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City Approves Final Plans

Plans for the Discovery Center moved into the final stages Tuesday night when the City Commission approved the final plans for the Center.

The Discover Center will have photos of grass growing and will bring tons of travelers from I-70 into Manhattan.

Here is a memo telling of the plans:
CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO May 13, 2010

FROM: MEETING: Lauren Palmer, Assistant City Manager June 1, 2010
SUBJECT: PRESENTERS: Discovery Center Final Development Plan Submittal Lauren Palmer, Assistant City Manager Chuck Bartlett, HWS Consulting Group, Inc.
BACKGROUND

On December 15, 2009, the City Commission rezoned the South End Downtown Entertainment District to PUD, Commercial Planned Unit Development District. In order to proceed with construction of the Discovery Center, a Final Development Plan and Re-Plat must be approved by the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board. On February 24, 2010, the City Manager executed an agreement with HWS Consulting Group to prepare and submit the final PUD application.

DISCUSSION

A final PUD submittal has been prepared for Lots 7, 8, and 10 of the South End Entertainment District. The submittal includes the Discovery Center, the public park, and the adjacent parking lot. The application submittal consists of a site plan, right-of-way and easement layout, topography, grading, utilities, construction phasing, landscaping, lighting, and building floor plans and elevations.

It is important to move forward with the final PUD at this time. Groundbreaking on the Discovery Center is anticipated in July, and the Final Development Plan must be approved to facilitate the issuance of building permits.

Because the rezoning has already been approved, at this point in the process, the Commission is simply being asked to approve, as the owner of the property, the submittal of the

CITY OF MANHATTAN COMMISSION MEETING

JUNE 1, 2010



The City of Manhattan approved the final Development Plan Tuesday night for the Discovery Center, Public Park, and Parking lot in the South End Redevelopment.

application for the final PUD. The Planning Board will take final action on the PUD submittal, and no further action will be required by the Commission. The final PUD submittal is tentatively scheduled to be considered by the Planning Board at its meeting on June 21, 2010.

FINANCING

STAR Bond financing will cover

the majority of the construction associated with the Discovery Center, public park and parking lot. Additional funds will be necessary from the City-at-Large or from capital fundraising for the furniture, fixture, equipment and exhibits of the Discovery Center.

ALTERNATIVES

It appears the Commission has the following alternatives concerning the

issue at hand. The Commission may:

Approve the submittal of the Final Development Plan.

Deny the measure.

Modify or develop alternatives if other concerns or factors arise.

Table the request.

RECOMMENDATION

City Administration recommends the City Commission authorize the

submittal of the Final Development Plan application for the Discovery Center, Public Park, and parking lot within the South End Downtown Entertainment District.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Authorize the submittal of the Final Development Plan for Lots 7, 8, and 10 of the South End Downtown Entertainment District.

Head Start Program: Fraudulent And Ineffective

By David Muhlhausen, Ph.D.
The Heritage Foundation

The year 2010 will surely go down as a bad year for Head Start—a “Great Society” preschool program intended to provide a boost to disadvantaged children before they enter elementary school. First, a scientifically rigorous experimental evaluation of Head Start found that the program largely failed to improve the cognitive, socio-emotional, health, and parenting outcomes compared to the outcomes of similar children. Second, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that Head Start centers located in California, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, and the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area were actively enrolling children from families not qualified to participate in the early education program.

But before Members of Congress get too worried about such fraud denying eligible children access to Head Start, they should understand that, according to scientific studies, the program is ineffective to begin with.

Evidence of Fraud

The GAO performed 13 undercover eligibility tests based on fictitious families to determine the prevalence of Head Start grantees enrolling children not qualified to attend the program. The fictitious families were over income limits and had other disqualifying characteristics set by the Office of Head Start. The GAO found:

* In eight of the 13 eligibility tests, the fictitious families were told by Head Start staff that they were eligible for the program and encouraged to attend class;

* In all of these eight cases, Head Start staff instructed the fictitious families to misrepresent their eligibility for the program;

* In seven of these cases, Head

Start staff deliberately disregarded part of the fictitious families’ income to make these families eligible for participation;

* In at least four of the cases, the GAO later received doctored documents that excluded income information originally provided to the Head Start staff;

* In two cases, Head Start staff designated on application forms that one parent was unemployed, even though the GAO presented documentation of both parents’ income; and

* In one case, Head Start staff assured the fictitious family that no one would validate that the income information submitted was correct.

According to the GAO, their undercover investigations “highlight the ease with which unscrupulous parents could fabricate documentation designed to make it appear as though their children were under-income or otherwise eligible for the program.” The GAO further added,

“At no point during our registrations was any of the information contained in fictitious documentation submitted by our parents verified, which indicates that the program is vulnerable to beneficiary fraud in addition to grantee fraud.”

Unintended Consequences

Head Start grantees found by the GAO to have committed fraud should be denied further access to Head Start funding. In addition, those individuals responsible for committing the fraud should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

However, the notion that the participation of ineligible children somehow harms eligible children not allowed access to the program needs to be dispelled. The GAO lamented the fact that the presence of fraud means that some low-income children “do not receive necessary services” due to higher-income children filling their slots. But scientifically rigorous evidence of Head Start’s effectiveness does not support this assertion.

Governor Parkinson Kicks Off K-18 Project

Riley County highway project to link Kansas’ economic opportunities Governor Parkinson kicks off project that will create jobs, spur economic growth

OGDEN – The last major Kansas highway project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 officially got under way today at a ceremony along K-18.

The \$64.9 million project, which will include an interchange, four bridges, a four-lane freeway over a two-mile stretch and more, is needed to support the significant population and economic growth that will occur between Fort Riley and Manhattan. Fort Riley contin-

ues to see significant population growth as thousands of soldiers, families and workers locate to the area. Manhattan also is expecting exponential growth due to Kansas State University being chosen as the new home of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF). The project also will provide a new connection to Manhattan Regional Airport.

“This is another great day for Kansas as we prepare for our future opportunities with the expansion of Fort Riley and the construction of NBAF,” said Governor Mark Parkinson. “This key infrastructure project not only immediately creates jobs, but

allows us to attract new companies to the region, yielding long-term economic benefits for years to come.”

The project includes relocation of about two miles of Union Pacific Railroad track, flood control measures at Ogden and utility relocation. Sema Construction Inc. of Centennial, Colo., submitted the low bid for the project and is the prime contractor.

“This is an important project on a corridor that will experience significant growth in the coming years. It will create jobs now and support economic growth for decades,” said Kansas Transportation Secretary Deb

Miller.

“Without Recovery Act funding, we couldn’t have done this project in the foreseeable future.”

This project – Phase I – will cover two-miles of the seven-mile K-18 corridor between Fort Riley and Manhattan. Phases II and III will complete the corridor improvement, but no funds are currently available for the final phases. Estimated cost of all three phases is \$140 million.

In April, about 3,000 workers were employed on Recovery Act projects in Kansas. The payroll for the month was almost \$3.2 million.

Obituaries

Eugene Steinbring

Eugene Steinbring, 85, of Wamego, Kansas, formerly of Hanston, Kansas, died Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Wamego City Hospital.

Eugene was born on August 31, 1924, in Bellefont, Kansas. He was raised by his parents, Fred and Lillian Demaine Steinbring on the family farm near Spearville. He attended local schools and graduated from Spearville High School in 1942. Eugene served in the Naval Air Corp, during WWII, in the Pacific Theatre as a tail gunner.

Eugene was a farmer and stockman on the family farm near

Hanston. He had worked on the construction of an airbase near Jetmore during the war. He sold cars for a while in Dodge City and in 1955 moved to the farm. Eugene also drove school bus for many years. Eugene loved to fly and held a private pilot's license. He was a member of the VFW. He was a strong and determined man and will truly be missed.

He married Aloha Mae Ewy on August 3, 1947 in Hanston, Kansas. She survives at their home.

Eugene is also survived by his daughter, Randy Hassler and her husband, Gerry, Topeka; his son, Terry Steinbring and his wife, Jody, Manhattan; brother, Junior

Steinbring and his wife, Elsie, Jetmore; six grandchildren, DeeAnn Scoby, Clovis, California, Heather Coulter, St. Joseph, Missouri, Jesse and Jake Steinbring, Manhattan, Ryan Salmans, Topeka, Nisa Salmans, Mexico; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his twin sister, Betty Jean Nelson and two brothers, Alfred and Walter Steinbring.

Private family services will be held for Eugene at a later date. The family suggests memorial contributions to the United Methodist Church in Hanston and those may be sent in care of Campanella-Evans Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at campanella-funeral.com.

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Mary Jo Krug

Mary Jo (Schmidler) Krug passed away May 26, 2010. She was born May 29, 1930 at the family home in Clay Center, Kansas. She was the first child born to Mary Cooper and Carl Schmidler.

At age 2 the family moved to Marysville, Kansas where she lived until 1960. She attended Lincoln Grade School, Central Grade School and graduated in 1948 from Marysville High School.

She married R.L. Krug in 1951, they were later divorced. They were the parents of two daughters, Nancy Lee and Teresa Lynnette.

After working at R&G Grocery Store, Dutchmaid and Powell

Brothers Plumbing she moved to Boca Raton Florida in 1977 where she worked and retired from K-Mart. She returned to Manhattan in 2007.

Survivors include daughters Nancy Warner and Teresa Roberts, sister Dorothy Moser all of Manhattan, brother Jack Schmidler and his wife Marilyn of North Platte, Nebraska, sisters-in-law Donna Schmidler of Beverly Hills, Florida and Peggy (Krug-Mathis) Lawrence of St. Joseph Missouri. Nieces Susan Cress, Shari Schmidler, Debbie Grimes, nephews Jim Moser of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Mickey Mathis of Iuka, Kansas.

Jo was the proud grandmother of Kate Warner Ladelle, and Jake

Warner and great grandmother of Tristan Ladelle. She was preceded in death by her parents Mary and Carl Schmidler, brother George Schmidler, sister Kay Louise Schmidler, brother-in-law Glen Moser and niece Peggy Moser Richardson.

Following cremation, a memorial service was held at 11:00 on June 1, 2010 at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home in Manhattan, Kansas. Memorial contributions can be made to the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research-KSU and left in care of Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home 1317 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502. Online condolences can be sent to www.irvin-parkview.com.

Melvin Nelson

Melvin D. Nelson, age 74, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Monday evening, May 31, 2010, at the Meadowlark Hills - Wroten House in Manhattan.

He was born October 18, 1935, in rural Geary County, Kansas, the son of Arthur and Alice Jeanette Violet (Allen) Nelson. Melvin attended Briggs School through the eighth grade and graduated from Manhattan High School with the class of 1954.

Following his high school graduation he went to work in the Commissary at Ft. Riley for several years prior to going to work as a mechanic for the Lincoln-Mercury garage in downtown Manhattan for the next few years. He then went to work as a heavy equipment operator for Kershaw Ready Mix where he was employed for 20 years. Melvin served in the

Kansas Army National Guard for 28 years where he held the rank of Sergeant First Class. He was a heavy equipment mechanic for the Kansas Army National Guard at Ft. Riley where he was employed for 20 years. Shortly after his retirement in 2003 he went to work part time as a janitor for the Fort Riley RSMS.

Melvin was a longtime member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Manhattan.

He played the guitar and violin, and in his early years enjoyed playing and singing for area dances. Melvin also enjoyed gardening, fishing with his grandchildren, hunting, woodworking and crafts. Most of all he loved to spend time with his family and friends and being a part of family "Shindigs."

On December 9, 1956, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, he was united in marriage to the former Joyce Anne Lake. She survives of

the home. Also surviving are two children: David E. Nelson and his wife Beth of Memphis, Tennessee and Julie Nelson and her husband Mike Krom of Alta Vista, Kansas. Two sisters, Faye Havenstein of Manhattan, Kansas and Betty Ascher of Junction City, Kansas. Seven grandchildren: Deborah Nelson, Hannah Nelson, Matthew Nelson, Brandon Barth, Mikayla Barth, Madison Nelson and Dylan Krom also survive.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother: Floyd Nelson.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 A.M. Friday, June 4, 2010, at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 330 Sunset Avenue in Manhattan with Reverend Dr. Joseph A. Jones officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery southeast of Manhattan.

The family of Mr. Nelson will receive friends from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Thursday evening at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneral-home.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Meadowlark Hills Foundation for the Wroten and Bramlage Households or to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Ilse Peplow

Ilse Peplow, age 87, of Manhattan, died May 28, 2010, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

She was born March 1, 1923, in Pommerswitz, Leobschutz, Germany, the daughter of Friedrich and Martha (Tschech) Schaefer.

She was married to Raymond H. Peplow on August 25, 1949, in Kaufering, Germany, and moved with him to the United States in 1950. She was very proud of becoming a United States Citizen in 1954.

Mrs. Peplow loved her cats, enjoyed knitting, sewing, spending time in her yard, nature, and the sights and sounds of living for 52 years on Chris Drive by Sunset Zoo. For the last two years she was a resident at Miller Place at Meadowlark Hills.

Mr. Peplow preceded her in death on October 6, 1998. She was also preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy J. Beese and her husband, Rev. David Beese of Gravois Mills,

Missouri; one sister, Christa Koerdert of Germany; one brother, Rudi Schaefer of Parma, Ohio; five grandchildren: Christopher Stierwalt and his wife Karen, Matthew Stierwalt, Michael Logan, Amy Zigler and her husband Ryan, and Matthew Logan; and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a niece Susanne and her husband, Jurgen Opp, and by her former son-in-law and local caregiver, Wade Logan.

Private family graveside services will be held in Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family of Mrs. Peplow will receive friends from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Tuesday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sunset Zoo, Riley County Animal Shelter or the Good Shepherd Hospice House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Dr. Peloquin Serves On Advisory Committee

Steve Peloquin, M.D., Manhattan, is serving on the Medical Advisory Committee of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, according to Fred Palenske, vice president of provider relations and medical affairs. The BCBSKS Board of Directors appointed Dr. Peloquin to a two-year term on the committee.

The Medical Advisory Committee is comprised of 19 health care professionals from across the company's service area who advise BCBSKS on issues relevant to their area of expertise.

"Members of the Medical Advisory Committee provide us with diverse perspectives about current matters relating to the provision of medical care," said Palenske. "Committee members give Blue Cross first-hand

insight into the industry, which is essential knowledge for us to have as we strive to stay current regarding the best treatment options."

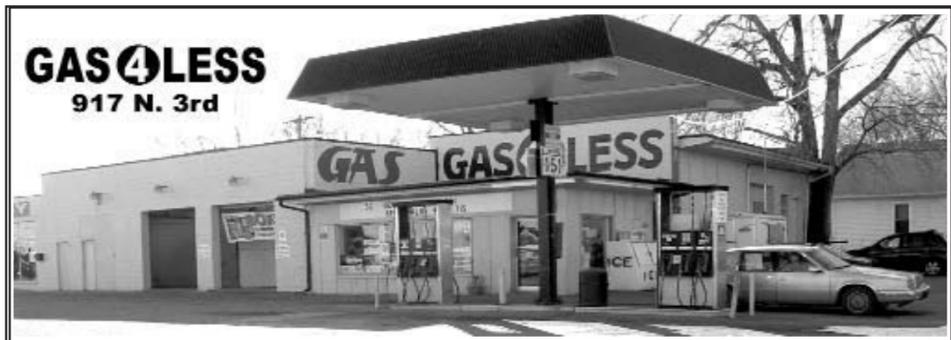
Dr. Peloquin specializes in pain management. He holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of New Mexico School of Architecture, and earned his medical degree from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. He obtained anesthesiology board certification from the University of Iowa. Dr. Peloquin is a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Kansas Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Academy of Pain Medicine. He's board certified in pain medicine through the American Academy of Pain Medicine.

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Kansas Profile - Now That's Rural: Kathy Patton - american Agri-Women TV Show

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

"Lights, camera, action!" I'm not sure if those terms are used by TV and movie producers these days, but video is more important than ever. Video and television are vital elements of modern communication. The American Agri-Women organization is taking advantage of this technology to communicate with farm and ranch women across the nation. The organization has launched a brand new nationwide television program which is produced and hosted right here in Kansas.

American Agri-Women, or AAW for short, is a national organization of farm, ranch, and agribusiness women. Its roots are found in the 1960s, when various issues were adversely affecting farm families. Women rallied together to respond to these issues and formed organizations like Oregon Women for Agriculture, Women for the Survival of Agriculture in Michigan, and United Farm Wives. In 1974, those organizations came together to unite into a national organization known as American Agri-Women.

One of its early members was Kathy Patton. Kathy was a young farm wife in northeast Kansas and the public relations chair of Kansas Agri-Women. In that capacity, she was interviewed on a farm radio station in Topeka. She did such a good job that they asked if she would be interested in farm broadcasting herself. She took them up on their offer and made it her career. In fact, she went on to become the first woman named the national Farm Broadcaster of the Year. Now she is a freelance broadcaster, and she and her husband Mike Strunk farm and operate a custom harvesting operation near Silver



Ron Wilson

Lake.

Meanwhile, American Agri-Women has grown to include 58 affiliate organizations, including state and national farm women organizations representing diverse regions and commodities.

In 2007, AAW learned about an outreach grant opportunity from USDA's Risk Management Agency. As the organization considered grant possibilities, two things came to mind: One, the many farm women who were interested in ag issues but couldn't leave their farms and families to attend conferences where these issues were discussed, and two, the newly developed farm-oriented television channels being watched by increasing numbers of current and retired farmers. The idea AAW developed was to propose an educational television show for farm and ranch women, to be broadcast nationally.

In 2008, USDA approved the grant proposal. AAW set out to develop and produce 13 half hour educational TV programs for farm and ranch women, including risk management issues. AAW chose to produce these programs through the Educational Communications Center at K-State. The videographer and video editor for the project was

Ron Frank of Ron Frank Films, an independent video consultant who had recently retired from K-State Research and Extension. See www.frankfilms.com for more information.

One question remained: Who would host the show? The choice was Kathy Patton Strunk. Kathy agreed to serve as host, and a team of people went to work. Shows were taped in Dole Hall at K-State, with footage from AAW members and experts around the country. On May 4, 2010, the first episode aired on In Country, a national television network focused on rural, outdoor topics.

These shows deal with farm risk management in a broad sense. In other words, show topics include crop insurance, but also issues like business planning, ag labor issues, working with one's lender, marketing and promoting farm products, agritourism, leadership development, consumer awareness, and more.

Episodes typically include an interview with an expert, plus visits with AAW members that have experience and expertise relevant to the show's topic. All the shows are hosted by Kathy Patton Strunk from Silver Lake, Kansas, population 1,352 people. Now, that's rural. For more information, go to www.americanagriwomen.org.

"Lights, camera, action!" Those terms may or may not be used by modern video producers, but the idea of using video to reach farm producers is very much alive today. We commend Kathy Patton Strunk and all those involved with American Agri-Women for making a difference by extending this outreach and using the medium of television to reach farm and ranch women. These cameras can shed a lot of light on various issues and help farm women get in on the action.

Broberg Serves On Hospital Committee

John Broberg, FACHE, Manhattan, is serving on the Hospital Advisory Committee of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, according to Fred Palenske, vice president of provider relations and medical affairs. The BCBSKS Board of Directors appointed Broberg to a two-year term on the committee.

The Hospital Advisory Committee is comprised of 14 hospital administrators from across the company's service area who advise BCBSKS on issues relevant to their area of expertise. "Members of the Hospital

Advisory Committee provide us with diverse perspectives about current matters relating to the provision of hospital-based health care," said Palenske. "Committee members give Blue Cross firsthand insight about current issues impacting Kansas hospitals and the patients they serve, which is essential knowledge for us to have as we develop policies and procedures."

Broberg is president/CEO of Mercy Regional Health Center. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas and a master's degree in health services

from Webster University. He is a member of the Kansas Hospital Association, Flint Hills Community Clinic Board and is a board certified member of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Broberg and his wife, Suzie, have three children.

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Cross and Blue Shield Association. BCBSKS is the state's largest health insurer, serving all Kansas counties except Johnson and Wyandotte.

Marian Call At The Arts Center

The Manhattan Arts Center is excited to present Marian Call on Saturday, June 5 at 8pm.

Marian is a trained composer and a spunky self-taught singer based out of Anchorage Alaska. Her songs are eclectic and diverse, funny and light, powerfully honest and grounded in the human experience. She delivers whimsical Alaskan folk funk for the Coffee

Counter-Culture. All types - from church ladies to teenagers to NPR listeners and urban hipsters worldwide - enjoy Call's sound. www.mariancall.com.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission. Tickets are available online at www.manhattanarts.org, or at the Manhattan Arts Center box office, 1520 Poyntz, 537-4420.

Four Receive Awards From K-State

By Rosie Hoefling
KSU News Service

Three recent Kansas State University psychology graduates have received scholastic awards from the K-State department of psychology.

The recipients were honored at the department's spring banquet for their outstanding contributions to the K-State psychology program and the overall field of psychology.

The K-Staters and their awards include:

* Maura Mills, May 2010 doctoral graduate in psychology, Manhattan, the Ronald G. and Dorothy J. Downey Award for Outstanding Dissertation Proposal in Industrial and Organizational

Psychology. Mills received a \$750 monetary award for her dissertation on the relationship between psychological capital and the subjective well-being of employees.

* Mason Burns, May 2010 bachelor's graduate in psychology, Overland Park, E.J. Phares Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research. The honor includes a \$200 monetary award. In collaboration with Don Saucier, associate professor of psychology at K-State, Burns has conducted research that examines the factors that lead to a person's both increased and decreased expressions of prejudice. He is currently co-author of a research manuscript under review, three research manuscripts in preparation and four

conference presentations. Burns also was a recipient of the 2009 Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship. He will work in the fall on a graduate degree in psychology from K-State.

* Danielle Zanotti, December 2009 bachelor's graduate in psychology, Mustang, Okla., Peterson Prize for the Outstanding Graduating Senior in Psychology. The \$200 monetary award recognizes Zanotti's excellence in the classroom, her research and her service to K-State's psychology department. Zanotti worked in collaboration with K-State's Saucier to conduct research that sought to extend the justification-suppression model of the prejudice theory. She also is co-author on a research manuscript under review, one research manuscript in preparation and four conference presentations. She currently serves as the director of team operations for the K-State women's basketball team.

Columbian Presents Hits

The Columbian Theatre is proud to present Chappie Live Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 7:30pm. This special show at the Columbian Theatre is a tribute to pop tunes, favorite Motown melodies and hits from the British Invasion. Doug "Chappie" Chapman has over 40 years experience in the music business and tells the stories behind the songs of that memorable decade. The songs are sure

to get you humming the tunes of those special songs from the 60's. Chappie Live is one night only at the Columbian Theatre in Downtown Wamego. Cash bar and snacks available during the show. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased by calling the Columbian Theatre Box Office 785-456-2029 or online at www.ColumbianTheatre.com.

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Thoughts From The Prairie

Thoughts from the Prairie
Citizens Respond

Tuesday night, June 1, 2010, the Mayor Pro-Tem of Manhattan, Kansas, proclaimed June 2010 as GLBT Pride Month. The mayor's proclamation may be accessed at <http://www.ci.manhattan.ks.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=7945>. The mayor begins the proclamation with an accusatory dialogue, erroneously accusing NYC police of harassment, quote, "WHEREAS, more than forty years ago patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn [a gay club] in New York City resisted police harassment that had become too common..." The facts are that the NYC police were enforcing the law. The testimonies of police on duty at the time reported the protesters became so violent that the policemen had to be rescued; a far cry from the peaceful civil rights protests led by Martin Luther King, Jr., but notice the proclamation's civil rights overtones.



Dick Miller

During his presentation at the Commission meeting, the mayor claimed the first sermon preached in Manhattan was related to the civil rights movement and then extrapolated that forward to cast the present activities of the GLBT activity as a civil rights issue. The proclamation condemns "social intolerance" in one paragraph and accuses opponents of "prejudice, bigotry and discrimination" in the next. Brad Dacus, president of Pacific Justice Institute, recently pointed out that tolerance is a two way street and that "One way tolerance is not tolerance at all. It's tyranny."

In response to the proclamation, a group of Manhattan pastors and other citizens met to consider an appropriate response to a proclamation that presents the GLBT lifestyle as a generalized utopian experience. The focus of the response was a compassionate statement of truth versus tolerance wherein individual achievement was affirmed while opposing government's attempt to dictate belief systems and inappropriately casting tolerance as a moral issue rather than as a legal or social issue.

Pastor Paul Barkey and Pastor Darrell Martin read the approved response at the Commission meeting during the open comment session. The approved response as read is as follows: Citizens Response to the Mayor Pro-Tem LGBT Proclamation- "We, the undersigned pastors and concerned citizens, understand by his proclamation today that the mayor pro tem has the right to celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender lifestyles; We understand the mayor pro tem believes diversity is Manhattan's greatest

asset; We further understand that the mayor pro tem speaks for himself with this proclamation and not for all citizens of Manhattan as suggested in his proclamation;

"We believe that our U.S. Constitution already protects the rights of all citizens of our city, including the LGBT community; We believe that "social intolerance," as used by the mayor pro-tem, is an improper term because this term wrongly labels anyone who, due to precepts of their faith or for other reasons, might disagree with the LGBT lifestyle. We believe that unity of purpose, personal achievements and contributions to the community are Manhattan's greatest assets;

"We believe that focusing on what separates us rather than what unites us is never effective public policy; We believe our greatest strength as a society is our moral values and the rights and principals of our nation's governing Constitution, which includes our right to freely exercise our religion and speech; We believe that it is inappropriate for government of all the people to celebrate the private sexual orientation of any of its citizens; We believe that it is wrong for government to suggest how families should address and treat the subject of sexual orientation with their children;

"We join the mayor pro tem in proclaiming that people from all walks of life including those in the LGBT community add to the success of our city, state, and nation. And it is their personal success and community contributions that we celebrate."

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Taking Back Freedom

It is the day before Memorial Day and I sit in my study looking over the final touches of a speech I will soon give. The speech will be among many given in Manhattan, Kansas, also known as the Little Apple, as part of a fundraiser benefit for the Fort Riley scholarship fund for the children of fallen soldiers here in Kansas. The title of the benefit rally is "Taking Back Freedom," and I feel that I would not be true to the event unless I crafted a speech that addressed both the troops and what I see as the broader, more relevant, message behind the event's title. This is where speech writers go to work.



Paul A. Ibbetson

This can be a challenge even for a person like me who speaks almost every day on television, radio, and in the lecture hall. The concern, plainly stated, is that I will convey a string of pleasant platitudes and nicely worded phrases but fail to relate that all-important something, that deeper truth that makes the listener say, "That's it, I get it." I know only two golden rules on how to share words with people when the topic really counts: Look for the truth no matter how it might be hidden, and tell it no matter what the consequences. So here goes.

Let's look at what should be obvious when it comes to military benefit rallies or Memorial Days. Americans owe a debt that can never be repaid to our soldiers. This nation's bountiful prosperity has been maintained and defended throughout our history by courageous Americans who took up arms to fight enemies from the redcoats to radical Islamic extremists. Their bravery to give their lives in battle is undeniable, and we humbly gather once a year to recognize the ultimate sacrifice they have given.

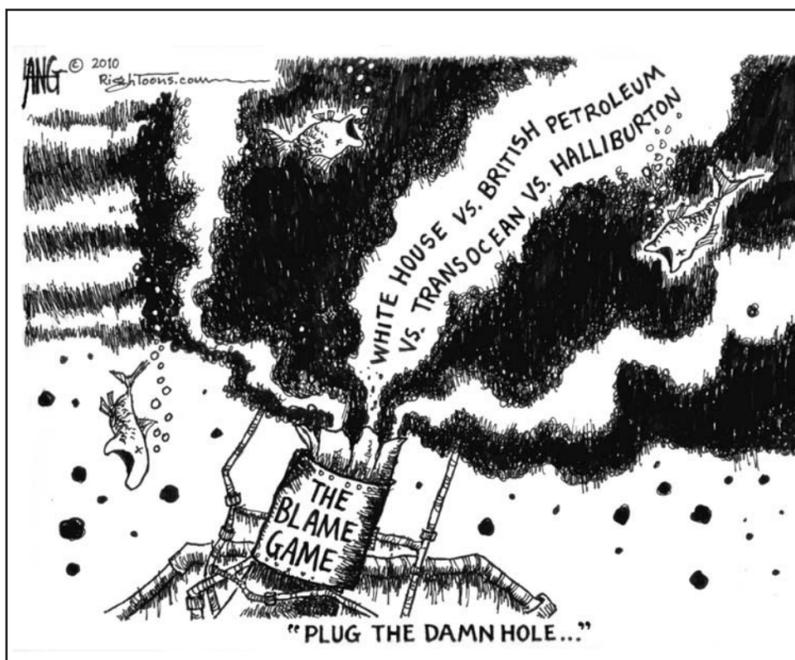
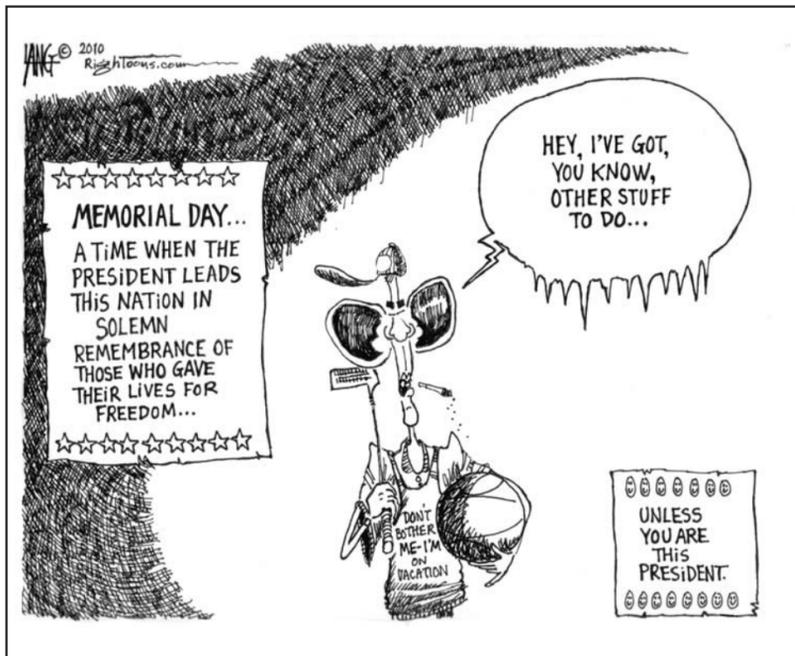
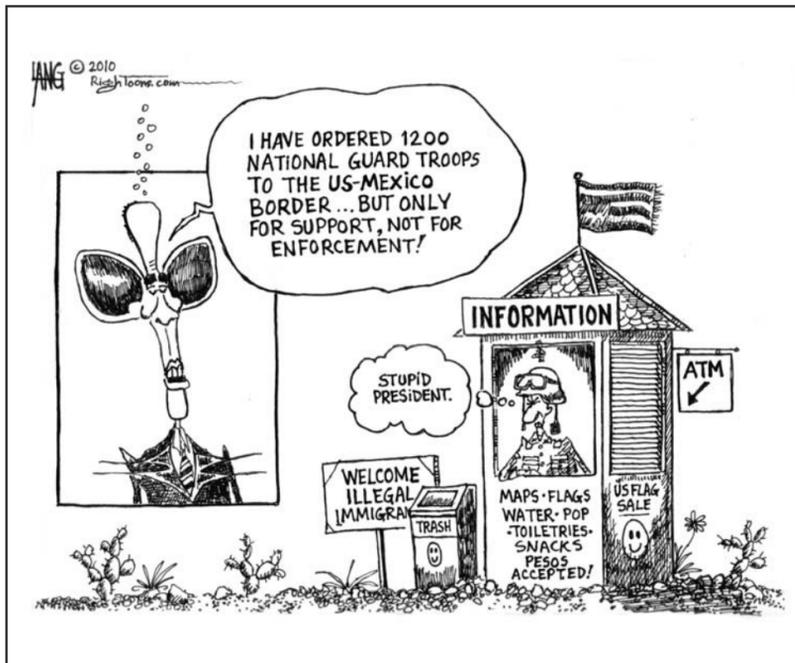
Is this momentous understanding of death for country in the heat of battle the entire beginning and end of Memorial Day, if not how we think about the military? I think not. I believe a deeper truth still waits to be acknowledged. What of the soldiers

who evade death's embrace in battle and return to solidify the defensive lines of this county? What of the families of the fallen who hold the American flag high showing their respect for the dead, and love of country? What of the soldier who serves in peacetime, whose presence and readiness for battle holds the jackals of this world at bay? Are they not all tied together in commitment and sacrifice? Maybe as Americans, it is what we stand for, who we are, that binds us and makes us unique, exceptional—one nation under God.

If that is true, and more importantly, if that is "it," the truth of the matter, then every man, woman, and child should look differently at the military and the Memorial Days that follow. In the truest respect, we are all the American military, and the American military is us. We are tied by blood, brotherhood, and belief; our destinies are as one.

Whether it is the Japanese and Nazis of the past, the Soviets of the Communist Party from yesterday, or the radical Islamic extremists of today, there will always be evil forces that wish to extinguish the light of freedom with the darkness of oppression. This country's history is replete with these examples and we must always be vigilant to safeguard what we hold dear from adversaries, both foreign and domestic. Could it be that "Taking Back Freedom" is something more than the transfer of cash, a nod of approval, or a few kind words to those that serve? I believe it is a reminder that we all have a call to duty, that we all support one another and must take up the mantle of responsibility that this realization mandates.

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4. The Federalist Papers

**The Federalist No. 14
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Territory Answered
New York Packet
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[James Madison]
To the People of the State of
New York:**

WE HAVE seen the necessity of the Union, as our bulwark against foreign danger, as the conservator of peace among ourselves, as the guardian of our commerce and other common interests, as the only substitute for those military establishments which have subverted the liberties of the Old World, and as the proper antidote for the diseases of faction, which have proved fatal to other popular governments, and of which alarming symptoms have been betrayed by our own. All that remains, within this branch of our inquiries, is to take notice of an objection that may be drawn from the great extent of country which the Union embraces. A few observations on this subject will be the more proper, as it is perceived that the adversaries of the new Constitution are availing themselves of the prevailing prejudice with regard to the practicable sphere of republican administration, in order to supply, by imaginary difficulties, the want of those solid objections which they endeavor in vain to find.

The error which limits republican government to a narrow district has been unfolded and refuted in preceding papers. I remark here only that it seems to owe its rise and prevalence chiefly to the confounding of a republic with a democracy, applying to the former reasonings drawn from the nature of the latter. The true distinction between these forms was also adverted to on a former occasion. It is, that in a democracy, the people meet and exercise the government in person; in a republic, they assemble and administer it by their representatives and agents. A democracy, consequently, will be confined to a small spot. A republic may be extended over a large region.

To this accidental source of the error may be added the artifice of

some celebrated authors, whose writings have had a great share in forming the modern standard of political opinions. Being subjects either of an absolute or limited monarchy, they have endeavored to heighten the advantages, or palliate the evils of those forms, by placing in comparison the vices and defects of the republican, and by citing as specimens of the latter the turbulent democracies of ancient Greece and modern Italy. Under the confusion of names, it has been an easy task to transfer to a republic observations applicable to a democracy only; and among others, the observation that it can never be established but among a small number of people, living within a small compass of territory.

Such a fallacy may have been the less perceived, as most of the popular governments of antiquity were of the democratic species; and even in modern Europe, to which we owe the great principle of representation, no example is seen of a government wholly popular, and founded, at the same time, wholly on that principle. If Europe has the merit of discovering this great mechanical power in government, by the simple agency of which the will of the largest political body may be concentrated, and its force directed to any object which the public good requires, America can claim the merit of making the discovery the basis of unmixed and extensive republics. It is only to be lamented that any of her citizens should wish to deprive her of the additional merit of displaying its full efficacy in the establishment of the comprehensive system now under her consideration.

As the natural limit of a democracy is that distance from the central point which will just permit the most remote citizens to assemble as often as their public functions demand, and will include no greater number than can join in those functions; so the natural limit of a republic is that distance from the centre which will barely allow the representatives to meet as often as may be necessary for the administration of public affairs. Can it be said that the limits of the United

States exceed this distance? It will not be said by those who recollect that the Atlantic coast is the longest side of the Union, that during the term of thirteen years, the representatives of the States have been almost continually assembled, and that the members from the most distant States are not chargeable with greater intermissions of attendance than those from the States in the neighborhood of Congress.

That we may form a juster estimate with regard to this interesting subject, let us resort to the actual dimensions of the Union. The limits, as fixed by the treaty of peace, are: on the east the Atlantic, on the south the latitude of thirty-one degrees, on the west the Mississippi, and on the north an irregular line running in some instances beyond the forty-fifth degree, in others falling as low as the forty-second. The southern shore of Lake Erie lies below that latitude. Computing the distance between the thirty-first and forty-fifth degrees, it amounts to nine hundred and seventy-three common miles; computing it from thirty-one to forty-two degrees, to seven hundred and sixty-four miles and a half. Taking the mean for the distance, the amount will be eight hundred and sixty-eight miles and three-fourths. The mean distance from the Atlantic to the Mississippi does not probably exceed seven hundred and fifty miles. On a comparison of this extent with that of several countries in Europe, the practicability of rendering our system commensurate to it appears to be demonstrable. It is not a great deal larger than Germany, where a diet representing the whole empire is continually assembled; or than Poland before the late dismemberment, where another national diet was the depository of the supreme power. Passing by France and Spain, we find that in Great Britain, inferior as it may be in size, the representatives of the northern extremity of the island have as far to travel to the national council as will be required of those of the most remote parts of the Union.

Favorable as this view of the subject may be, some observations

remain which will place it in a light still more satisfactory.

In the first place it is to be remembered that the general government is not to be charged with the whole power of making and administering laws. Its jurisdiction is limited to certain enumerated objects, which concern all the members of the republic, but which are not to be attained by the separate provisions of any. The subordinate governments, which can extend their care to all those other subjects which can be separately provided for, will retain their due authority and activity. Were it proposed by the plan of the convention to abolish the governments of the particular States, its adversaries would have some ground for their objection; though it would not be difficult to show that if they were abolished the general government would be compelled, by the principle of self-preservation, to reinstate them in their proper jurisdiction.

A second observation to be made is that the immediate object of the federal Constitution is to secure the union of the thirteen primitive States, which we know to be practicable; and to add to them such other States as may arise in their own bosoms, or in their neighborhoods, which we cannot doubt to be equally practicable. The arrangements that may be necessary for those angles and fractions of our territory which lie on our northwestern frontier, must be left to those whom further discoveries and experience will render more equal to the task.

Let it be remarked, in the third place, that the intercourse throughout the Union will be facilitated by new improvements. Roads will everywhere be shortened, and kept in better order; accommodations for travelers will be multiplied and meliorated; an interior navigation on our eastern side will be opened throughout, or nearly throughout, the whole extent of the thirteen States. The communication between the Western and Atlantic districts, and between different parts of each, will be rendered more and more easy by those numerous canals with which the beneficence of nature has intersected our country, and which art finds it so little difficult to connect and complete.

A fourth and still more important consideration is, that as almost every State will, on one side or other, be a frontier, and will thus find, in regard to its safety, an inducement to make some sacrifices for the sake of the general protection; so the States which lie at the greatest distance from the heart of the Union, and which, of course, may partake least of the ordinary circulation of its benefits, will be at the same time immediately contiguous to foreign nations, and will consequently stand, on particular occasions, in greatest need of its strength and resources. It may be inconvenient for Georgia, or the States forming our western or northeastern borders, to send their representatives to the seat of government; but they would find it more so to struggle alone against an invading enemy, or even to support alone the whole expense of those precautions which may be dictated by the neighborhood of continual danger. If they should derive less benefit, therefore, from the Union in some respects than the less distant States, they will derive greater benefit from it in other respects, and thus the proper equilibrium will be maintained throughout.

I submit to you, my fellow-citizens, these considerations, in full

confidence that the good sense which has so often marked your decisions will allow them their due weight and effect; and that you will never suffer difficulties, however formidable in appearance, or however fashionable the error on which they may be founded, to drive you into the gloomy and perilous scene into which the advocates for disunion would conduct you. Hearken not to the unnatural voice which tells you that the people of America, knit together as they are by so many cords of affection, can no longer live together as members of the same family; can no longer continue the mutual guardians of their mutual happiness; can no longer be fellow citizens of one great, respectable, and flourishing empire. Hearken not to the voice which petulantly tells you that the form of government recommended for your adoption is a novelty in the political world; that it has never yet had a place in the theories of the wildest projectors; that it rashly attempts what it is impossible to accomplish. No, my countrymen, shut your ears against this unallowed language. Shut your hearts against the poison which it conveys; the kindred blood which flows in the veins of American citizens, the mingled blood which they have shed in defense of their sacred rights, consecrate their Union, and excite horror at the idea of their becoming aliens, rivals, enemies. And if novelties are to be shunned, believe me, the most alarming of all novelties, the most wild of all projects, the most rash of all attempts, is that of rendering us in pieces, in order to preserve our liberties and promote our happiness. But why is the experiment of an extended republic to be rejected, merely because it may comprise what is new? Is it not the glory of the people of America, that, whilst they have paid a decent regard to the opinions of former times and other nations, they have not suffered a blind veneration for antiquity, for custom, or for names, to overrule the suggestions of their own good sense, the knowledge of their own situation, and the lessons of their own experience? To this manly spirit, posterity will be indebted for the possession, and the world for the example, of the numerous innovations displayed on the American theatre, in favor of private rights and public happiness. Had no important step been taken by the leaders of the Revolution for which a precedent could not be discovered, no government established of which an exact model did not present itself, the people of the United States might, at this moment have been numbered among the melancholy victims of misguided councils, must at best have been laboring under the weight of some of those forms which have crushed the liberties of the rest of mankind. Happily for America, happily, we trust, for the whole human race, they pursued a new and more noble course. They accomplished a revolution which has no parallel in the annals of human society. They reared the fabrics of governments which have no model on the face of the globe. They formed the design of a great Confederacy, which it is incumbent on their successors to improve and perpetuate. If their works betray imperfections, we wonder at the fewness of them. If they erred most in the structure of the Union, this was the work most difficult to be executed; this is the work which has been new modelled by the act of your convention, and it is that act on which you are now to deliberate and to decide.

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BP Oil Spill: Who's Your Daddy?

By Gene Healy
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"Did you plug the hole yet, Daddy?" 11-year-old Malia demanded Thursday morning while the president was shaving. Poor President Obama: even his kids won't give him a break about the Gulf oil spill.

Tough. It's hard to feel sorry for the "Yes We Can" candidate, who got the job by stoking the juvenile expectation that there's a presidential solution to everything from natural disasters to spiritual malaise.

But the adults among us ought to worry about a political culture that reacts to every difficulty by screaming "Save us, Superpresident!"

Should Obama travel back in time and institute better regulation?

It's "taking so doggone long," Sarah Palin wailed, for Obama "to dive in there" (literally?). "Man, you got to get down here and take control!" James Carville screeched. "Tell BP, I'm your daddy!"

When Hurricane Katrina hit, liberals who had spent years calling President Bush a tyrant suddenly decided he wasn't authoritarian enough when he hesitated to declare himself generalissimo of New Orleans and muster the troops for a federal War on Hurricanes.

Now the party of "drill, baby, drill" — the folks who warn that Obama's a socialist — is screaming bloody murder because he's letting the private sector take the lead in the well-capping operation. It's almost enough to make a guy cynical about politics.

What do Carville, Palin, et al. want the president to do? "Replace [BP] with what?" asks Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, commanding officer at the scene. As the president admitted Thursday, "The federal government does not possess superior technology to BP," which is trying to clean up its mess with backup from a team of scientists and engineers assembled by the feds.

Should Obama travel back in time and institute better regulation? "He could've demanded a plan in anticipation of this," Carville insists.

Perhaps, but it's hardly surprising that a president who sits atop a 2-million-employee executive branch, pretending to run it, hasn't magically solved the problem of bureaucratic incompetence or devised a plan to deal with every conceivable hazard life might present.

Louisiana Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal may have a legitimate gripe about the feds delaying permission to build protective sand barriers. But most of the complaints dominating the airwaves aren't nearly that specific. They smack of a quasi-religious conception of the presidency. If only Obama would manifest himself at the afflicted area, shed his aura of cool reserve, and exercise the magical powers of presidential concern, perhaps the slick would recede.

The public's frustration is understandable. But the unreflective cry "Do something!" usually results in policies that follow the logic immortalized in the BBC comedy "Yes,

Minister": "Something must be done. This is something. Therefore we must do it!"

In Hurricane Katrina's aftermath, that "something" was legislation (thankfully repealed in 2008) giving the president dangerous new powers to use troops at home to restore order and institute military quarantines during natural disasters or disease outbreaks.

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More by Gene Healy
In this case, it may be an expensive (and likely futile) Manhattan Project of new subsidies and restrictions aimed at getting us "beyond petroleum." In his Sunday New York Times column, Thomas Friedman urged Obama to "think like a kid," exploit the public's Malia-esque impulses, and push through a "game change on energy."

"Daddy, why can't you even mention the words 'carbon tax'?" asks Friedman, who, according to his Times bio, is a grown man of 57.

BP will pay dearly for its apparent negligence, ending up poorer and smaller as a result of the spill. Not so with the federal government: disasters are the health of the state.

That dynamic won't change as long as pundits, pols and the public embrace the poisonous notion that the president is America's daddy.

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New York Is Almost Out Of Cash

BY BETSY MCCAUGHEY

The remedy is to cut government spending. Opportunities are plentiful.

Guess how long it is before the state of New York runs out of cash? Less than a week, according to the state's comptroller.

On June 1, New York is due to send \$3.8 billion in aid to local school districts, including \$2.1 billion that was supposed to be paid in March but not sent for lack of funds. Yet New York is still \$1 billion short. This could affect school operations, the solvency of any business that sells goods or services to the state, the paychecks of state workers, and ultimately home values.

At the state capitol in Albany, you wouldn't sense there's a crisis. The state senate still meets only half a work-week, Monday evening through Wednesday. Meanwhile, Democratic legislators (in the majority) are shuttling back and forth between Albany and the Democratic Party's state nominating convention at the Rye Town Hilton in Westchester County, 150 miles away.

The crowded meeting rooms and festooned ballrooms are where you'll find the action. Legislators are securing their nominations for another two-year term. Never mind that legislative malpractice is to blame for the cash running out.

Legislators were supposed to vote on a state budget by April 15. Because of the economic downturn, tax collections fell so far short of predictions that the state government ended last year \$8.5 billion in the red, a shortfall that will grow to \$9.2 billion by year's

end. Gov. David Paterson has proposed ways to close the gap, especially cuts in school aid of \$1.1 billion, but the legislature refused to act on them.

Lawmakers don't want teachers unions, state employee unions, and hospital workers picketing outside their offices, showing up at the state party convention, and putting their reelection prospects in peril. And so, every Monday the legislature in Albany votes to extend last year's unaffordable spending levels another week, instead of agreeing on a budget that cuts spending. Party now and make all of us pay later—that's the game plan of politicians here and in other states, not to mention Washington, D.C.

New York state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver is floating a proposal to increase income taxes on the rich. That isn't a realistic solution to the state's escalating financial woes.

As Kathryn Wylde of the Partnership for New York City observes, with the expiration of the Bush tax cuts at the end of the year, high-income earners in New York City will pay more than 52% of their earnings to federal, state and local government. "Does anyone really believe that high income individuals will stick around New York," she asks.

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Between 2001 and 2009, public school enrollment declined 4.6%, according to State Education Department data. Yet more staff were hired, and the fastest growing category was non-teachers, up a staggering 26%. There's

room to trim without hurting children.

According to the Reason Foundation's annual report on state highway systems, New York ranks in the bottom five of all 50 states in the condition of its roads and bridges—despite spending \$407,122 per mile on repair and maintenance, compared with the national average of \$134,535. Reason called New York's highway maintenance "extremely inefficient," noting that work rules put too many employees at the same work site or on the same shovel. Those rules need to be changed.

The average state employee earns a whopping \$92,332 total compensation for an average workweek of 37.5 hours, according to the Empire Center for New York State Policy (based on figures from the state comptroller's office). New York's governor has control over two-thirds of the state work force, and he can reduce its size or negotiate contracts more favorable to the public.

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, who will be nominated as the Democratic candidate for governor this week, proposes a special commission to solve the state's fiscal challenges. Like the bipartisan Commission on Fiscal Responsibility created by President Obama, Mr. Cuomo's commission is a ploy to avoid unpopular actions until after the fall election. But the crisis is now, and state lawmakers are duty-bound to solve it.

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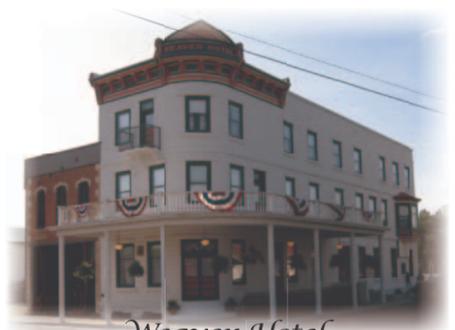
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Four K-Staters Are Fulbright Scholars

By Kristin Hodges
KSU News Service

A Kansas State University graduate student and three recent K-State graduates are 2010 Fulbright Scholars.

Receiving Fulbright U.S. Student scholarships are K-State's Amanda Stueve, May 2010 bachelor's graduate in anthropology, Gardner, who is going to Morocco; Kelsey Moran, May 2010 bachelor's graduate in political science and pre-law, Hays, who will go to Argentina; Molly Yochim, December 2009 bachelor's graduate in history, Leavenworth, who is going to Germany; and Hyatt Frobose, master's student in swine nutrition and animal welfare, Pemberville, Ohio, who will go to Australia.

As Fulbright Scholars, the students receive round-trip transportation, tuition and a monthly stipend for one academic year abroad. The Fulbright program offers fellowships for study abroad, research abroad or English teaching assistantships and aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

"The Fulbright will provide Kelsey, Amanda, Molly and Hyatt with really valuable opportunities to gain international experience, build new relationships and learn more about the global context for their educational and career aspirations," said Jim Hohenbary, K-State assistant dean for nationally competitive scholarships. "It is exciting to think that the Fulbright will help K-State students reach four different continents in 2010-11."

K-State has had 53 Fulbright scholars since 1975. Recipients are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement as well as leadership potential. The Fulbright program was established under legislation introduced by late Sen. J. William

Fulbright of Arkansas and administered by the Institute of International Education.

* Steve is going to Azrou, Morocco, to conduct ethnographic research on identity construction. She would like to publish the results of her work in a journal. She chose Morocco after studying abroad in the African country in summer and fall 2008. A three-year member of the K-State Marching Band, Stueve also was a member of the K-State Anthropology Club, serving as president and as vice president. A K-State Kassebaum and Presidential scholarship recipient, she also received the Arts and Sciences Excellence Award and the Mark Chapman Scholarship. She is the daughter of Kevin and Karen Stueve, Gardner, and a 2006 graduate of Gardner-Edgerton High School.

* In Argentina, Moran will teach English and volunteer in the community. She has a secondary major in international studies and a minor in Spanish and plans to go to law school to work in human rights law. Moran has spent two summers interning at the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs in Washington, D.C., has volunteered with In-Service Ministry for the Homeless in Washington, D.C., and has worked in a school for the ministry, First Love International in Nairobi, Kenya.

Moran also has gone abroad through several K-State study abroad trips and traveled to Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom. She was a member of the K-State Proud Campaign Student Advisory Board, the K-State Student Alumni Board and was a Student Governing Association student senator. She has worked in K-State's office of new student services and is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She also is a member of Phi Kappa Phi national honor society, Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society, Blue Key senior honorary and

was in the University Honors Program. She has been named a 2010 Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship winner. She was a Kassebaum Scholar and Mark Chapman Scholar at K-State. A 2006 graduate of Hays High School, she is the daughter of Jerry and Robba Moran, Hays.

* Yochim, who is a volunteer English as a second language teacher in Washington, D.C., will teach English to German students. She also plans to start a book club on young adult American historical fiction. She said the club will provide students the opportunity to practice English outside of the classroom and give participants a chance to learn about each other's culture and history. Yochim is a member of Phi Beta Kappa academic honorary, was a K-State Library Ambassador and participated in a study abroad trip to Graz, Austria, in spring 2008. She is the daughter of David and Loraine Yochim, Leavenworth, and a 2005 graduate of Leavenworth High School. After her year in Germany, she plans to attend graduate school and study library science or history.

* Frobose will spend a year at the University of Melbourne studying the effects of immunocastration on swine behavior and productivity, and evaluating the purchasing preferences and knowledge of agricultural production among Australian consumers. He plans to become an internationally respected consultant on livestock production practices and their effect on the welfare and productivity of livestock, with an emphasis on swine. At K-State, Frobose has been researching the effects of mycotoxins in nursery pig performance, the feed blending on finishing pig performance and feed withdrawal effects on profitability and carcass characteristics. He had an abstract published in the Journal of Animal Science in 2009, and was recognized for having the best research

presentation at the 2009 Midwest Animal Science Meetings. He also has served as a research and development intern through the JBS United Research Internship program, and as a production intern with Danbred North America. Frobose, who graduated magna cum laude from K-State in December 2009 with a bachelor's in animal sciences and industry, has served as head coach of K-State's Meat Animal Evaluation Team, the assistant coach of the Livestock Judging Team, a member of the Collegiate Beef Quiz Bowl national champion team and a member of the Midwest Animal Science Quadrathlon Competition champion team. His many scholarships include the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Beef Industry Scholarship, National Pork Producer's Council Lois Britt Memorial Scholarship, the Maschhoff's Inc. Scholarship and internship award and the \$10,000 Pork Industry Scholarship from the Pork Checkoff. A 2005 graduate Eastwood High School, Frobose is the son of Dan and Vicki Frobose, Pemberville, Ohio.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support.

Since its establishment in 1946, the Fulbright Program has given approximately 300,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists and scientists the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Fulbright recipients are among more than 40,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. More information on the Fulbright Program is available at <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.htm>.

New Training Program At Corps

A new vocational training program being implemented at Flint Hills Job Corps Center will offer comprehensive skills training to better meet the ever-changing needs of the competitive healthcare industry. The new Dental Assistant training program will launch in August. The new program will be based on curriculum designed to prepare Job Corps students for the requirements of a vigorous job market and to provide them with the skills and knowledge needed to successfully earn the Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) and Infection Control Exam (ICE) certifications.

According to the Kansas statewide Occupational Outlook, Dental Assistant positions are expected to increase by 42% over the next five years. This percentage can be broken down into 226 new jobs per year for a total of 1,132 jobs over the next five years. Dental Assistant is listed as one of the top 10 occupations in the State of Kansas with the highest percentage of expected growth, indicating a high demand for workers.

Flint Hills Job Corps has a unique opportunity since the center dentist, Dr. Daniel Winter, has pledged his

support and mentoring to this program. Dr. Winter has been very instrumental in helping to design an outline for getting the Dental Assistant program off the ground. He has pledged his support to both the students and instructor, and has agreed to mentor students to assist them in gaining work based learning experience both in the on center dental clinic, as well as his private practice. Dr. Winter has agreed to provide learning opportunities using his clinic equipment. Dr. Winter is committed to Flint Hills Job Corps and the center will certainly benefit from his dedication and support.

Center Director, Steve Reitan stated "this new program is an example of how industry employers & education have come together to develop a program to provide young people an opportunity for job skills in a high demand industry. This program would not be possible without the large amount of community employer support that we have. It's exciting that Flint Hills will now be one of the few Dental Assistant programs in the country. By approving our proposal the Department of Labor demonstrates their continued commitment and sup-

port to training Kansas youth."

The Dental Assistant program establishes a model for partnership between education, government and industry to develop our critical workforce requirement. This program will allow local employers in the healthcare industry to hire young people with the skills and motivation needed to build infrastructure to meet the growing demands of our nation.

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

For more information on Flint Hills Job Corps Center please visit www.fhjcc.com.

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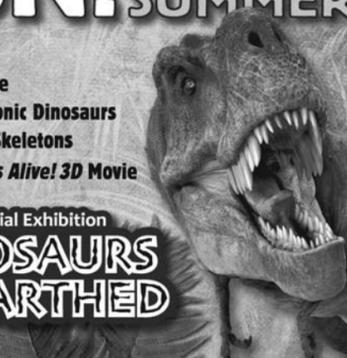
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Kansas Farm Income Above Average For Third Straight Year

Income for Kansas farmers in 2009 was above average through much of the state for the third year in a row.

In its annual summary, the Kansas Farm Management Association reported that average net farm income for 1,477 farms was \$104,781.

That figure was down from \$124,617 in 2008 and \$115,312 in 2007, but well above the five-year average of \$89,554. The summary is available on the Web: <http://www.agmanager.info/kfma> and click on Executive Summary.

The Kansas Farm Management Association is based at Kansas State University.

"We had a third good year in a row," said KFMA administrator Kevin Herbel, who noted that farms growing irrigated crops, particularly, fared better than some other operations.

KFMA reports net income on an accrual basis - adjusted for any inventory changes between the beginning and end of the year. They represent the return on the farmer's labor, management and investment in the operation.

Herbel acknowledged that while the data reflect agriculture statewide, it is not a definitive picture of all Kansas farming operations.

About 19 percent of the KFMA-member farms had a net loss last year.

About 42 percent had greater net farm income compared with the previous year. Herbel noted that the type of operation, where it is located, management decisions and other factors all play a role in the bottom line every year.

"One thing that three years of above-average net income has made a

difference in is liquidity," said Michael Langemeier, agricultural economist with K-State Research and Extension. "Liquidity dramatically increased from 2006 to 2009. In fact the 2006 ratio was 2.3 and the 2009 ratio was 3.2."

Langemeier explained that liquidity refers to current assets divided by current liability.

"It's obvious that farmers have taken the opportunity to invest in machinery over the last three years," he said. In 2008 we were looking at crop machinery investment in the state of \$152 per crop acre compared with 2009 at \$172 per acre. That's a very large increase that's the result of three good years in a row."

As in every year, farms in some parts of the state posted higher income than others, Herbel said. Operations in southwest Kansas posted the only gain from the previous year, at \$84,462 compared with \$82,605 in 2008. Net farm income in northwest Kansas averaged \$117,311, down from \$144,839 in 2008, while net farm income in north central Kansas averaged \$88,274 versus \$104,516 a year earlier.

Net farm income in south central Kansas for 2009 averaged \$85,983 - a 35 percent drop from \$132,575 a year earlier and northeast Kansas net income dipped to \$117,854 from \$121,891 in 2008. Net farm income in the southeast part of the state averaged \$119,381 compared with \$133,820 in 2008.

"In 2008 we had both high yields and high commodity prices," Herbel said. "That led to a very high value of crop production per acre in 2008. In 2009, we actually had yields that were higher in pretty well all of the crops from what they were in 2008, but we had

commodity prices that were lower - in some cases substantially lower than in 2008."

Some of the high yields and high prices were offset by high production costs in 2008, he said, noting that production costs stayed similar in 2009.

Total expenses in 2009 were similar to those in 2008, although individual expenses were different, Langemeier said.

Total seed expenses jumped 27 percent in 2009, which may be partially

explained by farmers switching to different crops in some instances, the economists said. At the same time, fertilizer and fuel expenses were down in 2009, compared with 2008.

The size of KFMA-member farms grew 2 percent in 2009, compared with

the previous year, with close to half of the farms reporting an increase in either owned or rented acres.

"Profit margin for 2009 was 16 percent, down from 2008 and 2007 when

profit margins were more than 20 percent," Langemeier said. "But looking at the long-term average, 16 percent is not bad at all. Long-term is probably close to 12 percent."

"It's important for each farm operator to know where they're at financially, and that they use their numbers to make sound management decisions," Herbel said. "Keeping records is most valuable if you're using them to make better decisions."

Obamacare: Impact On Future Generations

By James C. Capretta
The Heritage Foundation

President Obama and other proponents of the recently passed health care law argue that the legislation was desperately needed to improve the nation's health system for both today's citizens as well as future generations.

But there are many reasons to be concerned that this new law will instead deliver both a lower quality health system and more costly and burdensome government for those paying taxes in future years.

Another Runaway Entitlement Program

The centerpiece of the new legislation is a large-scale coverage expansion. The Medicaid program is expanded to cover all households with incomes up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), and subsidized insurance is provided for families with incomes between 133 and 400 percent FPL. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that these two expansions will bring 34 million people onto the federal entitlement rolls by 2017. Moreover, by 2019, CBO says the cost of these "coverage" provisions is likely to escalate very rapidly and in line with the rising costs of existing health entitlement programs, including Medicare.

Proponents claim that the tax hikes and spending reductions in the bill will be more than sufficient to pay for the added costs of another large expansion in federal spending. And, in fact, CBO's cost estimate shows a net deficit reduction from the health-related provisions of the bill at \$124 billion over the period 2010-2019.

But, for many reasons, the impact on future taxpayers is likely to be much more adverse than CBO's estimates indicate.

The True Cost of the Legislation

Omission of the Medicare "Doc Fix." The Obama Administration and leaders in Congress chose to use all of the tax hikes and spending cuts they could find to create another new entitlement instead of paying for a fix for Medicare physician fees (the so-called "doc fix"). Under current law, those fees are set to get cut by 21 percent in June. The Obama Administration wants to undo the cut permanently, but it does not provide any offsetting savings. The result will be a spending increase of between \$250 billion and \$400 billion over a decade. Passing an unfinanced "doc fix" wipes out all of the supposed savings from the new legislation and greatly adds to the bur-

den on future taxpayers.

The CLASS Act Gimmick. The new health law creates a voluntary long-term care insurance program, called the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act. Those who sign up for it must pay premiums for five years before becoming eligible for benefit payments. Consequently, premiums paid by enrollees build a small surplus—about \$70 billion over 10 years according to CBO—which the health law's proponents claim as deficit reduction. But these premiums will be needed in short order to pay actual claims.

Moreover, the Chief Actuary of the Medicare program predicts that the program will experience severe adverse selection. When that happens, the program will either need to dramatically cut benefits or get a major federal bailout. Thus, not only is it inappropriate to claim the \$70 billion in premiums as savings, but this program will almost certainly become a huge new unfunded burden on future taxpayers.

Medicare Cuts. CBO and the Chief Actuary for the Medicare program have both stated that Medicare spending cuts cannot be counted twice—to pay for a new entitlement expansion and to claim that Medicare's financial outlook has improved. But that is exactly what the proponents of the new legislation do. If the Medicare cuts and tax hikes for the hospital trust fund (about \$400 billion over 10 years, according to CBO) are used solely to improve the capacity of the government to pay future Medicare claims, then the health law becomes a massive exercise in deficit spending.

But the problems do not end there. Many of the assumptions used to build the official cost projections are likely to prove entirely too optimistic.

Estimates of Employees Dropped from Job-Based Coverage. The new insurance arrangements in the state-based exchanges will provide massive new subsidies to low- and moderate-wage households. For instance, at 200 percent FPL, the subsidy for a family of four will reach nearly \$11,000 in 2014. But CBO estimates that only 3 million Americans will move from job-based insurance into the exchanges to take advantage of the subsidies, even though there are about 130 million Americans under age 65 with incomes between 100 and 400 percent FPL. Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Cameron Smith of the American Action Forum have esti-

mated that as many as 35 million people will be moved out of job-based coverage and into subsidization. If that is the case, the 10-year cost of the coverage expansion provisions would jump by \$400 billion more.

Upward Pressure on Health Care Inflation. If, as CBO projects, some 30 million or more people get heavily subsidized comprehensive insurance coverage, it is certain that higher demand for services will put upward pressure on the prices charged for those services. Of course, in government-regulated insurance such as Medicaid, the fees are not as flexible. But in private plans, there is nothing to stop the added demand from pushing fees higher in coming years.

Arbitrary Government Payment Rate Reductions

The President has spoken often of the need to "bend the cost curve" of health care with "delivery system reform." But the provisions in Medicare aimed at changing the way doctors and hospitals are organized and provide services are mainly small and untested pilot projects that are very unlikely to fundamentally change the cost structure of American medicine.

The real cost-cutting in the law comes in the form of payment rate reductions in the Medicare program that are applied across the board and without regard to any assessment of quality of the care. The Chief Actuary of the Medicare program believes that these cuts will lead to large-scale abandonment of Medicare by hospitals that can no longer afford to take patients at the government's below-cost rates.

The Opposite Effect

The President and congressional leaders have argued that a primary benefit from the health law will be reduced long-term budget pressure and thus a brighter future for coming generations of taxpayers. But when the cost estimate is adjusted for omissions, gimmicks, double-counting, and unrealistic assumptions, it is clear that the new health law will increase the burden, not lessen it.

One recent estimate projects the bill will add more than \$500 billion to the deficit over the next 10 years and \$1.5 trillion in the decade following. And any cost-cutting that does occur under the new law will come in the form of arbitrary governmental controls that will put up barriers to care in future years.

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