Manhattan, Kansas for installation of sanitary sewer lines, manholes, and service stubs within the Murray Circle, Murray Road, and Airport Road right-of-ways as necessitated by the KDOT K-18 Highway Improvements. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve a Highway Use Permit for Westar Energy to install a new 34.5kv and 12kv lines crossing proposed Charlson Road in 6" conduits, sch. 40 pvc with minimum 4' depth to top of conduit, located approximately 300' east of the west Section Line 33, install 2 manholes and 2-6" conduits within 7' of proposed south right-of-way for Charlson Road heading southwest for approximately 1,500', install 34.5 kv & 12 kv lines overhead within 5' of the proposed south right-of-way for Charlson Road southwest to the proposed west right-of-way for W. 56th Avenue, the overhead lines will be installed within 5' of the proposed west right-of-way for W. 56th Avenue heading south approximately 1,100' to proposed S. 28th Street from there on towards Ogden, all new construction will be

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built in private easement purchased by Westar Energy. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:37 Recessed.

1:15 Executive Session to discuss department head evaluation

1:15 McCulloh moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Cheryl Collins) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 1:30 p.m. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

1:30 McCulloh moved to go out of executive session. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

1:30 Barry Wilkerson, Attorney
Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Wilkerson presented the Attorney's Office 2009 Accomplishments and 2010 Goals.

1:50 Rich Vargo, County Clerk
Eileen King, Treasurer, attended.

Vargo presented the Clerk's Office 2009 Accomplishments and 2010 Goals.

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ance for financial success, anti-capitalistic spew, guilt by association, bathroom yardstick talk of who has the longest "conservatism," perpetuating the one-dimensional view of the Tea Party movement, Americans being brainless cattle, and finally the always popular liberal slap at Christianity.

The attacks by Frank Rich on Sarah Palin anger a majority in this nation. He probably does more to promote Palin to the public stage than his cohort, the press secretary, in that he shines even more light on the desperation of the modern liberal today with his multiple-layered attacks. It is important to remember that Frank Rich is playing the best cards that he has against Sarah Palin which when placed on the table appear to depict that Palin is a tricky financially successful woman who believes in God and has hordes of Tea Party followers. This is the best that a New York Times columnist can do after examining everything from the palms,

knuckles, and fingertips of the Palin crib note incident.

In the end it is hard not take a least some pity on Rich who is reflecting not the death of real journalism but the death throes of a liberal ideology that has been exposed and is being rejected by the American people. Palin, as well, should not be elevated to some position of the divine but simply as a person who has a message that rings true with the majority of the nation, a majority which is now about to bring a long-needed cleansing rain to this country.

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Conservative Philosophy In A Politically Hostile World. Paul is also the radio host of the Kansas Broadcasting Association's 2008 and 2009 Entertainment Program of the Year, Conscience of Kansas airing on KSDB Manhattan 91.9 f.m. www.ibbetsonusa.com. For interviews or questions, please contact ibbetson91.9@gmail.com



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ed. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:35 Kearns moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:23 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

3:29 Kearns moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:41 Kearns moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:47 Kearns moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

McCulloh moved to approve the Agreement with the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation for grading and surfacing for Project No. 81 C-3921-01, Eureka Drive starting at Wildcat Creek Road, then east for a length of 1.7 miles. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

3:49 Kearns moved to adjourn. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

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2:07 Debra Regester, Register of Deeds

Eileen King, Treasurer, attended. Regester presented the Register of Deeds' Office 2009 Accomplishments and 2010 Goals.

2:15 Eileen King, Treasurer King presented the Treasurer's Office 2009 Accomplishments and 2010 Goals.

2:30 Executive Sessions to discuss department head evaluations

2:31 Kearns moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Shelly Williams) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:46 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

2:48 McCulloh moved to go out of executive session. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:48 McCulloh moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Pat Collins) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:03 p.m. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

3:08 Kearns moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:08 McCulloh moved that the County Commission recess into

executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Rod Meredith) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:23 p.m. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

3:29 Kearns moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:29 Executive Sessions to discuss department head evaluations

3:29 Kearns moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:32 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

3:32 Kearns moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

3:32 Kearns moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:35 p.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

3:35 Kearns moved to go out of executive session. McCulloh second-

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Selling donuts on students morning break

Selling pizza on students afternoon break

Selling, constructing and delivering Valentine's Day Candy-Grams

Staff have paid to wear jeans on Friday

A student raffle was held where students purchased raffle tickets for \$1 for a chance to win lunch for them

and 3 of their friends off campus

A staff raffle was held where staff purchased raffle tickets for \$1 for a chance to win a \$100 Hy-Vee gift card

Upcoming events include:

Selling muffins on students morning break (muffins will be baked and donated by staff)

Selling nachos on students afternoon break

A staff "Desktop Lunch" will take place on Thursday February 18th. For a \$10 donation staff will be served lunch in their office. A menu is now available for staff to choose a meat, salad, side, dessert and drink to be delivered.

Operation Haiti t-shirt sales

A student on the Operation Haiti committee designed a logo for the Operation Haiti t-shirts. The Flint Hills Job Corps Student Government Association will match the funds raised by the center and a donation

presentation will take place later this month to the American Red Cross. So far the Flint Hills Job Corps Center has raised close to \$400.

Job Corps, administered by the Department of Labor is a voluntary, residential training program offering youth between the ages of 16 - 24 educational, career technical and social skills training in a variety of occupations nationwide. Each year, Job Corps serves approximately 63,000 young people.

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Every thought counts

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PROPOSITION to amend the constitution of Kansas by adding a new article 16 thereto, concerning health care.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: The constitution of the state of Kansas is amended by adding a new article 16 thereto to read as follows:

Article 16. — HEALTH CARE

1. Health care. (a) To preserve the

freedom of Kansans to provide for their health care:

1. A law or rule shall not compel, directly or indirectly, any person, employer or health care provider to participate in any health care system or purchase health insurance.

2. A person or employer may pay directly for lawful health care services and shall not be required to pay penalties or fines for paying directly for lawful health care services.

A health care provider may accept direct payment for lawful health care services and shall not be required to pay penalties or fines for accepting direct payment from a person or employer for lawful health care services.

Rally in Riley

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this league (NBA)," said Martin, who played 33 games with the Charlotte Bobcats last year when he averaged 2.6 points and 1.0 rebound per game. "In the first two games I guarded LeBron (James, of Cleveland) the first night and Dwyane Wade (of Miami) the next night, and felt like I showed I can play defense against the best.

"You're not going to stop those guys, but I tried to contain them and make it as hard as possible when I was on them," said the 6-foot-7, 220-pound Martin.

While enjoying being on the first-place Energy team in the Eastern Conference of the D-League, Martin said, "I'm a free agent just looking for

that next opportunity in the league."

If Martin made a mistake this season, he admits it was starting the year in Italy, and not returning to the United States until early December.

"It was a nice experience, but I should have stayed here and gone to a preseason training camp with a team," said the 26-year-old Martin, who ranks sixth in all-time scoring in KSU history with 1,546 points and third in 3-pointers with --178. "That's over with, so I'm just trying to play as hard as I can in the D-League and develop my game enough that someone will think I've developed into an NBA player. I know I can play in this league."

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Stephanne Kitchens, a White City native, has been named the Chief Nursing Officer at the Morris County Hospital in Council Grove. In this position, Kitchens is responsible for the entire nursing operation, house-keeping and cleanliness compliance at the local medical facility.

Growing up as Stephanie Scoggins, she graduated from White City High School in 1995 where she participated in many school activities including basketball, volleyball and cheer leading. After high school, Stephanie worked at several vocations before earning her nursing degree

at the Manhattan Area Technical College in 2003.

Prior to her assignment in Council Grove, Ms. Kitchens served as a medical surgical nurse at the Geary Community Hospital in Junction City; as the Charge Nurse at the Konza Prairie Community Health Center - and as the Director of Nursing for the Good Samaritan Society at Junction City.

Stephanne says she is excited about returning to Morris County and looks forward to a long and productive assignment at the Morris County Hospital. She and her two daughters, ages eight and 13, are currently looking for suitable housing in Council Grove or the surrounding area.

Letter To The Editor

What is this T.E.A. Party Movement?

Now that is the question that the press pundits and "lefty" type can't seem to grasp. Well, it is simple; it is conservatism in its ascendancy, ordinary people. You and me, who are tired of a "spend it all at any cost" government that has for too long done as they please to the majority of the American people.

We are people who are no longer going to be silent, having found that we have a voice, a voice big enough to be heard. February 27, 2009 was the whisper nationwide and April 15, 2009 was the shout and 9-12-09 in Washington, DC was a roar and we are going to get even louder all across this nation.

We are aware that our elected offi-

cials have said "they have not heard us" but they will hear us. We are electing conservative candidates with little or no party loyalty. Candidates, who understand it is the will of the people who hire them! Not the minority or special interests. God and the Constitution empower this great nation to govern its people...it is not open to revision or liberal, progressive, socialist interpretation.

We know as a group that our children's and their children's freedoms are being taken away by an intrusive government, non-objective press and liberal (progressive) special interest groups of elected officials...local, state, federal. We know that it is up to us, "We the People", to step up and stop it. I, for one, will not sell my children and their children into gov-

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