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Constitutional Ballot To Leave Question To Voters

By Rachel Whitten
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TOPEKA, Kan. – A refined definition of the right to bear arms in Kansas, and a measure taking away the legislature’s ability to keep the mentally ill from voting will be up for Kansans to decide on Nov. 2.

The two proposed Kansas constitutional amendments are the first since 2005, when voters approved a legal definition of marriage.

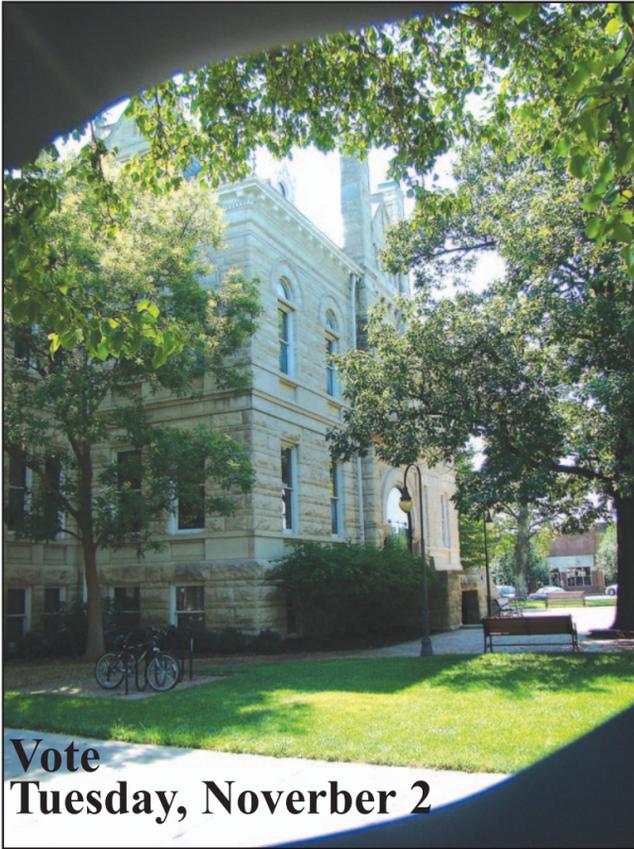
Constitutional amendment question number one clarifies an individual’s right to bear arms.

In the current Kansas law, when it states “the people have the right to bear arms for their defense and security,” the “people” is defined as people as a group, referring to a militia according to Kansas Supreme Court case from 1905. The new definition redefines the law to mean individuals, not a collected group. The proposed amendment says “a person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose.”

“It’s just making certain we have an individual, not a collective right to gun ownership in Kansas,” said state Sen. Tim Huelskamp, a Republican from Fowler, who spearheaded the measure in the Senate during the 2009 session, along with state Sen. Mike Peterson, a Republican from Wichita.

Constitutional amendment question number two deals with an old, never used provision of the Kansas Constitution that gives the state legislature the ability to vote to keep mentally ill people from voting.

“The legislature has never enacted anything that would deprive people with a mental illness of voting,” said state Sen. Tim Owens, a Republican from Overland Park.



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“It’s in the Constitution that they can, but they haven’t ever done it. People are just concerned ‘what if they did?’ It’s a preemptory kind of a thing.”

The issue rose during the 2010 session, starting in the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which Owens is the chair. Advocates for the mentally ill and mentally disabled brought the law’s provision to the attention of the committee and spoke out against the legislature’s ability to keep mentally ill people from voting.

“There were a number of people in the [mental health] industry ...

who had come and said that was really inappropriate,” Owens said. “There are a lot of people who have had diagnoses of mental illness who are perfectly fine on medication and they shouldn’t be deprived of their right.”

Although Owens said he hopes voters approve the measure, he said it not much will change if they don’t.

“It’s one of those things where if it passes that’s great, if it doesn’t pass you look at the historical perspective and see the legislature has never done anything with it anyway,” Owens said.

Bluemont Receives Challenge Award

Bluemont Elementary School has received a Challenge Award Certificate of Merit from the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force. The award recognizes schools for outstanding achievement and uncommon accomplishment based on Kansas Assessment results from 2010 and other qualifying factors, specifically the sample size, ethnicity and socioeconomic status of those taking the test. Bluemont Elementary School received the award as a result of its performance on the 6th grade Math Assessments.

The Confidence Task Force is a not-

for-profit corporation whose primary purpose is to strengthen confidence in Kansas public education and to increase awareness of the positive aspects of public education in this state. The Task Force was created in 1981 to promote cooperation among state education agencies, bring recognition to volunteers serving public education in Kansas, and to heighten awareness of the important role of public education in our society.

Bluemont Elementary School will receive the award at a recognition dinner on November 10 in Junction City.

William Allen White Exhibit At Technical Library

Opening October 25 at the Manhattan Area Technical Library is the traveling exhibit William Allen White: Sage of Emporia. For half a century, Emporia newspaper editor William Allen White had something to say on virtually every topic that had anything to do with Kansas or the nation. Born in Emporia in 1868, he grew up in El Dorado, attend the College of Emporia and the University of Kansas. He worked for newspapers in Topeka and Kansas city before buying the Emporia Gazette in 1895.

Thereafter until his death in 1944, he wrote countless editorials as well as articles and books that earned him the

title of the “Sage of Emporia”.

This exhibit examines the life of William Allen White. Historic photos, quotes, newspaper articles, and more tell the story of this famous Kansan. This exhibit is produced by the Kansas State Historical Society.

Visit or call Manhattan Area Technical Library, 3136 Dickens Ave., Manhattan, KS. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. M-Th and 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Friday. William Allen White: Sage of Emporia will be open for viewing from October 25-November 10. Admission to the exhibit is free.

National Adoption Day Is Nov. 15th

TFI Family Services, Inc. will be holding a National Adoption Day Celebration in Manhattan on November 15. We invite you to participate with us!

National Adoption Day will be recognized throughout the United States, in communities large and small, when an unprecedented number of courts open their doors on Saturday, November 20 to finalize the adoptions of thousands of children in foster care and celebrate all families that adopt. In Shawnee County District Courthouse, TFI Family Services, Inc. will have up to 30 adoptions finalized on this one day.

A local celebration for area families who have adopted children this past year will take place at TFI Family Services, Inc.’s Manhattan Office during our monthly resource family support meeting. This meeting will focus

on adoption, as well as celebrate our newest forever families.

The event is planned for:

Date: November 15

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: TFI Family Services, Inc.’s Manhattan Office 116 S 4th St., Suite 1, Manhattan, KS 66502

Details: Families who have adopted in the last year will be honored.

In the United States, there are 123,000 children in foster care waiting to be adopted by permanent, loving families. National Adoption Day will serve to raise the public’s awareness of the ever-growing need for adoptive homes for these waiting children. In the past year, TFI Family Services, Inc. has had families adopt 179 children. Your involvement will help place adoption in the spotlight and help us reach families who may choose to adopt.

Blecha Receives Field’s Highest Honors

By Greg Tammen
KSU News Service

Despite making what are arguably some of the biggest advancements in research on the animal immune system, Frank Blecha puts his students’ success before his own.

Now his former students have helped Blecha, a Kansas State University distinguished professor of immunophysiology, interim associate dean for research in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and head of the department of anatomy and physiology, earn national recognition for his contributions to veterinary immunology.

On Dec. 6 in Chicago, Ill., Blecha will be formally recognized by the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists as the 2010 Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist of the Year. His former students nominated him for the honor, one of the highest in the field.

“It’s really surprising that he hasn’t received this award before now, as, in my mind, he’s the most qualified person in his field,” said Jishu Shi, associate professor of anatomy and physiology at K-State. “His work was really some of the first in certain areas, and I think he single-handedly increased our

understanding of innate immunology in domestic animals.”

Shi, a former graduate student of Blecha’s, spearheaded the nomination campaign, which consisted of letters of support and a list of Blecha’s achievements.

Since beginning his work in veterinary immunology nearly 36 years ago, Blecha has authored 139 refereed journals, 24 book chapters and more than 200 abstracts; contributed to four university patents; raised more than \$9 million in funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association, among others; and made more than 100 invited presentations at regional, national and international conferences.

Teaching, and even immunology, weren’t areas Blecha originally considered pursuing.

“Besides serving in the Army, the only thing I had ever done was rodeo and school. I wasn’t sure I would be accepted into graduate school because my grades weren’t all that great,” he said. “Instead of buckling down, I spent the last two years of school rodeoing and not going to class.”

As luck would have it, Blecha was accepted into grad school, where he

became involved in a project on the immune system in animals. This chance study led to him earning a doctorate in the field. Soon after, Blecha, his wife and sons moved to Manhattan, and he began working at K-State in 1981.

Since then he’s investigated the capabilities of cytokines and antimicrobial peptides, and has worked with interferons. His greatest work, though, has been that with his students, he said.

Blecha keeps a file with each of his former postdoctoral and graduate students’ contact information and career paths. Some have gone on to teach at universities, others are CEOs of their own companies, and one works for the USDA and another for Pfizer Incorporated. They keep in contact and consider Blecha a friend.

That’s part of what makes this award so special, Blecha said.

“Only one person from around the world is selected each year. To have been nominated by those students I’ve worked so closely with, I feel quite humbled by it,” he said.

“When I came to K-State I didn’t take graduate students right away because in my mind it’s a great responsibility. It’s basically like having a family,” Blecha said.

Changing Tax Burdens Drop Kansas Ratings

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Growing concerns about increased property-tax burdens helped knock Kansas three notches lower - to 35th out of 50 - in a new national ranking of business friendly states Tuesday.

The ranking, down from 32nd place a year ago, puts Kansas below all its immediate neighbors; Colorado and Missouri, which are 15th and 16th respectively, and Nebraska and Oklahoma, which are 29th and 30th, according to the 2011 State Business Tax Climate Index, compiled annually by the Tax Foundation, a non-partisan Washington, D.C. educational organization focused on tax policy.

South Dakota ranked as the most business friendly state for a third consecutive year, based on the Foundation’s evaluation of state applications of taxes on individual and corporate incomes, retail sales, real and personal property and pay-

rolls to fund unemployment insurance. New York ranked least friendly, supplanting New Jersey, a last place holder for nearly a half decade.

Kansas slipped three spots primarily for two reasons, said Kail Padgett, the Tax Foundation researcher who compiled the rankings.

First, Kansas’ increasing inclination toward relying on local and state property taxes for government revenue, plunged those policies nine points lower into the bottom 10 of the national rankings, 41st place competitively among the states.

Second, Kansas’ newly increased state sales tax, which kicked in just in time to register on the Foundation’s July 1, 2010 national statistical snapshot, dropped that ranking eight places to 32nd in the U.S.

Such distinctions are important, Padgett said, because Labor Department statistics show that the greatest competition states face for jobs, growth and economic develop-

ment comes from other states rather than other countries.

“This means that state lawmakers must be aware of how their states’ business climates match up to their immediate neighbors and to other states within their regions,” Padgett said.

Kansas property owners paid \$3.8 million in general state property taxes, which amounted to a bit more than one-third of all state general fund revenues, in fiscal 2009, the latest full year for which statistics are available.

While that represents a seemingly modest 0.6 percent increase from a year earlier, it also is a more than 93 percent increase from the \$2 billion that property owners paid in 1997, according to state Department of Revenue figures. That is three times faster than consumer prices increased during the period, according to U.S. Labor Department calculations, and more than 10 times faster than Kansas’ population increased, accord-

ing to Census estimates.

Property tax burdens also shifted in those 12 years. Residential homeowners picked up a larger, 48 percent, share of the total in 2009, compared to 39 percent in 1997, and business owners property taxes shot to 24 percent of the total from 20 percent.

Neither of Kansas’ two leading candidates for governor was available Tuesday to tell directly how they would address this perceived erosion in the state’s tax-friendly rankings if next week’s general election turns out they way each hopes.

Republican candidate U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback “has made it an immediate priority to look at how the state’s tax system is structured and to be sure it has the right balance,” of income, sales and property taxes for all Kansans, said campaign spokesperson Sherrine Jones-Sontag.

Reforming the state’s tax code and getting Kansas’ economy growing again, would be Brownback’s top pri-

ority as governor, Jones-Sontag said, but she was unable to provide specific details of any plans now.

Democratic candidate state Sen. Tom Holland’s campaign did not return telephone calls Tuesday.

Spokespersons for Kansas Gov. Mark Parkinson said the Tax Foundation numbers should be put into perspective. Forbes, CNBC, Business Facilities magazine and other national news outlets in the last few months all have cited Kansas as one of the top states in the country for business, said Rachel Reeves, the governor’s deputy communications director.

“Had a responsible budget not been passed by the bipartisan coalition in our legislature, damaging cuts would have forced local communities to bear the burden through higher property taxes,” Reeves said.

Obituaries

Deane Davis

Deane Ray Davis, age 67, of Manhattan, died October 23, 2010, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born November 22, 1942, in Manhattan, the son of Ray G. and Ruby E. (Kreiser) Davis.

Deane graduated from Manhattan High School in 1960 and from Pittsburg State University in 1964 with his degree in printing. He served in ROTC while at Pittsburg State and then in the National Guard for several years.

He worked for the Westmoreland Recorder for a couple of years prior to going to work at Kansas State University in the Printing Shop in 1966. He retired

in 1990.

Deane was a member of the Westmoreland Masonic Lodge # 257 and was a former member of Lafayette Lodge # 16 in Manhattan.

On June 12, 1964, in Fostoria, Kansas, he was married to the former Delilah M. McLean. They later divorced but remained close friends and companions.

Survivors include two daughters: Cara Dawn Koerperich and her husband Mark of Bala, KS, and Dedra Rae Chenault and her husband Ken of Ottawa, Kansas; five grandchildren: Connor Elizabeth, Alec, Gabriel, Talon and Addison Rose Chenault; and numerous cousins including Nancy Drumm, Patty Wilburn, Shirley Evans and Jeanne Buffington.

Funeral services will be held at

10:30 A.M. Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Reverend Kevin Larson officiating. Interment will follow in the Spring Creek Cemetery near Fostoria, Kansas.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:00 P.M. Wednesday 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 American Lung Association. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Alice McCarthy

Alice C. McCarthy, age 90, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at the Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community.

She was born March 18, 1920, in Superior, Nebraska, the daughter of Harry Alston and Elsie Elvira Mallam. Alice was a long-time Manhattan resident where she was a homemaker.

Her memberships included the Seven Dolores Catholic Church, Seven Dolores Altar Society, and former member of the American Legion and V.F.W. auxiliaries, all of Manhattan. Alice was an avid sports fan and enjoyed following Kansas State and the Kansas City Royals sporting events. She also enjoyed playing Bingo and loved to attend her grandchildren's numerous activities.

On September 20, 1947, in Manhattan, Kansas, she was married to Charles F. McCarthy. He preceded her in death on April 6, 2000. She was also preceded in

death by two children: Mary Jane Rosa McCarthy and Steven Wayne McCarthy, three brothers: Charlie, Bill and Don Mallam, one sister: Velma Schritchfield, and a loving niece: Ila McCloskey.

Survivors include four sons: Chuck McCarthy and his wife Marsha, Bob McCarthy and his wife Theresa, Garry McCarthy and his wife Paige, and Larry McCarthy and his wife Traci, all of Manhattan; one daughter: Sue Day and her husband Dale of Olsburg, KS; one sister, Dora Pettit of Superior, NE and two sisters-in-law: Mary Mallam of Superior, NE and Audrey Mallam of Concordia, KS. She is also survived by her fifteen grandchildren: Justin McCarthy, Tierra and Kirk Dimond, Carli and Tyler Hodges, Erin McCarthy, Kellie McCarthy, Shannon and Chad Grattan, Casey McCarthy, Cory and Shelly Day, Angela and John Peters, Travis Day, Collin, Kylie and Kelsey McCarthy, and Eric and Matt McCarthy. Fourteen great grandchildren complete her legacy: Blake and Brylie Dimond, Taylor

McCarthy, Dylan, Elyse, Saydi, Autym, Lilly Anna and Zane Peters, Parker and Griffin Day and Mackenzie, Randy and Jackson Hodges.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 29, 2010, at the Seven Dolores Catholic Church located at the corner of Juliette and Pierre Streets in Manhattan. Father Joseph Popelka will be the Celebrant. Interment will follow in the St. Patrick's Cemetery on Elbow Creek east of Manhattan.

A Christian Wake Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with a visitation following until 8:30 p.m.

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

Memorials have been established for Sunflower CASA and for Meadowlark Hills-Lyle House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan,

Robert Osborn

Robert Eldon Osborn, 84, a longtime resident of Manhattan, passed away Thursday, October 21, 2010 at his home surrounded by his family.

Bob was born on March 11, 1926, at Soldier, Kansas, the son of the late Fred and Anna (Stephenson) Osborn.

He graduated from the Soldier High School in 1943.

On May 20, 1947, Bob was united in marriage to Velma Ann (Bach) Osborn in Holton, Kansas.

He served as a Merchant Marine from 1943-1946, during WWII in the Pacific and Atlantic. He worked as a Sheet Metal Journeyman for 35 years. 32 of those years for Powell Brothers, retiring in 1985. By retiring early, Bob and Velma spent years traveling, going to Oregon in the summer and spending the last 27 win-

ters in Arizona.

Bob had many hobbies, including boating, camping, fishing, golf, wood and metal crafts. He especially enjoyed singing karaoke, reading, reciting poetry, sharing childhood memories and experiences in the Merchant Marines.

Bob was a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, VFW and American Legion Post #17.

Bob is survived by his wife, Velma; a daughter, Patricia Osborn (G. Henry), of Topeka; a son, Tom and his wife Cathy of Manhattan; a grandson, Ryan Osborn and his wife Lyndsay of Lenexa; and three beautiful great grandchildren, Adalyn, Hudson and Delany Osborn; along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 5 brothers; Paul, Glenn, Karl, Claude and Thomas, 5 sisters; Frances Andrews, Marion

Beightel, Orpha Osborn, Annabelle Markham and Evelyn Jepson. Also a granddaughter, Shannon Marie Osborn.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 25, 2010, at the St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Manhattan, with Father Don Zimmerman officiating. Burial will follow in the Sunset Cemetery with Military Honors.

A rosary was held at 7 p.m., Sunday, October 24, 2010, at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, followed by a family visitation until 8:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Manhattan or The Homecare Hospice.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home.

For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.irvinparkview.com

Clifford Bohl

Clifford Martin Bohl, of Manhattan, passed away Saturday, October 23rd, 2010 at Mercy Regional Health Center.

He was born in Norton, Kansas on October 8, 1947, the son of the late Millie (Perrill) and Henry Martin Bohl.

Mr. Bohl attended Manhattan Schools graduating from Manhattan High. After graduation he served in the U.S. Navy from 1965-1968 and was a Vietnam Veteran. In October of 1969, he married Sharon Reeve at the Seven Dolores Church. Cliff attended the Union School for Pipefitting and worked in various places and positions as a pipefitter-plumber.

Survivors include his wife Sharon of Manhattan, three children; Mike Bohl of Wamego, Angie Dunham and husband Judson of Manhattan, Timothy Bohl of Manhattan and two grand-

children; Logan and Cole Dunham.

He is preceded in death by his father; Henry Martin Bohl, stepfather, Tom Byrne, sister, Betty Mahan, brother, David Byrne and his mother Millie Byrne.

Graveside services will be held in the Kansas Veterans Cemetery, Manhattan, Kansas, at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 29th, 2010 with Father Don Zimmerman officiating.

Friends are invited to come by the funeral home to sign the register book Thursday, October 28, 2010, from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. The family will be receiving friends from 6:30-9 p.m. A rosary and vigil will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 28, 2010 at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home.

Family and friends will meet Friday, October 29, 2010, at the funeral home to form a procession at 9:30 a.m. to proceed to the cemetery.

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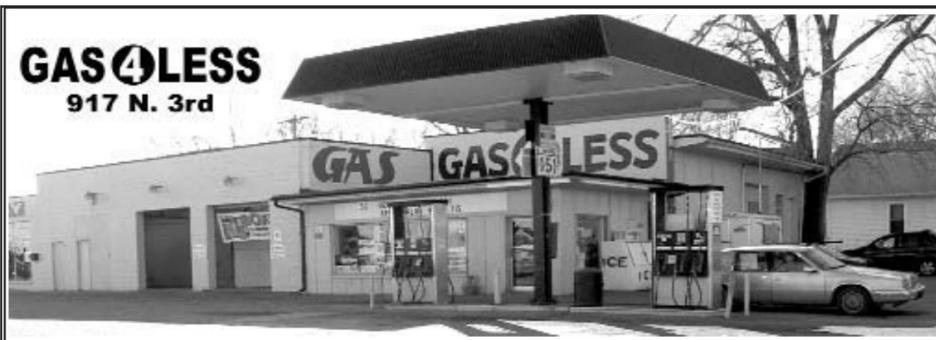
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The Fed's QE2 And The Economy

Sailing to Safety or a Ship of Fools?

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Abstract: Quantitative easing is a largely experimental tool employed by the Federal Reserve to address a continuing sluggish economy and the renewed potential of deflation. That the Fed faces this prospect is final proof positive that President Barack Obama's Keynesian stimulus policies have failed, leaving monetary policy as the sole remaining major stimulus tool. The risks associated with quantitative easing are substantial, including that it will fail, or will trigger a resurgence of inflation with or without a pickup in output growth. Even if successful, the Fed will need to act decisively down the road, reversing course by pushing up short-term and long-term interest rates to prevent a bout of new asset price bubbles and inflation. These future actions could produce another recession in the face of still-high unemployment. Navigating these waters successfully will require extraordinary skill and luck. The President and Congress could greatly improve the Fed's prospects for success by vowing not to raise taxes and instead reducing federal budget deficits by substantially reducing spending.

QE2 once referred to the RMS Queen Elizabeth 2, a grand luxury liner that plied the Atlantic between England and New York City. Today, the acronym QE2 is better known as a return to the still experimental policy called quantitative easing (QE), which central banks use to prop up economies when all else fails.

The October 8, 2010, jobs report showed the economy shed jobs on net for the fourth consecutive month, underscoring yet again that the U.S. economy is close to stalling. Trouble enough, the sputtering economy also raises anew the risk of deflation, a steady decline in the overall price level. This risk is pushing the Federal Reserve to prepare for the controversial and risky policy of QE2—the resumption of quantitative easing—joining the party already underway at Japan's central bank and the European Central Bank.

Fiscal policy should be available to take some of the pressure off monetary policy, nudging the economy onto a path of strong, sustainable growth. Regrettably, at the start of his term, President Barack Obama and his congressional allies chose the wrong policy. They opted for a Keynesian policy of rapidly increased deficit spending to propel the economy forward, as though the accumulation of government debt by itself can stimulate prosperity. That policy failed, as is now obvious to all, leaving the country with a sputtering economy and \$1.3 trillion budget deficits, which practically rule out an effective fiscal policy response based on lower marginal tax rates.

This leaves the Fed—and the nation's economy—in a tight spot with no easy answers. The economy may yet pick up pace as some forecast, but the risk the economy may stall or even contract is real, and the risk of deflation graver still. A flat economy is bad enough, but the risk of deflation compels the Fed to consider extraordinary risks. Quantitative easing could fail to revive the economy, or it could lead to new asset price bubbles and eventually to rapid inflation, forcing the Fed to reverse itself quickly irrespective of the economy's strength. Finally, when the economy does recover and if inflation remains subdued, the Fed will need to continue to hold inflation at bay by reversing itself strongly, pushing interest rates up quickly, and likely while unemployment remains elevated.

Whatever course the Fed plots, market participants and policymakers will need to spend the next few months with their eyes wide open to any of these serious risks becoming a new reality. In every eventuality, the Fed's task and the economy's path would be greatly eased by the President and Congress reducing federal spending significantly to move federal budget deficits toward sustainable levels.

The Reluctant Recovery

At this stage of the recovery, the economy should be accelerating smartly. It is not. Although many problems remain in residential housing markets, commercial property markets, and various financial institutions, these problems are now sufficiently identified and cabined that their drag on the economy is insufficient to prevent a strong recovery. Yet trend growth in the economy has remained stuck at about a 1 percent growth rate since the recession ended.[1]

The economy lacks vitality because businesses lack confidence in the future. They lack confidence because the federal government under Obama has unleashed a regulatory onslaught and is threatening more. They also lack confidence because Obama is intent on preserving a vastly increased government and associated budget deficits until he can raise taxes dramatically. The January 2011 tax hikes, which will hit a weakened economy, only reinforce these fears.

For its part, the Federal Reserve has largely exhausted its traditional tools for reviving the economy. Above all, the Fed has held the Fed funds rate[2] at near zero since December 2008. In the face of a weakening economy, and with no help and possibly further drag from fiscal policy, the Fed is turning to less conventional tools, such as quantitative easing.

Quantitative Easing

With quantitative easing, the central bank expands the money supply by directly increasing the quantity of reserves in the banking system. Normally, the Fed would increase the amount of money in circulation by lowering the Fed funds rate, thereby lowering the return on holding reserves and thus encouraging bank lending. The Fed raises and lowers the funds rate in an attempt to shift all domestic interest rates in the same direction, primarily by buying and selling U.S. government securities.

With a funds rate effectively at zero already, the Fed must use other tools. In particular, the Fed can purchase longer-maturity U.S. government bonds, mortgage-backed securities, or other financial instruments to increase the quantity of banking reserves directly. This is quantitative easing, and the purpose is to increase the supply of banking reserves to encourage banks to lend while putting downward pressure on longer-term interest rates to improve the incentives to borrow.

As Chairman of the Federal Reserve Ben Bernanke explained, the key to the effectiveness of quantitative easing is the view that different types of securities are imperfect substitutes in investors' portfolios.[3] Thus, by significantly altering the quantity and thus the price of one type of security, such as mortgage-backed securities, the Fed can force shifts in investors' portfolios that in turn reduce interest rates on similar yet different types of securities.

The Fed first embarked on quantitative easing shortly after the funds rate was reduced to near zero toward the end of 2008 as the financial crisis picked up steam. It expanded the program significantly in March 2009 and ended the program on March 31, 2010. At its conclusion, the Fed's balance sheet held more than \$2 trillion in various bonds and similar assets.

Japan first used quantitative easing aggressively in the early 2000s to fight deflation after the collapse of a massive asset price bubble.[4] Facing renewed signs of a flagging economy, Japan announced in early October that it was resuming a policy of quantitative easing with an initial \$60 billion installment. The European Central Bank (ECB) has thus far resisted a return to quantitative easing per se, but it is aggressively pursuing a policy of purchasing sovereign debt and private debt as part of Europe's efforts to preserve the euro and to manage the sovereign debt crisis that began in Greece in early 2010. The ECB's policy goal may differ somewhat in intent, but it parallels quantitative easing in effect.

Risks Abound from Action as Much as from Inaction

The Fed's quantitative easing policy is fraught with serious risks. An obvious risk is that the policy will fail and that the economy will continue to slide with deflation to follow. As of early October 2010, the 10-year Treasury bond rate was hovering around 2.5 percent while the average 30-year fixed conforming mortgage rate was near 4.25 percent. With rates already so low and seemingly having little effect in stimulating economic activity, there seems little reason to expect even lower rates to move the economic dial.

Alternatively, at some point inflation may start to gain traction from past and current monetary accommodation even as the economy remains moribund. Numerous commentators have lapsed into the poor habit of thinking that a slow economy at least provides insurance against rising inflation. The "stagflation" in the 1970s, when slow growth and rising inflation last combined to kill off belief in Keynesian fiscal stimulus, teaches otherwise. If higher inflation is on the immediate horizon instead of deflation, then resuming quantitative easing would likely compound the problem.

A third risk is that aggressive past and future monetary accommodation would trigger asset price bubbles in the equity markets, for example, as a precursor to resurgent inflation. Asset price bubbles are common consequences of excessively loose monetary policy. These asset price bubbles would give the economy a welcome dose of levitation—until they popped, leaving a weaker economy buffeted by higher price inflation.

Looking on the Bright Side

These risks, while real, should be considered alongside the possibility the Fed will navigate these waters safely. The picture is not all doom and gloom. It is entirely possible that the economy's intrinsic strengths combined with an extra push from the Fed's quantitative

easing will pull the economy onto a strong, sustained recovery without unpleasant asset price bubbles while inflation expectations remain anchored in the foundation of the Fed's credibility. What happens next?

William McChesney Martin, the longest serving Fed Chairman, once quipped that the Fed's job was "to take away the punch bowl just as the party gets going." If the Fed successfully sustains the economy and wards off asset price bubbles before inflation ignites, its job will then be to one-up its traditional role—to take away the punch bowl just as the guests arrive.

Another expression from economic lore—that of monetary policy occasionally "pushing on a string"—suggests that in some circumstances monetary policy may not be effective. Even if quantitative easing proves somewhat effective, large sums are likely needed to achieve small consequences, thus giving the policy a definite pushing-on-a-string quality. Once the economy gains real traction, which will occur at some point, that string will become increasingly taut just as the Fed must pull back about as far as it had previously pushed. In other words, the Fed will likely need to reverse course quickly, selling back bonds from its balance sheet and pushing up the Fed funds rate long before the markets expect or are ready, and long before the Fed itself would prefer. Once the economy picks up pace, the potential inflationary energy contained in past Fed policies may well flow into the economy quickly and manifest itself in surprisingly rapidly rising prices.

In that event, the Fed may well respond quickly to the new inflation threat, containing inflation after a brief rise. However, this victory, if it occurs, will come at the cost of an echo of an economic slowdown. Just as economic growth appears strong enough to create jobs rapidly enough to move the nation toward full employment, the Fed's anti-inflation stance will hit like a bucket of cold water.

However, the alternative would be even less pleasant. If the Fed's actions are too late and too timid, unacceptably rapid inflation will take hold, forcing a much more aggressive monetary tightening and possibly triggering a classic, monetary-policy-induced recession some years hence.

The Way Forward

No matter which way it turns, the Federal Reserve faces a daunting task in the months and years ahead. The economy remains mired in stunted growth and high unemployment due in part to federal policies elsewhere. Deflation threatens, but so does inflation, in the near term and further out. At the same time, ancillary problems beckon, such as growing unease about exchange rates triggered in large part by China's refusal to allow its currency to find a more sustainable level. Getting monetary policy right will require a true maestro and no small amount of luck.

The Fed's task is made all the more difficult by the huge increase in federal spending pushed through by President Obama and his congressional allies, which has driven current and projected budget deficits far beyond \$1 trillion annually. These deficits further drain confidence from families and businesses because they raise the risk of a government debt crisis and higher interest rates and because the President and Congress may attempt to use these massive deficits as an excuse to raise taxes even higher. They also drain confidence because Americans instinctively know that the federal government is on a fundamentally unsustainable course.

Alternatively, Washington policymakers could significantly improve the likelihood of the Fed safely navigating these treacherous waters if they were to pursue effective pro-growth fiscal policies. These include a firm stand against tax hikes at least until the economy nears full employment, significantly reducing spending in the near term to reduce budget deficits to historical levels, putting

entitlement spending on a sustainable path in the long term, and judiciously reducing marginal tax rates to improve economic incentives.

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Thoughts From The Prairie

Statesmen versus Politicians

James Freeman Clarke wrote that, "A politician thinks of the next election, a statesman, of the next generation." And the bright spot in this campaign in Riley County is watching two non-political novices take on the mantle of Statesmen and blossom into formidable foes of the liberal establishment, incumbent politicians in House Districts 66 and 67. At a recent event at Meadowlark, Lee Modesitt captivated an audience of senior residents. These savvy seniors posed questions to Lee ranging from his position on jobs to schools and his personal faith. To the question, "Have you received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?" Lee responded, "Yes I have." Thus he fielded every question with clarity and dispatch.

An exchange between attendees and Modesitt regarding education lasted several minutes. Lee confirmed that his wife is at K-State preparing to be an elementary teacher so quality of education is paramount in the Modesitt family. When asked about his position on the teacher's union opposition to merit pay, Candidate Modesitt emphasized that he favored rewarding excellence by directing more resources to the classroom that would include merit pay. He assured the audience that he would have voted for the bill to direct 65 percent of the education budget to the classroom. His opponent voted against more resources for teachers, so teachers continue buying supplies out of their own pockets. A vote for Lee is a vote for scholastic excellence!

Education needs a free market flavor and that will come from Modesitt, not from his opponent. Merit pay for excellence and enough money going to the classroom so teachers do not have to buy supplies from their own marginal salaries would be the beginning of that flavor. I believe George Washington was speaking about men like Lee when he wrote, "Your love of liberty - your respect for the laws - your habits of industry - and your practice of the moral and religious obligations, are the strongest claims to national and individual happiness."

Folks, there is a big move nationwide to replace liberal incumbents regardless of party and when you look at the voting records of our two House incumbents, there is no difference between them and those that are going to be replaced at the national level. Oh, sure, they will vote with the majority on issues with no significant impact on the liberal agenda, but the other 95 or 97 percent of the time, they are hard line partisans. The bottom line is this: on the important issues, like jobs, efficient governance, and support to K-State, the incumbents will be no more effective in the future than they have been in the past. They are the minority party and their liberal ideology opposes private sector growth resulting in less revenue for increased education funding and no funds for correcting the horrific

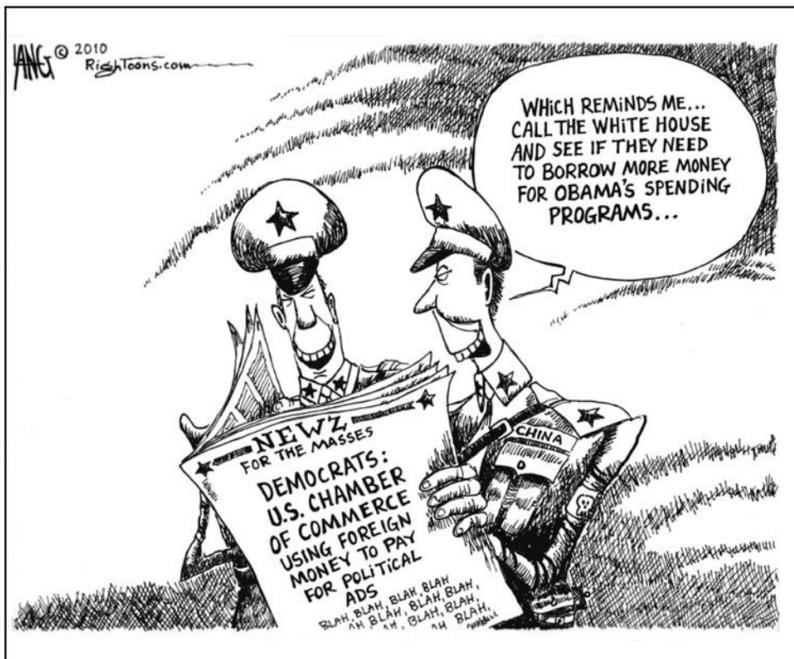
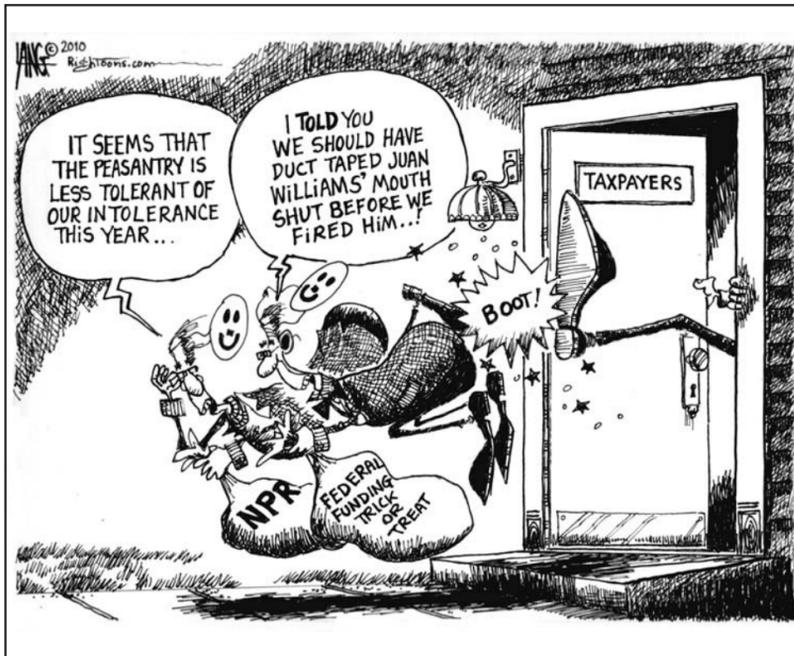
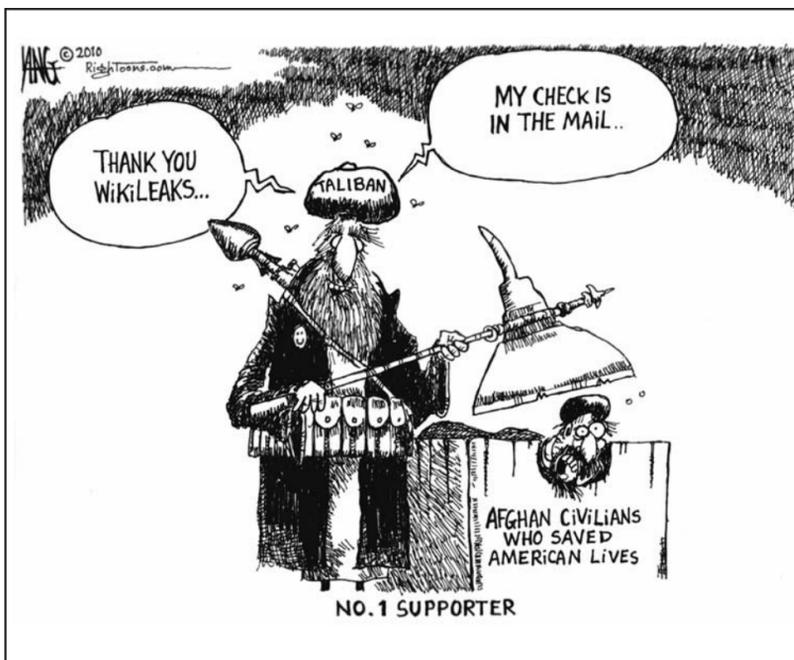
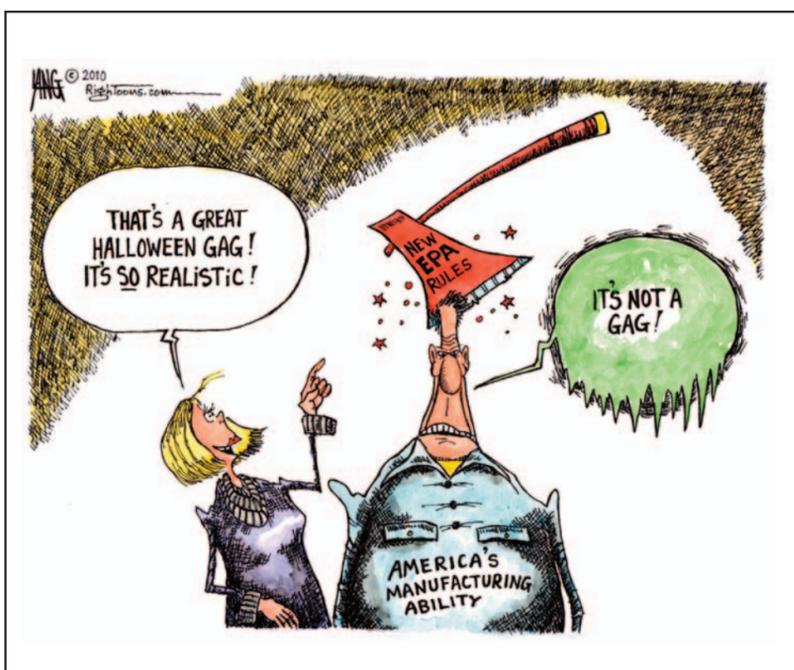


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backlog of maintenance before the facilities have deteriorated beyond economic repair. And the only reason they have not done more damage is that they are part of the minority party! Its time for a change and the time is NOW!

And the place to start is to elect Dr. Susan Mosier, a visionary who has a passion for helping students achieve academic excellence by focusing on the classroom not bureaucratic procedures with sparse accountability. Susan understands our Constitutional Republic and the free market system that brought to fruition John Winthrop's dream he spoke of on the Arbella in 1630: "For we must consider that we shall be a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us..." And so it has been. But now, because of the liberal ideology that has become pervasive in our nation and the same as shown by the voting record of Susan's opponent, we are in danger of actualizing Winthrop's fear that "we shall be made a story and a byword through the world."

Dr. Mosier's dream is for the children of Kansas to have a secure future by ensuring their daddies and mommies have jobs, that they are not burdened with suffocating debt, that private enterprise flourishes so they have the hope of jobs when they graduate. Susan Mosier knows the difference between government jobs and small business jobs; that small business jobs produce revenue, government jobs devour revenue. During her opponent's tenure, Kansas government jobs have dilated while private sector jobs have taken a hike by the thousands. We need a change and we need it NOW! Let's begin by cleaning our own house and get Kansas back to work! A vote for Dr. Susan Mosier is a vote for Jobs, a vote for Vision, a vote for Children!



"Conscience of Kansas"

National Public Radio and the Skinny Fat Man

I once knew a guy who was about 50 pounds overweight. Any time a friend or family member would address him on the issue of cutting out the sweets, he would get indignant and quickly inform inquiring souls that he was completely fit in all areas except his midriff, which he would address in his own good time. We might surmise that from this gentleman's thinking he thought his body was nothing short of a series of physical quadrants of which he had worked to address all but a final set of coordinates: his stomach. More than likely, the man was just fat and did not like being told so.

Brian Montopoli of CBS News tells us that National Public Radio no longer goes by that name; it's NPR now. Well, I mean, the legal name is still National Public Radio as it has been for the last 40 years but they now request their brand name "NPR" be the title spoken on air. Why? Like a fat man demanding that he be called "Speedo-challenged" instead of simply overweight, National Public Radio is trying to run the fat-man scam on Americans. Montopoli talks about conservative pundits like Sarah Palin who call for cutting off public funding to National Public Radio and he insinuates that Palin is misguided as the federal funds the non-profit organization receives are considered by him as minimal. While the overall percentage may be less than 10 percent of their total budget, NPR receives millions of public tax dollars yearly. The case Montopoli forwards is as compelling an argument as when our gentleman friend with the mild protuberance tells us he has reduced his daily cupcake intake from twelve to nine of the tasty treats. Of course, the point is that he should not eat any, especially if we the American people have to flip the bill for the indulgence.

The public funding issue with National Public Radio comes to the forefront because of the firing of NPR contributor Juan Williams. Williams, who had been employed by NPR for a decade, was fired for saying that he gets nervous when he sees passengers in Muslim clothing on a plane. Not only was Williams fired by phone without an option to talk to upper-level NPR staff, a simple courtesy to a journalist of his standing, he was described as psychologically impaired. NPR CEO Vivian Schiller said that Williams' beliefs should stay between him and "his psychiatrist or his publicist." The issue here goes beyond the viciousness of the Juan Williams' job slaying. It goes beyond the fascist nature of NPR and the hypocrisy of such liberal organizations who lament their support for diversity as long as that diversity stays off Fox News. The issue goes as far as asking if Americans should have to fund a liberal radio station such as NPR.

NPR should be allowed to be as liberal as



Paul A. Ibbetson

they wish, as fascist as the law will allow—if their product is viable within the free market. It's a free country, but they should not be allowed to push their liberal agenda on the American people's dime. Not on one single taxpayer's dime. That is the issue at hand. That is what exacerbates the Williams tragedy. Montopoli alludes to the idea that despite NPR's vicious attack against a liberal on its own payroll, all is well because Williams has just signed a new contract with Fox News. Of course, this is a diversion from the extended "belly" of the problem. The problem is that National Public Radio, (NPR, if that sounds more private market to you) continues to be fattened with tax dollars they do not deserve. They should be forced to sink or swim in the private market—you know, the real private market. If NPR can flourish within its liberal scheme without a government handout taken from both liberals and conservatives in the country, the opposition has no choice but to accept its existence and engage it in the private market. However, if NPR flies solo within the free market and the wind beneath its wings lifts it only as high as "Air America," then we will know it should have never been around in the first place. The free market has a way of taking care of dead weight. Now, the American people have the opportunity to address this issue. To do anything less is simply to keep loading the plate of the skinny fat man.

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Divided Public Wraps Up Kansas Power Plant Debate

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Four public meetings and some 5,600 public comments later, opinions on both sides of building a controversial coal-fired power plant in southwest Kansas still haven't changed.

Economic developers, business executives, job seeking construction workers and a smattering of the state's political leaders want construction to go ahead as soon as possible on a proposed \$2.8 billion Sunflower Electric Power Corp. generating plant near Holcomb, Kan., southwest of Garden City, that has been on hold nearly five years.

Very simply, "this is the largest construction project in the middle of the United States in a number of years," said David Kendrick, business manager of the Greater Kansas City Building Trades Council, a labor group whose members are hoping to land jobs on the project.

Environmentalists, whose concerns

about greenhouse gasses the 795 megawatt generating station might emit have delayed construction proposed in February, 2006, contend the potential damage to the environment and to Kansans' health is too great. They worry also that Kansas is rushing too quickly to approve the project before year-end, after which new, more stringent, federal greenhouse gas regulations kick in that would make the project more difficult.

"Please do not rush the process," Stephanie Cole, a representative of the Overland Park chapter of the Sierra Club on Monday told the fourth and final public hearing scheduled by Kansas Department of Health and Environment as it considers whether to approve the project.

After earlier attempts in 2001 by other developers to build a plant failed, Sunflower, based in Hays, first applied five years ago to build three coal-fired generators in southwest Kansas to supplement the output of an existing coal-fired generator near Holcomb.

After more than a year of public hearings and studies, KDHE regulators prepared a tentative order approving that plan. But public reaction to feared carbon dioxide and other emissions from the plant led KDHE Secretary Rod Bremby to deny the application. Legislators then tried to overturn that rejection, but that legislation was vetoed in 2007 by then-Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

Sebelius' successor, current Kansas Gov. Mark Parkinson, along with state lawmakers and Sunflower, next worked out a 2009 compromise to reduce the scope of the original project in order to win state approval. The specific proposals from that legislation have been the subject of the public hearings that concluded with testimony from nearly three dozen people Monday.

The economic argument advanced by Sunflower, economic developers, labor unions and other proponents: the planned construction will create more than 1,900 jobs at its peak, with an

annual payroll of \$121 million, plus hundreds of more jobs after that, providing power to what Sunflower projects will be 500,000 customers.

The construction alone would mean \$7.5 million a year in additional state income tax revenue, said State Treasurer Dennis McKinney, speaking in favor of approval.

The environmental argument advanced by the Sierra Club and other opponents: hasty approval now will

set back efforts to develop wind power and other alternative energy sources that would create even more - and higher paying - jobs in the future as well as help protect the climate and the health of Kansans.

"It's imperative that we act now to establish a renewable infrastructure," said activist Dane Zahorsky of Kansas City. "That is where real economic growth will occur."

Kansas Prospects-Mixed

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - The economic outlook for small towns and farms in Kansas and nine other states continued to clunk along in October, a new monthly regional survey showed this week.

On a bad-to-good scale of 1 to 100, the survey of bank executives in 200 rural Midwestern communities rated Kansas' immediate prospects a fragile 51.0, up from 48.1 in September, analysts at the Creighton University Economic Forecasting Group said Thursday. That's the first time since July that the index has topped the midpoint 50 reading that marks the theoretical boundary between contraction and growth.

The overall index for all 10 Midwestern states also rose, to a weak 48.4 for October from 47.6 in September.

The problem, said Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who compiled the report, is that "unfortunately, very healthy farm income is not translating into healthy business activity for the Rural Mainstreet economy."

Specifically in Kansas and most of the other states, indexes two key

regional economic indicators - farm land prices and farm machinery sales - both popped into 60-point territory, while many off-farm indicators, such as retailing, bank loan demand, home sales and hiring prospects either dropped from month-earlier levels or bumped around below 50.

"I see continued turmoil in our economy," Dale Bradley, chairman of the Citizens State Bank in Miltonvale, Kan., told researchers. "I wish we could see light at the end of the tunnel."

In other states: -Colorado's index rose to a still-weak 43.3 in October from 42.8 in September as continuing job losses in small towns eroded higher farmland values and machinery sales.

-Illinois' index rose to 55.6, the highest in the region, from 52.5 in September as farmland price indicators rose for a ninth straight month.

-Iowa's index also inched higher, to 48.6 in October from 48.2 in September as survey respondents reported good early autumn harvests and a 0.1 percent gain in hiring over the last 12 months.

-Minnesota's index climbed to 55.2 from a month earlier 52.2, as a 3.2

percent jump in jobs gains during the last 12 months helped amplify good agricultural indicators.

-Missouri's index, the only one in the region to drop during the month, fell to 41.6 from 43.5 in September as farmland values and machinery sales posted smaller gains than in other states and 12-month job losses stretched to 4.3 percent.

-Nebraska's index moved higher to 52.0 from 50.4 on good harvests, higher crop prices and stronger agricultural indicators, but small business owners expressed concern about future costs of new federal health legislation.

-North Dakota's index remained unchanged at 52.8 as higher agriculture indicators were offset by weak job prospects and other non-farm business gauges.

-South Dakota's index advanced to 49.7 from 48.1, as bankers indicated some non-farm indicators in the state seemed likely to improve in the near future.

-Wyoming's index also increased to a still-weak 49.3 from September's 46.8 as bankers reported an increase in favorable borrowing trends in addition to the good agricultural indicators.

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Baylor Wins No Defense Game 47 - 42

By Jon A. Brake

How can you win a football game by giving up 683 total yards? That is what Kansas State gave to Baylor on Saturday, 287 yards rushing and 404 yards passing.

Oh, the question was "How can you give up that many yards and win?" You can't, Baylor 47 - Kansas State 42.

Now Kansas State had a good game too. KSU had 109 yards rushing and 298 yards in the air for a total of 407. Not bad, but not good enough.

Daiel Thomas had a total of 113 yards on the ground and took in three passes for another 27 yards. Thomas ended the day with 140 yards.

In most games Carson Coffman's passing would have saved the day. He completed 20 passes on 29 attempts for a total of 231 yards. No one scored on the passes and the longest was for 27 yards.

One the other hand, Robert Griffin III hit 26 receivers on 38 attempts for a total of 404 passing yards and (get this) 4 touchdowns. A total of 8 players were listed on the receiving chart for Baylor.

On the ground five players were given the ball and picked up 279 yards.

It was a great game to watch but it would have been better if K-State had come home with a win.

Kansas State Head Coach Bill Snyder

On K-State's running game...

"Sometimes we ran it reasonably well, once again not as consistently as we needed to. We had to punt the ball too many times and that means we didn't run it well, particularly the fourth-down play we had in the second half that cost us. That was a 14-point swing, not converting that."

On Baylor's offensive play...

"Most of it was a result of huge plays. I would hate to see the list. I haven't seen it yet of how many 30-plus plays they hit, but there was quite a few. When that happens we just don't have people where they need to be. That is our problem. That is our issue. We have to coach them better."

On his team's offensive play...

"This wasn't just the defense. It was a team loss. We had opportunities with our offense regardless of how well we moved the ball or how many points we scored. That



Baylor's Robert Griffin (10) did everything he could to win the game, even dance. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)

is not the issue. For our offense to be successful you have to outscore the defense. For our defense to be successful you got to hold them to less than what your offense gets. It is a team effort when we win. Just like last week, that wasn't because of our offense, that was because of both sides complementing each other; and our loss today was exactly the same thing. We were inept at times that we needed to have some success on both sides of the ball."

Quarterback Carson Coffman

On the offense...

"I felt like we were moving the ball pretty good. We could have scored every time, but we had two costly turnovers that stopped two drives and a couple other drives that ended on third down."

On his frustration level...

"I am pretty upset. I am angry. I

felt like we should have had this one. This would have been huge for us as a program. We didn't get it, but we play next week."

Defensive Back David Garrett

On his team's defensive...

"We knew exactly what was going on, we just beat ourselves. I am proud of my teammates that we kept fighting. I am proud of the offense, they kept fighting even though we weren't getting any turnovers for them or stopping them (Baylor)."

On whether the defense's lapses were execution or technique....

"I don't know. I just know, we knew what they were going to do and we didn't get it done. Like I said we didn't come to play like we know we can play, but like every week, we are going to put this game behind us and come play next week."

Sports Update

By Ben Brake

Bear Attack in Waco

Hello Everybody,

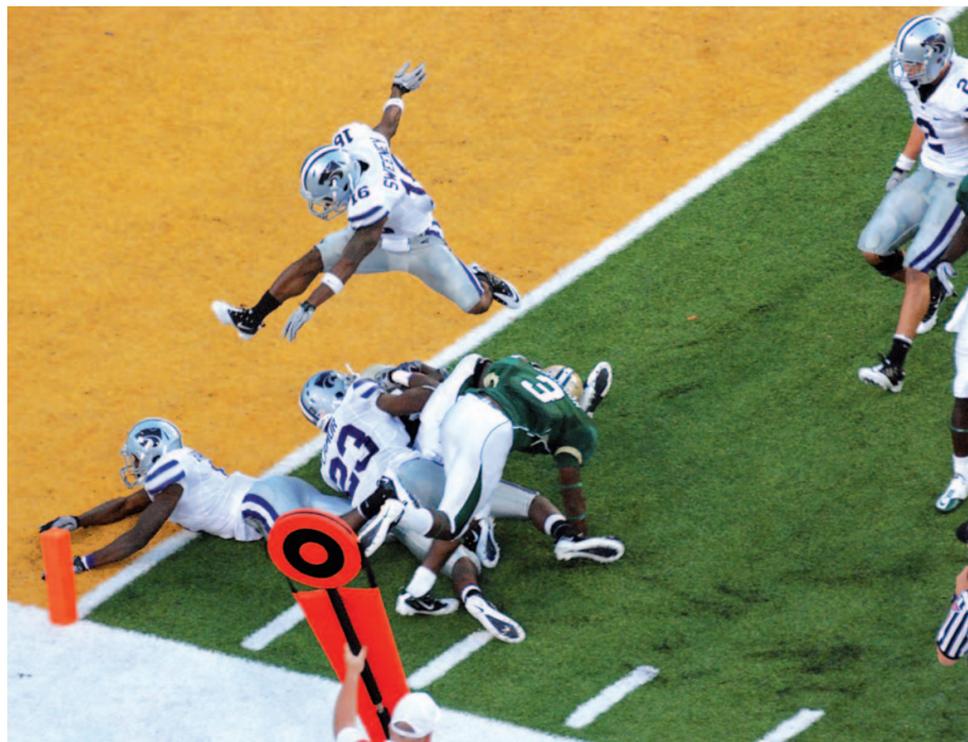
The Baylor Bears have come out of hibernation and are on full attack. You have to give Baylor a lot of credit for playing so well. They have really come along way and they deserved the win last Saturday. I would say that the Bears exposed the Wildcat defense; however, the defense has been exposed all year long. I don't know if we should name this year's defense the "Mack Truck" or "Swinging Gate" defense. The Mack Truck defense allows offenses to make huge gaping holes so you can drive a truck through. The Swinging Gate defense is if you give it a little push it goes flying open. Opponents are averaging close to 430 yards per game against the Cats and the Bears enjoyed racking up 683 mildly contested yards over the weekend. It seems like all the defense does any more is play a soft zone. Did somebody rip up the defensive playbook from the mid 90's? It would be nice to see a little pressure on the opposing quarterback on occasion. If K-State's defense gives the Oklahoma State Cowboy's quarterback time in the pocket, you can expect to see another game where the opponent racks up 500 plus yards.

Carson Coffman has looked a lot better in the last couple games; however, he is going to be tested

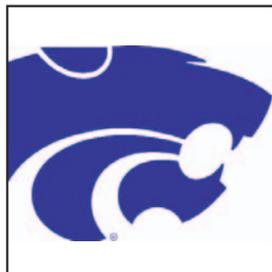
this weekend with a very explosive defense that will not give him time in the pocket (kind of like the defense I would like to see KSU go back to). Coffman will have to think fast on his feet and get rid of the ball extremely fast to avoid sacks. It would be nice to see the Cats use more of a spread offense with four wide-receivers. This would clear out the middle to allow Thomas to have more of a one on one challenge up the middle. If K-State utilizes the pass a little more it should make the offense more productive especially against the Cowboys this coming weekend. If they let Carson Coffman open the offense up with the two minute drill on the first few possessions, it should open up the run game and keep the defense on their toes for the passing game as well. I think Coach Snyder will need to open up his playbook this weekend and not hold anything back. Double reverses, Statue of Liberty plays, option passes with both Coffman and Thomas throwing the ball would be a nice treat.

My prediction for the game will be very optimistic with the assumption that Defensive Coordinator Chris Cosh will actually have the defense put pressure on the OSU quarterback. However, if they keep the defense in a soft zone Oklahoma State will eat them for lunch.

Prediction KSU 34 OSU 31
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Terrance Sweeney (16) takes the high road so he does not hit anyone late. The KSU defense stopped Baylor on this play but they scored three plays later. (Photo by Jon A. Brake)



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Kansas State Wildcats 2010-2011 Football SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
09/04/10	vs. UCLA TV	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	31 - 22 1-0
09/11/10	vs. Missouri State	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	48 - 24 2-0
09/18/10	vs. Iowa State * TV	Kansas City, Mo.	27 - 20 3-0
09/25/10	vs. UCF	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	17 - 13 4-0
10/07/10	vs. Nebraska TV	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	13 - 48 4-1
10/14/10	at Kansas TV	Lawrence, Kan.	59 - 7 5-1
10/23/10	at Baylor *	Waco, Texas	42 - 47 5-2
10/30/10	vs. Oklahoma State	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	TBA
11/06/10	vs. Texas	Bill Snyder Family Stadium	TBA
11/13/10	at Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	TBA
11/20/10	at Colorado	Boulder, Colo.	TBA
11/27/10	at North Texas	Denton, Texas	3:00 PM

Cats On ESPN2

The Big 12 Conference announced Monday that Kansas State's home finale against Texas on November 6 will be broadcast nationally on ESPN2 as part of the league's television package. The contest will kick at 7 p.m. from Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Following Monday's selection by network officials, the Wildcats will now have had seven of their first nine games on television, including three on the ABC/ESPN family of networks.

Tickets are still available for the Texas game for \$75, while less than 1,000 remain for Saturday's Oklahoma State game, including reserved seating for \$55 and group tickets for as little as \$20.

To purchase tickets to either of K-State's final two home games, visit k-statesports.com, the K-State Athletics Ticket Office at Bramlage Coliseum or call 1-800-221-CATS.

Kickoff for Saturday's game with the 20th-ranked Cowboys is set for 11:10 a.m. as FSN will televise the homecoming contest to a full national audience. For more information on homecoming activities, visit www.k-state.com.

A complete listing of Big 12 televised games for November 6 is below.

Saturday, November 6
Baylor at Oklahoma State, 11:30 a.m., CT, FSN

Nebraska at Iowa State, 2:30 p.m., CT, ABC

Oklahoma at Texas A&M, 6 p.m., CT, FSN

Missouri at Texas Tech, 7 p.m., CT, ABC

Texas at Kansas State, 7 p.m., CT, ESPN2

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Colorado at Oklahoma TBA

Texas Tech at Texas A&M TBA

Missouri at Nebraska TBA

Oklahoma State at Kansas State TBA

Baylor at Texas TBA

Saturday, November 06

Nebraska at Iowa State TBA

Texas at Kansas State TBA

Baylor at Oklahoma State TBA

Oklahoma at Texas A&M TBA

Missouri at Texas Tech TBA

Colorado at Kansas TBA

Saturday, November 13

Oklahoma State at Texas TBA

Kansas at Nebraska TBA

Kansas State at Missouri TBA

Texas Tech at Oklahoma TBA

Iowa State at Colorado TBA

Texas A&M at Baylor TBA

Saturday, November 20

Weber State at Texas Tech

Oklahoma State at Kansas

Kansas State at Colorado

Missouri at Iowa State

Florida Atlantic at Texas

Nebraska at Texas A&M

Oklahoma at Baylor

Thursday, November 25

Texas A&M at Texas ESPN
7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 26

Colorado at Nebraska ABC
2:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 27

Kansas State at North Texas

Houston at Texas Tech

Oklahoma at Oklahoma State ABC TBA

Missouri vs. Kansas FSN
11:30 a.m.

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Huskers Win Cowboy Shootout

Nebraska Sports Information

In an old-fashioned shootout that may have rekindled memories of Nebraska-Oklahoma State games of the late-1980s, the No. 14 Cornhuskers outyarded, outlasted and outscored the unbeaten and No. 17 Cowboys in a 51-41 win at Boone Pickens Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Nebraska amassed 542 total yards, including a career-high and NU freshman record 435 total offense yards from quarterback Taylor Martinez that included career bests of 323 passing yards and five passing touchdowns. The Huskers got some huge special teams plays from Alex Henery and Niles Paul to improve to 6-1 overall and 2-1 in the Big 12, while notching their sixth straight road win.

NU bounced back from its first loss of the season last week against Texas to hand OSU its first loss of the year and improve to 37-5-1 all-time against the Cowboys. OSU slipped to 6-1 overall and 2-1 in the conference with the loss.

The two teams combined for 92 points - the most during the Bo Pelini-era at Nebraska, and the most since NU and Kansas State combined for a 104 points on Nov. 10, 2007. That game included a school-record seven touchdown passes by NU's Joe Ganz, the only player in Husker history to throw more touchdown passes in a game than Martinez's five-TD effort on Saturday.

The Huskers and Cowboys also joined forced for 1,037 total yards.

It was the third-highest scoring game in the history of the NU-OSU series, trailing a 63-42 Husker win between a pair of ranked teams on Homecoming in Lincoln on Oct. 15, 1988. The next year in Stillwater, the two

Big Eight brethren mustered 71 points in a 48-23 Husker win. The second-highest scoring game in the series came with a 65-31 Husker win in Lincoln during NU's 1970 national championship season.

Martinez's day also included the fifth 100-yard rushing effort of his seven-game career, as he covered 112 yards on 19 carries. He became the first Husker in history to pass for 300 yards and rush for 100 yards in the same game.

The freshman from Corona, Calif., made the most noise with his arm against the Cowboys, producing the best passing day in school history by a freshman quarterback. He completed 23-of-35 passes for 323 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions. His five TDs were two more than his career total entering the game. He hooked up with Brandon Kinnie for three of the scores, including NU's first and last touchdowns of the game. Kinnie finished the day with three receptions for 62 yards.

Paul was Martinez's favorite target, as the senior from Omaha hauled in a career-high nine receptions for 131 yards. It was Paul's fifth career 100-yard receiving day and first this season. Although Paul did not produce a receiving touchdown, he did find his way into the scoring column with his 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the first quarter. It was Paul's third career return touchdown, including an 85-yard kickoff return against San Jose State (2008) and a 59-yard punt return against Colorado (2009).

The return tied Ron Clark (at Kansas State, 1949) for the second-longest return in school history. Paul finished the day with two kickoff returns for 119 yards and added a punt return for 24 yards to

account for a career-best 274 all-purpose yards for the Huskers.

Henery also continued to add to his legend as the best kicker in NU history, connecting on all three of his field goal attempts, including a 52-yarder. He also boomed three punts for a 50.3-yard average, including a 58-yarder. Two of his punts were downed inside OSU's 20. The senior from Omaha was also a perfect 6-for-6 on PATs to finish the day with 15 points.

But the kicks weren't the most impressive thing that Henery did with his magic legs. After Nebraska's opening drive of the game was stopped on 4th-and-8 at the NU 22, Henery rolled right on a punt-run option and sped down the right side for a first down. He made a Cowboy miss on the sideline, before the 6-2, 175-pound Henery cut his run back across the middle for a 27-yard run to set the Huskers up with a first down at the NU 49.

Moments later, Martinez connected with Kinnie on a 45-yard touchdown strike to give the Huskers a quick 7-0 lead just 3:40 into the game, and the shootout was on.

The high-powered Cowboy offense, which has scored 34 or more points in all seven games this season, answered with a pair of field goals to cut NU's edge to 7-6 with 6:40 left in the opening quarter. But after Dan Bailey's second field goal, Paul raced the length of field on the ensuing kickoff to give NU a 14-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The 20 points scored in the game's first nine minutes set the tone for the rest of the day.

Big 12 Standings

North	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Missouri	3-0	1.000	7-0	1.000
Nebraska	2-1	.667	6-1	.857
Kansas State	2-2	.500	5-2	.714
Iowa State	2-2	.500	4-4	.500
Colorado	0-3	.000	3-4	.429
Kansas	0-3	.000	2-5	.286

South	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Baylor	3-1	.750	6-2	.750
Oklahoma	2-1	.667	6-1	.857
Oklahoma State	2-1	.667	6-1	.857
Texas	2-2	.500	4-3	.571
Texas Tech	2-3	.400	4-3	.571
Texas A&M	1-2	.333	4-3	.571

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	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Lg	Avg/G
1. Hunter, Kendall-OSU Sr	7	161	1031	6.4	12	66	147.3
2. Thomas, Daniel-KSU Sr	7	167	895	5.4	9	45	127.9
3. Martinez, Taylor-NU Fr	7	100	870	8.7	12	80	124.3
4. Murray, Demarco-OU Sr	7	162	712	4.4	11	63	101.7
5. Stewart, Rodney-CU Jr	7	154	652	4.2	5	65	93.1
6. Finley, Jay-BU Sr	8	105	697	6.6	5	82	87.1
7. Michael, Christine-TAMU So	7	119	592	5.0	4	67	84.6
8. Robinson, Alexan-ISU Sr	8	119	608	5.1	7	65	76.0
9. Helu Jr., Roy-NU Sr	7	74	500	6.8	5	68	71.4
10. Sims, James-KU Fr	6	82	375	4.6	3	26	62.5

PASSING AVG/GAME Cl

	G	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Avg/G
1. Weeden, Brandon-OSU Jr	6	155	225	8	1966	19	327.7
2. Potts, Taylor-TTU Sr	6	189	286	4	1875	18	312.5
3. Johnson, Jerrod-TAMU Sr	6	146	259	9	1808	14	301.3
4. Jones, Landry-OU So	6	163	242	3	1791	14	298.5
5. Griffin III, Robert-BU So	7	154	232	3	1969	14	281.3
6. Gabbert, Blaine-MU Jr	6	151	227	3	1591	10	265.2
7. Gilbert, Garret-UT So	6	118	196	5	1213	4	202.2
8. Hansen, Tyler-CU Jr	6	103	154	6	1040	6	173.3
9. Webb, Jordan-KU Fr	6	99	167	4	1024	6	170.7
10. Coffman, Carson-KSU Sr	6	75	114	3	914	8	152.3

Cyclones Knocks Off Texas 28-21

Texas Sports Information

The Iowa State football team scored one its biggest wins in school history Saturday afternoon, knocking off No. 22 Texas, 28-21 in Austin, Texas.

The win, which came off the heels of a 52-0 loss at Oklahoma last week, was an incredible turnaround of fortunes for the Cyclones. Iowa State did it on defense, intercepting three passes and recovering a fumble to record four turnovers. And the Cyclone offense kept the chains moving when it needed to, as Alexander Robinson recorded his 11th 100-yard rushing effort of his career with 120 yards.

In the end, the Cyclones notched their first win over a ranked opponent on the road since downing No. 18 Oklahoma, 33-31 in Norman on Oct. 20, 1990. It was the first victory over

a ranked team since beating No. 22 Colorado, 30-16 on Nov. 12, 2005 in Ames.

More importantly for the Cyclones, however, was improving their record to 4-4 overall and 2-2 in the Big 12. It was the first victory for the Cyclones over a Texas team in eight tries.

"I am very humbled to be sitting here coaching this program on a day of a historic game for Iowa State," Iowa State head coach Paul Rhoads said. "We came to play today. We were focused, resilient and we executed better. We fought for 60 minutes and executed our assignments. The difference between this game and Oklahoma is that we had early success. With that early success, we built confidence."

The Cyclones raced out to a 14-3 lead at the half and increased their lead to 28-6 in the 4th quarter. But UT bat-

ted back, scoring 15 unanswered points to cut the lead to 28-21 with 3:15 left in the game. Iowa State hung on by stopping UT on downs on its final drive to secure the victory.

Touchdowns by Darius Reynolds and Alexander Robinson put the Cyclones in the driver seat in the first half. Josh Lenz caught an acrobatic 15-yard touchdown pass from Austen Arnaud in the third quarter to put the Cyclones up 21-6 with 2:42 left in the third quarter.

Robinson, who moved past Ennis Haywood to No. 5 on Iowa State's career rushing chart, tallied his second touchdown on a 20-yard scamper to put the Cyclones up 28-6 with 12:47 left in the fourth quarter. Robinson now has 25 career rushing touchdowns to rank eighth all-time in school history.

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KSU's Aubrey Quarles (89) picks up yardage.



Stephen Harrison (8) goes for the legs to bring down Terrance Williams (2).



A Baylor defender is having a hard time holding Aubrey Quarles (89).



Kansas State's Carson Coffman did not have a good day running.



Daniel Thomas (8) still makes it look easy.

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Texas Tech Defeats Buffs 27-24

Colorado Sports Information

Texas Tech revved up its passing attack in the second half, cashed in on a pair of fourth-quarter breakdowns by Colorado's special teams and rallied to defeat the Buffaloes 27-24 Saturday at

Folsom Field.

CU opened the second half of its 2010 season with a loss it couldn't afford. The Buffs now must win three of their remaining five games to become bowl eligible for only the second time in coach Dan

Hawkins' five seasons.

The loss was the Buffs' third straight after a 3-1 start, dropping them to 3-4 overall and keeping them winless (0-3) in their final season of Big 12 Conference play. The Red Raiders improved to 4-3, 2-3.

"It's tough to come up one play short," Hawkins said. "Our kids played hard, they battled. It was a back-and-forth game. They'll get back up tomorrow . . . half of life is getting back up when you get knocked down."

The Buffs appeared to have the Red Raiders knocked out at one point, holding a 24-14 lead late in the third quarter. But CU wouldn't score again and Tech would take advantage - particularly on a pair of miscues by the Buffs special teams.

One was a missed 35-yard field goal by Aric Goodman, the other a 29-yard punt by Zach Grossnickle. The Red Raiders drove to their tying touchdown after Goodman's miss and kicked the winning field goal after Grossnickle's short punt.

Held to 28 yards passing in the first half, Tech quarterback Taylor Potts responded with 258 and two TDs in the second. He completed 24-of-38 and had one interception.

From 5:50 of the second quarter through the end of the game, CU's offense was directed by backup quarterback Cody Hawkins, who filled in for Tyler Hansen after the Buffs starter suffered bruised ribs. Dan Hawkins said Hansen "was having a hard time breathing" but initial X-rays of Hansen's ribs were negative. No determination has been made on Hansen's availability for next Saturday's game at Oklahoma.

Tech entered the game averaging 315.3 passing yards a game, sixth in the NCAA. Tech's pass defense came to Boulder nowhere near the Top 10 (No. 80, 293.2 average yards allowed), and CU appeared eager to take advantage.

Hansen completed 9-of-10 pass-

es for 62 yards, but Hawkins finished 22-of-43 for 274 yards and a pair of touchdowns to true freshman Paul Richardson. CU totaled 336 passing yards to Tech's 286.

But Tech outrushed CU 144-28, a stunning stat given the Buffs' 155.0-yard average and the Red Raiders' weekly allowance of 142.5.

Asked what Tech might have done to disrupt his offense, Cody Hawkins said, "They got in the huddle and told us to screw ourselves . . . no, we just didn't execute."

With CU moving to the Pac-12 Conference next season, Tech's visit Saturday likely was its last. But the Red Raiders made their final trip to the Rockies count, earning their first win in Boulder in five tries and evening the series at 5-5.

The Buffs used a 45-yard punt return by Travon Patterson to set up their first touchdown, a 1-yard sneak over right guard by Hansen. Goodman's PAT gave CU a 7-0 lead that held until just after the midway point of the second quarter, when Tech tied on a 1-yard dive by tailback Aaron Crawford and Matt Williams' PAT. Williams' right leg proved to be the difference in the game; he made two field goals and three extra points.

After being injured on an option pitch left to Rodney Stewart, Hansen went down and was replaced by Hawkins, who pushed the Buffs from their 19 to the Red Raiders' 6-yard line. On fourth-and-five, Goodman hit a 23-yard field goal to put CU ahead 10-7 at halftime.

With Hansen's return ruled questionable at intermission, Hawkins opened the second half and engineered an 11-play, 80-yard drive for a score. Hawkins threw his first TD pass of the season and Richardson made his first TD catch, an acrobatic 3-yard grab.

Goodman's PAT put CU up 17-7, but Potts - finding his rhythm now - answered with a 15-yard scoring toss to Alexander Torres, culminating a 93-yard drive, and Williams extra point kick narrowed

the Buffs' advantage to three (17-14) with 8:43 left in the third quarter.

After forcing Tech to three-and-out, Hawkins and Richardson teamed for a 60-yard score and with Goodman's PAT, CU again went ahead by 10 (24-14). Richardson, of Gardena, Calif., became only CU true freshman to catch a pair of TD passes in the same game.

Facing fourth-and-15 at the Buffs' 23-yard line, the Red Raiders opened the fourth quarter with a 40-yard field goal by Williams that cut the Buffs' advantage to 24-17.

CU got a special teams break on the ensuing Tech possession when Grossnickle's 45-yard rugby style punt hit Blake Kelley and was recovered by the Buffs' Arthur Jaffee at the Red Raiders' 36-yard line. But CU advanced only as far as the Tech 18, where Goodman was wide right on a 35-yard field goal attempt.

It was Goodman's first miss in his last four attempts, and it was precisely the shot of momentum Tech needed. In seven plays, Potts pushed his offense 80 yards and hit receiver Lyle Leong with a 7-yard scoring pass. Williams' PAT tied the score at 24-24 with 10:54 remaining.

The Buffs went three-and-out on their next series, but couldn't force the Red Raiders to do the same. Potts drove them to the CU 12, where on third-and-five, his high, floating fade for Detron Lewis was intercepted by Buffs corner Jalil Brown.

Hawkins and his offense took over at their 20 yard line with 5:56 left to break the tie. But in addition to suffering another three-and-out, Grossnickle's rugby punt covered only 29 yards and gave Tech a first down at its own 47-yard line with 4:26 left.

The Red Raiders stalled at the Buffs' 16, but Williams saved the drive - and ultimately the game - with his 36-yard field goal, giving the Red Raiders their first lead (27-24) with 2:08 to play.

Oklahoma Suffers First Loss Of Season

Oklahoma Sports Information

Oklahoma's stay at the top of the BCS will be brief.

Thousands of yellow-clad fans stormed the field even before the end of the Sooners' final, desperate play, hauling one goal post and part of the other to a local tavern, after Missouri (No. 11 BCS, No. 18 AP) won 36-27 on Saturday night.

"It's huge, it's gigantic," said coach Gary Pinkel, who had been 0-6 against the Sooners. "It's a long time coming. I'm just real proud of our team."

Jerrell Jackson spun free from a knot of tacklers on a 38-yard reception for the go-ahead score that sparked a 16-point fourth quarter over the error-prone and Sooners (No. 1 BCS, No. 3 AP) and put a sellout crowd of 70,004 in a celebratory mood.

"We've worked hard for this and all we had to do is believe," quarterback Blaine Gabbert said.

Oklahoma (6-1, 2-1 Big 12) committed three costly turnovers, out of character considering they had only five giveaways the first six games. Two of the turnovers led to 10 points and the other squelched a drive deep in Missouri territory. The Sooners also missed a chip-shot field goal.

An 86-yard touchdown return Gahn McGaffie on the opening kickoff put the Tigers (7-0, 3-0) on their way to ending a seven-game losing streak in a lopsided series dating to 1998. They beat the Sooners for only the second time in the last 21 meetings.

Missouri is 7-0 for the first time since 1960 when the school ended 11-0 and finished No. 5 after beating Navy in the Orange Bowl. This one was especially satisfying, coming against a school that

whipped them the last three meetings, including ending the Tigers' one-week stay at No. 1 with a 38-17 victory in the 2007 Big 12 championship game and hammering them again 62-21 in the 2008 conference title game.

Oklahoma became another national championship front-runner to tumble in a road conference game, following Alabama and Ohio State, who were both No. 1 in the AP poll when they lost the past two Saturdays.

That helped clear the way for the Sooners to be first when the BCS standings debuted last week, but that will change Sunday. Oregon will likely take the top spot. Second place could go to Boise State, Auburn or maybe TCU.

Jackson had nine catches for 139 yards, both season bests. He totaled 18 catches the first six games, playing the pre-conference schedule wearing a cast from a broken left wrist.

Landry Jones threw three touchdown passes but was intercepted twice for Oklahoma. Aldon Smith returned one 58 yards to set up a touchdown in the first quarter and Xavier Gooden's pick in the fourth quarter led to a field goal, but only after Missouri had first-and-goal from the 1.

Jackson's touchdown gave Missouri a 26-21 lead with 12:43 to go. Gabbert was lined up as a wide receiver on backup James Franklin's 3-yard scoring run with 6:36 left.

Trey Millard's 3-yard run cut the gap to nine for Oklahoma only 30 seconds later after Mossis Madu's 77-yard kickoff return, but the conversion pass fell incomplete and a subsequent onside kick failed when a Sooners player touched the ball before it went 10 yards.

Big 12 Names Players Of The Week

Big 12 Sports Information

Blaine Gabbert (MU), Taylor Martinez (NU), Jacob Lattimer (ISU) and Gahn McGaffie (MU) have been named Big 12 Conference Football Players of the Week, as selected by a media panel. Martinez has been honored for the second time in 2010, while Gabbert, Latimer and McGaffie earn their first weekly awards of the season.

Big 12 Co-Offensive Players of the Week

Blaine Gabbert, MU, QB, Jr, Ballwin, Mo.

Blaine Gabbert led Missouri to its first-ever win over a No. 1-ranked team, as MU downed top-ranked Oklahoma, 36-27 Saturday night in Columbia, Mo. The junior finished 30-of-42 for 308 yards and a score. Gabbert completed 8-of-9 passes for 95 yards and one TD in the 4th quarter. Despite OU's 21-20 lead heading into the 4th quarter, Gabbert led a crucial 5-play, 72-yard drive to begin the quarter. His drive ended in a 38-yard TD pass to WR Jerrell Jackson for a 26-20. That score put the Tigers up to stay in what was MU's first win over Oklahoma since 1998.

Taylor Martinez, NU, QB, Fr, Corona, Calif.

Taylor Martinez set Nebraska freshman records for passing yards (323), passing touchdowns (5) and total offense (435) in NU's 51-41 win over undefeated Oklahoma State on Saturday. The freshman QB also posted his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season and is the first player in school history to post a 300 passing/100 rushing day. Martinez's 435 yards of total offense were the third-most in Nebraska school history and

his five passing touchdowns tied for the second-most in Nebraska history. He owns the top-five rushing efforts in school history by Nebraska freshman quarterbacks.

Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week

Jacob Lattimer, ISU, DE, Jr, Fort Scott, Kan.

In his first career start, defensive end Jacob Lattimer was a major factor in Iowa State's win at No. 22 Texas. He made seven tackles with two tackles for loss and two sacks, came at crucial moments of the game. After Texas had intercepted an Iowa State pass and took over 1st-and-10 at the Iowa State 46-yard line on the first play of the fourth quarter, Lattimer sacked Texas quarterback Garret Gilbert on the next play and forced a QB fumble. The ball was recovered by ISU defensive tackle Jake McDonough at the Texas 40 yard line. Iowa State scored its last touchdown just four plays later. When Texas took over the football on its last chance drive of the game with one minute left, Lattimer sacked Gilbert again on first down at the Texas 5-yard line.

Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week

Gahn McGaffie, Missouri, WR/KR, So, Galena Park, Texas

Gahn McGaffie set the tone for Missouri's win over top-ranked Oklahoma on Saturday night, as he returned the opening kickoff for an 86-yard touchdown and 7-0 Tiger lead just 14 seconds into the game. His kickoff return for touchdown was the first of his career and the first for Missouri since 2008, when Jeremy Maclin took a kickoff 99 yards for score against Illinois. McGaffie's kick return is the longest return by the Tigers in 2010.

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On the most frustrating thing watching the defense on film...

"Well it is easy to sit and say defense defense, defense, and we did not play well on defense. I did not have them as well as prepared as they needed to be and that was part of it. It is still a team game, and when you pull the water out of it and look seriously at it, you realize that even though we gave up points and yardage, we still had opportunities to win and it really was the result of some deficiencies on both sides of the ball and not just our defense. Our offense had five three-and-outs and they were created by our mistakes. Two of them were by penalties, two by turnovers and one by a missed assignment. I think that defensively we did do some good things - it just took a while to slow them down."

On Oklahoma State's offensive balance...

"Leading passer, leading rusher, leading offense, you name it and they have it. They are pretty proficient at what they do and who they do it with. Their running back and quarterback have been excellent through the course of the year. They have a lot of wide receivers and one has been truly special for them and is a fine player. They do it all well."

On stopping the run first...

"Well it is so easy that every defensive football coach in the country would say that the first thing that you have to do is stop the run, and I can remember stopping the run and getting beat by the pass. I think that it is a dual thing. You have to be able to defend against both. If you stop the pass and make them one-sided, they have the capacity to run the ball. For a team that can do both, you have to be able to stop both."

On Oklahoma State wide receiver Justin Blackmon...

"I like the passion that he plays with and the fact that he seems to love the game, and they have him on special teams. He is a complete player at wide receiver. They like to run him down field and throw the ball up in the air and let him go up and get it. He is a competitive receiver that competes for the ball. The talent and attitude towards the game is pretty good."

On Carson Coffman's consistency...

"We certainly need consistency and even more consistency. The turnovers are a concern, and he has held his turnover ratio down quite well during the course of the



William Powell (20) scores on this long run. (Photo by Jon Brake)

season. Two turnovers and the defense only holds for three points, but that is still a major issue. What you are talking about is not only three points but maybe 100+ yards in field position, which makes a dramatic difference in points as well. I like the enhanced consistency that he is playing with but it still needs to be enhanced some more."

On the improvement of the wide receivers...

"I thought that Aubrey (Quarles) had a really nice ballgame and I think that has always been there. Brodrick (Smith), before his injury, probably got more than his share of throws in his vicinity, but Aubrey has taken that position. I do not necessarily like it that way. I want it to be balanced. I think that if they all do a pretty nice job of the execution of their routes and their assignments, then they have the athletic ability to be proficient receivers, and you would like to see the ball spread out."

Quarterback Carson Coffman

On the mood of the team after losing to Baylor...

"I think we just want to bounce back from this loss just like we did after the Nebraska game. We need to recover and get back on track. It is kind of tough, though. Tensions were a little high at practice yesterday, but that shows that we care and are angry about losing to Baylor and we want to win."

On the need to score a lot of points against OSU...

"Yes there is a need to do that, but that is our goal every game - to

score every time. With the kind of points that Oklahoma State has been putting up, we feel a little bit of pressure to put up quite a few points as well."

On what practice has been like this week...

"Anytime you lose, guys are going to be angry. But like I said, at least I know that we care and are mad about losing, and that is a good thing I think."

On the confidence level of the offense...

"I think we are all feeling pretty good. But looking back at the tape against Baylor, I felt like there were a few opportunities where we had the chance to do something positive that would have helped us win the game and we could not get it done. So we still have quite a bit of stuff that we need to work on."

On the play of wide receivers Chris Harper and Aubrey Quarles...

"They have been really good recently, but I feel like they have been good the entire season. I think people are starting to take notice because we are relying on them a lot more now."

Fullback Braden Wilson On the disappointing loss to Baylor...

"It is just one of those situations that makes you understand that every play counts. If we had just one play on one of the drives where we did not score that we could have converted on, there would have been a different outcome in

the game. So it really makes you understand how important every snap of every game is."

On the mood of the team...

"I think everybody is a little hostile right now. Everybody is a little upset. We wanted that win against Baylor, and we needed that win. We just do not want to lose again."

On the pressure to score a large amount of points vs. OSU...

"The way we approach it, we feel like we should be able to put up a lot of points, and that is what we strive to do every game. But there is a little bit of pressure to score a lot of points this week."

On surpassing some expectations so far this season...

"A lot of people did not even expect us to win five games, but we did. We came in with pretty high expectations, and we still have really high hopes and we are working hard to fulfill those hopes."

On the fan support so far this

season...

"We have had great fan support this year. The student section has been awesome this year, and that means a lot to us."

Wide Receiver Chris Harper

On getting over the loss to Baylor...

"We are just trying to rebound. The same thing happened to us against Nebraska, so we just have to have the same attitude this week."

On the receiving corps stepping up...

"We are just trying to make the most of our opportunities. We are doing the same things that we have been doing, but we just know that we are going to have more of an increased role now that we are down a couple guys."

On the progression of the offense...

"Having Daniel Thomas running behind our offensive line is huge. Those guys open things up for everyone else."



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Kansas Falls To Texas A&M 45 - 10

Kansas Sports Information

An offensive outburst in the first half by Texas A&M doomed Kansas football Saturday night, in the homecoming game at Memorial Stadium. The Aggies scored four touchdowns and a kicked a field goal in the first half, and further solidified a win with another touchdown in the second to down Kansas 45-10.

Both teams entered the contest searching for their first Big 12 win of the season. The Jayhawks are now 0-3 in the conference and fell to 2-5 overall, while A&M moved to 4-3 on the year and 1-2 in the Big 12.

Kansas quarterback Jordan Webb paced KU's running game with 75 yards, and D.J. Beshears rushed for 64 yards. But the Aggies narrowly edged the Jayhawks on the ground 219-221 and outgaining Kansas 523-331 in total offense.

Webb was enjoying one of his strongest outings of the season before bowing out with an injury during the second quarter. Webb led a drive that included rushes of 19 yards and a career-best 25-yards. Webb ended the night with 75 rushing yards and threw for 90 yards. His favorite target for the game was Tim Biere who had a career-high four receptions for 67 yards.

Webb and Biere combined for a Jayhawk rally early in the second quarter, cutting the 14-point deficit

down to 10. Down 17-3, Biere nabbed a 32-yard pass to set KU up for a 13-yard touchdown. Webb found Biere in the end zone and Jacob Brandstetter kicked the extra point to make the score 17-10. Brandstetter connected on a 20-yard field goal in the first quarter for KU.

Late in the half, Webb looked to continue the rally but had a pass picked off in the end zone by A&M's Ron Miller. Miller then found the open field and ran the ball down 83 yards before Daymond Patterson took him down.

The Aggies would ultimately score on the drive, extending their lead to 31-10.

In the second half, the Kansas defense stopped the Aggies' first three drives, giving the offense opportunity for a comeback. But no more damage was done, as Biere's touchdown was the last for the Jayhawks.

KU will now travel to Ames, Iowa, to take on Iowa State next weekend. The Jayhawks will kick off against the Cyclones Saturday, Oct. 30, at 1 p.m.



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You have to hand it to Kansas State's Wide Receiver Chris Harper (3) for picking up more yards.



KSU's Stephen Harrison (8) makes a great defensive play on the ball.



Daniel Thomas (8) scores a touchdown.



David Garrett (27) makes another great defensive play



KSU's Prizell Brown is ahead of other defensive players on this play.

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