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Crazy

Editorial
By Jon A. Brake

The Manhattan School Board has something in common with the Riley County Commission and the Manhattan City Commission. They are all crazy.

The School Board is talking about a Sales Tax for the next 10-years to help them run the schools.

The Riley County Commission is talking about a new Sales Tax to replace the sales tax that expires in 2012.

The City of Manhattan has no idea of what they are doing. It is nothing for them to add millions and millions of debt onto the taxpayers. The City knows they must increase the property tax by 15 mills over the next two to three years to pay off the Downtown Redevelopment debt.

In 2004 the School District had a Budget of \$48 million. The same year the State Supreme Court said the State of Kansas must "fully fund

education" and the Manhattan School District Budget went up \$20 million over the next five-years, \$20 million.

But the Board could not manage the business of the District without more money so they went to the voter to approve a \$97.5 million bond issue. The \$97.5 million was to be used to fix and repair building in the District.

The Board could not maintain the schools from year-to-year and needed the outrageous amount to make repairs. And the voter gave it to them. Now, the Board cannot make a \$70.5 million budget cover all of the expenses. The Board wants to add another Sales Tax so they don't have to do their job managing the money.

Look at the School Districts Budgets over the past few years:

2004 - 2005: \$48,018,967
2005 - 2006: \$53,771,518
2006 - 2007: \$58,418,452
2007 - 2008: \$63,225,453
2008 - 2009: \$63,522,702
2009 - 2010: \$70,531,226

The State of Kansas has also has

problems, the money that they budgeted for last year and this year has been cut by lower and lower tax returns. Even the State has come up with a plan to add 1% to the Sales Tax.

Is there no end to Tax and Spend by the State, the School District, Riley County and the City of Manhattan?

It is a lot easier to add a few mills or more Sales Tax to the citizens than to do the work of cutting spending. When will the taxpayers of Manhattan and Riley County stand up and kick the bums out?

Our elected officials are Crazy and anyone who votes to re-elect them must be Crazy too.

Two School Board members have been talking to the City Staff about the City placing the tax on a ballot. The District has all the money they need. If the board members feel they cannot manage with what they have they should not run for office.

KSU Commencement Is May 8, 14 And 15th

By: Katie Mayes
KSU News Service

Around 2,900 students are candidates for degrees from Kansas State University this spring. Commencement ceremonies will be Saturday, May 8, on the K-State at Salina campus, and Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15, on the K-State campus in Manhattan.

The class of 2010 is the 143rd to graduate from K-State since the first class in 1867.

Commencement for K-State at Salina will be at 10 a.m. May 8 in the campus' new Student Life Center. Pat Bosco, K-State's vice president for student life and dean of students, will be the commencement speaker.

Graduate degrees will be awarded Friday, May 14, in ceremonies on the Manhattan campus. The Graduate School ceremony will be at 1 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum, and the College of Veterinary Medicine ceremony will be at 3:30 p.m. in McCain Auditorium. Commencement speakers are April Mason, K-State provost and senior vice president, for the Graduate School, and Dan Thomson, the Jones Professor of Production Medicine and Epidemiology and director of the Beef Cattle Institute at K-State, for the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The schedule of ceremonies May 15 and speakers include:

* College of Arts and Sciences, 8:30 a.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with Provost Mason.

* College of Architecture, Planning and Design, 10 a.m., McCain Auditorium, with Ben Hakimian, a New York City real estate developer who earned a bachelor's in architecture from K-State in 1967.

* College of Business Administration, 12:30 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with K-State President Kirk Schulz.

* College of Education, 11 a.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with Diane DeBacker, Kansas commissioner

of education.

* College of Agriculture, 2:15 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with Adrian Polansky, executive director of the Kansas State Farm Service Agency.

* College of Human Ecology, 4:15 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with President Schulz.

* College of Engineering, 6:15 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum, with Douglas G. Smith, senior vice president of Tetra Tech Inc. and a 1971 graduate of K-State with a bachelor's in civil engineering.

A virtual commencement ceremony for distance students is available at <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/students/commencement/>.

Videotapes of the ceremonies may be ordered through the K-State Student Union Bookstore at 800-KSU-CATS or 785-532-6583.

Ceremonies will be shown May 18-20 on K-State TV, channel 8 on campus and on Cox Cable in Manhattan and Junction City. Playbacks will begin at the following start times unless the preceding ceremony lasts longer than the time estimated:

* Tuesday, May 18: Graduate School, 2 p.m.; and Veterinary Medicine, 4 p.m.

* Wednesday, May 19: Arts and Sciences, 2 p.m.; Architecture, Planning and Design, 4 p.m.; and Education, 6 p.m.

* Thursday, May 20: Business Administration, 2 p.m.; Agriculture, 4 p.m.; Human Ecology, 8 p.m.; and Engineering, 10 p.m.

* Monday, May 24: Graduate School, 8 a.m.; and Veterinary Medicine, 10 a.m.

* Tuesday, May 25: Arts and Sciences, 2 p.m.; and Architecture, Planning and Design, 4 p.m.

* Wednesday, May 26: Education, 2 p.m.; Business Administration, 4 p.m.; and Agriculture, 6 p.m.

* Thursday, May 27: Human Ecology, 2 p.m.; and Engineering, 4 p.m.

USD 383 - 2004-07 Summary of Total Expenditures

	2004-2005 Actual	% of Tot	2005-2006 Actual	% of Tot	% inc/ dec	2006-2007 Budget	% of Tot	% inc/ dec
Instruction	27,452,079	57%	30,835,039	57%	12%	33,787,452	58%	10%
Student & Instructional Support	5,184,141	11%	5,726,620	11%	10%	5,979,516	10%	4%
General Administration	817,137	2%	890,122	2%	9%	964,530	2%	8%
School Administration (Building)	2,376,312	5%	2,819,765	5%	19%	2,833,853	5%	0%
Operations & Maintenance	3,822,818	8%	4,361,299	8%	14%	4,514,117	8%	4%
Capital Improvements	1,604,290	3%	1,928,512	4%	20%	2,774,000	5%	44%
Debt Services	2,166,922	5%	2,168,023	4%	0%	2,168,000	4%	0%
Other Costs	4,595,268	10%	5,042,138	9%	10%	5,396,984	9%	7%
Total Expenditures	48,018,967	100%	53,771,518	100%	12%	58,418,452	100%	9%
Amount per Pupil	\$9,708		\$10,870		12%	\$11,297		4%

USD 383 - 2008-10 Summary of Total Expenditures

	2007-2008 Actual	% of Tot	2008-2009 Actual	% of Tot	% inc/ dec	2009-2010 Budget	% of Tot	% inc/ dec
Instruction	37,546,763	59%	38,184,784	60%	2%	39,961,085	57%	5%
Student & Instructional Support	6,318,336	10%	6,280,960	10%	-1%	6,761,102	10%	8%
General Administration	875,255	1%	813,167	1%	-7%	908,200	1%	12%
School Administration (Building)	3,334,283	5%	3,337,621	5%	0%	3,320,746	5%	-1%
Operations & Maintenance	4,784,982	8%	4,967,880	8%	4%	5,008,188	7%	1%
Capital Improvements	1,934,532	3%	1,347,941	2%	-30%	2,577,000	4%	91%
Debt Services	2,152,485	3%	2,130,097	3%	-1%	5,230,000	7%	146%
Other Costs	6,278,817	10%	6,460,252	10%	3%	6,764,905	10%	5%
Total Expenditures	63,225,453	100%	63,522,702	100%	0%	70,531,226	100%	11%
Amount per Pupil	\$10,877		\$10,564		-3%	\$11,538		9%

"Fearmongers" Were Right About Obamacare

By Michael D. Tanner
Cato Institute

The ink was barely dry on President Barack Obama's signature before the RAND Corp. released a report concluding that, not only would the hard-won health care package fail to curb health insurance premium increases, but the bill itself would drive premiums for young people up as much as 17 percent.

This should not have been a surprise: the Congressional Budget Office had already warned that the plan would do almost nothing to reduce premium hikes. And when New York implemented the same type of insurance reforms in the 1980s, it led to an increase of nearly \$500 per year for young people. But somehow, the media didn't pay much attention.

And, of course, during the health care debate, no presidential speech was complete without a promise that "if you have health insurance today, and you like it, you can keep it." But the Congressional Budget Office now says that as many as 10 million workers will lose their current insurance under Obamacare. Some of those workers will have to buy new insurance through the government-run exchanges. Millions more will be thrown onto Medicaid.

In addition, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Studies reports that half of seniors currently enrolled in the

Medicare Advantage program will lose their coverage under that program and be forced back onto traditional Medicare.

And how many times did President Obama criticize the United States for having the highest health care spending in the world? Well, late last month the government's chief actuary released his report on the bill, showing that the bill will actually increase health care spending by \$311 billion over 10 years.

At the same time, the report warned that promised future spending cuts, particularly those for Medicare, are unlikely to occur. "The longer-term viability of the Medicare reductions is doubtful," wrote Richard Foster, chief actuary of the Medicare and Medicaid systems. What cuts do occur could have a severe impact on the quality of health care. As many as 15 percent of hospitals and other institutions could be forced out of business, according to the report, "possibly jeopardizing access to care" for millions of Americans.

With spending going up, and future savings likely to fall short of promises, we can expect higher deficits and, of course, higher taxes. The most recent estimates suggest that the taxes already in the bill will likely end up costing middle-class workers and small businesses an extra \$1,000 per year.

Now the most recent report from the

Congressional Budget Office warns that nearly 4 million Americans, nearly three-quarters of them middle-class workers, will be hit with fines for failing to meet the government's mandate to buy insurance. Those penalties will average nearly \$1,000 per person in 2016.

All this, and the health care "reform" law is merely a month old.

Perhaps this is why nearly 56 percent of American voters now favor repealing the bill.

This episode provides a lesson, not just for health care reform, but more generally for the Obama administration's policies. When critics of the health care bill raised these concerns during the debate, they were accused of "fear-mongering." It was said that they were "opposed to reform," or were in the pockets of the insurance industry.

Now, as the administration presses forward with its other initiatives, including financial regulation and, possibly, "cap-and-trade" energy taxes, the same modus operandi is in action. Those who raise questions are derided as opposing "reform" and siding with the banks, energy companies or whoever the enemy of the day is. The bills need to be rushed through. There is no time for real debate.

But maybe, just maybe, the first month of Obamacare should serve as a lesson: Legislate in haste; repent in leisure.

Colbert Hills New Club House Dedication

By: Rosie Hoefling

Colbert Hills Golf Course will have a dedication ceremony for its new clubhouse at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 8. The ceremony is free and open to the public. The golf course is owned by the Kansas State University Golf Course Management and Research Foundation.

The dedication will include presentations by three guest speakers and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Guest speakers will include professional golfer Jim Colbert, a member of the PGA's Champions Tour, the golf course's namesake and a K-State alum; K-State's John Currie, director of athletics; and Howard Sherwood, board president of the K-State Golf Course Management and Research Foundation.

The new clubhouse is 13,400 square feet with 2,000 square feet of outdoor patio space, according to Bernie Haney, executive director of the K-State Golf Course Management and Research Foundation. The clubhouse includes amenities such as administrative office space for the Colbert Hills staff and K-State golf coaches, locker rooms for the K-State golf teams, a pro shop, a bar and grill, a multipurpose area and a conference area named the Founders Room.

The clubhouse has been under construction since August 2008 and was funded entirely by private donors, resulting in a \$5.5 million public facility. Haney said that the clubhouse actually has been open

since March 19, but will be fully functional after the dedication ceremony, when the bar and grill area begins serving meals.

In addition to the dedication, Haney said that Colbert Hills also is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. The course opened May 1, 2000. Haney said that the course has accommodated more than 250,000 rounds of golf on its 18-hole Championship Course, more than 50,000 rounds on the Par 3 Course, and has hosted more than 800 golf outings since it opened 10 years ago.

The golf course also has developed special golf privilege programs for K-State faculty, staff and students.

Colbert Hills has been the home to both the K-State men's and women's golf programs since it opened. It also has assisted in providing many educational opportunities to K-State students through the golf course management program offered by the College of Agriculture.

Haney said the new clubhouse highlights Colbert Hills' 10 years of success and will provide another venue for Manhattan residents to host special events such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas parties.

"We would like to thank Grand Mere Development Inc. for providing the clubhouse lead gift and all of our other 85 generous donors to the project who helped us build a beautiful facility that will benefit the local community, university and state of Kansas," Haney said.

City Agrees To Amend Chamber Of Commerce Marketing Deal

The City of Manhattan amended the Marketing Agreement with the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce for the Air Service at Manhattan Airpost.

Here is a memo given to the Commission telling of the agreement:

Amended Airline Marketing Agreement
Haskett

**CITY COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMO April 15,
2010**

FROM: Lauren Palmer, Assistant City Manager
MEETING: May 4, 2010
SUBJECT: Air Service Marketing Agreement Addendum

PRESENTER: Lauren Palmer, Assistant City Manager

BACKGROUND

On May 5, 2009, the City Commission authorized a number of actions related to securing regional jet service between Manhattan Regional Airport (MHK) and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) via American Eagle Airlines. In particular, City Administration was authorized to finalize an Agreement with the airline for the provision of a minimum revenue guaranty to help support the service. The City Commission authorized \$400,000 in Economic Development Funds to satisfy the City's obligations related to the various agreements associated with the new air service. For 2009, the City committed \$300,000 for the start-up, training costs, and Environment Assessment for the service. The remaining funds were

committed to support a marketing campaign for the new service.

The Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce agreed to develop and implement a marketing campaign for regional jet service to DFW. The purpose of the campaign is to promote regional use of the new service to minimize, or ideally eliminate, the need for distributing revenue guaranty funds to the airline. The Chamber, in cooperation with the Airport Advisory Board, agreed to use its best efforts to obtain local marketing funds from the various governmental entities in the region that benefit from the new service, including the City of Manhattan. On July 7, 2009, the City Commission approved an Air Service Marketing Agreement with the Chamber in the amount of \$75,000. At that time, City Administration recommended not to contract for the full authorized amount of \$100,000 in order to evaluate the success of the campaign and, at a later date, determine the need for additional funding.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Agreement, the Chamber has provided quarterly reports about the marketing campaign expenses and funding commitments. To date, the Chamber, in cooperation with the Airport Advisory Board, has obtained commitments from regional communities for the marketing campaign in the amount of \$155,658, including the City of Manhattan's participation. The

campaign has been successful as evidenced by the consistently high load factors that have been reported by the airline. In order to ensure future success, the Chamber has requested that the City pay the remaining \$25,000 designated for the marketing campaign. City Administration has prepared an Addendum to the Agreement with the Chamber to reflect the additional funds. The other provisions of the Agreement are the same.

FINANCING

The City's contribution of marketing dollars is available from the Economic Development Funds that were previously committed by the City Commission on May 5, 2009, for obligations related to the new regional jet service.

ALTERNATIVES

It appears the Commission has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Commission may:

Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Addendum to the Air Service Marketing Agreement with the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce.

Do not authorize the Addendum. Direct City Administration to negotiate changes to the Addendum based on the desires of the Commission.

Table the request.

RECOMMENDATION

City Administration recommends that the City Commission authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Addendum to the Air Service Marketing Agreement with the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce. This will bring the City's total contribution to the marketing campaign to a total of \$100,000. The Chamber will be responsible for continuing the effective marketing campaign to enhance the use of the American Eagle, Inc., regional jet service between Manhattan Regional Airport (MHK) and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), thereby reducing, or ideally eliminating, the need to distribute revenue guarantee funds.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Addendum to the Air Service Marketing Agreement with the Manhattan

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Self-Esteem Workshop For 5th - 12th Graders

Project: Self-Esteem is a month-long workshop series that uses mentoring relationships to counter negative beauty and body image concepts. Special focus is on developing healthy self-esteem, encouraging self-acceptance, building healthy relationships and combating girl 'politics', presenting realistic body image concepts, and creating fashionable--yet modest--outfits and ensembles.

The event is open to all girls 5th-12th grade. It will be held Wednesday evenings in June from 6:00-8:30 pm @ Westview Community Church. There is a \$40 registration fee to attend. We do have a scholarship program for any

girl who would like to attend but is unable to cover the full registration fee. NO GIRL WILL BE TURNED AWAY.

Special appearances are scheduled for Miss Kansas 2010 on June 16, representatives of the K-State women's basketball team on June 9, and recording artist Jonny Diaz in the Manhattan City Park on June 30. The concert begins at 7:00. Free admission.

Anyone interested in attending may contact Stephanie Wick at slwick@ksu.edu, 785-313-5188 or print the registration form from the brochure and send in to Real Life Church.

Obituaries

Seva Clark

Seva Ann Clark, age 58, of Ogden, died May 1, 2010, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

She was born August 29, 1951, in DeSoto, Missouri, the daughter of James D. and Mary E. (Johnson) Hasty, and moved to this area when she was a teenager.

Seva was a homemaker.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She loved her grandchildren and enjoyed all crafts especially scrap-

Douglas Vinson

Douglas Glenn Vinson, age 55, of Wamego, Kansas, died Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the Colmery-O'Neil V.A. Medical Center in Topeka, Kansas.

He was born on January 25, 1955, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Douglas E. and Charlotte (Matulla) Vinson.

Doug joined the United States Army in 1973, serving until his honorable discharge in 1975.

Following his military service he worked construction in the Kansas City area eventually becoming a licensed sprinkling and pipefitter expert. He took his training at the vocational technical school in Beloit, graduating in 1981 and was a member of Local 1290 Laborers Union.

Doug loved to fish and enjoyed going to Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas City Royals ball games. He was an avid music fan, especially enjoying music of the Rock-n-Roll era. In addition to spending time with his family and friends he very much enjoyed the companionship of his dog, Buddy.

He is survived by his mother, Charlotte Vinson, of Manhattan, Kansas and by his siblings: Caroline Fairchild and husband John, Wamego, KS; Ute Richard and husband Del, Topeka, KS; Ralph D. Vinson and wife Linda, Manhattan, KS; Jimmy D. Vinson and wife Paula, Allentown, PA; and Steven M. Vinson and wife Kim of Pleasanton, Kansas. Also

booking, and fishing and camping.

On October 14, 1966, in Manhattan she was married to Howard D. Clark. Mr. Clark survives of the home. Additional survivors include three children: Dale Eugene Clark and his wife Felicia Austin of Junction City, KS, Bradley Joe "BJ" Clark and his wife Christina of Alta Vista, KS, and Sarah Marie Bryan and her husband Aaron of Chapman, KS; two brothers: James Hasty of Springfield, MO, and Joseph Striler of Ogden; one sister, Raymonda Faye Arp of Ogden; and 15 grandchildren.

surviving are his nieces and nephews: Charlotte Mary Vinson, Michael Reed, Richard Vinson, and Jessica Vinson and three great nieces and nephews.

Doug was preceded in death by his father, Douglas E. Vinson, in 1984.

Funeral services were held 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 3, 2010, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Father Don Zimmerman officiating. Interment with military honors followed in the Valley View Memorial Gardens Cemetery east of Manhattan.

On-line condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website located at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family

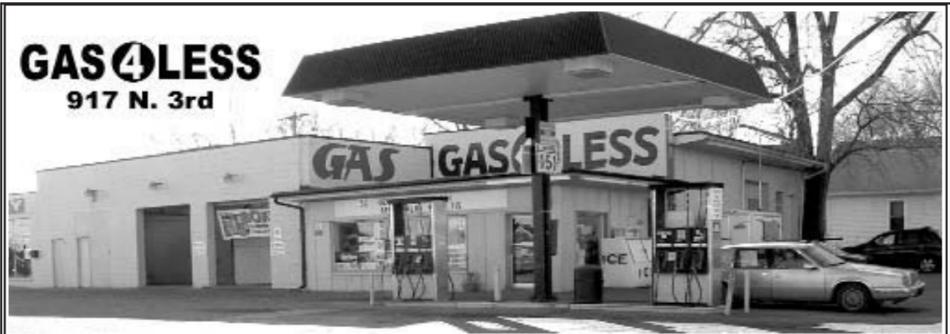
The family received friends from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. Wednesday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. Cremation will follow the visitation. Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at

www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

suggest donations be made to the Wounded Warriors Fund. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas

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Help Find A Cystic Fibrosis Cure

To the Editor:
On Saturday, May 8th, at Frank Anneberg Park the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will have their annual Nationwide walk event called GREAT STRIDES; Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis. Registration is at 8 am with the walk starting at 9 am.
Cystic Fibrosis is an inherited life threatening disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States. The predicted median

age of survival for a person with CF is only 37 years.
The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a nonprofit donor-supported organization, is to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease. GREAT STRIDES continues to be the CF Foundation's largest fund-raising event.
Please join us in our efforts to support the CF Foundation by donating

your time, your money, or both. We need to make CF stand for Cure Found!
For more information about GREAT STRIDES please visit <http://www.cff.org/Chapters/heartofamerica/> or call Amy Nyberg at (913)384-8997.

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Help Pawnee With A New Grant

Pawnee Mental Health Services is a contestant in Pepsi's Refresh Project, a Pepsi initiative to fund "ideas to refresh the world." Pawnee is in competition for funding in the health and fitness category for \$25,000 for STARS Camp, an annual summer camp sponsored by Pawnee for children and teens with serious emotional disturbances (SED).

Grants are awarded to the ten projects with the most votes each month. For more information or to cast your vote for STARS Camp, please visit www.refresheverything.com/starscamp. Individuals may vote once a day, every day throughout the month of May.
"This is a wonderful way for the community to financially support STARS Camp without spending a

dime," says Executive Director, Robbin Cole.
Pawnee Mental Health Services is a licensed nonprofit community mental health center and substance abuse treatment center serving more than 7,500 people annually throughout 10 counties in north central Kansas. For more information, please contact your local Pawnee office or visit Pawnee's Facebook fan page.

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Dining Hall Offering The Best

By Beth Bohn
KSU News Service
When it comes to what's for dinner -- and breakfast and lunch, too -- students at Kansas State University's residence halls are being served the best.
That's according to the National Association of College and University Food Services, which has presented K-State's housing and dining services with its Gold Award in the category of residence hall dining -- single stand-alone concept/outlet for large schools.
The award is part of the association's 37th annual Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards.

schools and large schools. Schools are put into a group based on their enrollment and food service revenues.
What makes the win even more impressive for K-State, Edwards said, is that the university was originally entered in the competition for medium schools but was reclassified as a large school.
"This means our Gold Award is even more meaningful," he said. "K-State was competing against schools double or triple its size; some of these schools have more students who live in their campus housing than our total student enrollment."

The 26-page layout not only included menus, but appetizing photos -- taken by K-State students -- of menu items and materials like table tents and posters used to promote special meals.
Edwards also credits the collaboration and synergy of K-State housing and dining staff in earning the Gold Award. Core menus are prepared by Mary Molt, assistant director of K-State dining services. The menus are then critiqued and evaluated at weekly meetings of the staff of K-State's three dining centers and adjusted to reflect changes.
K-State serves around 6,300 total meals a day between its three dining centers: Derby, Kramer and Van Zile.

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"The competition is a place for schools to compete and showcase the best of what they offer to their students," said Mark Edwards, director of K-State's Derby Dining Center.
"The single stand-alone category was the most important to K-State, as it represents everything we do for students: every menu and menu item we offer, every special meal event, every degree of choice we offer students. In this category, schools are competing to determine overall depth and breadth of services and menus provided in their dining program."
Competition is offered in three groupings: small schools, medium

Finishing second in the single stand-alone concept/outlet category was Iowa State University, with Harvard University coming in third.
For the category, schools are judged on special portfolios that must include sample menus, examples of recipes used, how nutritional awareness was promoted to diners, and more. To earn a Gold Award, a school had to earn at least 90 percent of available points for that category.
"K-State's portfolio was a visual feast for the judges," Edwards said, crediting Terry Gleue and Mariel Edwards of housing and dining services with its creation and design.

Edwards thinks K-State's degree of choice in its menus swayed the judges.
"Our menus feature everyday items, things like hamburgers and salads that we serve every day; classic items that help bring a sense of home to our diners; and cyclical items, such as seasonal foods," Edwards said. "But we also offer monotony breakers like special-theme dinners each week that transform our three dining centers into other places, like tropical getaways. These meals can range from fun foods to authentic world cuisine experiences to everything in between."

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Kansas Profile - Now That's Rural: Aaron McKee - Purple Wave Auction

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.
What happens when a Kansas auctioneer meets global Internet technology? The result is a remarkable enterprise connecting buyers and sellers through the Internet. This combination is a match made in heaven -- or at least, in cyberspace.
Aaron McKee is the founder of Purple Wave Auction in Manhattan. Aaron is originally from a farm in western Kansas, where he grew up around ag and cattle auctions. While studying at K-State, he attended the Missouri Auction School and became an auctioneer.
While his wife was finishing her degree in vet school, Aaron tried various entrepreneurial ideas. In 2000, he established his own business: Purple Wave Auction, where he put his auction skills to work to sell small items of personal property on consignment.
The business started small, but along came a powerful new element: The Internet. Aaron recognized that, not only could auction items be promoted over the Internet, the auction itself could be conducted online.
In 2002, Purple Wave conducted its first Internet auction. Today, all of its commercial auctions are conducted online.
What is an Internet auction? The process starts when a seller contacts Purple Wave and lists an item for sale. The Purple Wave staff takes pictures of the item and posts them on their website. The sale is also promoted in traditional ways, with flyers, advertisements, and posting in auction magazines.
A time is set for the bidding to start to close at a certain hour on a certain day. Until that time, any registered bidder can submit a bid online. Once a high bid is established, any other registered bidder has the opportunity to top it -- just like in a traditional auction. That process continues until there is only one high bid left, and the sale is made. The difference is that those bids are submitted online via computer, rather than in person.
"Our DNA is about 98 percent that of a live auction," Aaron said. "We are a full-service auction company, so we organize the sale, advertise it, conduct the sale, collect money, and pay the seller when it's done." The remaining two percent of the process is the technology, which connects a far-



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flung community of buyers with the auction.
"We are an agent of the seller," he said. "We insist on representing the assets accurately and serving the seller professionally."
Purple Wave specializes in sales of agriculture, construction, industrial and government assets. For example, an ag equipment auction might include combines, tractors, and other equipment, while state governments might sell surplus road equipment or automobiles through the auction.
These auctions are unreserved or absolute, meaning there are no minimum bids. Unlike a traditional auction lot to which items must be transported, Purple Wave sells items where they sit. This saves the sellers the cost and hassle of transporting the assets. It means that 10 combines could be sitting in 10 different farmer's fields, for example, yet put together they make an attractive sale.
What about the buyers? Aaron said, "Our core buying community is many of the same people we were working with when doing live auctions," but now they are joined online by many others. Purple Wave has more than 52,000 registered bidders. More than 100,000 potential bidders visit purplewave.com every month. A typical auction will attract bids from more than 15 states and six countries.
"We can (virtually) bring thousands of buyers to a county that might not have thousands of people in it," Aaron said. The results have been amazing.
"We might have sold \$150,000 worth of product in our whole first year." In 2009, sales topped \$40 million.
Not bad for a guy from the rural community of Spearville, Kansas, population 817 people. Now, that's rural. "We've put together a really good team," Aaron said.
For more information -- or to bid! -- go to www.purplewave.com.
So what happens when a Kansas auctioneer meets the Internet? Buyers and sellers connect in whole new ways. We commend Aaron and Suzy McKee and all those involved with Purple Wave Auctions for making a difference with this innovative enterprise. And, what am I bid?

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Thoughts From The Prairie

National Day of Prayer

"Our Father..." These two words when correctly spoken are the beginning of a process that releases the greatest power on earth. It's called prayer and there is no collateral damage. Scottish clergyman John A. Wallace claimed that, "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world." Henry Ward Beecher, was the Brooklyn pastor responsible for supplying the Connecticut-Kansas Company with Sharps rifles and Bibles for their journey that ended in Wabausee, KS. This group founded the Beecher Rifle and Bible Church. Beecher said of prayer, "I pray on the principle that wine knocks the cork out of the bottle." For some that would be unconventional, refreshing for others, yet extolling the power of prayer.

The controversy over the Department of Defense exclusion Franklin Graham from the National Day of Prayer event in the Pentagon is focusing a nationwide debate on the permissibility of prayer in the public domain even though history is replete with examples of the place and power of prayer and the people who wrought change through their prayers. James recorded that about 800 BC, "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit."

When the American Constitutional Convention stalled over the issue of state delegation, Benjamin Franklin rose to address the convention: "Mr. President...In the beginning of the Contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered...All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending providence in our favor...I therefore beg leave to move, that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business..." The first Constitutional Congress implemented Franklin's recommendation April 9, 1789, and the practice of opening prayers in the House and Senate continues to this day.

On December 8, 1944, with the US Third Army bogged down in France because of weeks of rain and heavy fog and at risk of being overrun by the German army, General George Patton phoned Chaplain James H. O'Neill and asked, "Do you have a good prayer for weather? We must do something about those rains if we are to win the war." Within an hour O'Neill submitted the following prayer to Patton on an index card for his approval: "Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory,



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and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies and establish Thy justice among men and nations."

General Patton approved the prayer and said, "Have 250,000 copies printed and see to it that every man in the Third Army gets one." The distribution was completed by December 14, 1944. Chaplain O'Neill recorded the results as follows: "On December 20, to the consternation of the Germans and the delight of the American forecasters who were equally surprised at the turn-about, the rains and the fogs ceased. For the better part of a week came bright clear skies and perfect flying weather. Our planes came over by tens, hundreds, and thousands...General Patton prayed for fair weather for Battle. He got it." Chaplain O'Neill later wrote, "It was late in January of 1945 when I saw the Army Commander again. This was in the city of Luxembourg. He stood directly in front of me, smiled: 'Well, Padre, our prayers worked. I knew they would.'"

Can you even imagine what would happen today if a military commander distributed a prayer such as General Patton did? The fire hoses of secular progressive ideology are aimed at the very foundation upon which America was founded, attempting to remove the freedom of expression of religious faith from our culture. President Reagan perceived this drift from our covenant relationship with the Almighty and in a 1983 speech he cited the author of Democracy in America: "Tocqueville said it in 1835, and it's as true today as it was then: 'Despotism may govern without faith, but liberty cannot.'"

Today, May 6, 2010, numerous prayer events have been held across America, and that is good. But it is the fervency and boldness of prayer tomorrow and each day following that will succeed in lifting the clouds of tyranny and the fog of liberalism to once again permit the sunshine of Truth to shed its glorious beams on the "City on a Hill!"

"Conscience of Kansas"

Illegal Immigration: Is it Kind to be Cruel?

What the media coins the "tough" new Arizona immigration law, SB1070, forwarded by Governor Jan Brewer, has once again pushed to the forefront the argument of, "just what is the proper course of action when dealing with illegal immigration?" The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) says the new law is unconstitutional. Ultra-liberal Mayor Gavin Newsom of the sanctuary city San Francisco is working to boycott Arizona in an effort to force the state to scrap the new law. In what has to be seen as a bizarre political move, Arizona Democrat Congressman Raul Grijalva has decided to boycott his own state.

Whether it is the ACLU, liberal mayors in San Francisco, or an Arizona Congressman who wishes to make his next political race very interesting, the overarching theme is that it is cruel to enforce immigration law and kind for the borders to remain open. To believe this, does one has to redefine those terms? You decide.

In the back pages of the New York Times, law professor Kris Kobach, who helped draft the new Arizona law, dispels the case for harassment in the state's requirement of immigrants to show proper documents. Remember, this is not groundbreaking as it has been federal law since 1940 that aliens carry registration documents. Kobach outlines the state's restraint on police authority in requesting such documents. It must be during proper investigations after a totality of circumstances leads an officer to a reasonable suspicion to make these requests. Every day U.S. citizens are asked for identification documents during police investigations. Ever been pulled over for speeding? Filed a police report on any event? Americans are neither shocked nor do they find it cruel when asked by the police for identification or other documents. Because Arizona requires one to be a legal resident to get a driver's license, in any situation that involves a question of immigration, police must presume that a person with a valid Arizona driver's license has legal status. How very kind of Arizona to do that.

While the legal opposition to Arizona's new law is an empty argument, the basis for



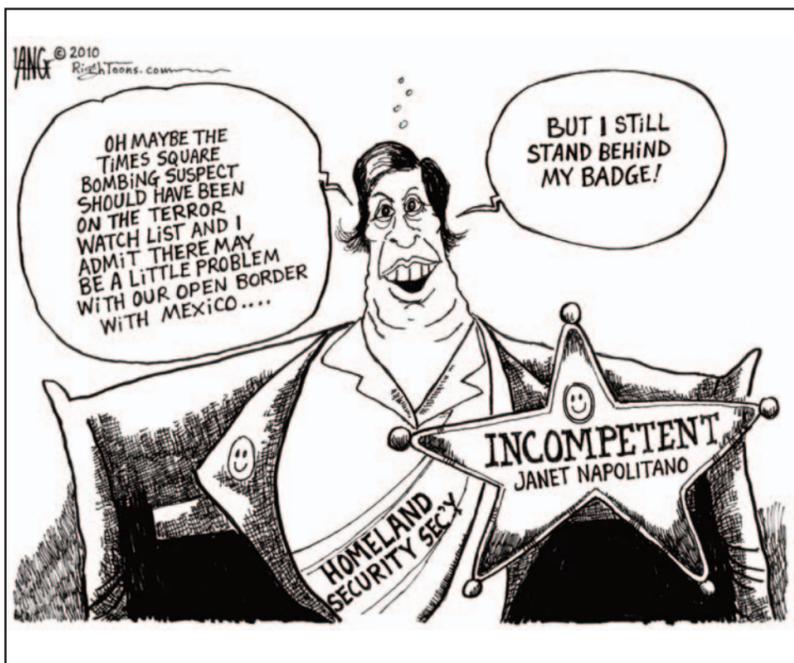
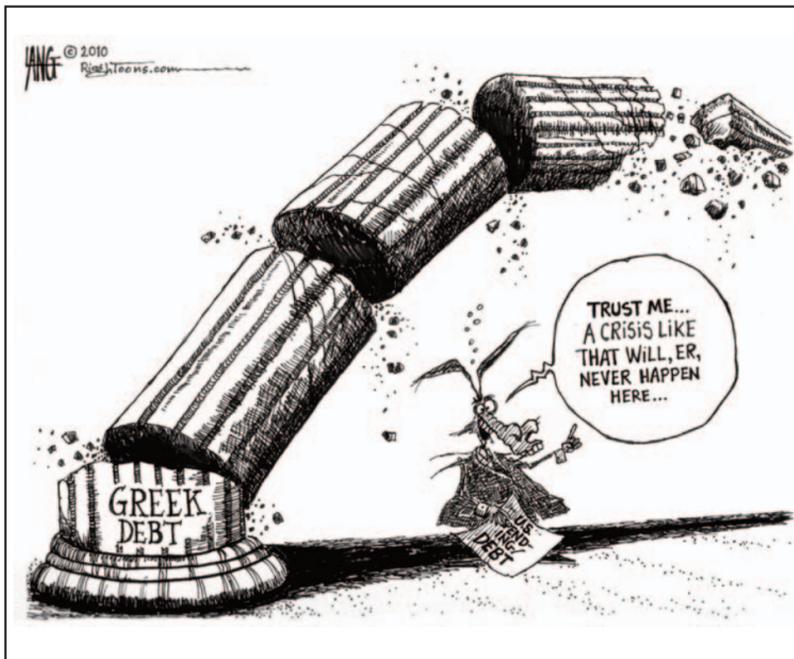
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it—the question of kindness versus cruelty—still remains. Is it cruel or kind to deny states the right to enforce their own laws? It would seem that those that promote illegal immigration in the U.S. have decided that citizens of Arizona are acceptable casualties to drug dealers, human traffickers, gang activity, and the list goes on. Phoenix, Arizona: Hostage Capital of the U.S. is another title of distinction that can be directly tied to illegal immigration. Is it cruel to say that Arizona's fate is Arizona's business, or is it kind for a mayor in San Francisco to attempt to dictate the state's laws through strong-arm tactics?

Lastly, is it kind or cruel to perpetuate the shadow class of illegal immigrants, a group whose lack of standard legal identification and lawful entry places them as potential criminals and terrorists at worst, and as an unwarranted drain to the economy at best?

As it stands today, it appears to me that it is through a series of cruelties that both the U.S. citizen and the illegal immigrant attempt to find and hold on to the bounties of the American dream. Both sides suffer through a system that promotes illegality, victimization, and distrust. So, the question remains, is it kind to be cruel?

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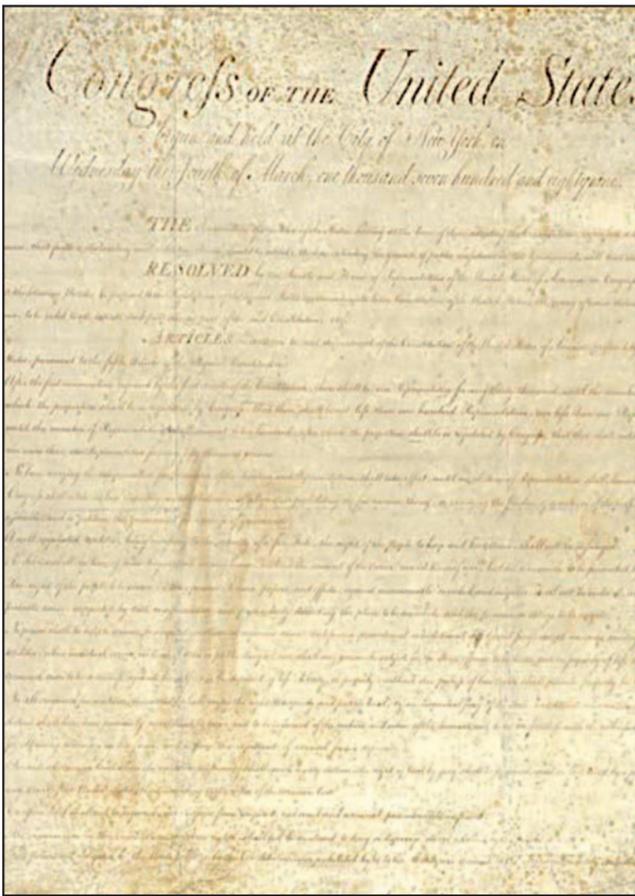
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"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."
- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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"Bill of Rights."

push for a bill of rights. On September 28, 1789, both houses of Congress voted to send twelve amendments to the states. In December 1791, those ratified by the requisite three fourths of the states became the first ten amendments to the Constitution. Religion was addressed in the First Amendment in the following familiar words: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." In notes for his June 8, 1789, speech introducing the Bill of Rights, Madison indicated his opposition to a "national" religion. Most Americans agreed that the federal government must not pick out one religion and give it exclusive financial and legal support.)

Note: The following text is a transcription of the first ten amendments to the Constitution in their original form. These amendments were ratified December 15, 1791, and form what is known as the "Bill of Rights."

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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(U.S. Constitution Online: "Freedom of Expression

It is often said that one of the rights protected by the 1st Amendment is the freedom of expression. This site, in fact, uses that term in its quick description of the amendment: "Freedom of Religion, Press, Expression." But "expression" is not used in the amendment at all. This term has come to be used as a shorthand, a term of art, for three of the freedoms that are explicitly protected: speech, petition, and assembly. While the use of "freedom of expression" is ubiquitous in this area of 1st Amendment study, it is important to note exactly what "freedom of expression" refers to - let this be such a note.

(Absolute) Freedom of Speech and Press

The Constitution does protect the freedom of speech of every citizen, and even of non-citizens — but only from restriction by the Congress (and, by virtue of the 14th Amendment, by state legislatures, too). There are plenty of other places where you could speak but where speech can and is suppressed. For example, freedom of speech can be and often is restricted in a work place, for

example: employers can restrict your right to speak in the work place about politics, about religion, about legal issues, even about *Desperate Housewives*. The same restrictions that apply to the government do not apply to private persons, employers, or establishments. For another example, the government could not prohibit the sale of any newspaper lest it breach the freedom of the press. No newsstand, however, must carry every paper against its owners' wishes.

The Separation Of Church and State

The phrase "separation of church and state" does not appear anywhere in the Constitution. Thomas Jefferson wrote that the 1st Amendment erected a "wall of separation" between the church and the state (James Madison said it "drew a line," but it is Jefferson's term that sticks with us today). The phrase is commonly thought to mean that the government should not establish, support, or otherwise involve itself in any religion. The Religion Topic Page addresses this issue in much greater detail."

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

The Bill of Rights website: At the time of the Revolution, there was a strong mistrust of the government of Great Britain. Colonists knew that the only way to protect themselves from the same type of tyranny in the future was for citizens to be able to form a militia to protect their freedom. When The Bill of Rights was written, this protection was included. Since that time there has been a disagreement among constitutional scholars about whether this right was for individual citizens to protect themselves or for states to maintain a military presence. According to current interpretation of the Second Amendment, the government does not have the right to prevent it's citizens from owning guns.

Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise

infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Amendment VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

The Bill of Rights website: The governmental powers not listed in the Constitution for the national government are powers that the states, or the people of those states, can have.

Examples: The states determine the rules for marriages, divorces, driving licenses, voting, state taxes, job and school requirements, rules for police and fire departments, and many more.

States regulate many of our rights, not the national government.

The national government does not control these areas because they are not mentioned in the Constitution, and so they are under the control of the states.

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This Week:
The Preamble to The Bill of Rights and the first 10 Amendments.

Congress of the United States begun and held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

THE Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution.

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"Many Americans were disappointed that the Constitution did not contain a bill of rights that would explicitly enumerate the rights of American citizens and enable courts and public opinion to protect these rights from an oppressive government. Supporters of a bill of rights permitted the Constitution to be adopted with the understanding that the first Congress under the new government would attempt to add a bill of rights.

James Madison took the lead in steering such a bill through the First Federal Congress, which convened in the spring of 1789. The Virginia Ratifying Convention and Madison's constituents, among whom were large numbers of Baptists who wanted freedom of religion secured, expected him to

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Commission Plans To Take Taxpayers To The Cleaners

By **BETSY McCAUGHEY**

The president's Bipartisan Commission on Fiscal Responsibility plans to take taxpayers to the cleaners.

The timing of the commission is ironic. It met for the first time April 23, some 33 days after the president signed his health law -- which created \$910 billion in entitlements through 2019 and possibly twice that cost in the second decade.

The new law nearly doubles the size of Medicaid, adding 18 million people to the rolls. It's welfare reform in reverse. The law also creates an entitlement for moderate-income households (those earning up to \$88,000 a year) to get taxpayer-funded subsidies for private health plans.

Now, with the ink barely dry on the health law, the big spenders call for fiscal responsibility. If your spouse went on a shopping binge, came home laden with shopping bags, then announced that it was time for the family to go on a budget, what would you do? You'd insist that the latest purchases go back, before the rest of the family is made to sacrifice anything.

Step One toward fiscal responsibility is repealing the Obama health law. Americans don't have to tolerate unfair insurance practices. But barring these practices takes up only about 24 pages of the 2,700-page health law. These reforms can be enacted separately. Repealing the health law would mean sending back the big-ticket items -- those new entitlements -- before they go into effect in 2014.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) wrote in The Wall Street Journal that the commission should take a "balanced approach that shares the burdens fairly," meaning raising taxes.

Hoyer treated reducing spending and raising taxes as morally equivalent options. They aren't. Raising taxes reduces individual liberty.

The national sales tax already being discussed -- a value-added tax -- would affect everyone. In Europe, the VAT is collected at each stage of a product's production and distribution.

In many European countries, VATs started small but now add as much as 25 percent to the cost of an item. The tax is hidden in the price, so when government raises taxes to satisfy new demands for revenue, few shoppers realize tax increases are to blame for higher prices. VATs have diminished the purchasing power of European families and would do the same to US families.

Despite President Obama's repeated pledge not to raise taxes except on the rich, he says now that all options will be considered. Commission co-chair Erskine Bowles said on April 27 that Obama says "he will support the conclusions of this committee, if we have the courage to make the recommendations."

Those recommendations will be announced Dec. 1, after the midterm congressional elections. The timing there is sheer trickery. Recommendations should be

announced well in advance of the election, giving voters time to grill candidates on where they stand. The timing deprives the public of input -- in effect, taxation without representation.

The timing is wrong, and so is the mission -- deficit-reduction. What the country needs is a spending-reduction commission with experts largely from the private sector. The president's commission is dominated by former and current government officials. With a few notable exceptions, such as Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.), these commissioners are addicts -- hooked on spending taxpayers' money.

In contrast, a spending-reduction commission drawn from outside Washington would immediately see the moral imperative to cut government salaries across the board. According to Commerce Department data, the average federal worker's compensation in 2008 was \$119,982 -- twice the \$59,909 average in the private sector. Americans are toiling to support a new elite: government workers.

It's time to put the original meaning back in the phrase "public servants." People in government are supposed to be working for us, not the other way around.

Betsy McCaughey is chairman of the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths, former lieutenant governor of New York and author of two books on the Constitution.

K-State Prof Honored For Inspiring Students to Look Ahead, Be Successful

At Kansas State University, Fred Fairchild's official job title is professor of grain science. He brings more than 30 years of experience in designing, remodeling and construction of processing facilities in the grain industry to the university, and typically uses what he has learned during his career to help students learn and practice the skills they will need to make the transition from the classroom to the business world.

Not all lessons are learned in the classroom, however, said Fairchild, who this spring semester challenged students enrolled in his senior level Management Applications in Grain Processing Industries class to think outside the classroom -- and out of the box -- to develop ideas for a new product or service as entries for K-State's 2010 Next Big Thing competition.

The entrepreneurial contest is the major project for the class, and is in addition to regularly assigned class work, Fairchild said.

And, while some might think, "oh no, not more work," Fairchild's youthful optimism and sunny outlook could easily earn him the title of "Encourager in Chief."

Six of eight teams comprised of Fairchild's students reached the finals in the 2010 entrepreneurial competition; one, made up of five seniors who worked together to develop a new product to solve a persistent problem in the storage of grain and other dry ingredients, earned the second place award in the new product contest division.

In the 2009 inaugural contest, six of seven teams he inspired reached the finals, and three

earned the top awards in the finals in the new product division.

While Fairchild beams over his student's success, others who have witnessed his dedication to his students have chosen to honor him as well.

In presenting Fairchild the Entrepreneurship Support Award recognizing his commitment to teaching transferrable skills that will help students make the transition to successful careers, Jeffrey Hornsby, K-State's Jack Vanier Chair of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and director of the Center for Advancement of Entrepreneurship, noted, "From the start, Fred Fairchild supported the entrepreneurial message and supported our center's initiatives."

"Ag science is such an important element to a land grant institution and to the State of Kansas. Fred recognizes the role of entrepreneurship in helping recognize opportunities for students to create viable ventures in agriculture. With such a diverse range of colleges and programs at K-State, Fred serves as a benchmark for what could happen across campus."

More information about The Center for Advancement of Entrepreneurship at K-State or The Next Big Thing Competition is available by contacting Hornsby at 785-532-1301.

Human Resource Education Seminar

The Human Resource Management Network (SHRM Affiliate) is pleased to announce the program plans for the 2010 Education Seminar Program. The topic will be Positive Focus in Times of Change.

The 3.25 hour seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 in the City Commission Room, 1101 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan,

KS. Jay Pryor, locally recognized Business and Life Coach, has been selected as the presenter.

Registration for the seminar made be made through the HRMN website at <http://hrmn.shrm.org> or through the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce website at www.manhattan.org.

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Defending Freedom Is A Choice

By Kim R. Holmes, Ph.D.

Talk of America's decline is in the air. It is on the cover of magazines, proclaiming, as British historian Niall Ferguson did in a recent Foreign Affairs piece, "Decline and Fall: When the American Empire Goes, It Is Likely to Go Quickly." Indeed, it is a topic so much in vogue that conservatives like Charles Krauthammer go to great lengths to explain that, if there were a decline of America on the world stage, it would be by choice, not because of inevitability.

American Presidents typically have used the bully pulpit to push back on such talk. They've generally spent political capital to explain to allies and enemies alike that America has no plans to give up its role as champion of freedom—the idea on which it was founded and that has invigorated generations of Americans. Defending freedom has been our choice, and no other nation in history has given so many lives and resources to defend the freedom of others.

Yet it sounds as though President Barack Obama has a different understanding of America's purpose and greatness. He said he believes in American exceptionalism in the same way "the Greeks believe in Greek exceptionalism." In other words, no nation is truly exceptional. In addressing the United Nations, he also said: "No one nation can or should try to dominate another nation."

Whether he believes that or simply was trying to make friends, his statement turns the Reagan Doctrine of "peace through strength" on its head. Countries can and will try to dominate others, but largely because of U.S.

military might, no hostile powers have come to dominate Europe or other regions since World War II.

Alarming, Obama's ideas about America's future are filtering down his chain of command. A recent seminar for senior military officers at National Defense University, our nation's premier university for educating officers, was titled "Surviving Defeat" and focused on how to "refine our grand strategy" to deal "effectively with failure."

Government officials are not the only ones worried about America's decline. Recently, Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Harvey Sapolsky wrote in National Defense Magazine that "the threat that is the most likely to hobble U.S. military capabilities" is health care, not a foreign power. In other words, exploding spending on entitlements including health care threatens our security more than, say, terrorists because it will crowd out defense spending.

As dire as this situation is, it is not irreversible. Decline is a choice. It will come about only when most Americans decide that what is unique about their country—its Constitution and its legacy of liberty—is no longer worth fighting for.

The Downside of Spending So Much on Entitlements

Social spending in the United States is ballooning. Already federal, state, and local governments consume about 41 percent of all that Americans produce in goods and services (our gross domestic product, or GDP), and their appetites are growing.

Heritage experts estimate that our unfunded obligations for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and interest on the debt

will reach \$63.3 trillion over the next 75 years—or \$200,000 for every man, woman, and child in America. That is almost five times our national debt. The new health care law could add trillions more in liabilities to the government's balance sheet.

We are headed down a European path. Government spending in most European Union countries, which have not paid for all of their own defenses since the U.S. allied with them in NATO, is about 51 percent of GDP. Primarily, it is dedicated to health care and social programs. France spends over 20 percent of GDP on "social protection" and less than 2 percent on defense. By contrast, the U.S. has traditionally spent less than 8 percent of GDP on social programs and more than 4 percent on defense.

The rate of growth in U.S. public spending accelerated dramatically in the past two years, largely due to the financial bailouts and stimulus package, but also because of permanent expansions in government programs. The Congressional Budget Office reports that federal spending could reach about 65 percent of GDP by 2080 if current trends continue. We would have to dedicate all tax revenues to our entitlements in just 42 years, with nothing left over for defense. Because the effects of the spending trends are alarming, Representatives Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) and Mike Pence (R-IN) have introduced a constitutional amendment to limit federal spending to less than 20 percent of GDP, the historical average.

Dismantling Defense

National defense is the first obligation of the federal government. If we cannot demonstrate a

commitment to keeping our forces second to none, we will do more than discourage our allies and friends. We will encourage hostile actions from our adversaries. It is not a scenario Americans should want to see.

According to the President's budget, defense spending over the next few years will continue to fall relative to the economy, from 4.9 percent to 3.6 percent of GDP by 2015. Indeed, defense was the target of roughly half of the Administration's \$17 billion in spending cuts in 2010. Some 50 defense programs were truncated or eliminated, compromising not only our future air and naval superiority, but also our defense against ballistic missiles.

Consider the ramifications. With a weakened U.S. military footprint, Iran could move to establish hegemony in the oil-rich Middle East, restricting trade through the Strait of Hormuz or, worse, holding the U.S. hostage to its nuclear threats so we could not defend our interests or our friends and allies in the region. The consequences for our economy and security would be high. Were our air power and expeditionary forces to grow so weak that they are unable to take out terrorist bases overseas, the terrorists would establish more safe havens from which to organize waves of attacks on Americans.

There is no escaping history. America became a world power to protect our freedoms, which are deeply tied to the security and freedom of countries around the world. We learned this terrible lesson after two world wars. Our leaders may have to learn it again unless they make the hard choices to ensure that there is no decline of American power or presence in the

world.

Preserving American Exceptionalism

America the "indispensable" nation depends on America the "exceptional" nation. Freedom and prosperity at home and abroad depend on America's continued projection of power around the world. But that will depend on our commitment to national defense, which is the first obligation of the federal government listed in the U.S. Constitution.

We have been here before. We have seen darker days, from the American Revolution to the Civil War and the two world wars. Each time, the American people have risen to defend their country and their liberties. Each time, they have gone to the edge of the abyss, peered inside, and then summoned the will to jump over to the other side. Each time, we have emerged from the crisis stronger than before. And every time, it has been because Americans decided they did not want to fail. They chose not to be defeated. They refused to give up.

We may well be at that moment again. After Jimmy Carter, we elected Ronald Reagan. He restored not only our belief in America, but our commitment to defense. Conservative principles and traditional American values prevailed then. They can prevail again.

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Manhattan Students Will Travel To DC

Nine Manhattan students have been recognized for their History Day entries and will represent Kansas at National History Day in Washington, D.C. June 13 through June 19th.

Starting in October, these students researched, interviewed experts, and created projects based on the theme, "Innovation in History: Impact and Change."

These students took top prizes at

district and state level competition with the following project: Webpage on Jonas Salk; Polio Pioneer by Ida and Ella Hirsch, Andrea Miller; Webpage on Hyman Rickover and USS Nautilus by Tanner Knapp, Brandon Religa, Ty Ruckert; Individual Research Paper on Dear Leonardo DaVinci by Chloe Weston; Junior Individual Research Paper on The Innovation

of ENIAC : The First Computer by Arnav Das, and an Individual performance on Percy Spencer and the Innovation of the Microwave by Sarah Lilley.

The students are raising funds through activities and seeking donations. Donations can be sent to: Manhattan Foundation History Day Fund c/o Robert Pulford, 1637 Virginia, Manhattan, Ks. 66502.

Obituaries

Don Shelton

Donald "Don" Roy Shelton, age 70, passed away Tuesday May 4, 2010, at The Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

He was born on November 28, 1939 in Manhattan the son of Don and Alice (Erichsen) Shelton. He was raised by his maternal grandparents, Nick and Clara Erichsen. Don graduated from Westmoreland High School and worked as a construction foreman for most of his life.

Don was married to Donna Mayer and she preceded him in death on July 3, 1990. He was also preceded in death by a step-brother, Jim Wenzel, of Ocala, Florida.

On February 2, 2001 in Manhattan, Kansas he was married to Mary Lake,

she survives of the home.

Don was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to hunt and fish anytime. He enjoyed bowling and was a member of a bowling league in Manhattan. Don was a member of the Westmoreland Christian Church and also was a former member of the Sons of the American Legion.

Additional survivors included his three children: Don Mike Shelton, Penny Alonso, and Dan Albert Shelton all of Manhattan. He is also survived by a brother: Les Shelton and his wife Janice of Westmoreland; two step-sisters: Janet Hull of Eldorado, Illinois and Judy Elmer of Elkhart, Indiana; and 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Mr. Shelton will be held on Friday May 7, 2010 at 11a.m. at the Westmoreland Christian

Church in Westmoreland, with Pastor David Pape officiating. Interment will follow in the Westmoreland City Cemetery in Westmoreland.

The family of Mr. Shelton will greet friends during a visitation from 7 until 8:30p.m. on Thursday May 6, 2010 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home in Manhattan.

Online condolence may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Tuttle Creek Lake Association, Westmoreland Christian Church or to The Good Shepherd Hospice House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Rosary is recited at 8:00 p.m., Friday, May 7, 2010 in the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan.

Memorial contributions can be

made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Fund or the American Cancer Society and left in care of the funeral home. Online condolences can be sent to www.irvinparkview.com.

Leo Helget

Leo P. Helget, Jr., 82, St. George, KS passed away Monday, May 3, 2010 at his home.

He was born December 9, 1927 in the Flush community, the son of Leo J. Helget and Irene C. Unterberger Helget. He grew up in the Flush community, where he attended the local schools and was a 1946 graduate of the Flush High School.

He was united in marriage to Joan E. Ridder on November 18, 1948 at Flush. She survives of the home.

Mr. Helget had been a lifelong area resident. He farmed in the Flush area for many years and since 1966 had worked as a bulk fuel truck driver. He had driven a truck for the Griffith Oil Company and the Farmers Co-operative Association, both of Manhattan. Since his retirement in the mid 1990's, he had also worked for the Wanklyn Oil Company, Frankfort.

He was an active member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, where he sang in the choir and was a devoted member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 902 and the 4th Degree. He was also a member of the Rock Creek Watershed Association.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Helget is survived by a son, Gary Helget, and his wife, Sara, Westmoreland, KS; two daughters, Donna Helget, Lakewood, CO and Mary Jo Schmitt, and her husband, Randy, Manhattan; a sister, Margaret Mary Umscheid, and her husband, Carrol, Topeka, KS; four grandchildren, Shannon Conrow, Jake Helget, Tricia LaGabed and Stacy Schmitt; and six great grandchildren, Lauren, Rebecca, Caleb, Hanna, Devon and Kaitlyn.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Mary Ann Helget in 1951; his parents; a brother, Dennis J. "Swede" Helget in 1997; and a grandson, Michael Schmitt in 2009.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 8, 2010 in the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Flush with Father John Pilcher and Father Carl Dekat as con-celebrants. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

The family of Mr. Helget will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. until a

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holiday decorations, house-
wares, 1920 Antique Stove

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power-washer (briggs-strat-
ton), light house-wares, pic-
tures, toys

Bob-Sharon Skillin #13
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Amber Borgerding #15
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Sat. 8-2
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22 bolt action rifle, John
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