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Beautiful Ditch To Get More Beautiful For \$1.5 Million

It started out as the old Big Blue River, and then in 1903 a flood changed the river and left a ditch for the City of Manhattan to pour money into.

In the past ten to fifteen years the City of Manhattan and the State of Kansas has put well over \$1.5 million into the ditch to make it look beautiful.

This week the State of Kansas announced the City will get another \$719,245 for phase 3 and \$474,527 for phase 4. That is more than \$1.2 million from the State of Kansas which is 65% of the construction cost. That means the City of Manhattan must come up with another \$400,000 for construction, plus the City must come up with money for plants, trees, rock and a watering system.

Here is the State new release:

The Kansas Department of Transportation has selected 18 projects for inclusion in its Transportation Enhancement program for Federal Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012.

KDOT received 55 applications from local units of government for funding consideration totaling over \$42 million. The applications for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 projects were accepted during an application period of August 2009 through December, 2009.

Transportation Enhancement projects under this federal program include facilities for pedestrians and bicycles; pedestrian and bicycle safety and education activities; acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites; scenic or historical highway programs; landscaping and scenic beautification; historic preservation; rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities; conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails; control or removal of outdoor advertising; archaeological planning and research; and establishment of transportation museums.

Total cost for the 18 selected projects is \$14.8 million. A minimum of 20 percent of the project cost must come from the applicant. Below is a list of the selected projects.

Historical Projects

Atchison County – Rehabilitate historic Warren Truss Bridge on Haskell Road over Stranger Creek near Farmington; Garden City – Exterior preservation and structural stabilization of Historic Windsor Hotel; Leavenworth – Replacement and restoration of all structural stonework on the exterior of the historic Union Pacific Railroad depot building; Seneca – Historic brick street restoration including ADA compliant sidewalks along Main Street from 3rd to 6th Streets; Goodland – Restoration of



Before 1903 the ditch along Tuttle Creek Blvd. was the Big Blue River. For more than one hundred years it has been a grass covered ditch running to the Kansas river.



historical brick street on Main Street between 11th and 13th.

Scenic/Environmental Projects

Alma – Downtown Streetscape with concrete sidewalks, pavers, pavement marking, structural glass portal and streetscape amenities; Lyons – Extension to a previous streetscape project with sidewalk repair/replacement, lighting and landscaping; **Manhattan – Construction of phase III and IV of the drainage improvement and landscaping project along Tuttle Creek Boulevard from Bluemont Avenue to McCall Road;**

Minneola – Downtown Streetscape with concrete sidewalks, lighting, pavement marking, ADA improvements on Main Street from Ash Street to U.S. 54; Logan County – Construct a Buffalo Bill Visitor/Cultural Center; Hiawatha – Construction of Phase II of Downtown Streetscape which includes

sidewalks, lighting, planters and some utility adjustments.

Pedestrian/Bicycle

Marysville – Pedestrian/bicycle path on rail banked Union Pacific Railroad railbed; Derby – Pedestrian/bicycle path with signage, pavement markings and landscaping; Wichita – Redbud Trail pedestrian/bicycle path, Segments 1, 2 and 3, along the rail banked Burlington Northern Santa Fe corridor; Iola – Extension of the Prairie Spirit Trail pedestrian/bicycle path within the city limits; Ottawa – Pedestrian sidewalks and bicycle lanes on west 15th Street; Tonganoxie – Tonganoxie Trail, Phase II, pedestrian/bicycle path connecting to the existing Chieftain Trail; Shawnee – Clear Creek Trail pedestrian/bicycle path, Phase III, connecting to the Gary Haller Trail pedestrian/bicycle path.

Symposium On National Biosecurity

A national biosecurity symposium Monday, Aug. 30, in Kansas City, Mo., will showcase biosecurity research and industry at Kansas State University and the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor.

"Biosecurity: Our Regional and National Response" will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kansas City Convention Center. National and regional experts will discuss the challenges in protecting the nation's animal agriculture, food supply and public health against biological threats and diseases. The symposium, in conjunction with the Central Veterinary Conference Kansas City, is sponsored by the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute, the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor and the veterinary programs at K-State and the University of Missouri.

Biosecurity and bioscience research are finding a home on the plains. According to Business Facilities magazine, Manhattan rates second in the nation for economic growth potential because the city and K-State will be the site of the National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility. Also known as NBAF, the facility will be the premier federal lab for tackling diseases threatening the nation's agricultural economy and food supply. In addition, the magazine also ranked the state of Kansas fifth in the nation in biotechnology strength, citing NBAF and the animal health research programs at K-State as among the reasons for the high ranking.

Keynote speakers at the symposium include K-State's Jerry and Nancy Jaax, who will present "Lessons From the Hot Zone" at 1:15 p.m. The Jaaxes are veterinarians who worked for more than 20 years in federal biosecurity labs at Frederick, Md. They were key participants in dealing with the 1989 Reston Ebola outbreak, which was detailed in Richard Preston's best-selling book, "The Hot Zone." Jerry Jaax is K-State associate vice president for research compliance and university veterinarian; Nancy Jaax is an adjunct professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology.

Biosecurity research safety, and zoonotic diseases and their effect on public health will be the topics of presentations by K-State's Scott Rusk and Juergen Richt.

Rusk, director of Pat Roberts Hall, the home of K-State's Biosecurity Institute, will present "Biosecurity Research Institute: Capabilities and its Role in the Plum Island Facility Transition Plan," from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m.

Richt's presentation, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., will be "Walk the Talk: CEEZAD (Center of Excellence for Emerging Zoonotic Animals Diseases). Richt is a Regents Distinguished Professor in diagnostic medicine and pathobiology at K-State and director of CEEZAD. One Health is a national collaborative effort of multiple disciplines to attain optimal health for people, animals and the environment.

Additional speakers include Larry Barrett, director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Plum Island Animal Disease Center, which NBAF will replace; and Barbara S. Drolet, a research microbiologist and acting research leader at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Arthropod-Borne Animal Disease Research Unit, which is moving to Manhattan. Drolet also is an adjunct professor of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology at K-State.

Registration and more information on the symposium are available at <http://www.kclifesciences.org/>.

Hullabaloo Is Saturday

Kleio Historical Society invites you to attend the Leonardville Hullabaloo on Saturday, August 14.

Look for our table inside the Community Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and sign up for our prize drawing.

Make note that June 1, 2013 marks the 50th Anniversary of the

dedication of the Tuttle Creek Dam. If the Corps of Engineers decide to celebrate this event, we want to be right there beside them telling the impact this project had on several rural towns and the people who lived in those town.

Come on out to the Hullabaloo and tell us how Tuttle Creek Dam impacted your life!

Medicare Report Is Disavowed By Actuary

By J.D. Foster, Ph.D.
The Heritage Foundation

Over the past six years, Congress has twice passed and two Presidents have signed into law major legislation affecting Medicare. President Bush signed the bill creating a new drug benefit that provided an important modernization for the program yet also significantly worsened its finances. President Obama signed "Obamacare" into law, which appeared to improve Medicare's finances—if one assumes that the difficult programmatic changes Obamacare requires take effect.

Those assumptions are implausible, according to the Chief Actuary. In fact, for the first time ever, Medicare's Chief Actuary felt compelled to release a detailed statement appended to the Trustees' Report calling the assumptions "implausible" and "unreasonable." [1] What is left then is a report on Medicare—one of the federal government's largest and most important programs—containing projections that the Chief Actuary suggests are "poor indicators" of its likely finances.

Trustees' Report Delayed, Devalued by Obamacare

The Trustees' Report came out late for 2010 due to the need to reflect the roughly 165 provisions relating to Medicare contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or as it is now widely known, Obamacare. According to the report, the enactment of Obamacare "improves the outlook for Medicare substantially."

Would that it were so; however, the report then goes on to offer so many caveats to that claim as to strip it of all meaning. For example, the report quickly follows its rosy assessment of Obamacare's effects with a discussion of how a new ruse has been constructed for Medicare similar in nature to

the now infamous Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) limiting payments to physicians. Enacted in 1997 to slow the growth of Medicare spending, Congress habitually overrides the SGR with "doc fix" legislation. The SGR experience is a clear portent of what is to come with the assumed savings from Obamacare.

Like the SGR, the new Medicare savings ruse involves formulaic downward adjustments to physician payment rates. According to Obamacare, these payment rates are to be adjusted downward to reflect economy-wide productivity gains. However, the historical record is clear, as recounted in the report: "Most categories of health care providers have not been able to improve their productivity to the same extent as the economy at large."

The implication is that physicians are going to see payment rates steadily ratcheted down to reflect productivity gains they cannot achieve. If allowed to proceed, providers "would eventually be unwilling or unable to treat Medicare beneficiaries." In other words, seniors relying on Medicare for their health insurance would be unable to find doctors willing to treat them.

Doctors' lobbyists will almost certainly be sufficiently powerful to prevent these steady reductions in provider payments, and Congress would never permit seniors to be denied medical care because low payment rates have driven doctors from the program. As the report all but definitively declares, Congress will not allow these steady downward adjustments in payment rates to proceed but will, instead, repeatedly suspend them, just as it has done with the SGR.

Consequently, as the Chief Actuary tried to warn to the extent the political masters in the Administration would permit, the estimates of savings from Obamacare are not credible. Nowhere

is this clearer than in the Statement of Actuarial Opinion provided at the tail end of the report, which states:

Further, while the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended, makes important changes to the Medicare program, and substantially improves its financial outlook, there is a strong likelihood that certain of these changes will not be viable in the long range. . . .

For these reasons, the financial projections shown in this report for Medicare do not represent a reasonable expectation for actual program operations in either the short range (as a result of the unsustainable reductions in physician payment rates) or the long range (because of the strong likelihood that the statutory reductions in price updates for most categories of Medicare service providers will not be viable). . . .

The current-law projections are poor indicators of the likely future financial status of Medicare.

A "strong likelihood" is that the changes required by Obamacare "will not be viable." The financial projections "do not represent a reasonable expectation for actual program operations." The projections included in the report reflecting Obamacare's reforms "are poor indicators" of Medicare's finances.

The report should not have been released unless and until these matters were resolved in a responsible, reasonable fashion so the report could provide policymakers and the nation with a sound indicator of Medicare's finances.

More Reliable Metrics of Medicare's Long-Run Finances

Typical measures of Medicare's long-run finances are the program's 75-year or indefinite future unfunded obligations. This calculation is simply the net of the program's projected future outlays less programmatic

inflows, all discounted back to the present. Expressed another way, it is the present value of the general revenue from individual income taxes and the like that would be needed to support all projected Medicare benefits.

Unfortunately, these traditional unfunded obligation estimates are now of little use. Various flows are built into the projections through both the existing SGR provision noted above as well as the Obamacare changes that are unlikely to be viable in the long run, according to the Chief Actuary. For example, the unfunded obligation for Medicare Part A in the 2009 report was \$13.4 trillion. Because of the unreasonable provisions contained in current law, the unfunded obligation for Part A in the 2010 report is \$2.4 trillion. Only a badly politicized document would contain such a figure.

The Office of the Actuary attempts to rectify the issue with a separate, illustrative set of trust fund projections that highlight the distorting effects of Obamacare assumptions. [2] For example, the Office of the Actuary depicts expenditures under the Part A Hospital Insurance (HI) element of Medicare as a share of gross domestic product (GDP) for selected years for current law—including the Obamacare assumptions—and for an alternative projection largely based on assuming that the SGR adjustment and Obamacare productivity adjustment are set aside. Under Obamacare, Medicare spending rises from 1.67 percent to 2.17 percent of GDP between 2010 and 2080, but under the more reasonable alternative assumptions, HI spending rises from 1.67 percent to 3.87. In terms of 2010 GDP, that 1.7 percent of GDP difference is about \$247 billion.

The actuaries present similar estimates of the differences between current law and the alternative assumptions for all of Medicare. Under current

law, Medicare outlays rise from 3.18 percent to 6.37 percent of GDP, whereas under the more reasonable alternative assumptions, Medicare outlays rise to 10.7 percent of GDP. To put this into current terms, the 2010 mean that the current law projections assume that spending is understated by about \$628 billion.

Finally, note that someone entering the workforce today is likely to retire somewhere between 2060 and 2070. In 2060, Medicare expenditures are projected to hit 9 percent of GDP, up from 3.59 percent today. In today's terms, that means Medicare spending would reach roughly \$1.3 trillion, or just slightly less than total Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid spending in 2010. Clearly, Medicare is unaffordable in its current form.

Medicare Reform Remains Essential, Inevitable

Assuming away problems is one of the surest ways for them to grow. Obamacare was enacted on the basis of a great many dubious and implausible assumptions. These assumptions now permeate the traditional analysis of Medicare as presented in the annual Trustees' Report, rendering the document largely useless and little more than dense propaganda.

Medicare continues to be a critical program for the nation's seniors, continues to be grossly unaffordable as currently constructed, and continues to pose a clear and present danger to the nation's financial health. It will be reformed because it cannot continue as is. The sooner Congress and the President cease their political games and get about the serious business of Medicare reform, the sooner the danger will subside.

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Obituaries

Eula Dearborn

Eula J. Dearborn, 97, a former longtime Manhattan resident, passed away Friday, August 6, 2010 in the Garden Valley Retirement Center, Garden City, KS.

She was born August 25, 1913 at Odessa, MO, the daughter of Ed Hook and Pearl Brown Hook. She grew up in Odessa, where she attended the local schools and was a graduate of the Odessa High School. She had also attended Central Missouri State at Warrensburg, MO.

She was united in marriage Delmar H. Dearborn on May 29,

1933 at Olathe, KS. He preceded her in death on September 11, 1988.

Mrs. Dearborn had been a resident of Manhattan since 1935. She moved to Garden City in 1995 to be close to her family.

She was a homemaker and worked many years as a book-keeper at the Dearborn Packing Company, Manhattan.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Dearborn was preceded in death by her parents; one brother; and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, Robert

H. Dearborn, and his wife, Becky, Ankeny, IA; a daughter, Judith Ann Allen, and her husband, Roy, Garden City; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 12, 2010 in the Maplewood Cemetery, west of Barnes, KS.

A family visitation will be from 7 until 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2010 in the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church and left in care of the funeral home. Online condolences can be sent to www.irvin-parkview.com.



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John Dunbar

John O. Dunbar, retired Dean of Agriculture of Kansas State University, died at his residence on Saturday August 7, 2010 at the age of 90.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Frances Wallace Dunbar on February 27, 2006.

John is survived by his children: Elaine Dunbar (Al Hester) of Saint Paul, Minnesota, and Kathy Dunbar Later (Roger Later) of Santa Monica, California. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Christina Dunbar-Hester, Anna Dunbar-Hester (Pete Fried) and Sarah Dunbar-Hester; and his special friend and companion,

Ruth Wells; his sisters: Jane Packard and Mary Lou Curtis (Ken Curtis), and a brother Joe Dunbar (Tinie Dunbar).

He received his PhD. from Purdue University in 1954. John served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was discharged with the rank of Major in 1946. He devoted his career to improving food crop and animal production through agriculture extension service, both at Purdue University (Associate Dean of Agriculture for Extension), and at Kansas State University (Director of Extension, 1969-1978, Dean of Agriculture 1979-1984), as well as consulting in Kenya, Turkey, Pakistan, Iran, India, and the Philippines.

Private inurnment service will

be held in the Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan, Kansas.

A celebration of John's life will be held on Wednesday August 11, 2010 at 10:30a.m. at the First Christian Church in Manhattan.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to the Frances W. Dunbar Scholarship fund that John established at Kansas State University or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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

Memorial contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Agnes Meek

Agnes Maxine Meek, 94, Manhattan, KS passed away Friday, August 6, 2010 in the Mercy Regional Health Center, Manhattan.

She was born October 26, 1915 at Onaga, KS, the daughter of Charles W. Noland and Mary Ellen Chapman Noland. She grew up in Onaga, where she attended the local schools and was a 1933 graduate of the Onaga High School.

She was united in marriage to Gerald W. Fritz on August 23, 1937 at Topeka, KS. He preceded her in death on January 27, 1976. She was later married to Archie Meek in October 1979 at Manhattan. He passed away

September 26, 2009.

Mrs. Meek had been a Manhattan resident since 1937. She was a homemaker and had also worked as a cook at the Child Development Center on the K-State campus and as a housekeeper at the Wharton Manor Nursing Home.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and loved to quilt and fish.

In addition to her husbands, Mrs. Meek is preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Bill, Bud, Byron and Boyd Noland; and two sisters, Daisy Graf and Ellen Graf.

Survivors include a son, Max W. Fritz, and his wife, Kay, Manhattan; a daughter, Joyce R. Schlyer, and her husband, Mike, Wichita; a step-son, Arlon Meek,

Manhattan; a step-daughter, Sharon Graham, and her husband, Dan, Prescott, AZ; a sister, Alice Connet, Manhattan; seven grandchildren; four step grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; three step great grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2010 in the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home Chapel, Manhattan with the Rev. R. C. "Cam" McConnell officiating. Burial followed in the Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan.

The family will receive friends from 7 until 8:30 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and left in care of the funeral home. Online condolences can be sent to www.irvin-parkview.com.

Lora Wooten

Lora Jean "Jeannie" Wooten, 52, Manhattan, KS passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2010 in the Stormont Vail Hospital, Topeka.

She was born October 26, 1957 at Manhattan, KS, the daughter of Billy Joe Peoples and Elrena Chamblee Peoples. She grew up in Manhattan, where she attended the local schools and was a 1975 graduate of the Manhattan High School.

She was united in marriage to Theodore Wooten, Jr. on March 6, 1982 at Manhattan. He survives of the home.

Lora was a lifetime resident of Manhattan. She worked as a house and companion sitter and

for the last five years had worked as a cook at the Sigma Nu Fraternity on the K-State campus.

She was a member of the Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ and in her childhood years was a Girl Scout. Lora was such a sweet and caring person. Many of her friends, her sister's friends as well as her children's friends were cherished as family.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

In addition to her husband, Lora is survived by two sons, Brandon D. Wooten and Malcolm T. Wooten, both of Manhattan; a daughter, Ciara C. Wooten, Manhattan; her father, Billy Joe Peoples, Manhattan; three sisters, Janet Peoples Castillo, and her husband, Ignacio, Manhattan,

Christine Peoples Cade, and her husband, Kenneth, Junction City, KS and Evlyn Peoples Curls, Manhattan; two cousins-like-sisters, Michelle Smith and Ethel Trotter, and her husband, Ron, all of Junction City; nephews and nieces, Demontheous L. Thompson, Angelo M. McDaniels, Brandon Cade, Zachary Brown, Savandis Pinson, Stewart Smith, William Smith, Kakeia Cade and Domonique Brown; great nephew and nieces, Patience Cade, Noé Gordon, Zaehla Houk and Ken'yara Cade; a God-child, Jessica Arceno; a longtime best friend, Mary Ann Jackson; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 7, 2010 in the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan with Pastor Carl B. Taylor officiating. Private family graveside services were held on Monday, August 9, 2010 in the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Ft. Riley.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Lora Wooten Memorial Fund and left in care of the funeral home. Online condolences can be sent to www.irvin-parkview.com.

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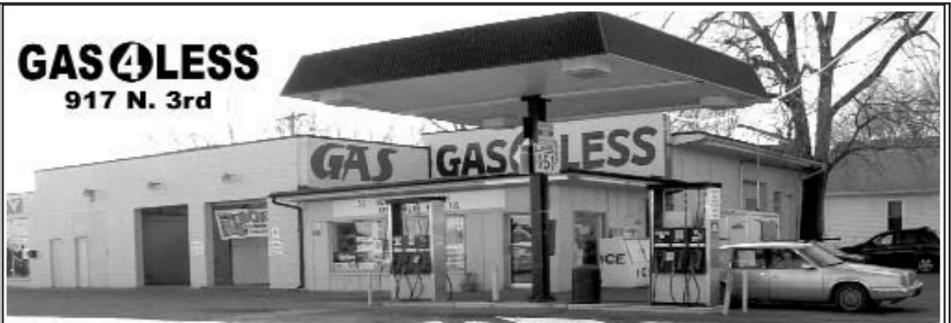
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Thoughts From The Prairie

Well-Spring of Liberty

This past election I learned more about the other candidate's negative traits than about what plan any candidate has to restore America to a "City on a Hill." I confronted one of the candidates with my perception that the negative ads did not fit his natural character. He agreed but stated that political consultants claim it is the negative stuff voters remember when they step inside the booth. What is wrong with this picture? A candidate who lets the so-called experts violate his character and a culture that is so uninformed that they are motivated by the likes of "schoolyard spats" rather than adherence to the magnificent precepts of our Constitutional Republic.

It seems to me we have three generation co-existing in our culture: The Greatest Generation that is rapidly becoming an endangered species; the Me-Now generation of the 60's educated to loathe capitalism who now control government and corporations; and a generation lost in the story. John Eldredge described this latter group in his book, *Epic*, writing that they find themselves "in the middle of a story that is sometimes wonderful, sometimes awful..." and they haven't a clue how to make sense of it all. Eldredge claims it's like they are holding some pages torn out of a book that are fragments of a story that seem important but they don't know what it all means. If only they could find the book that contains the rest of the story.

George Washington foresaw such a generation and wrote, "Though, when a people shall have become incapable of governing themselves and fit for a master, it is of little consequence from what quarter he comes." The Me-Now generation is committed to radically transforming America and the progress is astounding. In *The Federalist*, No. 28, Alexander Hamilton, commenting on the election of undesirable persons to high office, argued that, "Effective resistance to usurpers is possible only provided the citizens understand their rights and are disposed to defend them." Where do citizens go to find the book that contains the understanding for the rest of the story?

There is an adage that points to the location of the book: "A people must from time to time, refresh themselves at the well-spring of their origin, lest they perish." Rod Gragg in his book, *Forged in Faith*, claimed that the well-spring of the origin of America was not scholastic enlightenment or political acumen of the Founders, but the ardent pursuit of liberty. Gragg wrote that, "Through a diversity of Bible-based beliefs, Colonial America firmly founded it culture, laws, and government on the Judeo-Christian worldview...clearly expressed in the founding documents of all thirteen colonies."

Gragg further claimed that by 1734, "The Judeo-Christian worldview was still the consensus philosophy of Colonial America, but many Christian leaders feared that America's foundational faith was faltering [because] prosperity, security and the distractions of a progressive culture had dulled Christianity in the Colonies." That generation also found pages of a story in their hands but had misplaced the book from whence they came. When there is no light Rich



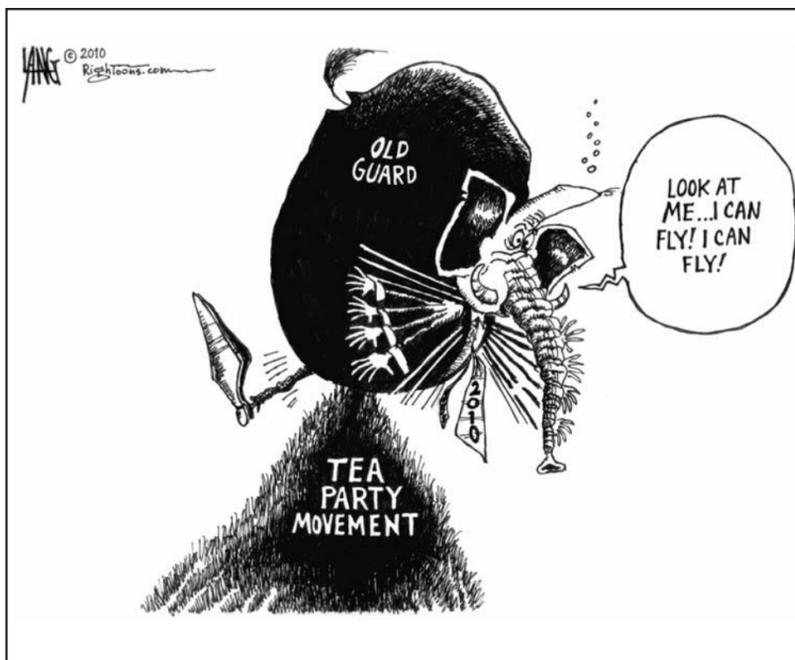
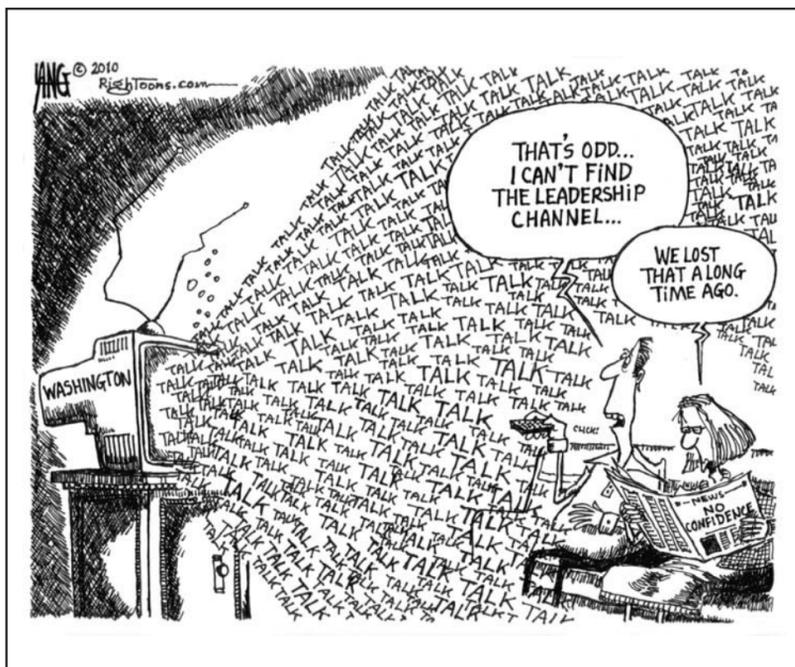
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DeVoss declares, "It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness" and in December of 1734 in a small church in Northampton, MA, Jonathan Edwards lit a spiritual candle. The flame from that candle spread throughout New England then in 1741 in Enfield, CT, Jonathan fanned the flame by preaching the now famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hand of an Angry God."

According to Gragg, "Beginning at Enfield...a mighty wind of change swept through New England, then to the other colonies, and, eventually to all thirteen. It was the greatest spiritual revival in American history and became known as the "Great Awakening." Historian Vernon Parrington asserted that the "Great Awakening was the single movement that stirred the colonial heart deeply during three generations." And it was the first of these generations that established colleges such as Princeton, Columbia, Brown, Rutgers, and Dartmouth for the purpose of "instilling knowledge from a biblical perspective."

Rod Gragg argued it was the influence of the Great Awakening that increased the Founders' "awareness of the God-given inalienable rights the Higher Law bestowed on every individual" resulting in the application of biblical principles to Colonial American politics. Gragg claimed it was because the Great Awakening permeating the 18th Century culture that "the political base in Colonial America on the eve of the American Revolution was not some secular organization-it was the local church. Likewise, Colonial America's most influential leader was not a politician...it was the pastor of the local church."

And it was from this generation, influenced by the Great Awakening, that 56 Patriots pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor and sealed their destiny by affixing their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.



"Conscience of Kansas"

Gay Marriage: Court Decisions from Sodom and Gomorrah

In a recent court decision, California's Proposition 8 initiative, which stated that marriage was to be between a man and a woman, has been struck down as unconstitutional. As reported by Fox News, the decision that overruled the voters of California was made by openly gay U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker. Walker, one of three openly gay federal judges in the country, said that the people's choice in California for traditional marriage was unconstitutional because "Proposition 8 fails to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license. Indeed, the evidence shows Proposition 8 does nothing more than enshrine in the California Constitution the notion that opposite-sex couples are superior to same-sex couples." Of course, homosexuals around the country dance in glee at the new court decision amidst the flutter of rainbow flags, while appeals and other court battles over the gay marriage question prepare to begin.

Today, to oppose the destruction of traditional values is to violate the less-than-silent-but-always-growing edict of political correctness. So in the spirit of being overly fair to gay marriage proponents, let us revisit Judge Walker's rationale for overturning the country's long-standing tradition of marriage. Judge Walker states on the issue of marriage that opposite-sex couples must not be seen as superior to same-sex couples. The word "superior" is commonly defined as having a higher importance, above the average in merit, or being of higher quality, to name a few. So using Judge Walker's argument on couples, is traditional marriage of higher importance than gay marriage? From the standpoint of Californians, it most certainly is. In one of the most liberal states in the country the people rose up to defend traditional marriage in November 2008. The importance of this issue was so strong that the people took action to correct the decisions of their liberal courts within five months of the state Supreme Court's legalization of gay marriage. They did this legally through the voting process, and traditional marriage won because of its importance to the voters of California.

Is opposite-sex marriage higher in merit than same-sex marriage? Turning to our Judeo-Christian foundations, the answer is swift and absolute. Homosexuality is stated clearly within the Bible as an act of sin and an abomination to God (Leviticus 18:22). Furthermore, Romans 1:26-27 observes the shameful, unnatural indecency of the homosexual union. If merit, the claim to respect and praise, is still in question, 1 Corinthians 6:9 leaves no doubt that homosexuality is unrighteous, and those who engage in this activity will be rejected from the kingdom of heaven. Far beyond damning what Judge Walker wishes to lift up in gay marriage, the Bible, from its opening pages (Genesis 2:24) throughout (1 Corinthians 7:2-16, Ephesians 5:23-33), clearly states that marriage is between a man and a woman.

Lastly, is opposite-sex marriage of higher quality than same-sex marriage? Since Judge Walker has rejected the will of the people of California to decide this issue, and he undoubtedly would wish to avoid addressing the biblical ramifications of his court decision, we are left with the matter of the constitutionality of gayifying the institution of marriage in America. Unfortunately for Judge Walker's position, like a remote island filled with only gays or lesbians, in time you are left with nothing but the truth. The



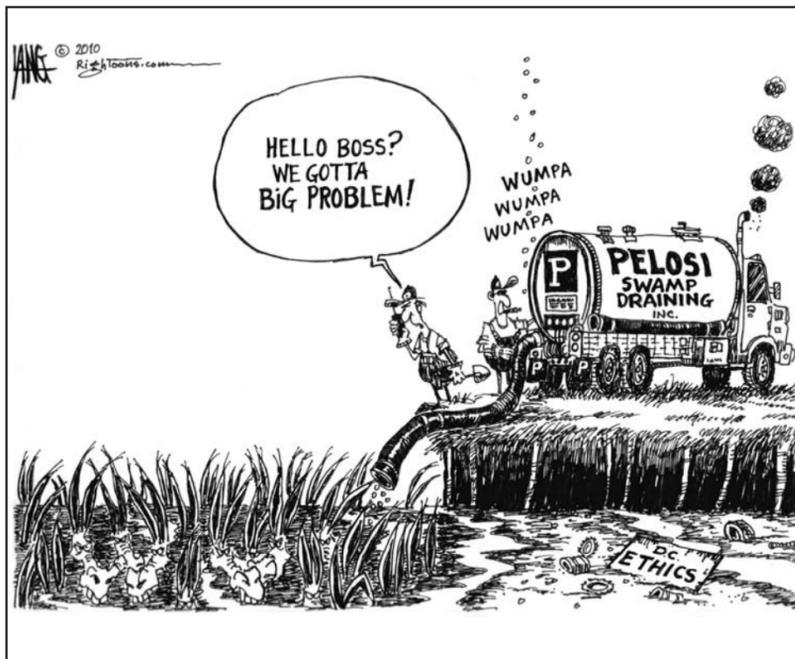
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truth is that Judge Walker's constitutionality argument is brought around again to face the findings from points one and two.

Despite the attempts of liberal activist judges to recreate the Constitution as a morally relativistic reed that blows wildly in the direction of their personal agendas and deviant desires, the law remains steadfast as a document of the American people infused with our culturally engrained Judeo-Christian values from its inception. It is from these values that the Constitution is unique. It is from these values that we as a nation have been blessed so fully. Most importantly, it is from these values that the people fight today to maintain the fundamental viability of American culture through the observance of traditional marriage.

The court decision from U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker is far worse than an improper reading of the Constitution, it is an over attack on American culture, which the Constitution was meant to safeguard. This attack on traditional marriage is nothing short of more legislation from the court benches of Sodom and Gomorrah. So, while gays and lesbians exalt Judge Walker's court ruling in all its glitter-covered, spandexed glory, the judge's own words are revisited, and a conclusion can be extracted. Yes, Proposition 8 did "enshrine in the California Constitution the notion that opposite-sex couples are superior to same-sex couples" on the matter of marriage. It does so factually, reasonably, biblically, and constitutionally. Meanwhile, the majority of Americans have to decide either to take on a long, nasty battle to keep marriage traditional, or to stand silently as pillars of salt while America quickly becomes something radically other than America.

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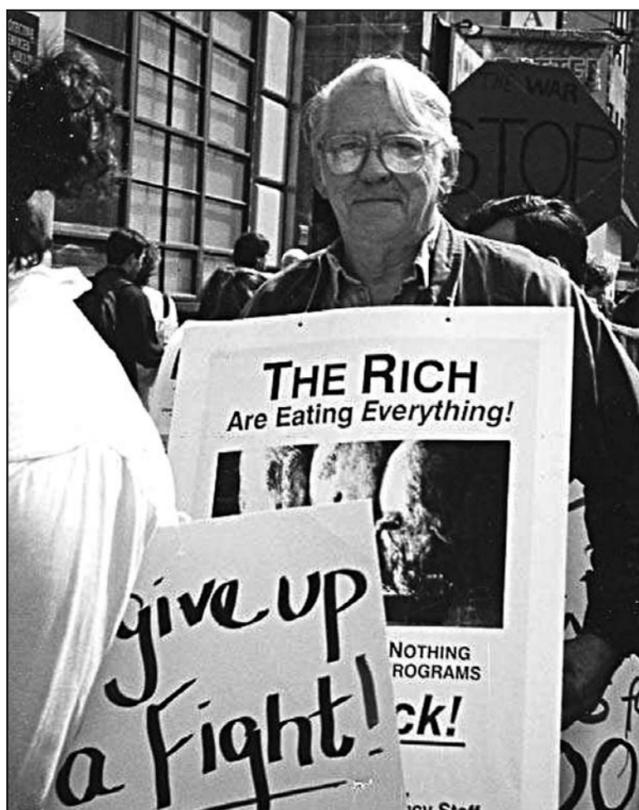
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The Cloward-Piven Strategy

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THE WEIGHT OF THE POOR A STRATEGY TO END POVERTY

RICHARD A. CLOWARD and
FRANCES FOX PIVEN

How can the poor be organized to press for relief from poverty? How can a broad-based movement be developed and the current disarray of activist forces be halted? These questions confront, and confound, activists today. It is our purpose to advance a strategy which affords the basis for a convergence of civil rights organizations, militant anti-poverty groups and the poor. If this strategy were implemented, a political crisis would result that could lead to legislation for a guaranteed annual income and thus an end to poverty.

The strategy is based on the fact that a vast discrepancy exists between the benefits to which people are entitled under public welfare programs and the sums which they actually receive. This gulf is not recognized in a society that is wholly and self-righteously oriented toward getting people off the welfare rolls. It is widely known, for example, that nearly 8 million persons (half of them white) now subsist on welfare, but it is not generally known that for every person on the rolls at least one more probably meets existing criteria of eligibility but is not obtaining assistance.

The discrepancy is not an accident stemming from bureaucratic

either to apply or to press claims, and by arbitrarily denying benefits to those who are eligible.

A series of welfare drives in large cities would, we believe, impel action on a new federal program to distribute income, eliminating the present public welfare system and alleviating the abject poverty which it perpetrates. Widespread campaigns to register the eligible poor for welfare aid, and to help existing recipients obtain their full benefits, would produce bureaucratic disruption in welfare agencies and fiscal disruption in local and state governments. These disruptions would generate severe political strains, and deepen existing divisions among elements in the big-city Democratic coalition: the remaining white middle class, the white working-class ethnic groups and the growing minority poor. To avoid a further weakening of that historic coalition, a national Democratic administration would be constrained to advance a federal solution to poverty that would override local welfare failures, local class and racial conflicts and local revenue dilemmas. By the internal disruption of local bureaucratic practices, by the furor over public welfare poverty, and by the collapse of current financing arrangements, powerful forces can be generated for major economic reforms at the national level.

The ultimate objective of this strategy—to wipe out poverty by establishing a guaranteed annual income—will be questioned by some. Because the ideal of individual social and economic mobility has deep roots, even activists seem reluctant to call for national programs to eliminate poverty by the outright redistribution of income. Instead, programs are demanded to enable people to become economically competitive. But such programs are of no use to millions of today's poor. For example, one-third of the 35 million poor Americans are in families headed by females; these heads of family cannot be aided appreciably by job retraining, higher minimum wages, accelerated rates of economic growth, or employment in public works projects. Nor can the 5 million aged who are poor, nor those whose poverty results from the ill health of the wage earner. Programs to enhance individual mobility will chiefly benefit the very young, if not the as yet unborn. Individual mobility is no answer to the question of how to abolish the massive problem of poverty now.

It has never been the full answer. If many people in the past have found their way up from poverty by the path of individual mobility, many others have taken a different route. Organized labor stands out as a major example. Although many American workers never yielded their dreams of individual achievement, they accepted and practiced the principle that each can benefit only as the status of workers as a whole is elevated. They bargained for collective mobility, not for individual mobility; to promote their fortunes in the aggregate, not to promote the prospects of one worker over another. And if each finally found himself in the same relative economic relationship to his fellows as when he began, it was nevertheless

What Is To Come?

The Cloward-Piven strategy never achieved its goal of system breakdown and a Marxist utopia. But it provided a blueprint for some of the Left's most destructive campaigns of the next three decades. It will likely haunt America for years to come since George Soros' Shadow Party has now adopted the strategy, honing it into a far more efficient weapon than any of its Sixties-era promoters could have foreseen.
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clear that all were infinitely better off. That fact has sustained the labor movement in the face of a counter pull from the ideal of individual achievement.

But many of the contemporary poor will not rise from poverty by organizing to bargain collectively. They either are not in the labor force or are in such marginal and dispersed occupations (e.g., domestic servants) that it is extremely difficult to organize them. Compared with other groups, then, many of today's poor cannot secure a redistribution of income by organizing within the institution of private enterprise. A federal program of income redistribution has become necessary to elevate the poor en masse from poverty.

Several ways have been proposed for redistributing income through the federal government. It is not our purpose here to assess the relative merits of these plans, which are still undergoing debate and clarification. Whatever mechanism is eventually adopted, however, it must include certain features if it is not merely to perpetuate in a new guise the present evils of the public welfare system.

First, adequate levels of income must be assured. (Public welfare levels are astonishingly low; indeed, states typically define a "minimum" standard of living and then grant only a percentage of it, so that families are held well below what the government itself officially defines as the poverty level.) Furthermore, income should be distributed without requiring that recipients first divest themselves of their assets, as public welfare now does, thereby pauperizing families as a condition of sustenance.

Second, the right to income must be guaranteed, or the oppression of the welfare poor will not be eliminated. Because benefits are conditional under the present public welfare system, submission to arbitrary governmental power is regularly made the price of sustenance. People have been coerced into attending literacy classes or participating in medical or vocational rehabilitation regimes, on pain of having their benefits terminated. Men are forced into labor on virtually any terms lest they forfeit their welfare aid. One can prize literacy, health and work, while still vigorously opposing the right of government to compel compliance with these values.

Conditional benefits thus result in violations of civil liberties throughout the nation, and in a pervasive oppression of the poor. And these violations are not less real because the impulse leading to them is altruistic and the agency is

professional. If new systems of income distribution continue to permit the professional bureaucracies to choose when to give and when to withhold financial relief, the poor will once again be surrendered to an arrangement in which their rights are diminished in the name of overcoming their vices. Those who lead an attack on the welfare system must therefore be alert to the pitfalls of inadequate but placating reforms which give the appearance of victory to what is in truth defeat.

How much economic force can be mobilized by this strategy? This question is not easy to answer because few studies have been conducted of people who are not receiving public assistance even though they may be eligible. For the purposes of this presentation, a few facts about New York City may be suggestive. Since practices elsewhere are generally acknowledged to be even more restrictive, the estimates of unused benefits which follow probably yield a conservative estimate of the potential force of the strategy set forth in this article.

Basic assistance for food and rent: The most striking characteristic of public welfare practice is that a great many people who appear to be eligible for assistance are not on the welfare rolls. The average monthly total of New York City residents receiving assistance in 1959 was 325,771, but according to the 1960 census, 716,000 persons (unrelated or in families) appeared to be subsisting on incomes at or below the prevailing welfare eligibility levels (e.g. \$2,070 for a family of four). In that same year, 539,000 people subsisted on incomes less than 80 per cent of the welfare minimums, and 200,000 lived alone or in families on incomes reported to be less than half of eligibility levels. Thus it appears that for every person on welfare in 1959, at least one more was eligible.

The results of two surveys of selected areas in Manhattan support the contention that many people subsist on incomes below welfare eligibility levels. One of these, conducted by Greenleigh Associates in 1964 in an urban-renewal area on New York's upper West Side, found 9 per cent of those not on the rolls were in such acute need that they appeared to qualify for emergency assistance. The study showed, further, that a substantial number of families that were not in a "critical" condition would probably have qualified for supplemental assistance.

The other survey, conducted in 1961 by Mobilization for Youth, had similar findings. The area from which its sample was drawn, 67 square blocks on the lower East Side, is a poor one, but by no means the poorest in New York City. Yet 13 per cent of the total sample who were not on the welfare rolls reported incomes falling below the prevailing welfare schedules for food and rent.

There is no reason to suppose that the discrepancy between those eligible for and those receiving assistance has narrowed much in the past few years. The welfare rolls have gone up, to be sure, but so have eligibility levels. Since the economic circumstances of impoverished groups in New York have not improved appreciably in the past few years, each such rise increases the number of people who are potentially eligible for some degree of assistance.

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A Prescription For Export Growth And Economic Recovery

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Abstract: President Obama has pledged to double U.S. exports over the next five years—an ambitious goal. But the President's strategy of creating Export Promotion Cabinets and subsidizing loans is not the way to make that happen. The federal budget deficit—\$1.4 trillion—is the largest obstacle to increasing exports, every year diverting hundreds of billions of dollars in foreign spending to purchases of American debt instead of goods and services. It is also crucial to (finally) conclude the Doha trade negotiations and the pending free trade agreements between the U.S. and Colombia, South Korea, and Panama. Heritage Foundation trade policy expert Bryan Riley provides a road map.

President Barack Obama recently pledged to double U.S. exports over the next five years through a program of subsidies and aggressive diplomatic intervention in favor of selected U.S. firms. There is plenty of room for U.S. export growth, but creating Export Promotion Cabinets that meet “every few months” and subsidizing loans that private banks would not otherwise touch, as promised by the Obama Administration, is not the way to get there. Following are four better options for boosting U.S. exports:

Export Boost #1

Cut Federal Spending. The 2009 federal budget deficit of \$1.4 trillion was financed in part by foreign purchases of \$468.8 billion in U.S. government debt. Had other countries not used that \$468.8 billion to purchase American debt, they could have spent it on U.S. goods or invested in the private sector of the U.S. economy. In other words, one-third of every dollar the government borrowed in 2009 came from abroad, costing Americans as much as 33 cents in lost exports.

According to some estimates, every billion dollars in U.S. exports creates 7,000 domestic jobs. If the jobs-per-billion-dollars-of-exports formula is accurate, this diversion cost Americans as many as 3.2 million export-related jobs last year.

Those 3.2 million jobs could have reduced the 2009 unemployment rate from 9.3 percent to 7.2 percent. This conclusion is contrary to the official position of the White House Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) that the Obama Administration's stimulus plan raised employment by 2.5 million to 3.6 million jobs. The Administration's job-creation numbers are based on the mistaken idea that \$1 in government spending increases U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) by \$1.50.

From another perspective, suppose the \$468.8 billion in foreign spending had been used to purchase U.S. exports instead of debt. Instead of a trade deficit of \$374.9 billion, the United States would have registered a trade surplus of \$93.9 billion. Then, perhaps, there would have been less hand-wringing about “unfair” foreign trade practices.

Many researchers have commented on the link between U.S. budget policy and trade deficits. In 2006, former Clinton Administration economic advisor Jeffrey Frankel observed: “The recent trend in the U.S. current [trade] deficit—now over 6 percent of GDP—is not sustainable. But the origins are in macroeconomics, not in trade policy. (Emphasis added.)”

A Council on Foreign Relations study reached a similar conclusion: “Since 2000, the value of the net foreign debt accumulated has been unparalleled. The main culprits in this recent surge are the enormous increases in the current [trade] deficit that largely resulted from the return of the government's budget deficit.” (Emphasis added.)

According to the Congressional Research Service, “Policy action to reduce the overall trade deficit is problematic. Standard trade policy tools (e.g., tariffs, quotas, and subsidies) do not work. Macroeconomic policy tools can work, but recent and prospective government budget deficits will reduce domestic saving and most likely tend to increase the trade deficit.”

Given the strong link between federal budget policies and trade deficits, the best way to boost exports has little to do with the types of export-promotion programs touted by Administration officials. A more effective approach is for the federal government to stop spending—and borrowing—so much money. Americans will know the Obama Administration is serious about export promotion when it stops competing with U.S. exporters for foreign dollars.

Export Boost #2

Conclude the Doha Round Trade Negotiations by December 2011. With respect to free trade agreements, the Obama Administration should aim to top the successes of President Bill Clinton. The Clinton Administration's biggest accomplishments include working with Members of Congress from both major political parties to secure passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

A good start would be to make completion of the Doha round of trade negotiations a priority. These negotiations were started in Doha, Qatar, in November of 2001. At that time, negotiators issued the following Ministerial Declaration:

The multilateral trading system embodied in the World Trade Organization has contributed significantly to economic growth, development and employment throughout the past fifty years. We are determined, particularly in the light of the global economic slowdown, to maintain the process of reform and liberalization of trade policies, thus ensuring that the system plays its full part in promoting recovery, growth and development. We therefore...pledge to reject the use of protectionism...

International trade can play a major role in the promotion of economic development and the alleviation of poverty. We recognize the need for all our peoples to benefit from the increased opportunities and welfare gains that the multilateral trading system generates.

According to the Peterson Institute for International Economics, a conclusion to the Doha round that reduces barriers to trade in agriculture, services, and other industries could increase U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) by \$94 billion.

Export Boost #3

Enact Pending Free Trade Agreements with Colombia, South Korea, and Panama. Although the Doha negotiations have yet to be concluded, free trade agreements with

Colombia, South Korea, and Panama are wrapped up and waiting for congressional approval. As Heritage Fellow James Roberts observed in 2008, “Rapid passage of these pending agreements would be a win-win strategy: It would send a strong signal of our continuing commitment to global economic expansion and increase business and employment opportunities for Americans for years to come.”

President Obama has promised to bring all three agreements to Congress, but only after “outstanding issues” have been resolved. This approach plays into the hands of opponents of increased trade with Colombia, South Korea, and Panama: Virtually every completed negotiation leaves each side wishing it had a better end result in certain areas. It usually is impossible to address those outstanding areas once negotiations have been completed: When one side brings a new issue to the table, the other side will want a concession in return, and the original agreement can soon collapse. It is time to stop stalling and bring these agreements to Congress for a vote.

Export Boost #4

Reduce U.S. Trade Barriers. The suggestion that lowering U.S. trade barriers would boost exports may seem counterintuitive. Lowering U.S. import taxes might seem most likely to increase the number of imports, not exports.

However, when Americans import a product made in another country, the money they send abroad is then used to buy U.S.-made goods and services or to invest in the American economy. This is why increasing imports also increases exports.

International trade makes people richer because it allows them to specialize in areas where they have a comparative advantage. There is no doubt, for instance, that Americans could manufacture their own shoes, but it may be a better use of their resources to produce bulldozers and wheat while someone else produces shoes. Importing shoes and other goods from abroad does not reduce the number of U.S. jobs. When imports go down, the unemployment rate goes up. In 2009, imports fell by 23 percent while the unemployment rate grew by 60 percent.

In addition to boosting exports, lowering U.S. trade barriers would strengthen the economy. As The Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom shows, countries with the lowest trade barriers also have the world's fastest-growing economies.

Cure for an Ailing Economy

The best prescription for increasing U.S. exports consists of four parts: (1) cutting federal spending; a smaller budget deficit would free up foreign dollars to buy U.S.-made goods and services; (2) taking a page from the Clinton Administration playbook and making global and bilateral free trade agreements a top priority; (3) enacting the already-negotiated free trade agreements with Colombia, South Korea, and Panama; and (4) reducing U.S. trade barriers whenever possible. Taken together, this medicine would cure much of what ails the U.S. economy.

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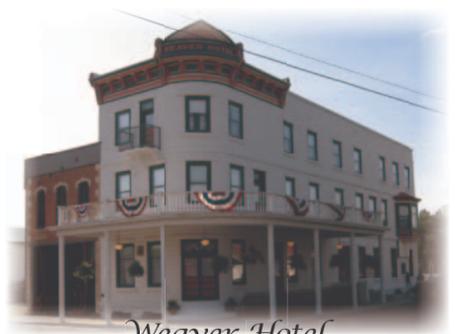
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Hopeful Tomorrow is dedicated to providing disadvantaged and at-risk children the opportunity to pursue their passion and dreams in physical, cultural and fine arts programs such as dance, gymnastics, martial arts, boxing and music. A

positive mentor and a creative or physical outlet can make a huge difference in the life of an at-risk child.

The event will also feature a Free Family Fun Day "The Great Outdoors" that will begin at 11:00am. This will include: The US Army National Guard's 100' inflatable obstacle course, Wildlife and Park's wave runner simulator, Double R Taxidermy display, Lost Arrow handmade long bows and arrows, K.O. Boxing's Athletic Challenge, Pro Boxer David Medina signing autographs, a motorcycle show with Bikers Against Child Abuse, an inflatable boxing ring, a Velcro wall, a "punch" tank, concessions and much, much more. The Family Fun Day is Free to all. Bell time for the USA sanctioned boxing event will begin at 4:00pm. Tickets for the Boxing event are

\$10, and admission is free to kids under age 4. Concessions will be sold separately.

If you would like to help the underprivileged youth of the Manhattan, KS community to realize their dreams, please come out and show your support for this worthy cause on August 28th. You won't want to miss this exciting event! For more information or to donate, please contact the following person or visit www.hopefultomorrow.org.

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Take A Walk On The Wild Side

To help raise funds for the new Louis C. Averill Veterinary Hospital, Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure invites the public to "Take a Walk on the Wild Side" a walk through the zoo followed by a yoga class taught by Amy Bowers, and a healthy breakfast on Saturday, August 28, 2010 beginning at 7:30 a.m. The walk/jog/run through the zoo is open to the public at \$35 per person, or \$50 for two. Ticket purchase or reservations required in advance.

To purchase tickets to "Take a Walk on the Wild Side" to benefit Rolling Hills, go online to www.rollinghillswildlife.com, call (785) 827-9488 ext. 116, or mail your check for \$35 per person (\$50 for two) to: Wild Walk, c/o Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure, 625 N Hedville Rd, Salina, KS 67401. Be sure to include the names of the participants.

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Week To Welcome Returning Students

Kansas State University has a week of special events to welcome new and returning students to campus, Aug. 22-Sep. 1.

"The Week of Welcome is for all of our students. We want them to know that there are people, services and programs to help them with all facets of their lives as college students," said Gayle Spencer, associate dean of student life at K-State and coordinator of student activities and services.

"The Week of Welcome is exciting because it brings programs from all across campus together under the common theme of helping students -- those entering K-State for the first time as well as students returning to campus," said Phillip Harner, a fifth-year senior in industrial engineering from St. George. "Events during the Week of Welcome provide students with the resources they need to be successful at K-State."

The week starts at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, with Walk Your Schedule for nontraditional and transfer students from 1-3 p.m.; students should meet at Caribou Coffee at the K-State Student Union. Also at 1 p.m. the Information Oasis will be available on the west side of Hale Library. It provides information about the K-State Libraries and help with finding classes.

Other Week of Welcome events include:

* Sunday, Aug. 22, Traditions

Day. Walk Your Schedule for non-traditional and transfer students is 1-3 p.m., with students meeting at Caribou Coffee in the Union. Walk Your Schedule for new students is 1-4 p.m., with students meeting in the lobbies of the Derby and Kramer dining centers. From 1-5 p.m. the Information Oasis will be on the west side of Hale Library. The College of Engineering Welcome Rally is 4:30-6:15 p.m. in the Rathbone Hall atrium. Open to all students, the event includes a pep rally and grand prizes at 6 p.m. The 2010 K-State Kickoff will be at Bill Snyder Family Stadium from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A free dinner will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the stadium's east concourse, with a student pep rally at 7:15 p.m. inside the stadium.

* Monday, Aug. 23, We're Glad You're Here Day. Events include the Information Oasis at the west side of Hale Library from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and help booths will be available from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. across campus to assist students.

* Tuesday, Aug. 24, K-State Culture Day. The Information Oasis will be from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the west side of Hale Library. The International Open House is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the International Student Center and provides information to international students and to students who wish to travel abroad. A cultural performance on the Bosco Student

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* Wednesday, Aug. 25, Student Success Day. Wildcat Wellness Wednesday, an activity to help students stay hydrated, happy and healthy, will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Bosco Student Plaza. Also starting at 11 a.m. is career and employment services' free Backyard BBQ on the south lawn of Holtz Hall until 1:30 p.m. The Bosco Student Plaza will feature live music from noon to 1 p.m., with the rain location in the Union courtyard. A free financial refresher will be from noon to 2 p.m. on the lawn northwest of Fairchild Hall. Students can meet their peer financial counselors and advisers from Powercat Financial Counseling, office of student financial assistance and the cashier's office. Free ice pops will be available. The "What Not to Wear" fashion show starts at 2 p.m. in the Leadership Studies Building and will show students what type of attire is appropriate for different social and professional situations.

* Thursday, Aug. 26, Involvement Day. The Part-Time Opportunities Fair is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the K-State Student Union Ballroom. The Union Expo and Activities Carnival will be 6-9 p.m. at the Union.

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Cancer Research Gets National Institutes Of Health Grant

By Joe Montgomery
KSU News Service

Understanding how cancer cells communicate with each other and how to enhance their receptiveness to drug treatments is the focus of promising work by a Kansas State University researcher.

Annelise Nguyen, assistant professor of toxicology in the department of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology at K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine, recently received a \$370,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue her cancer research.

"For the past five years I've focused on cell communication to understand the pathways between cells," Nguyen said. "The idea that I came up with is: What if giving a patient drugs, including chemotherapeutic drugs and pain relievers, actually shuts down cell communication, preventing the drug from passing from one cell to the next? If so, the drug isn't very effective, and that's why you have to increase dosages to reach most cells. Increasing the drug levels makes you

resistant to the drug itself; thus, drug resistance is one of the challenges in the treatment of cancer."

Nguyen has worked with K-State's Duy Hua, university distinguished professor of chemistry, to synthesize a new compound -- a class of substitute quinolines -- and found that it possessed potent inhibitory activities against T47D breast cancer cells.

"What I demonstrate with this compound is that it enhances cell communication in breast cancer cells," Nguyen said. "What if we reopen the channels where cancer cells have low cell communication activity? In conjunction with existing chemotherapeutic drugs, can we reduce the concentration of these drugs by treating the patient with our cell communication enhancer? If so, the toxicity of these drugs will pass from cell to cell much more efficiently than previously. That's what this grant is all about."

The compound has been successful enough that Hua and Nguyen have applied for a patent. Nguyen said her work may have potential for more than just breast cancer treatments.

"Colon cancer cells behave very similarly to breast cancer cells, where the loss of cell communication is also observed, so I've applied this concept to colon cancer as well," she said. "We're also working to see if it will apply to prostate cancer."

Nguyen is giving K-State students a chance to help with her work. As an Asian-American faculty member, she said she embraces the responsibility to be a role model and mentor for minority students at K-State by letting them work in her lab. She uses students in the Developing Scholars Program, an initiative at K-State that matches historically underrepresented students, students of color and first-generation college students in research projects with faculty members. Current students in her lab have Hispanic and Asian backgrounds.

"I really want to reach out to all these students," she said. "I can relate to those who are struggling with bilingual communication, being first-generation college students or being from traditional families who have different standards for their daughters than they

do for their sons. I've been there, and now I'm in a career where I do the work I love. I hope I can help others do the same."

Nguyen's journey to becoming a toxicologist and cancer researcher faced plenty of challenges. She was born in Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam War. Her father, a member of the South Vietnam Air Force, fled to the United States in 1975. It took him

nine years to get U.S. citizenship and permission from the new government in Vietnam to bring his family to the United States.

"I didn't start school until I was almost 11 years old -- I didn't know how to read and write," Nguyen said. "My mom didn't want me to enroll in a communist school in Vietnam, so she kept me at home. Then we came to the United States and I started school."

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