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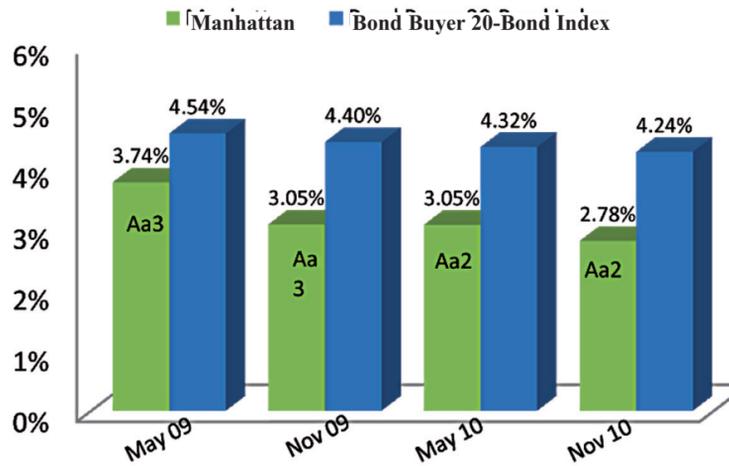
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Financial Outlook

Municipal Bond Ratings & Rates



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Moody's Bond Rating

Ratings are assessed on the following factors: economy, debt structure, financial condition, demographics, and management practices of the governing body and administration.

"Aaa" - Best Quality

"Aa" - High Quality by all standards;

"A" - Upper medium grade

"Baa" - Medium grade obligations; they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured.

Bonds in the Aa, A, and Baa are also assigned a "1", "2", or "3" based on strength.

"1" as the strongest and "3" as the weakest. Please visit the link below to view the City of Manhattan bond rating reports.

For years the City of Manhattan used Moody's to rate all of their bonds. About eight or nine years ago Moody's started telling people that the "Manhattan Kansas Debt is higher than average cities of this size."

What did the city do? Well, they did not cut their Debt they increased it by over \$100 Million and then took on two more rating companies to grade their bonds.

In the Graff above the City Bond rating had dropped to: Aa3 and now it has improved to: Aa2.

How did the rating improve? By the City charging more for Water, Sewer and adding to the property tax. The City Debt has increased to more than \$200 Million and Moody's will still tell you: "Manhattan Kansas Debt is higher than average cities of this size."

Budget: Kansas Delays School Aid Payments

By JOHN HANNA

Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas delayed half of the aid payments due to its public school districts at the start of the new year for a few days because of concerns about a short-term cash crunch, an official confirmed Tuesday.

Elaine Frisbie, deputy state budget director, told The Associated Press that \$98 million in funds that normally would have reached school districts Monday won't get to them until the end of this week. The state paid the other half of the aid on time.

She said the state decided to be cautious after its tax collections in December were about \$22 million short of expectations. Postponing part of the aid to schools allowed the state to avoid a delay in meeting other financial obligations, such as paying bills from health care providers for services to needy Kansans under the Medicaid program.

It's the first time since the state's fiscal year began July 1 that the state has delayed aid payments to its 293 school districts, but it regularly delayed them during the previous fiscal year. Frisbie said it's possible that if state revenues continue to fall below expectations, schools will see similar delays in February and March, as the state waits for revenues to catch up with bills that have come due.

"We knew at the end of last month, as the month was closing, we were down on taxes," Frisbie said. "We were taking the cautious approach."

Deputy Education Commissioner Dale Dennis said the delay isn't likely to cause problems for districts because the money will arrive Friday. But he said districts could face difficulties if the delays become longer in future months.

Dennis noted that in December 2009, the state delayed half of its scheduled aid payment for several weeks, and the state had to make special arrangements for six or seven districts so that they could continue to meet their payrolls.

As for this month's short delay, Dennis said, "We'll be OK."

Still, such delays have become a source of aggravation for superintendents and other educators. Mark Desetti, a lobbyist for the Kansas National Education Association teachers union, said districts' payrolls are the majority of their budgets.

"One would hope that it would stop soon," Desetti said of the delays. "At some point, it's conceivable that it's a challenge to meet payroll. That's why school administrators are so anxious about this all the time."

Frisbie said the state avoids delaying payments to Medicaid providers because it doesn't want them stop participating in the program, which is funded jointly by states and the federal government. Also, Medicaid is administered by states under federal rules designed to pre-

vent delays in payments.

In November, the state did postpone a \$15 million payment until December to the Kansas Bioscience Authority, for its efforts to nurture emerging biotech companies. And the state has delayed quarterly contributions in the past to pensions for teachers.

"We've never held a Medicaid payment," Frisbie said. "We always make payroll."

The latest, short delay in school aid payments come as Gov.-elect Sam Brownback and legislators wrestle with the state's ongoing budget problems. The projected gap between projected revenues and current spending commitments is expected to exceed \$500 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The projected gap results largely from the expected disappearance of federal economic stimulus funds, which the state has used to prop up aid to schools and social services. Some legislators have discussed allowing districts to tap reserve funds for general operations, to offset the loss of federal stimulus funds.

But Mark Tallman, a lobbyist for the Kansas Association of School Boards, said districts are using reserve funds now to tide themselves over temporarily when the state is late in making its aid payments.

"Districts have learned to their frustration that the scheduled payment date is at best a goal," Tallman said.

Trial Set In Fatal Collision

(AP) — A northeast Kansas man is scheduled to go on trial in March for a head-on collision that killed a teenager.

Twenty-nine-year-old Jason Brammer, of Frankfort, has pleaded not guilty to charges of involuntary manslaughter while under the influence of alcohol

and driving without liability insurance.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said Brammer was westbound on a county road southeast of Marysville on Oct. 4 when his pickup collided head-on with a vehicle driven by 17-year-old Taylor White. The Marysville

teen was killed in the wreck.

KNZA-FM reports that Brammer is scheduled for a three-day jury trial beginning March 14 in Marshall County District Court.

The Kansas attorney general's office is prosecuting the case.

Kansas Revenue Playing Catch Up At December Half

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — Kansas' economy and the state's cash flow continued to play catch up as the fiscal year's first half ended, according to preliminary numbers released Thursday.

Kansas tax revenues totaled \$488.9 million in December topping the year-earlier total by \$25.6 million, or 5.5 percent, but falling \$22.2 million, or 4.4 percent, below projections made in early November, the state Department of Revenue reported.

The results bring total collections for the current fiscal year, which began July 1, to \$2.64 billion, or just less than half the total \$5.47 billion forecasters have projected by the end of June.

The latest results, which will

become part of a more complete revenue report state officials are expected to release after the holidays, are the most recent numbers that lawmakers will be looking at when they meet next month to begin tweaking the state's current budget and mapping out a new one for fiscal 2012.

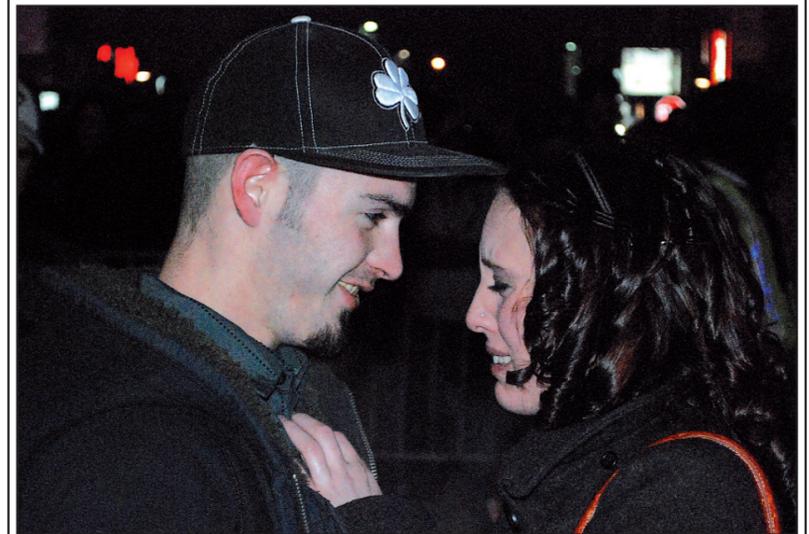
Thursday's preliminary numbers show that individual income tax collections for the year so far, which typically are Kansas' single largest state revenue source, totaled \$1.25 billion, a bit more than projected and almost 8 percent more than for the same period a year ago. Kansas will need to collect another approximately \$1.3 billion or more in the next six months to meet fiscal 2011 projections.

Retail sales taxes, the state's

second biggest single cash source, totaled \$980 million through December, 16.2 percent more than a year ago, primarily because basic sales taxes increased by almost 18.9 percent, to 6.3 percent, in July. The latest total amounts to a bit less than half the \$2 billion retail sales tax collections that officials have projected for the year.

Thursday's numbers also do not reflect a significant seasonal occurrence that often influences revenues for the year. Although many individuals and businesses pay year-end income taxes based on December results and retailers also collect a lot of sales taxes during holiday shopping, those revenues typically show up in January rather than by the end of December.

New Years Eve



It was something special for Kaeli Cowen (20) Topeka and Justin Weston (21) Manhattan Friday night at the Manhattan New Years Eve count down in Aggieville. Justin ask Kaeli to marry him.... She said yes.

Kansas Profile - Now That's Rural - Harry Whitney - Horse Clinician

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

MANHATTAN, Kan. -- Pick up a copy of America's Horse magazine. As you leaf through the pages, you may come to an article about an internationally renowned horse expert. Read on — you'll find that this expert on equines comes from rural Kansas. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Meet Harry Whitney, an internationally acclaimed horse clinician. Harry has deep roots in rural Kansas. His great-grandfather homesteaded the family home place. It is located on Gumbo Hill Road, just north of Manhattan. His grandmother Erma was a long-time

columnist, writing as the "Girl of the Gumbo."

Harry's mother grew up there, and his father grew up nearby at Keats. They married and had a career in the military before moving back home to the farm.

Harry's full name is Harry Everett Whitney III. That sounds like a name that belongs in some east coast school, but Harry got a rural-sounding nickname to compensate for it: Spud. Harry said, "My dad was in the military and was stationed in Maine when I was born. So I was born in Aroostock County where all they raise is potatoes. My grandfather wrote my folks and asked how that new little spud was doing. I've been Spud ever since."

Spud Whitney grew up around horses. Harry said, "I was on a horse before I could talk." He went through Riley County schools and graduated from K-State in animal science.

As a self-taught trick roper, Spud Whitney gained fame during his college days. Then he worked on the rodeo circuit from South Dakota to Alabama, doing trick roping, Roman riding, clowning, pickup man and announcing. He also worked on ranches, spending lots of time horseback.

In 1983, a Manhattan-area horseman named Bernard Wells asked Spud if he would start (meaning train) a young horse for him. Spud took it on and did so well that other people wanted their horses trained,

and the business snowballed. Spud got married and moved to Ottawa, Kansas where he trained horses full-time.

Other people wanted to learn about the principles Spud was using to train horses. In 1991, Harry and friends put on a clinic to demonstrate these training principles. It went so well that he put on another clinic two weeks later.

The business continued to grow. Harry's wife passed away in 1995, and he went full-time doing equine clinics around the country. Because of the weather, he started doing his winter clinics in Arizona and eventually moved there. He returns to Kansas during the holidays and often does a clinic around year-end in Spring Hill,

Kansas.

Harry's specialty is a week-long clinic where owners come to Harry with their horses to solve problems or improve their horsemanship. Harry said, "It's more about training the people than training the horses. People want to anthropomorphize. They want to impose their own point of view on why a horse behaves as he does. Instead, they need to see things from the horse's point of view."

When people understand the horse's natural self-preservation instinct, for example, then they can begin to understand what causes the action which seems to them like misbehavior and work to correct it. This fundamental understanding has led to Harry becoming an inter-

nationally-acclaimed horse clinician.

Harry handles it all with humor and humility. He said with a smile, "I just wanted to get through school. I didn't care if I ever got a job — and fortunately, I never did."

Harry's horse clinics have taken him from Maine to San Diego and from Canada to Florida — even Hawaii. In January 2010, he will present his clinic in Australia — for the third time. Wow. Not bad for someone who grew up on a farm north of Manhattan and east of the rural community of Riley, population 848 people. Now, that's rural.

For more information, go to www.harrywhitney.com.

Obituaries

Mamie Bayton

Mamie Ozell Bayton, 90, Manhattan, passed away Tuesday, December 28th, 2010 at Mercy Regional Health Center, Manhattan.

Mrs. Bayton was born August 1, 1920 at Salem, Alabama, the daughter of Alma Lenora (Wilson) and Wesley Thomas Moffett. She grew up in Salem, Alabama and attended the local public schools.

She was united in married to Moses Bayton on February 21, 1937; he pre-

ceded her in death on July 14, 1996.

Mrs. Bayton had been a resident of Manhattan since 1962. She worked as a housekeeper for the Irwin Army Hospital for over 20 years and worked in laundry service at Fort Riley from 1963-1981.

She was a very active member of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Manhattan. Mamie sang in the choir, served communion, cooked and served food, cleaned and worked whenever she was needed, and also served

as church treasurer for many years.

Mamie is survived by a daughter, Betty Bivens, Columbus, GA; one son, Johnny Bayton, Atlanta, GA.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Jimmy Bayton; one sister, Maggie Ashford, and four brothers, Leon and Theodore Bayton, Eddie Lee Hodge and James Moffett.

Funeral service were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 1, 2011 at the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Manhattan. Interment will be in the St. Peter's Cemetery, Salem, AL.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Manhattan, KS, and left in care of the funeral home.

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

Sherryl Swarts

Sherryl Anne Swarts, 52, of Ogden, passed away on January 2nd. She was born in Pomona, California on June 23, 1958, a daughter of the late Sylvia Jean Evans and Buddy Stoneking.

Sherryl moved to Ogden in 2004 from Las Vegas, Nevada where she was a former manager for KFC, and a former member of the Ogden zoning commission.

Sherryl is survived by two daughters, Michelle L. Porter wife of James, Ft. Knox, KY; Sierra Marquez, of Ogden; two sons Joseph

A. Swarts, husband of Ashleigh, Manhattan; Eric Swats, and his fiancé Jayme Hankins, of Las Vegas; she is also survived by 3 grandchildren; a sister, Stephanie Gonzales, of Phoenix; and a brother, Stephen Stoneking, of California.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. The family request donations to help defray funeral expenses.

To send an email condolence visit www.irvinparkview.com. Services by Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home.

William Green

William David "Bill" Green, 86, passed away Sunday, December 26, 2010 in St. George, Utah from complications of illness.

Bill was born July 3, 1924 at the family home at 12th and Houston in Manhattan, Kansas. Bill grew up in Manhattan, attended Sacred Heart Academy, later attended the University of Notre Dame before entering the Navy in 1944. He graduated from Kansas State University and did post graduate work at the University of Denver after the war. He subse-

quently married Shirley Elaine Tucker in Ft. Collins, Colorado January 1951 and they moved to Casper, Wyoming where he managed a family-owned hotel and several restaurants until 1968. He then returned to Kansas for his second career as a stockbroker, first with George K. Baum and Company in Kansas City and later with Stifel Nicolaus and Company in Manhattan, Kansas. He retired in 1987, and eventually relocated to Durango, Colorado, where he retained a residence until his death.

Bill loved football, was an avid golfer and devoted

Kansas State University fan. In retirement, he enjoyed life in the Rockies, Florida, and later in Mesquite, Nevada, where he was living at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mae Theresa McCarthy Green, father, Mont J. Green, stepmother, Maude Green, and two brothers, Jim Green and Mont Green Jr.

He is survived by his brother, Dick Green and wife, Nadine, of Olathe, two daughters, Diane Delaney of Los Angeles, and Teri Hirshey of Santa Fe, as well as five grandchildren. His former wife, Shirley,

lives in Manhattan at Via Christi Village.

Mass of Resurrection will be held at 10:30 am, Saturday, January 8, 2011 at the Seven Dolours Catholic Church, Manhattan, with Father Joseph Popelka officiating.

Inurnment will follow in the Sunset Cemetery.

Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

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

Don Zimmerman officiating. Inurnment will follow in Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to either the American Heart Association or the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

with Rev. Ben Duerfeldt officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bill Light Memorial Fund in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Hildegard Yadon

Hildegard Anna "Hilda" Yadon, age 80, of Manhattan, died January 2, 2011, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

She was born June 26, 1930, in Fulda, Germany, the daughter of Johannes and Katharina (Block) Eckstein. She moved to the United States in 1967, and has been a Manhattan resident since 1984.

Mrs. Yadon was a homemaker and attended St. Thomas More Catholic

Church. She was a member of the Mercy Regional Health Center Auxiliary.

Hilda enjoyed cleaning her house, playing bingo and decorating for Christmas.

On June 10, 1966, in Fulda, Germany, she was married to John Michael Yadon. Mr. Yadon survives of the home. Additional survivors include her brother-in-law: Larry Yadon and his wife Denise, Golden Valley, Arizona and her sisters-in-law: Nancy R. Crain, Ocean Park, Washington; Juanita Hodges, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and

Anni Eckstein, Fulda, Germany; and her nieces and nephews: Bernd Eckstein, Fulda, Germany; Renate Stroer, Kriftel, Germany; Daniela Gebauer, Axel Eckstein, Uwe Eckstein and Thorsten Eckstein all of Fulda, Germany.

She was preceded in death by four sisters: Sophia White, Maria Hamilton, Erika Eckstein and Anne Perner; and one brother, Johannes Eckstein.

Cremation is planned with memorial services to be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Father

(Clark) Light.

Bill loved all types of music and was true and loyal to his numerous friends.

Survivors include his sisters: Emma Ives and her husband Ed of Sumter, SC and Jessie Light of Manhattan, KS; nieces: Ashley (Baker) Bullard and

her husband Devin and Angela (Ives) Holmes and her husband Terry; nephews: Dale Baker and Ed Ives, Jr. and many other family and many friends.

Funeral services were at 3:00 p.m. on Monday January 3, 2011 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel

Church of Christ in Alma. Reverend John Austin will be officiating. Burial will follow at Peace Cemetery. The family will greet friends on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until service time. They suggest memorial contributions to the Wabaunsee County Museum or the Alma Manor Activity Fund and those may be sent in care of Campanella-Gentry Funeral Home in Alma. Online condolences may be made at www.campanella-funeral.com.

William Light

William "Bill" Light, age 47, of Ogden, died Thursday December 30, 2010 at his residence in Ogden.

He was born on September 10, 1964 at Fort Riley, Kansas the son of William F. and Carolyn Sue

Stella Thowe

Stella Florence Thowe, 96, of Alma, Kansas, died Saturday, January 1, 2011, at the Alma Manor. She was a life-long resident of the area.

Stella was born August 31, 1914, in St. Marys, Kansas, the daughter of Fredrick and Caroline Pfizenmaier Greishaber. She attended local schools and graduated from St. Marys High School in 1931.

Stella married Arnold Julius Thowe on October 11, 1940, in Alma, Kansas.

He preceded her in death on November 30, 1989.

Stella was a farm wife and homemaker. She and her husband operated the family farm near Hinerville School until their retirement. They moved to Alma in 1969. Stella was an active member of Peace United Church of Christ and the Women's Guild at the church. She was also a member of the Wabaunsee County Historical Society. She loved to make quilts and enjoyed playing cards. She was a volunteer for many years at the Alma Manor.

Stella is survived by her son, Wayne Thowe and his wife, Karen, of Alma; grandson, David Thowe, Belvue and granddaughter, Lynn Deever and her husband, Marc, Alma; great-grandchildren, Garrett, Casen and Avry Thowe and Tate and Tallie Deever. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Linda; sister, Clara Grieshaber and brothers, George, Albert and Fred Grieshaber.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at Peace United

Soup Supper

At the Beecher Bible and Rifle Church
The congregation of The Beecher Bible and Rifle Church in Wabaunsee, Kansas, invites the public to a soup supper on Saturday, January 15th at 6:00 pm.
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New Years Baby



Daneila, Violet Olivia and Michael Butler

First Baby Born At Mercy Regional Center In 2011

Mercy Regional Health Center welcomes the first baby of 2011 – Violet Olivia Butler.

Violet Olivia was born at 4:33 p.m. on Monday, January 3, giving her the distinction of being the first

baby born at Mercy Regional Health Center in 2011. Violet was 7 lb. 2 oz. and 20.5" long.

Mercy would like to congratulate Violet's parents, Michael and Daneila Butler, on their new bundle of joy.

Mercy Regional Health

Center is located in Manhattan, Kan. The regional hospital employs close to 1,000 team members from the local and surrounding communities and supports a medical staff of more than 140 physicians.

Change Coming To White House

By BEN FELLER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retooling for a re-election run, President Barack Obama is shaking up his senior leadership team to deal with the new realities of his term: The era of big legislation is over, a massive campaign effort needs energy and people, and the White House is taking a toll on those who run it.

Obama's press secretary, Robert Gibbs, is likely to leave that job, and his interim chief of staff, Pete Rouse, may go, too. Those departures would significantly alter the management of the White House and the way it explains itself to the world.

In the coming days and weeks, Obama is also expected to have a new chief economic adviser, a new senior political counselor, and two new deputy chiefs of staff.

Collectively, the moves reflect that change is coming to the White House in ways that will alter the dynamic of the place and, in turn, will influence the agenda affecting the nation.

People outside of Washington politics may not recognize the names of the players. How Obama is rebooting his operation is the broader story, and the aides guiding him are a central part of it.

The White House goal is to become more efficient and less insular, to realign itself for divided government, to find fresh voices and to get Obama re-elected in 2012. A major emphasis will be to ensure that the campaign works in tandem with the White House, with Obama loyalists spread across the parallel operations or help-

ing from outside both of them. "To a certain degree, your team is your team," Gibbs said. "They may all just work in different places."

Among the expected changes:

William Daley is under serious consideration to replace Rouse as chief of staff, which is considered the most important gatekeeping job in American politics. Daley, a banking executive and former Cabinet secretary under President Bill Clinton, is said to want the job. Rouse, a camera-shy adviser to Obama who has served smoothly as interim chief of staff, had never wanted to do it for long. If Rouse decides to leave, Daley will likely come aboard. No other scenarios are being strongly considered. Obama and Rouse are expected to decide shortly.

Gibbs, the most visible spokesman for the president, is likely to leave the briefing room podium. It is unclear whether he would stay at the White House or leave for private sector work, but either way, he will remain a presidential adviser. Gibbs has been at Obama's side since 2004 and has been expected to seek a change from the grueling job.

Gene Sperling, a Treasury official and deficit hawk with ties to Wall Street and the Clinton administration, is considered most likely to become Obama's chief economic adviser. That announcement could come as soon as Friday. Sperling would replace Lawrence Summers as director of the National Economic Council. The job becomes even more important considering that no task is more vital to

Obama, both for the country's well-being and his own political fortunes, than boosting job growth in a time of high unemployment.

David Axelrod, one of Obama's most trusted advisers and strategists, is leaving the White House after the State of the Union speech in January. He plans to recharge at home in Chicago and play a significant role in Obama's re-election bid. David Plouffe, Obama's presidential campaign manager and a counselor to Obama over the last two years from outside the building, is expected to join the White House as early as next week as a top adviser.

For all the insider intrigue that surrounds who is coming and going, the overlooked element is why.

One core factor shaping Obama's thinking is the new dynamic in Washington. Republicans have won control of the House and eroded the Obama's Democratic majority in the Senate, which fundamentally changes the White House agenda.

Obama's chief of staff must reorient his legislative and legal departments to deal with a Republican-led House. The White House will be on the defensive much more than the offensive, trying to protect and enforce the huge health care and Wall Street reform laws of the last year, and getting more organized to deal with aggressive Republican oversight.

For all of Obama's intentions to swing big on areas like immigration reform, aides realistically expect a greater focus on implementation and on trying to work with Republicans on cutting the deficit.

Of The Decade

Expert Reflects On The Top Five Business Moments

Corporate ethics made for several news headlines in the last 10 years.

Diane Swanson, a professor of management and the chair of the business ethics education initiative at Kansas State University, is considered one of the foremost experts in the field of corporate ethics. According to Swanson, the following were five of the most influential ethical moments within the business sector this decade:

* Corporate philanthropy and price gouging on 9/11. Television coverage of Sept. 11 often featured a small ticker at the bottom of the screen, listing businesses that donated to recovery efforts. "At the same time there were recorded instances of price gouging at the gas pumps," Swanson said. "This really stood out to me as an ethics moment because at the same time some businesses were hiking up the price of fuel, others were making unprecedented donations to the recovery effort and telling workers to go home and be with their families."

* The BP oil gusher. The BP oil rig accident and the resulting crisis demonstrates the vital importance of effective

government regulation of risky industries, Swanson said. Consequently, the social, environmental and financial impacts will continue to be an issue across the globe well through the coming decade. "The theory is that we allow corporations to be chartered and to become as large as they are for the social good. However, there's a point when it can no longer be said that self-regulation is going to serve that goal in certain industries," she said.

* The subprime mortgage crisis and foreclosures. "In moral reasoning evidence indicates that most people reason on a conventional level. They look to a rule or law for a boundary for their peer group. That's where most people reason. But if you take out the rules and the peer group believes everybody else is doing what they are, that creates a real moral hazard," Swanson said. "We saw the effects of that hazard in the asymmetrical bailouts that rescued big banks but failed to provide such assistance to most homeowners."

* Fall of Enron. Enron's collapse gave the world a snapshot of a company that projected an image of finan-

cial strength while crumbling internally. Enron's demise also dealt a blow to the accounting profession, Swanson said. "That profession really lost its time-honored ability to self-regulate. It embodied a real shift that such a large profession charged with important oversight duties can no longer be counted on to police itself," she said.

* Citizens United. The Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission ruling by the Supreme Court was a landmark decision because in treating corporations as persons, it equates money with the right to free speech under the First Amendment. As a result, corporations are not limited in funding independent political broadcasts in candidate elections, Swanson said. This ruling has created superpacs, which will increase corporate influence over future elections. "A powerful playing field has been created where corporations have undue influence and/or conflicts of interest. Whenever there are conflicts of interest and power imbalance, ethical dilemmas are like bombs waiting to be ignited," Swanson said.

K-State Professor Is State Social Worker Of The Year

Kansas State University's Jacque Gibbons has been named the social worker of the year in Kansas.

Gibbons, an associate professor of social work, was selected for the honor by the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The chapter cited Gibbons' commitment to the values and ethics of the profession; his volunteer service, particularly with the American Red Cross as a certified mental health responder; and his work to train future social workers.

"Jacque Gibbons embodies what the practice of social work is all about," said Betsy Cauble, head of K-State's department of sociology, anthropology and social work. "Not only does he educate students to follow in his footsteps, but he lives his values through his work with the Red Cross and his support of other social service organizations. It has been a rare privilege to have Dr. Gibbons as a colleague. He makes us all better."

Social work wasn't Gibbons' first choice for a career.

"I started college in 1963 as a physics and biochem major," he said. "I got caught up in the civil rights struggle, and realized that as much as I liked science and math, it really didn't seem to relate to what was going on in the streets. I found social work as an undergraduate major, took some classes, and stuck with it through a master of social work, a Ph.D and a clinical social

work license."

His service to his profession includes being chair of the Kansas chapter's ethics committee since 2001, and serving on the Manhattan and Riley County Hospice and Homecare Ethics Committee.

He also has been a volunteer with the Red Cross for nearly 40 years.

"My earliest involvement with the Red Cross was when I was in graduate school in the summer 1972. I stayed involved, mostly from a distance, until the 9/11 attack," he said. "The social work faculty at K-State discussed how we might put our skills to work in service of the community, state and nation. I decided to put my clinical social work knowledge to work as a disaster mental health specialist for the American Red Cross."

He completed his certification training in spring 2002 and has been providing disaster mental health services as a Red Cross volunteer ever since.

"Disaster mental health specialists help the whole disaster operation stay on an even keel, and that is a challenge when there are crises all around," Gibbons said. "Volunteers work to ensure the mental health of other volunteer staff, to assess the needs of disaster survivors for mental health services, and to help with the work of disaster relief."

His work includes assisting victims of Hurricane Katrina who relocated to

Kansas, people affected by the 2007 ice storm and 2008 tornado in Riley County, and victims of other disasters like floods and fires.

"I find the work challenging and rewarding," Gibbons said. "I particularly enjoy working with the Disaster Action Team here in the Riley County area. They all serve as volunteers who try to be there when needed; they are a neat group of people."

"Jacque's volunteer work and service to the profession of social work are demonstrations of his devotion to helping others, and to his belief in doing his part to ensure the best services possible for the citizens of Kansas," said Janice Dinkel, an associate professor of social work at K-State who helped nominate her colleague for the honor.

Gibbons' dedication to his profession may be most evident in the classroom. Dinkel said he helps K-State social work majors develop a passion for the career and the skills they need to work with communities.

"His students are involved as much outside the classroom as they are in it because of the projects he assigns them to address specific community needs. He teaches students to address problems through grass roots organizational methods, and serves as a role model through his own exemplary volunteer community service efforts," she said.



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Thoughts From The Prairie

About, Face!

One of the first maneuvers new Army recruits learn is to turn abruptly and reverse their direction of march. It is time for the Manhattan City Commission to execute a similar movement. The likelihood of the present Commission doing so is assumed to be zero. That being the case, it is time for the great American process of "government of the people, by the people, for the people" to be exercised. Commenting on the wonders of the American New Year, Ronald Reagan said, "Let us renew our faith that as free men and women we still have the power to better our lives, and let us resolve to face the challenges of the new year holding that conviction firmly in our hearts. That, after all, is our greatest strength and our greatest gift as Americans."



Dick Miller

that I would like to see Manhattan continue to be the best place in the world to live."

The Manhattan City Commission election is scheduled for April 2011. Wynn Butler is an ideal commissioner candidate; he is retired military and employed as an educator, two of the most significant segments of Manhattan's culture. Wynn first came to Manhattan in the mid 1950s as the son of an Army NCO assigned to Ft. Riley. Butler was assigned to KSU in 1979 to complete an advanced degree then served as Assistant Professor of Military Science of the KSU Army ROTC until 1983. He returned to Ft. Riley in 1988 and purchased his present residence. "My daughter graduated from MHS, so Manhattan is our home," Wynn said. "I have been particularly pleased with the local area; it is clearly the best community we had lived in world wide. The reason I determined to file for the City Commission seat is the fact

Mr. Butler brings 37 years of leadership and management experience to his candidacy for commissioner; 24 years as an Officer in the US Army and 13 years as an administrator and instructor for Barton Community College at the Fort Riley Campus. Wynn earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Richmond and Master's in Education Administration at Kansas State University. He received the prestigious Pearson CITE Award for Excellence in Administration in Higher Education in 2010 and the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award. LTC Butler participated in Desert Storm and received numerous awards and decorations for excellence in Military Service. Wynn is an Eagle Scout.

When asked to explain the reason the City Commission

candidacy is important to him, Wynn responded emphatically, "It is all about Priorities! Priority in Taxes, City Infrastructure and Responsible Growth. These three issues should be the litmus test for all City Commission votes. In general, I want to see our taxes go down with reductions that do not sacrifice infrastructure and growth spawned by the free enterprise system such that the tax payer gets a return that is tangible and value added."

Candidate Butler's position on specific issues is: "The city debt is too high and Economic Development dollars should be diverted to debt reduction; Economic Development means free enterprise; The City should never give away property and no loans should be forgivable; Water, storm and sewer rates must be fair across the board; Better cooperation between the various local governments is key and a lawsuit by the USD against the city is a futile exercise that is not in the best interest of the citizens; A Living Wage is not free enterprise; Data does not support the proposed City Ordinance granting protected status to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity; I support Commissioner Strawn's eight year term limit ordinance."

Now is the time to return the Manhattan City government back to the people and Wynn Butler is a candidate ideally qualified to ensure the proper execution of the "About, Face!" maneuver. A vote for Wynn Butler is a vote for a thriving Manhattan. For more information, please go to his website at <http://www.wynnbutler.com/> Thank you for your support.

The Barack Obama Presidency: When being unbelievable is the best defense

As we step into a new year I take a moment to reflect on what has been attempted and what has been accomplished in the struggle to preserve traditional conservative values in this country. This is a struggle to which I have committed myself for the long haul. Through my radio program "Conscience of Kansas" I have had the opportunity to bring to the radio-listening public some of the country's most renowned conservative minds. The topic they have all addressed in their own unique fashion is sections of Barack Obama's life and his effect on the country in his position as President of the United States.



Paul A. Ibbetson

advantage is that, you ask? The advantage is that the true story of Barack Obama's life and policies in practice, when grouped together, defy belief.

Speaking about their books, articles and lectures, these individuals boldly stepped to the radio microphone to share their investigations of Barack Obama and their concerns for the future of the United States. Jerome Corsi submitted the question that has still today to be answered on the absence of candidate vetting in the years preceding the 2008 election that would place into power a politician that could not or would not proffer simple qualifying documents such as a long-form birth certificate. David Freddoso outlined the hypocrisy and arrogance of Obama before the country would see it full-blown from the White House steps. Tim Carney, with his sharp mind and energetic zeal, walked listeners through the economic disasters that would befall the country under the Obama agenda. Brad O'Leary gave credence to the attack on Christianity that has become part of the administration's operating procedure. David Limbaugh, when talking with me about the totality of the damage inflicted on the country to date in combination with Obama's nonchalant indifference to voices of opposition, showed his frustration with a strength of emotion that cannot be questioned. The concern that came to mind when listening to Limbaugh as well as these other voices of reason is, "will people believe them?"

In fact, Barack Obama's life and presidency would be unpublishable as a work of fiction because in its totality, it lacks the realistic foundations that even the most fantastic works of fiction require. To put it plainly, the actions of Barack Obama are so historically over-the-top, so mindboggling in their destructive audacity, that on an average citizen's case-by-case analysis alone they appear to be pure fiction. When the actions of this President are presented in a chronological series, most people suffer a mental overload and simply disengage from attempting to place so many unbelievable pieces of information under their mental "fact" category.

I perceive that the problem for believability in cases like these are not based on a lack of factual evidence; on the contrary, the evidence brought against Barack Obama comes with endless pages of easily traceable source material which validate the arguments being forwarded. Since this is the case, it would be reasonable at first glance to assume that Obama would be politically doomed. To say this, however, is to underestimate the psychological advantage that sets in Obama's favor when being faced with the facts of his catastrophic administration. What

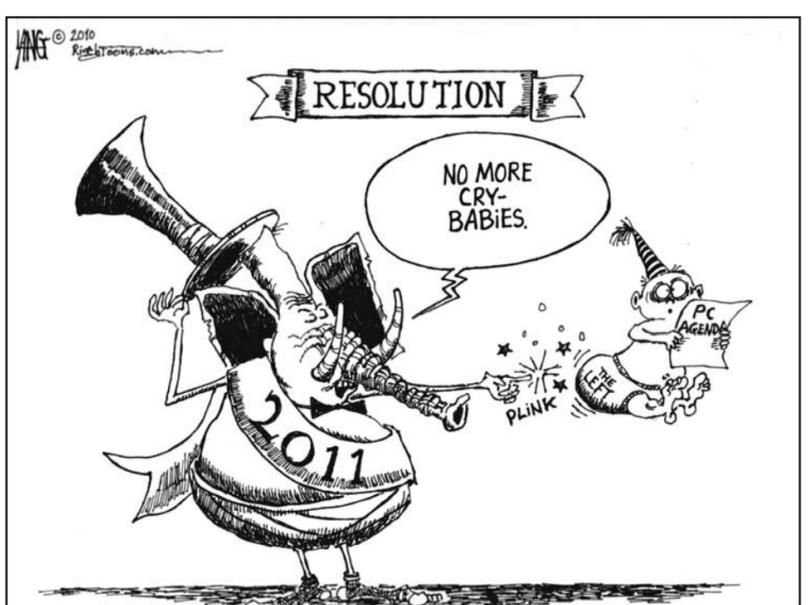
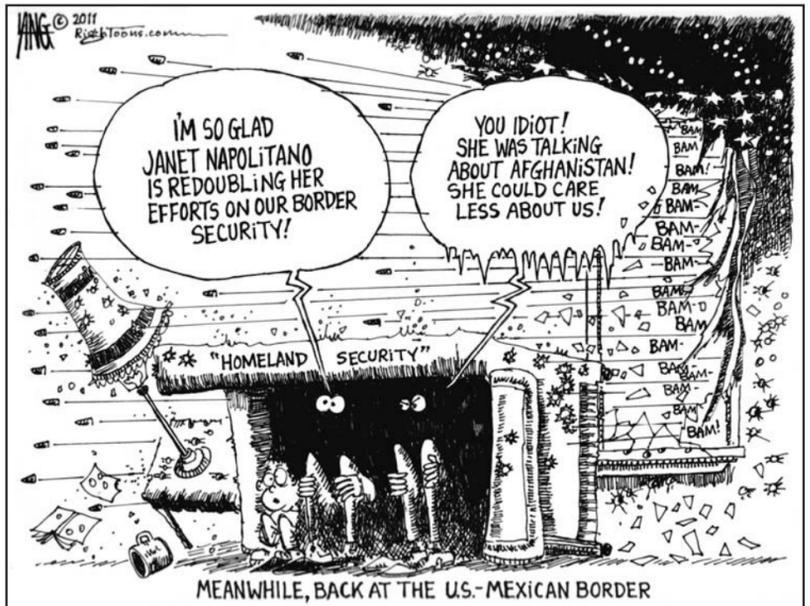
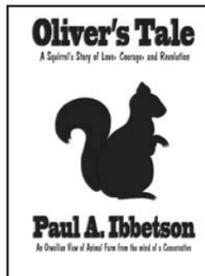
who appear to have the uncanny ability to draw vermin and other pestilence to their proximity have been documented into fictional works (Amityville Horror, 1977). The most compelling piece of fiction that Barack Obama has put into motion is the "all is well" scenario as seen in his "Summer of Recovery" tour while unemployment continued to hang near 10 percent (The Matrix, 1999).

If you tried to publish even a limited grouping of Obama parallels from reality to fiction, your piece would be rejected and you would be told it was too overwhelming, too grisly and too unbelievable. Publishers would tell you to tone it down, make it more like real life. This is what political writers face when attempting to counter the Obama agenda. To expose Obama, the opposition must expose the truth and in doing so readers are taken to the edge of their sanity. The President has, to a greater extent, been able to hide behind the outrageousness of his decisions. Still the battle for the acknowledgement of reality must continue. Personally, if the American people fail to take hold of the reins of government, I fear the future of America will fall somewhere among the realities of Red Dawn (1984), Mad Max (1979) and Planet of the Apes (1968).

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Some of the most creative fiction writers have paralleled limited portions of the Obama history with success. Let's take a look. A fresh politician gains political ascension while being controlled by sinister powerful forces (The Manchurian Candidate, 1962). A death-panel-conducive healthcare system that combines utopian ideals with compulsory participation (Logan's Run, 1976), or the systematic denigration of society that sees people being completely dependent on government while that same government feeds upon the populace (Soylent Green, 1973). How about a government so totalitarian in nature that its citizens are instructed to turn in (flag) their neighbors when they challenge aspects of the government's agenda (Nineteen Eighty-Four, 1949) or one that turns its back on the biblical foundations of childbirth to embrace an atheistic, eugenic vision of the future (Brave New World, 1932; Gattaca, 1997)? Even individuals like Obama

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



Riley County Minutes

December 27, 2010

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building December 27, 2010 with the following members present: Mike Kearns, Chairman; Karen McCulloh, Vice Chair; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Alvan Johnson, Member, was absent.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Paul Foltz; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Shelly Williams, Community Corrections Director; Becky Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Volanti presented a Portable Communication Device Allowance Form for Dave Lewis.

Kearns moved to approve the data phone allowance plan request for Dave Lewis. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

Williams said we were advised today by the Kansas Department of Corrections (adult services), that the State Division of Budget directed them to prepare a reduced budget of 33% for FY12 which begins July 1, 2011. Our 33% would total \$144,342.00, out of our total budget of \$437,400.00. With 95% of our budget dedicated to personnel costs, there will be significant personnel

impacts. Over the next few months, she will be working with staff to develop a plan for meeting the 33% reduction.

Williams said at this time, she does not anticipate being able to grant the merit increase previously approved by the Riley County Commission. Williams said she has begun talks with Human Resources on the impact to the department both in the short and long term. If at the end of the legislative budget we have a reduced cut, there may be the possibility of implementing the merits at that time.

Kearns moved to approve "Resolution No. 122710-54, Resolution establishing a policy for the annexation of county roads by cities in Riley County." McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to approve Out of State Travel Requests for Gary Rosewicz and Rod Meredith to attend the National Association of County Engineers 2011 Annual Meeting and Management & Technical Conference in Minneapolis, MN at no cost to Riley County. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to sign the Agreement with Grant Bannister for the Indigent Defense Panel in the amount of \$4,425.00 per month for the designated Administrative Attorney and \$4,116.00 per month for other attorneys for 2011. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to sign the Agreement with Brenda Jordan for the Indigent

Defense Panel in the amount of \$4,425.00 per month for the designated Administrative Attorney and \$4,116.00 per month for other attorneys for 2011. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to sign the Agreement with Gabrielle Thompson for the Indigent Defense Panel in the amount of \$4,425.00 per month for the designated Administrative Attorney and \$4,116.00 per month for other attorneys for 2011. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to sign the Agreement with Jillian T. Seaton for the Indigent Defense Panel in the amount of \$4,425.00 per month for the designated Administrative Attorney and \$4,116.00 per month for other attorneys for 2011. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to sign the Agreement with Stephen W. Freed for the Indigent Defense Panel in the amount of \$4,425.00 per month for the designated Administrative Attorney and \$4,116.00 per month for other attorneys for 2011. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

McCulloh moved to sign the Agreement with Miranda Johnson for the Indigent Defense Panel in the amount of \$4,425.00 per month for the designated Administrative Attorney and \$4,116.00 per month for other attorneys for 2011. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

Kearns moved to approve the following board appointments:

Barbara Stork Comm Dist 3 Fair Board 4 year January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2014

Allesa EwellComm Dist 2 Fair Board 4 year January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2014

Brian StillComm Dist 1 Fair Board 4 year January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2014

Alan Adolph Comm Dist 2 Hunters Island Water District 3 year January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013

Marla DayComm Dist 3 Museum Board of Trustees 3 year January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013

Dennis TollComm Dist 1 Museum Board of Trustees 3 year January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013

Dori MilldykeComm Dist 2 Museum Board of Trustees 3 year January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013

Dr. Michaeline Chance-ReayComm Dist 2 NCFH Area Agency on Aging 2 year January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2012

Bill MeredithComm Dist

3 Pawnee Mental Health 3 year January 1, 2011 -December 31, 2013

John LindholmComm Dist 3 Riley County Council on Aging 3 year January 1, 2011 -December 31, 2013

Diane HooblerComm Dist 1 Riley County Planning Board/Board of Zoning Appeals 3 year January 1, 2011 -December 31, 2013

Darrell WesterveltComm Dist 1 Road and Bridge 3 year January 1, 2011 -December 31, 2013

Jeff Hancock Comm Dist 2 Road and Bridge 3 year January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013

McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Gregg Yenser, a Seasonal Laborer, in the Parks Department, for Separation from County Service, effective December 23, 2010.

McCulloh moved to approve the minutes of December 23, 2010 as amended. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:00 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Kearns opened the Public Hearing for the 2010 budget amendment.

Shepek presented and discussed the 2010 budget amendment.

No public comment.

Kearns closed the Public Hearing.

McCulloh moved to approve the following 2010 budget amendment.

Certificate To the Clerk of Riley County, State of Kansas

We, the undersigned, duly elected, qualified, and acting officers of

Riley County certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;(2) after the Budget Hearing this Budget was duly approved and

adopted as the maximum expenditure for the various funds for the year.

Amended 2010 Budget Page

Amount of Tax Table of Contents:

No. Expenditures to be Levied Fund K.S.A. Capital Improvements Fund 19-120 2 5,597,009 0

County Auction Fund **** 3 51,235 0

Adult Services Fund **** 4 539,576 0

County Building Fund

19-15,116 5 665,387 287,480 University Park Water & Sewer 19-27a09 6 91,467 4,513 RCPD Fund **** 7 3,370,401 2,952,521

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Emergency 911 Fund 12-53019 640,234 0

Totals x 11,046,429 3,244,514

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Governing Body F o l l o w - u p : Yes ___ No ___

Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

9:12 Budget and Planning Committee - Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Larry Couchman, EMS Director; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Shepek presented a CIP, a county building, an economic development, and a ½ cent sales tax update.

9:30 Larry Couchman, EMS Director

Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Nikki Marcotte, KMAN, attended.

Couchman presented a 2011 calendar to the Board of County Commissioners with a picture of a Riley County EMS Ambulance being featured.

Couchman said the current contractual arrangement with Mercy Regional Health Center provides a mechanism for EMS to maintain a reserve account equal to a maximum of two months (~\$320,000) of operational expense. The purpose of the reserve account is to have a means to offset cash flow if there is an interruption of payment from major third party payers, address unforeseen expenses related to disaster operations and a mechanism to save for operational capital purchases. Funding for the reserve account is accomplished through end of the year transfers when EMS operations were able to come under budget. The last such transfer occurred in 2003 in the amount of

\$50,000. Couchman said in 2009 and 2010 the reserve account contributed money to offset the lease purchase cost of our new ambulance purchases. These transfers have reduced the reserve account to a balance of \$110,514.

Couchman said for 2010, he is projecting the department to come in around \$110,000 under budget. This is due to several reasons: 1. Temporary reinstatement by the federal government of a proposed Medicare reduction of 2%. 2. More favorable third party payer mix of patient transports. 3. Tight management of personnel expenses during the winter of 2010 when call volume was slower. 4. Stabilized call volume throughout the year resulting in more transports.

Couchman said he is requesting the Riley County Commission to consider transferring \$90,000 from our 2010 budget into the reserve account. This would leave approximately 2.4% of the budget or \$20,000 to go back into the general fund for 2011 carryover.

Couchman said in 2011, he would like the Riley County Commission to consider funding two different projects from this reserve account: Replacement of a SUV which has been carried as a non-funded project in the CIP (~\$34,000) and replacement of one of our event vehicles (~\$21,000).

Couchman said transferring the \$90,000 would allow us to start rebuilding the EMS reserve account while meeting the county budgeted goal of a 2% carryover for 2011.

Holeman said the new draft agreement for ambulance service Riley County and Mercy staff are working on requiring the reserve account be used only for capital expenditures.

Kearns recommended tabling the topic until January when the commission reorganizes and we have a better idea of what the carryover amount will be.

McCulloh agreed.

9:45 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Nikki Marcotte, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

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Have You Read What the Free Press Said?

Minutes

from page five

Holeman said recently a group of property owners along Wildcat Creek met with staff representatives of the City of Manhattan and Riley County. That meeting was set at the request of attorney Vernon L. Jarboe, who is acting as attorney for the group of landowners. The meeting's purpose was to provide a forum for the property owners to relay to the City of Manhattan and Riley County their concerns about flooding in the area.

Holeman discussed a follow-up letter to the above meeting dated November 30, 2010 from landowner attorney Vernon L. Jarboe. Since receiving this letter, he has met with Planning and Development and Public Works to address, at the staff level, each of the issues raised in Mr. Jarboe's letter. Holeman said his purpose was to determine if, at this stage, there appear to be any "county" issues regarding the matters in that letter. The short answer is, "No," at this time. The letter suggests litigation is a possibility, because it closes with the following second-to-last paragraph:

"In summation, it (sic) our opinion that there has been lax enforcement of regulations with regard to the areas around the Wildcat Creek drainage area--this includes specifically the Optimist Field and other structures that have been built in the floodway. We reserve the right to take legal action with regard to these issues whether the lack of enforcement is at the City, County or State level."

Holeman said the purpose of today's work session is simply to relay to the Board of County Commissioners the information available to staff at this time. While no litigation for damages can begin against the county until the statutory notice and the appropriate 120-day time period has run (and no such notice has been filed as of this date), Holeman said he believes it's a good idea to advise the Board of the matter's current status, in the event members are asked questions by landowners, their representatives, or members of the City governing body.

10:10 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session
Nikki Marcotte, KMAN; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attend-

ed. Cox said his department has collected \$96,479.00 in taxes from mortgage foreclosures. Cox said Riley County received \$20,900.00 of that amount.

10:24 Kearns moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:29 a.m. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

10:32 McCulloh moved to go out of executive session. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:32 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer
Nikki Marcotte, KMAN; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Hobson presented a Public Works' project update.

10:48 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Work Session -- Resolution establishing Riley County cost per acre of soil erosion inspection
Nikki Marcotte, KMAN; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Greg McClure, County Extension Agent, attended.

Holeman said pursuant to K.S.A. 2-2008(b), this Board has the annual authority to establish a reasonable cost per acre, intended to reimburse Riley County for any work it orders be done as part of its duties under the soil erosion inspection statutes. That action must be taken during the first business meeting of each calendar year, or the "default" cost per acre for reimbursement to Riley County is only \$3 per acre.

Holeman said Riley County Extension has provided information in the past that the "custom rate" for chiseling a field (to depth of 12 inches) ranges from \$6 to \$15 an acre, with an average of \$10 per acre. That is the kind of remedial work Riley County could conceivably be required to

hire done or perform itself, pursuant to the Board's responsibilities under this statute. Holeman presented a draft resolution for the Board's use in its January 3, 2011 meeting, if the Board decides that date to raise the statutory charge per acre from its current \$3 per acre.

Holeman said the intent is to establish a "reasonable" cost per acre to reimburse Riley County for "actual costs" likely to be incurred in carrying out the Board's responsibilities in the foregoing series of statutes.

Holeman asked the Board to advise what "per acre" cost they intend to establish January 3, 2011. Holeman said he will provide a resolution for their signature that date, if the Board intends to raise it above the statute's "default" amount of \$3 per acre.

The Board of County Commissioners by consensus agreed to set the per acre cost at \$15.00 per acre.

10:53 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Doug Messer, Assistant Fire Chief; Nikki Marcotte, KMAN; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Kearns moved to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Fire District #1 Board. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

P. Collins said Fire District #1 will transfer \$70,000.00 to capital outlay at the end of the year.

P. Collins discussed disposal of surplus Fire District property.

Holeman suggested a work session on disposal of surplus Fire District property.

Kearns moved to adjourn as the Fire District #1 Board and reconvene as the Board of Riley County Commissioners. McCulloh seconded. Carried 2-0.

11:07 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Work Session-- Chartering Out from Paving Benefit District Statutes

Nikki Marcotte, KMAN; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer, attended.

Holeman presented the current language of the relevant paving benefit district statute, K.S.A. 68-729,

gives Riley County perpetual maintenance responsibility after the original road surface is paved (and paid for) by those residents who form a paving benefit district. The problem is several of these original paved surfaces in different existing paving benefit districts have deteriorated to the point that simple 'maintenance' no longer is sufficient. Instead, almost total reconstruction of the surface is warranted. Yet the residents who originally formed the district have no incentive to petition for that far more expensive process. The natural inclination is to continue to rely on Riley County to fund ongoing 'maintenance' of that deteriorating road.

Holeman said the applicable statute (K.S.A. 68-729) is 'non-uniform' in that it applies to Riley County, but not to all other counties. Holeman said we are therefore entitled to use our statutory "home rule" authority to attempt to "charter out" from the existing statute and insert language of our own or strike out language in the existing statute which is unsuitable to Riley County. Holeman said we must publish notice of any intent to do so, and a sufficiently negative public response can stop the county from successfully "chartering out."

Holeman said if the proposed language were added, it would give Riley County significant flexibility in avoiding undue costs whenever a paving benefit district's roads have deteriorated to the point that on-going maintenance by the county is no longer reasonable.

McCulloh noted most of the benefit districts are in Alvan Johnson's district.

Holeman said he will bring back the topic as an update when Alvan Johnson is present.

11:15 McCulloh moved to adjourn. Kearns seconded. Carried 2-0.

December 30, 2010

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building December 30, 2010 with the following members present: Mike Kearns, Chairman; Karen McCulloh, Vice Chair; Alvan Johnson, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services;

and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for USD 383 Board of Education (216-13-0-40-01-034.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$652.02. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Homecare and Hospice Foundation Incorporated (212-03-0-40-09-004.00-0) for tax year 2008. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$106.08. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Homecare and Hospice Foundation Incorporated (212-03-0-40-09-004.00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$4,373.66. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Kearns moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Homecare and Hospice Foundation Incorporated (212-03-0-40-09-004.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$25,554.24. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve "Resolution No. 123010-55, A Resolution appointing Riley County representatives to advisory boards". Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

McCulloh moved to approve the 2011 We Deliver Courier Agreement with Riley County Public Works and Riley County Noxious Weed Department. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$210,724.14 and the following warrant vouchers for December 30, 2010:

2010 Budget	County General	\$722,743.55
	Teen Court Collected Fund	30.43
	County Auction	231.00
	Juvenile Intake Case Mgr	209.65
	Riley Co Juvenile Service	5,008.14
	Motor Vehicle Operations	9,073.11
	21st Jud Dist Teen Court	947.31
	Riley Co Adult Services	7,200.95
	Capital Improvements Fund	82,168.10
	Emergency 911	6,385.02
	Solid Waste	

171,749.80	County Building
43,544.95	Road & Bridge Cap
Project 85,262.90	RCPD Levy/Op
96,012.24	Resourceful KS Energy
Grt 126,022.49	Landfill Closure
157.93	Riley Co Fire Dist #1
19,776.16	University Park W&S
1,127.99	Hunters Island Water Dist
1,242.60	Carson Sewer Benefit
Dist 200.02	Deep Creek Sewer
791.18	Moehlman Bottoms
931.21	Valleywood Operations
275.77	Terra Heights Sewer
708.89	Konza Water Operations
3,833.83	TOTAL.....
\$1,385,635.22	

2010 Budget	County General	\$871.15
TOTAL.....		\$871.15

2010 Budget	Solid Waste	\$1,232.12
TOTAL.....		\$1,232.12

2010 Budget	County General	\$981.72
TOTAL.....		\$981.72

McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of December 27, 2010 as amended. McCulloh seconded. Carried 3-0.

8:55 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session
Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Holeman said a resolution establishing Riley County cost per acre of soil erosion inspection will be presented on Monday for approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Johnson agreed to change the cost per acre to \$15.00.

Holeman said a Charter Resolution -- chartering out from paving benefit district statutes will be presented on Monday for approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Johnson agreed with the Charter Resolution.

9:05 McCulloh moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

State delays payments to schools

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. — For the first time this fiscal year, schools in Kansas are not getting full aid payments from the state on time.

Instead of sending out the full \$197 million in payments due on Jan. 3, the Department of Administration sent out money to all districts for half the amount they're entitled to receive on that day, amounting to some \$98 million in cash distributed to districts.

It's an effort to manage state cash flow the month after state revenue collections came in \$22 million less than estimates in December.

According to Deputy State Budget Director Elaine Frisbie, delaying state aid payments to schools was a cash management strategy used at least 12 times last fiscal year in one form or another. Because of state laws governing how money in other funding categories—like Medicaid and state payroll-- are distributed,

school payments are one of the only ways to stem cash flow issues, Frisbie said.

"There are limits on what we can do on Medicaid, we can't delay payments to providers, if so much time elapses we start getting into problems with the federal government," Frisbie said. "The US Department of Labor and actually now state law say we have to make payroll and debt service a priority."

After many payments were delayed last year, most school boards across

the state have laid aside cash to cover payroll within their districts, said Deputy Education Secretary Dale Dennis.

"What you try to do is keep sufficient cash because of what happened a year ago, you got to meet your payroll," Dennis said. "A lot of boards will manage to keep sufficient cash to make payroll if the state is late."

Schools will receive the second half of their aid payments on Jan. 7; four days after payments were due.

"This week was minor, only four days, so it wasn't a big deal," Dennis said. "They'll get their money in about all cases before they have to pay teachers."

A representative for Gov.-elect Sam Brownback said the problem lies in the still-struggling Kansas economy.

"When the state's economy does not grow, there are no good choices. Our schools are facing a double whammy - a declining economy that caused a drop in local property values and a drop in state revenues," said Brownback spokesperson Sherriene Jones-Sontag. "That's why we hope anyone who cares

about our schools will join Governor-elect Brownback in his efforts to get our state's economy growing again and get the nearly 100,000 unemployed Kansans back to work."

Meanwhile, Frisbie said the Department of Administration has not started conferring about how the new secretary nominee, Dennis Taylor, will oversee things like school payments.

"We don't know what the new budget director will want to do as far as managing cash, we haven't even discussed that yet," Frisbie said.

Kansas energy company lands major Iowa contract

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Iowa's MidAmerican Energy Company reached an agreement this week with Siemens Energy Inc. to buy 258, 2.3 megawatt turbines to generate 593.4 megawatts of electrical power in western and central Iowa.

Nacelles, which essentially are power trains, for the turbines are being made in Siemens's Hutchinson, Kan., manufacturing plant that opened earlier this year. Financial details of the

transaction were not disclosed, but the units, which collectively will generate enough electricity to power 190,000 homes, represent an estimated one-third of the Kansas' plants projected output.

Iowa regulators also have approved a potential 68 percent expansion of the project, to a total 1,001 megawatts, but MidAmerican Energy hasn't decided if it will add that capacity, said Ann Thelen, a spokesperson for the Des Moines utility.

Siemens' Hutchinson plant, projected to create about 400 jobs, is one of four major investments in Kansas wind energy to which manufacturers have committed since state legislators in 2009 authorized up to \$5 million in various manufacturing incentives in addition to already-existing tax credits, sales tax exemptions, training and other economic development incentives.

Tindall Corporation, of Spartanburg, S.C., is building a Newton production facility, also pro-

jected to employ about 400 workers, to turn out precast bases for the huge windmills. The Jupiter Group, of Denmark, is opening a Junction City manufacturing plant where 120 workers are expected to be turning out turbine components. And Swiss-based Draka, a specialty cables manufacturer, is opening a plant initially hiring five to 10 workers in Hutchinson, to provide parts for the Siemens plant there.

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Start Early to Teach Children Decision-Making Skills

MANHATTAN, Kan. -- Children who learn decision-making skills early in life can be more able to weigh choices prior to making decisions as they go through the various stages of growth and development and grow into adulthood.

"Starting early provides learning experiences for children, when the stakes are significantly less than when a teenager must decide whether to attend a party where alcohol will be served or accept a ride with others who have been drinking," said Charles A. Smith, Kansas State University Research and Extension child development specialist.

So, how early is too early? And, what makes

an effective lesson? According to Smith, early pre-school years can be a good time to help children begin to consider alternatives, make choices -- and be accountable for their choices.

"This can be a fairly simple process," said Smith, who offered the example of a young child who fails to put his or her dirty clothes in the laundry basket.

While a parent might offer a gentle reminder, a child can make the decision to comply -- or not comply. And, while it can be tempting for mom or dad to pick up the clothes and add them to the laundry basket, there is something to be learned when the child would like to

wear a favorite shirt or jeans, but can't, because he or she failed to add it to the laundry.

If a child rushes to spend his or her allowance or a gift of money, then he or she may not be able to buy a wanted or needed item later. Coming up short also can be a good lesson in decision-making when it comes to saving and spending, said Smith, who encouraged parents to talk to children about choices to encourage the decision-making process.

Ask questions to encourage thoughtful evaluation, rather than answering the questions for them, he said. To help the child consider alternatives and potential consequences of each choice,

ask: Have you thought about A? Or, what would you think of B?

Be consistent; be reasonable and be respectful; try not to belittle a child's choices, Smith advised.

"The goal is to talk with your child and encourage the child to stop, step back and consider alternatives before making a decision," he said.

As the process is repeated and becomes part of everyday life, a child will typically become more aware that he or she has the power -- and the ability -- to make choices, Smith explained.

Does such training mean that a child will always make the right choice?

"No," said Smith, who

offered the example of student driver who gets a speeding ticket, and must pay for the ticket and lose driving privileges as consequences.

Allowing a child to decide and, then, succeed or fail based on his or her choices, is an important step in the growth process, he said.

Does that mean that a parent should give a child free reign in building decision-making skills?

"No," Smith said. Some choices, such as choosing to wear jeans or khakis, will be easy; others, whether to spend an allowance or gift money on a small toy or save for a larger item -- a new bike, electronic device or drum set -- will require more

thought. And, he said, with some choices parents must intervene, such as a small child who reaches out to touch a hot stove or teen driver who fails to buckle a seatbelt when riding in a car and then speeds.

More information about child development and building successful family relationships is available at local K-State Research and Extension offices and online: www.ksre.ksu.edu; Smith also maintains a family-friendly, ad-free educational Web site: The WonderWise Parent at www.k-state.edu/wvparent/ and is the author of "Raising Courageous Kids: Eight Steps to Practical Heroism."

Higher ed spending needs scrutiny, appropriations chief says

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. -- Kansas legislators this session may take a close look at the rapidly rising costs of higher education in the state, the new chairman of the House Appropriations committee said this week.

Statistics reported to the state Division of Budget show that Kansas' overall state outlays for Board of Regents programs and the Regents system's nine largest universities and research centers have risen at least 56 percent since 2000, more than twice as much as consumer prices generally, to almost \$2.26 billion.

In addition, Regents are asking the legislature for an additional \$50 million in 2012 to restore recent funding cuts, prevent dete-

rioration of universities' programs and help contain the costs for students and their families.

Both Republicans Gov.-elect Sam Brownback and state Senate Majority Leader Jay Emler, of Lindsborg, have said they think it highly unlikely the state can afford that kind of money while simultaneously trying to meet the state's elementary and secondary school funding obligations, dealing with rising Medicaid and social services costs, and trying to close what already is estimated to be a \$500 million budget gap.

Now, state Rep. Marc Rhoades, a Newton Republican named last week to succeed U.S. Rep.-elect Kevin Yoder of Overland Park as chairman of the state House appro-

priations committee, says he is skeptical too.

"You've got to be concerned when you see things jumping that fast," Rhoades told KansasReporter. "Detailed questions need to be asked."

And given what he sees as Kansas' more compelling need to close the expected budget gap by cutting costs -- "Why should we plan to spend that money if we know we're going to run out?" Rhoades asked -- "No one should be surprised if they have to make other adjustments," he said.

Regents officials declined Wednesday to address the pace of the last decade's spending increases until they could review the changes on which the calculations were based.

Regents chairman Gary Sherr of Overland Park insists that the board's \$50 million request is a reasonable one, however.

"Because higher education is an economic engine, we'll continue to make the case to policy makers that higher education should be a greater priority," Sherr said last week, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

But there is a more promising path that Kansas and many other states could follow, by incorporating more operating efficiencies in university systems instead of throwing money at them, said Tom Sugar, spokesman for an Indiana policy research group called Complete College America. The group already has enlisted 24

states in efforts to reexamine what members contend are disconnects between traditional college approaches to offering courses and the changing needs of current students.

"Kansas is in about the middle of the pack nationally," in terms of losing touch with students' evolving needs, Sugar calculates.

Statistically, fewer than a third of enrolling freshmen finish four-year schools in four years; only a few more than half -- 54 percent -- finish four-year schools in six years, the group calculates. Rates at individual schools vary widely. Bethel College in North Newton and the University of Kansas in Lawrence graduate 60 percent of their four-year students within six years.

Rates at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence and Donnelly College in Kansas City fall below 30 percent.

Reasons for the differences vary widely too, of course. But there are statewide changes, Complete College America believes, that can be made to schedule classes more efficiently, improve how easily credits can be transferred and generally improve accessibility that could dramatically successful on-time graduations, Sugar said.

"For parents and taxpayers, that ultimately costs less and opens up more space for more kids to come in," Sugar said. "More than enough money is being spent on education. We just need to get more bang for the buck."

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - A Florida public health official and the current Director of Rural Health and Outreach at KU School of Medicine in Wichita have been tapped by Gov.-elect Sam Brownback to run Kansas' health services agencies.

Robert Siedlecki, who has worked as chief of staff for the Florida Department of Health since 2009, will be head of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). He is trained as an attorney and formerly worked for U.S. Justice

Department as senior legal counsel for the Task Force for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives under the Bush Administration.

Meanwhile, Robert Moser, a physician who has worked to promote access to health care in rural areas of Kansas, will lead the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Moser was named Kansas Family Physician of the Year in 2006. He also served as medical chief of staff and medical director of Greeley County Health Services.

Brownback emphasized how his nominees are part

of his plan to protect Kansas families.

"Preserving the family is essential to preserving our freedom. For this reason, our administration will work for a strengthening of healthy marriages, a decrease in the percentage of children in poverty, and protection from threats to our state's families' well-being and survival," Brownback said. "Robert Siedlecki and Robert Moser will have crucial roles in implementing our Road Map to protect Kansas families and grow the economy."

Brownback said a top priority to protect families

is by making marriage more appealing for people on welfare by allowing them to keep their benefits even after marriage. Currently families on welfare are subject to lose their benefits if their income reaches a designated threshold, which Brownback said makes people chose not to get married to keep receiving assistance.

"You should be able to get married without losing benefits you're dependent on for your children," Brownback said.

Even though many welfare benefits fall under federal jurisdiction,

Brownback said he thinks SRS will be able to change the marriage disincentive under Siedlecki's leadership.

Because he worked promoting faith-based and community based initiatives for the federal government, Siedlecki said those organizations play an important role in assisting impoverished Kansans.

SRS had a \$1.6 billion budget in 2010, and is in charge of overseeing state institutions such as state hospitals as well as administering social services like welfare and food stamps. Meanwhile, the KDHE is tasked with supervising

environmental and health regulations in the state. Their budget request for fiscal year 2012 is more than \$263 million.

Last week, Brownback appointed Ed Splichal as Kansas Bank Commissioner and Tracy Streeter as Director of the Kansas Water Office. Streeter has already served as water commissioner since 2004, and Splichal was formerly president of First National Bank in Belleville until his retirement in 2008.

All appointments are subject to confirmation by the Senate when it convenes Jan. 10.

Brownback names SRS, KDHE secretaries

Unemployment claims dip to 30-month low

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - First-time unemployment insurance claims nationally dropped dramatically during Christmas week to their lowest levels since June, 2008, the U.S.

Labor Department said Thursday.

Kansas Department of Labor officials haven't yet made seasonal adjustments that will tell if something similar happened here, but their unadjusted preliminary

numbers follow the national path.

Seasonally adjusted first-time unemployment claims nationally dropped to 388,000 during the week ended Dec. 25, down 34,000 from 422,000 a week earlier

and compared to 454,000 a year ago, the labor department reported. Seasonally adjusted claims numbers were last below 400,000 in late June, 2008.

Unadjusted claims numbers, which reflect

bigger slices of temporary holiday employment, rose by about 25,000 for the week to 521,824 but remained below the 556,717 total recorded 12 months earlier.

Kansas' unadjusted first-claims totals rose to 5,680 for the week, up 848 from a week earlier but nearly 4,100 below the comparable weekly 9,792 recorded last year.

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A Conservative Plan to Transform America

By Edwin Feulner, Ph.D.
After months of "change," Americans have had enough. An Aug. 8 Rasmussen poll of likely voters shows only 30 percent believe the country is headed in the right direction. Two-thirds (65 percent) think America is on the wrong track.

The same overwhelming majority tell Rasmussen they want smaller government - one that does less, costs less and operates far more efficiently.

Progressives scoff, asserting that Americans want Big Government - they just don't want to pay for it. Besides, they argue, there are no other options: Conservatives have no ideas on how to address our problems.

They're mistaken. The proof is found in "Solutions for America," a comprehensive 54-page guide

from The Heritage Foundation that presents more than 120 conservative policy prescriptions to get our nation back on the right track. Some of the recommendations are groundbreaking. Others are familiar. All have one thing in common: They would return power to the people. And, collectively, they will transform America.

For example, "Solutions for America" calls for ending the era of open-ended entitlements. Spending on the Big Three entitlement programs - Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security - is on auto-pilot, consuming an ever-increasing share of GDP without even a vote in Congress. Lawmakers need to bring these programs into the budgetary process, establishing firm, five-year budgets and making sure that those needing help the

most get it.

We should raise the Social Security retirement age, and encourage people to work longer by eliminating payroll taxes for those over retirement age. We should let needy families choose how to spend their share of Medicaid dollars, allowing them to purchase higher quality private insurance. And when entitlement spending exceeds congressionally approved levels, automatic triggers should keep costs in line.

We must cap welfare spending, which now, across all levels of government, approaches \$1 trillion. Congress should consider all 71 means-tested welfare programs as a whole, eliminating duplicative programs and capping annual increases in welfare spending at the rate of inflation.

Moreover, lawmakers

should break the culture of dependency by making sure that able-bodied welfare recipients give something in return for their benefits. In some areas, this will mean strengthening work requirements. In others, it may involve treating some benefits as loans to be repaid.

Spending overall also needs to be restrained. "Solutions" recommends a mechanism to force Congress to live within a reasonable budget: a binding cap that limits future year-to-year growth in federal spending to inflation plus population growth. The general goal should be to lower spending to the historic norm of no more than 20 percent of GDP.

Other common-sense policy proposals in "Solutions" include:

- Aligning the top tax rate on corporate earnings

with those of our 30 largest trading partners, so we can better compete for business globally.

Letting states opt out of inflexible, D.C.-based programs, so they can resume their traditional leadership roles and freely pursue innovative approaches in areas such as education and transportation.

Ending corporate welfare and earmarks.

Returning to a foreign policy of "peace through strength" to deal with the growing threat of nuclear proliferation and well as the dangers posed by global terrorism and hostile conventional forces.

At a recent fundraiser, President Obama asserted: "The other side isn't offering anything new." As if centralized government based on the principles of control, spending, debt and redistribution of wealth is

new. It isn't. It's been tried worldwide and has consistently failed.

Yet the calls for lavish spending continue - the only answer we get from the current leadership. Conservative answers start from a very different place. The counterpoint to thoughtless and expensive government programs is not new thoughtless and expensive government programs. The counterpoint is real reform.

The principles that our nation was founded upon aren't ideas to be discarded. They're exceptional goals to be rediscovered. Real government reform is itself an untested idea. That's what conservatives offer. It's an idea whose time has come.

Edwin J. Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation.

Congress Rediscovered the Constitution

By ROGER PILON

If the new Congress to be sworn in on Wednesday is the tea party's cardinal achievement so far, its most symbolic achievement will come on Thursday, when the first order of business in the House will be a reading, aloud, of the Constitution. That event alone will not bring us any closer to limited government. But it will help get a debate going that for too long has been dormant.

Already, House Democrats are lining up to ridicule a closely related rule that the Republican majority has said it will adopt, requiring members to cite the specific constitutional authority for any bill they introduce. "It's an air kiss they're blowing to the tea party," says Barney Frank, outgoing chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. Henry Waxman, outgoing chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, all but dismissed any role for Congress in assessing the constitutionality of its actions: "Whether it is constitutional or not is going to be whether the Supreme Court says it is."

As a legal matter, Mr. Waxman is right; at least since *Marbury v. Madison* in 1803, the Supreme Court has had the last word on what the Constitution authorizes Congress to do. But well before that, and long after, members of Congress took it upon themselves to have the first word, often citing their oath of office.

In 1794, for example, James Madison, the principal author of the Constitution, rose on the House floor to object to a bill appropriating \$15,000 for the relief of French refugees who had fled to Baltimore and Philadelphia from an insurrection in San Domingo. He could not, he said, "undertake to lay [his] finger on that article of the Federal Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents." The bill failed.

Throughout the 19th century, members of Congress and presidents alike rejected legislation because they believed there was no constitutional authority to enact it. The bedrock presumption

of our polity, they understood, was individual liberty. The Constitution gave the federal government the authority to pursue certain limited ends, like national security and ensuring free interstate commerce, but otherwise left us free to pursue our ends either through the states or as private individuals. It did not authorize the federal government to provide us with the vast array of goods and services that today reduce so many of us to government dependents.

Thus the first question the new Congress should ask of any proposed law is: Does the Constitution authorize us to pursue this end? If not, that ends the matter. If yes, the second question is: Are the means we employ "necessary and proper," as constrained by the principles of federalism and the rights retained by the people that are implied by a government of enumerated powers? In essence, the Constitution is no more complicated than that. It was written to be understood by ordinary citizens.

How, then, did modern constitutional law get so complicated and federal power so expansive? One reason is that several provisions in the Constitution were written broadly to allow for contingencies. But those provisions were never meant to open the floodgates to boundless congressional power. The presumption was that any political redress of unexpected problems would be done with due deference to the larger structure, aims and principles of the document. This brings us to the main reason Congress leapt its constitutional bounds: a fundamental shift in the climate of ideas.

Early 20th-century Progressives, inspired by European social democracies, rejected the Constitution's plan for limited government, advocating social engineering schemes instead. Rule by government experts was the order of the day. As people and politicians succumbed to those ideas, especially in the states, courts would often block the schemes in the name of constitutional liberty. When Progressives later took their agenda to the federal level, however, and the Supreme Court continued to block it, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt unveiled his infamous plan to pack the court with six new members.

The threat cowed the court, which in a pair of 1937 decisions (*Helvering v. Davis* and *NLRB v. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.*) essentially gave Congress the power to redistribute and regulate at will, eviscerating the very foundation of the Constitution: the doctrine of enumerated powers. A year later, in *U.S. v. Carolene Products*, the court reduced property rights and economic liberty to second-class status under the Constitution. And in *National Broadcasting Co. v. U.S.* (1943), it allowed Congress to delegate ever more of its vastly expanded legislative powers to administrative agencies in the quickly expanding executive branch.

Now that one-party rule has ended in Washington, we'll see President Obama use these agencies to bypass Congress and promote his progressive agenda. On Dec. 23, for example, the Environmental Protection Agency announced a schedule for setting greenhouse gas standards for power plants and oil refineries over the next two years, notwithstanding that Congress has rejected cap-and-trade legislation. The Obama administration has also quietly issued regulations providing for the end-of-life counseling that the Senate rejected

when it passed ObamaCare. Expect far more of this in the next two years.

The 112th Congress will have its hands full simply monitoring what the more than 300 federal agencies are up to. But if the new members want to get to the root of the problem—if they want to start restoring limited constitutional government—they'll have to do far more.

First, they'll have to keep the debate focused on the Constitution, not simply on policy or practicality.

Second, they'll have to reject without embarrassment the facile liberal objection that the courts have sanctioned what we have today, and thus all a member need do when introducing a bill is check the box that says "Commerce Clause," "General Welfare Clause" or "Necessary and Proper Clause."

If these clauses in the Constitution enable Congress to enact the individual health-insurance mandate, then they authorize Congress to do virtually anything. The Supreme Court was wrong in allowing Congress to exercise power not granted it by the Constitution, and courts today are wrong when they uphold those precedents—even if they're not in a position today to reverse them until Congress takes greater responsibility.

Third, Congress has to start taking greater responsibility. Congress must acknowledge honestly that it has not kept faith with the limits the Constitution imposes. It should then stop delegating its legislative powers to executive agencies. Congress should either vote on the sea of regulations the executive branch is promulgating or, far better, rescind or defund those regulations, policies and programs that never should have been promulgated in

the first place (rescission may not be possible during the next two years, but defunding is). And of course Congress should undertake no new policies not authorized by the Constitution.

This is all a tall order, and it will take years. But the alternative—our Leviathan state, which recognizes no limits on its power—is simply unconstitutional.

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No. 17 K-State cruises to win over Savannah State

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) Jacob Pullen sure didn't look like he'd missed the last three games.

The preseason All-American scored 24 points in his return from a suspension, and No. 17 Kansas State cruised to a 92-61 win over Savannah State on Monday night in the Wildcats' final tune up before Big 12 play.

"This is basketball," Pullen said. "It's the one place I feel comfortable all the time, no matter what is going on in life. Basketball is always my comfort zone."

Pullen was 7 of 8 from the field in the first half and hit three 3-pointers, showing little rust after missing time for receiving impermissible clothing benefits from a local store.

Fellow senior Curtis Kelly is still suspended for his role in receiving impermissible benefits. He is not eligible to return until Jan. 15 against Texas Tech.

"I feel like a lot of people do not believe I should have been a preseason All-American," Pullen said. "That is motivation and I love when people do that. I love when people doubt me. It has been the story of my life."

The game was tied at 18 before Pullen went to work, capping a 19-point spurt prior to halftime with a nifty drive and left-handed layup at the buzzer, after Kansas State coach Frank Martin

had called timeout with 4.7 seconds left to set up the final play.

"I could tell by the way he has practiced since he got back from Christmas that he's pretty zoned in," Martin said. "He took good shots, passed the basketball. He kept the game simple."

Kansas State (12-3) led 46-35 by halftime and coasted after the break.

"He's a gamer," Savannah State coach Horace Broadnax said of Pullen, who gained national acclaim during last year's NCAA tournament. "He's one of the best guys in college."

Wally Judge liked what he saw during Pullen's return to the floor.

"A lot of 3s going up," Judge said. "It's good to have a strong guard back in the lineup. Just to have one of our senior leaders back means a lot."

Preston Blackmon scored 19 points and Jovonni Shuler had 15 for Savannah State (2-15), which has played 12 of its last 15 games on the road. The Tigers keep the trip going at Nebraska on Wednesday night before visiting Marshall next weekend.

Savannah State didn't look weary early, sticking with the bigger Wildcats until Pullen fueled their big run late in the first half. Kansas State was more balanced on offense in the second half, when Judge and

Rodney McGruder got into the act.

McGruder hit consecutive jumpers and Judge scored in transition to make it 63-45, and Pullen added a 3-pointer with 8:53 left from the right wing that made it 83-53.

McGruder finished with 15 points on 5-of-9 shooting, while Judge had 13 points and 14 rebounds. Jamar Samuels added 11 points as Kansas State shot 47 percent (31 of 66) from the field and 21 of 31 from the foul line — a modest 67 percent clip that far exceeds their season average, which had been among the worst in the nation.

Judge said some harsh criticism from Martin about rebounding set the tone for him.

"Frank made me mad," he said. "After he said something to me, I took it as a personal vendetta to go out there and grab every rebound."

Savannah State fared better offensively than the last time it visited Bramlage Coliseum, an 85-25 blitz in 2008 that set the record for fewest points by an opponent in arena history.

The Wildcats, meanwhile, begin Big 12 play at Oklahoma State on Saturday.

"Everything you do is wrapped around competing for your conference," Martin said. "It's all about the Big 12."



Jacob Pullen (0) came back from his three-game suspension and scored 24 points for the Wildcats against Savannah State. (Photo by Ben Brake)

K-State loses to Syracuse in Pinstripe Bowl 36-34

NEW YORK (AP)

The first Pinstripe Bowl turned into a home run derby, with Syracuse and Kansas State trading big plays and touchdowns in one of the most exciting games of this postseason.

A little too much enthusiasm, though, cost the Wildcats.

Delone Carter ran for career-high 198 yards and two touchdowns, Marcus Sales caught three long TD passes and Syracuse got some help from a celebration penalty on Kansas State to beat the Wildcats 36-34 on Thursday at Yankee Stadium.

Adrian Hilburn slipped a tackle and raced to a 30-yard touchdown catch with 1:13 remaining to pull Kansas State within two.

Hilburn saluted the crowd behind the visitor's dugout and was flagged 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct, which pushed the 2-point conversion attempt back to the 17-yard line.

"I didn't see it, I heard he just did a salute, which is kind of bogus," Kansas State quarterback Carson Coffman said. "It's something you can't do, we know that. Adrian is our guy, we're not mad at him for it, but I thought it was a little bit of a bogus call."

Coffman overthrew Aubrey Quarles in the end zone, and when Kansas State (7-6) couldn't come up with the onside kick, Syracuse (8-5) only had to take a knee to win a bowl game for the first time since 2001.

Daniel Thomas ran for three touchdowns for Kansas State, which was making its first bowl appearance since 2006.

In a bowl season filled with blowouts so far, the first bowl game in New York in 48 years turned out to be a hit.

The teams traded long gainers right from the start — Thomas went 51 yards for a score on the second play from scrimmage — and scored touchdowns on the first five second-half possessions.

Both teams pulled off successful flea-flickers, with Syracuse's going for its first touchdown.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder, sensing field goals would not be enough, called for a fake with 4:50

left in the fourth from the 11, but Syracuse stacked up Ryan Doerr on the run.

Snyder passed on commenting on the celebration penalty, instead blaming himself for the fake field goal.

"I went for the (fake) field goal, which in hindsight was not — wasn't a good call," he said.

Carter, a fifth-year senior who has endured a major hip injury and plenty of losses during his time at Syracuse, broke free for a 60-yard run on the next play.

It set up Ross Krautman's 40-yard field goal with 3:08 left that made it 36-28.

Too much time.

Coffman, who played brilliantly in his last college game, led the Wildcats into Syracuse territory and connected with Hilburn near the sideline about 10 yards down field. After winning a footrace to the end zone, he dropped the ball, did a quick salute and turned to celebrate with teammates.

"That kind of crushes it for me," said Hilburn, who caught five passes for 84 yards. "I'd take no catches if we had a win. It just crushes me. I don't feel like it's a great game to end that way."

Big Ten referee Todd Geerlings said both the head linesman and the back judge threw flags for excessive celebration — rule 9-1-1d — because Hilburn was drawing attention to himself.

"These kinds of excessive celebrations have been a priority in the rulebook

for the last several years," Geerlings told a pool reporter. "There's a whole page in the rulebook pertaining to sportsmanship."

The 2-point attempt turned into a desperation play.

Syracuse linebacker Doug Hogue said he was "all smiles" when he noticed those flags.

"I didn't know what happened, I didn't see what happened," he said. "I was just like, this is an opportunity for us to step up and that's what we did."

Coffman finished 17 for 23 for 228 yards and two touchdowns. Thomas was held to 90 yards on 22 carries by a defense that was geared to stop him.

Ryan Nassib passed for 239 yards and hooked up with Sales on touchdowns of 52, 36 and 44 yards in Syracuse's first bowl appearance since 2006.

Second-year coach Doug Marrone, a Bronx native whose grandfather was an usher at the original Yankee Stadium, has quickly turned around a Syracuse program that was flailing when he arrived.

"We won a lot of battles off the field, but now we are staring to win them on the field," he said.

It was Big East against the Big 12 in the first bowl game in New York since the Gotham Bowl matched Nebraska and Miami at the original Yankee Stadium in 1962. The final score in that one, by the way, Cornhuskers 36-34.

The weather Thursday was pretty much as expected: cold.

But temperatures in the 30s were more than tolerable for the crowd of 38,274 — more than 44,000 tickets were sold, the Yankees said — especially considering 16 inches of snow got dumped on the city four days earlier. And the snow piled as much as 8 feet high next to the outfield walls and behind the end zone where home plate usually sits just added to the scenery.

Those who decided to brave the chill or make the long trip from the Little Apple (Manhattan, Kan.) to the Big Apple were rewarded with doozy of a game.

It was tied at 14 at the half, and Syracuse started the second attacking Kansas State's faulty run defense, which ranked 118th in the country after the regular season. Carter's easy 7-yard TD run gave Syracuse a 21-14 lead.

"We knew we were going to have some seams and we took advantage of it," Carter said.

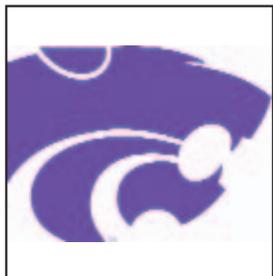
Coffman tied it at 21 with a 10-yard TD toss to Chris Harper and Carter came right back with a 15-yard TD run. But Krautman knocked the point after wide and Syracuse led 27-21 heading into the fourth quarter.

Thomas gave Kansas State a 28-27 lead on a 1-yard run on fourth-and-goal with 11:03 left in the fourth.

Sales, who came in with one touchdown on the season, got his third of the game with 7:52 left, but Syracuse's 2-point attempt failed and it was 33-28 Orange.



K-State's Quarterback Carson Coffman (14) finished 17 for 23 for 228 yards and two touchdowns. (Photo by Jon Brake)



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Big 12 Basketball Standings

Men's Standings

	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Kansas	0-0	.000	13-0	1.000
Missouri	0-0	.000	13-1	.929
Texas A&M	0-0	.000	13-1	.929
Iowa State	0-0	.000	13-2	.867
Oklahoma State	0-0	.000	12-2	.857
Texas	0-0	.000	12-2	.857
Nebraska	0-0	.000	11-2	.846
Kansas State	0-0	.000	12-3	.800
Baylor	0-0	.000	10-3	.769
Colorado	0-0	.000	10-4	.714
Oklahoma	0-0	.000	8-6	.571
Texas Tech	0-0	.000	8-7	.533

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Women's Standings

	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Baylor	0-0	.000	13-1	.929
Kansas	0-0	.000	13-1	.929
Texas Tech	0-0	.000	13-1	.929
Oklahoma State	0-0	.000	12-1	.923
Texas A&M	0-0	.000	12-1	.923
Iowa State	0-0	.000	12-2	.857
Texas	0-0	.000	11-3	.786
Kansas State	0-0	.000	10-3	.769
Oklahoma	0-0	.000	10-3	.769
Nebraska	0-0	.000	10-4	.714
Colorado	0-0	.000	9-4	.692
Missouri	0-0	.000	8-5	.615

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Kansas State Wildcats 2010-2011 Basketball SCHEDULE

Mens

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
11/02/10	vs. Newman TV	Bramlage Coliseum	83 - 56
11/07/10	vs. Washburn TV	Bramlage Coliseum	90 - 44
11/12/10	vs. James Madison TV	Bramlage Coliseum	75 - 61 1-0
11/16/10	vs. Virginia Tech TV	Bramlage Coliseum	73 - 57 2-0
11/18/10	vs. Presbyterian TV	Bramlage Coliseum	76 - 67 3-0
11/22/10	vs. Gonzaga TV	Kansas City, Mo.	81 - 64 4-0
11/23/10	vs. Duke TV	Kansas City, Mo.	68 - 82 4-1
11/26/10	vs. Texas Southern TV	Bramlage Coliseum	84 - 60 5-1
11/29/10	vs. Emporia State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	85 - 61 6-1
12/03/10	at Washington State TV	Pullman, Wash.	63 - 58 7-1
12/06/10	vs. Alcorn State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	89 - 55 8-1
12/11/10	at Loyola TV	Chicago, Ill.	68 - 60 9-1
12/18/10	vs. Florida TV	Sunrise, Fla.	44 - 57 9-2
12/21/10	vs. UNLV TV	Kansas City, Mo.	59 - 63 9-3
12/23/10	vs. UMKC TV	Bramlage Coliseum	80 - 64 10-3
12/31/10	vs. North Florida TV	Bramlage Coliseum	100 - 76 11-3
01/03/11	vs. Savannah State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	92 - 61 12-3
01/08/11	at Oklahoma State TV	Stillwater, Okla.	12:00 PM CT
01/12/11	vs. Colorado TV	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
01/15/11	vs. Texas Tech TV	Bramlage Coliseum	12:30 PM CT
01/17/11	at Missouri TV	Columbia, Mo.	4:30 PM CT
01/22/11	at Texas A&M TV	College Station, Texas	1:00 PM CT
01/24/11	vs. Baylor TV	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
01/29/11	at Kansas TV	Lawrence, Kan.	6:00 PM CT
02/02/11	vs. Nebraska TV	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 PM CT
02/05/11	at Iowa State TV	Ames, Iowa	12:30 PM CT
02/12/11	at Colorado TV	Boulder, Colo.	8:00 PM CT
02/14/11	vs. Kansas TV	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
02/19/11	vs. Oklahoma TV	Bramlage Coliseum	3:00 PM CT
02/23/11	at Nebraska TV	Lincoln, Neb.	8:00 PM CT
02/26/11	vs. Missouri TV	Bramlage Coliseum	11:00 AM CT
02/28/11	at Texas TV	Austin, Texas	8:00 PM CT
03/05/11	vs. Iowa State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	12:30 PM CT
03/09/11	TBD	Kansas City, Mo.	TBA

Womens

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
11/04/10	vs. Fort Hays State	Bramlage Coliseum	91 - 25
11/08/10	vs. Washburn	Bramlage Coliseum	91 - 47
11/12/10	vs. Grambling St.	Bramlage Coliseum	67 - 44 1-0
11/13/10	vs. St. John's	Bramlage Coliseum	64 - 53 2-0
11/17/10	vs. Indiana State	Bramlage Coliseum	64 - 48 3-0
11/21/10	vs. Western Illinois	Bramlage Coliseum	63 - 53 4-0
11/27/10	at College of Charleston	Charleston, SC	56 - 46 5-0
11/30/10	vs. South Dakota St.	Bramlage Coliseum	56 - 51 6-0
12/05/10	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	62 - 68 6-1
12/08/10	vs. North Dakota TV	Bramlage Coliseum	76 - 49 7-1
12/12/10	vs. UC Davis	Bramlage Coliseum	61 - 41 8-1
12/20/10	at UTSA	San Antonio, Texas	55 - 72 8-2
12/21/10	vs. Middle Tennessee State	San Antonio, Texas	49 - 63 8-3
12/29/10	at Dartmouth	Hanover, N.H.	69 - 48 9-3
12/30/10	at Vermont	Hanover, N.H.	68 - 39 10-3
01/09/11	vs. Oklahoma State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	2:30 p.m. CT
01/12/11	at Oklahoma TV	Norman, Okla.	7:00 p.m. CT
01/15/11	at Texas Tech TV	Lubbock, Texas	2:00 p.m. CT
01/19/11	vs. Missouri TV	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
01/22/11	vs. Nebraska TV	Bramlage Coliseum	1:00 p.m. CT
01/26/11	at Colorado TV	Boulder, Colo.	8:00 p.m. CT
01/29/11	vs. Kansas TV	Bramlage Coliseum	2:00 p.m. CT
02/05/11	at Missouri TV	Columbia, Mo.	2:00 p.m. CT
02/09/11	vs. Texas TV	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
02/13/11	at Iowa State TV	Ames, Iowa	4:00 p.m. CT
02/16/11	vs. Colorado TV	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
02/19/11	at Nebraska TV	Lincoln, Neb.	7:05 p.m. CT
02/23/11	at Baylor TV	Waco, Texas	7:00 p.m. CT
02/26/11	vs. Iowa State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
03/02/11	vs. Texas A&M TV	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 p.m. CT
03/05/11	at Kansas TV	Lawrence, Kan.	6:30 p.m. CT
03/08/11	Big 12 Championships TV	Kansas City, Mo.	TBA

Jacob Pullen Statement

Guard Jacob Pullen Opening Statement ...

"First and foremost, I just want to apologize to my teammates, the coaching staff, the KSU fans and all my friends. I had a lapse in judgment and I violated a few NCAA rules and I take full responsibility for my actions. At this point, the only thing that I can do is continue to work hard to help my team and the coaching staff, so we can move forward and put this issue behind us. It was a bad decision but at the same time, I have to deal with it and move forward. It is a long season and we have a bright future ahead of us for the rest of this season."

On what this situation has been like...

"It has been tough. I have not sat out a basketball game since my freshman year of high school when I did not meet the eligibility requirements. After I did that, I told my mom that I would never sit out another basketball game, and for the most part, I tried to do that throughout my whole career. It was tough when I found out that I had to sit out three games."

On facing his parents and Coach Martin...

"It was tough because I felt like I let down both of

them. For me, it was tough to deal with the whole issue but both my parents and coach Martin were understanding. They both understood that I made a mistake and they understood that things like that happen. They also understood that I really did not try to (make a mistake). It is just something that I have to put past me. I cannot live in the past. I cannot live on what happened that day. We have a young team and we have to move forward. The guys in the locker room did a great job of not letting what happened affect them. The last three games, they went out and played their hearts out."

On the night of the UNLV game...

"I was back here in Manhattan, glued to a TV, cheering like I have never cheered before because I saw the effort and I saw how hard they worked. For them not knowing what was going on and not knowing the situation and what the outcome was going to be had to be hard on them. I expected to play and they all expected me to play. For me not to show up to the game, I am not sure if it hurt them or not but I know it had to be tough."

2010-11 Big 12 Conference Basketball

(Through January 4) (All games)

Scoring Offense

# Team	G	W-L	Pts Avg/G
1. Missouri.....	14	13-1	1198 85.6
2. Kansas.....	13	13-0	1099 84.5
3. Colorado.....	14	10-4	1180 84.3
4. Texas.....	14	12-2	1096 78.3
5. Iowa State.....	15	13-2	1165 77.7
6. Texas Tech.....	15	8-7	1145 76.3
7. Kansas State.....	15	12-3	1137 75.8
8. Baylor.....	13	10-3	973 74.8
9. Texas A&M.....	14	13-1	1024 73.1
10. Oklahoma State.....	14	12-2	1001 71.5
11. Nebraska.....	13	11-2	908 69.8
12. Oklahoma.....	14	8-6	963 68.8

Scoring Defense

# Team	G	Pts Avg/G
1. Nebraska.....	13	693 53.3
2. Texas A&M.....	14	792 56.6
3. Baylor.....	13	758 58.3
4. Iowa State.....	15	887 59.1
5. Kansas.....	13	783 60.2
6. Texas.....	14	864 61.7
7. Oklahoma State.....	14	880 62.9
8. Kansas State.....	15	946 63.1
9. Oklahoma.....	14	916 65.4
10. Missouri.....	14	951 67.9
11. Colorado.....	14	999 71.4
12. Texas Tech.....	15	1104 73.6

Scoring Margin

# Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Kansas.....	13	84.5	60.2	+24.3
2. Iowa State.....	15	77.7	59.1	+18.5
3. Missouri.....	14	85.6	67.9	+17.6
4. Texas A&M.....	14	73.1	56.6	+16.6
5. Texas.....	14	78.3	61.7	+16.6
6. Nebraska.....	13	69.8	53.3	+16.5
Baylor.....	13	74.8	58.3	+16.5
8. Colorado.....	14	84.3	71.4	+12.9
9. Kansas State.....	15	75.8	63.1	+12.7
10. Oklahoma State.....	14	71.5	62.9	+8.6
11. Oklahoma.....	14	68.8	65.4	+3.4
12. Texas Tech.....	15	76.3	73.6	+2.7

Free Throw Percentage

# Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1. Colorado.....	14	279	358	.779
2. Texas A&M.....	14	253	350	.723
3. Texas Tech.....	15	244	338	.722
4. Oklahoma State.....	14	243	340	.715
5. Oklahoma.....	14	170	239	.711
6. Missouri.....	14	214	301	.711
7. Baylor.....	13	228	330	.691
8. Nebraska.....	13	162	235	.689
9. Iowa State.....	15	193	282	.684
10. Kansas.....	13	197	301	.654
11. Texas.....	14	235	361	.651
12. Kansas State.....	15	216	385	.561

Field Goal Percentage

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Kansas.....	13	405	757	.535
2. Colorado.....	14	410	817	.502
3. Nebraska.....	13	339	687	.493
4. Missouri.....	14	439	903	.486
5. Oklahoma.....	14	346	729	.475
6. Baylor.....	13	336	712	.472
7. Oklahoma State.....	14	347	748	.464
8. Texas Tech.....	15	413	897	.460
9. Iowa State.....	15	419	920	.455
10. Texas A&M.....	14	346	768	.451
11. Texas.....	14	387	862	.449
12. Kansas State.....	15	407	917	.444

FG Percentage Defense

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Nebraska.....	13	241	715	.337
2. Iowa State.....	15	322	891	.361
3. Texas.....	14	305	839	.364
4. Kansas.....	13	288	766	.376
5. Texas A&M.....	14	271	718	.377
6. Baylor.....	13	274	698	.393
7. Oklahoma State.....	14	293	739	.396
8. Kansas State.....	15	322	810	.398
9. Missouri.....	14	330	791	.417
10. Oklahoma.....	14	319	742	.430
11. Colorado.....	14	348	793	.439
12. Texas Tech.....	15	394	883	.446

3-Point FG Percentage

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Kansas.....	13	92	230	.400
2. Iowa State.....	15	134	344	.390
3. Missouri.....	14	106	275	.385
4. Oklahoma.....	14	101	267	.378
5. Kansas State.....	15	107	285	.375
6. Colorado.....	14	81	217	.373
7. Texas.....	14	87	236	.369
8. Baylor.....	13	73	210	.348
9. Texas A&M.....	14	79	229	.345
10. Texas Tech.....	15	75	222	.338
11. Oklahoma State.....	14	64	194	.330
12. Nebraska.....	13	68	217	.313

3-Pt FG Pct Defense

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Kansas.....	13	68	255	.267
2. Nebraska.....	13	90	318	.283
3. Iowa State.....	15	86	302	.285
4. Texas A&M.....	14	76	262	.290
5. Texas.....	14	66	220	.300
6. Missouri.....	14	86	266	.323
7. Kansas State.....	15	74	225	.329
8. Oklahoma State.....	14	82	244	.336
9. Baylor.....	13	77	228	.338
10. Texas Tech.....	15	80	228	.351
11. Colorado.....	14	88	240	.367
12. Oklahoma.....	14	98	260	.377

Rebounding

# Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Texas.....	14	602	43.0
2. Kansas State.....	15	638	42.5
3. Kansas.....	13	528	40.6
4. Texas A&M.....	14	568	40.6
5. Baylor.....	13	519	39.9
6. Iowa State.....	15	591	39.4
7. Nebraska.....	13	501	38.5
8. Oklahoma State.....	14	518	37.0
9. Missouri.....	14	508	36.3
10. Colorado.....	14	486	34.7
11. Texas Tech.....	15	513	34.2
12. Oklahoma.....	14	465	33.2

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Locker leads Huskies to 19-7 win over Nebraska

SAN DIEGO (AP)

Jake Locker ended his college career with a win that has the Washington Huskies headed back to respectability.

Locker bounced back from an injury he said looked worse than it was, scoring on a 25-yard run in the third quarter to help Washington to a 19-7 victory over punchless No. 17 Nebraska in the Holiday Bowl on Thursday night.

Tailback Chris Polk ran for 177 yards and a score as the Huskies (7-6) avenged a 56-21 loss to the Huskers (10-4) in Seattle on Sept. 18. The Cornhuskers piled up 533 yards of total offense in that game, including 383 rushing.

While Washington was a winner in its first bowl game since 2002, the Huskers came out flat in their second straight Holiday Bowl appearance. They were manhandled on both sides of the line and imploded under 12 penalties for 102 yards.

Washington outgained Nebraska 340 yards to 189, including 268 to 91 rushing.

"We just ran right at 'em," Polk said. "We knew we could win if we ran the way we know how to run. They couldn't stop it. We whupped a team that didn't respect us."

Locker, who passed up the NFL draft last spring to return for his senior season, capped the opening drive of the second half

with a 25-yard scoring run to give Washington a 17-7 lead. He faked a handoff and then ran right, bouncing off a defender and staying on his feet to score.

"This is the experience that I came back for," Locker said. "It's been some frustrating years, but to go out this way and see this program off this way, I'm going to be their biggest fan from here on out. Every Saturday I'm going to be tuning in to watch the Huskies play. I'm proud to be part of this program."

The Huskies were 0-12 in 2008 before Steve Sarkisian took over as coach.

"This is why he came back," Sarkisian said about Locker.

"The reality is, money is money, but these experiences last a lifetime. I'm happy for him. He has a huge heart. He's a humble young man."

Locker ran 13 times for 83 yards. Polk had 34 carries.

"We were a lot more confident and it showed tonight," Locker said.

"We're moving in the right direction," Sarkisian said.

Locker was shaken up in the second quarter when he scrambled, slid headfirst and was hit helmet-to-helmet by Nebraska safety Austin Cassidy. Locker was on the ground for a few minutes before walking off on his own power. He was replaced by Keith Price for the rest of the

series, which ended when a fourth-down run by Chris Polk was stuffed.

Locker returned for the next series after safety Nate Fellner intercepted Taylor Martinez's pass.

"It probably looked worse than it really was," he said. "My helmet hit my nose and it was numb. I couldn't open my eyes. They asked me what was wrong, and I said, 'I can't see.' I couldn't feel my helmet down over my eyes. Everything was black."

The Huskies had to win their final three regular-season games to become bowl eligible. They got their first win in four trips to the Holiday Bowl.

Nebraska was coming off a 23-20 loss to Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game in which it blew a 17-point lead.

"I'm embarrassed," Nebraska coach Bo Pelini said. "I obviously didn't get them ready to play. I thought we were ready to play. I liked our plan. We didn't execute very well. Obviously we didn't play our best football. It starts with me."

Martinez limped off the field in the third quarter. He was replaced by Cody Green, who had a nice scramble deep in his own territory. But guard Ricky Henry was called for holding in the end zone for a safety, giving Washington a 19-7 lead.

Iowa outlasts Missouri 27-24 in Insight Bowl

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)

A season that started off with such promise spiraled away with a series of injuries, losses and suspensions.

Iowa needed this win, not just to salvage a difficult season, but to prevent any negativity from spilling into next year.

The Hawkeyes accomplished that, thanks to a fill-in freshman and a 72-yard interception return that seemed to cover 100.

Freshman Marcus Coker bulled his way through Missouri's defense in place of suspended starter Adam Robinson, and Micah Hyde scored the decisive touchdown on a meandering, 72-yard inter-

ception return in the fourth quarter, helping Iowa to a 27-24 win over Missouri Tuesday night in the Insight Bowl.

"It feels like a team win, the way it should be," Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi said. "It has been a tough road and we are very happy to get the victory."

Coker helped carry them to it.

A backup who had 403 yards and a touchdown during the regular season, Coker helped the Hawkeyes (8-5) overcome a rash of injuries and suspensions that left them undermanned and scrambling in the desert.

The bruising freshman had no trouble taking over for Robinson, running over and

occasionally around the Tigers to set school records with 219 yards and 33 carries while scoring two touchdowns in front of an Insight Bowl-record 53,453 fans.

Behind Coker, Iowa piled up 425 yards against one of the nation's stingiest defenses to overcome two rare turnovers by Stanzi and win three straight bowls for the first time.

"We've been in a lot of close games _ in the past three years, actually _ and it's a lot more fun when they come out the right way," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "It's a credit to our players. They believe in themselves and prepared for this."

Missouri (10-3) had its way with Iowa's once-stout defense most of the night, rolling up 512 yards, including a school bowl-record 434 passing by Blaine Gabbert.

Gabbert finished 41 for 57 to set two more school records, but inexplicably threw the ball right to Hyde, who dodged several tackles and seemingly every Missouri player for the second-longest interception return in Insight Bowl history.

"I just got greedy," Gabbert said. "I forced it."

Missouri had one final chance, but a fourth-down reception at Iowa's 33-yard line by T.J. Moe with 2:15 left was

overruled on review and Coker helped grind out the clock. Moe finished with an Insight Bowl record 15 receptions for 152 yards for the Tigers in their second straight bowl loss.

"I'm very disappointed," Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said. "It is very difficult in the locker room with kids that you love and you have been through so much this year and you come out of a tough, close game and a loss."

Once fierce rivals, these teams hadn't met in a century, despite being separated by less than 250 miles.

The 12-game rivalry plagued by dirty play, riots and racial

discrimination ended following a particularly brutal game in 1910, and a planned four-year series from 2005-08 also fell through, putting an interesting twist on this Midwest battle in the desert.

Missouri was looking to cap one of its best seasons, even after having its Big 12 and BCS bowl chances dashed with consecutive losses to Nebraska and Texas Tech. The Tigers won their final three games to get into the Insight Bowl and were in position for their third 11-win season.

Iowa had a different kind of momentum going.

Sooners their first Fiesta Bowl victory since beating Wyoming in 1976.

"We have been through a whole lot _ I feel like we deserve this," Broyles said. "This was so important to get the monkey off our back."

Sooners end 5-game BCS bowl skid at Fiesta Bowl

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP)

Watching film of their two previous, disastrous trips to the Fiesta Bowl back at the team hotel, Oklahoma's players didn't cringe, didn't get that here-we-go-again feeling.

The Sooners got mad and took it out on Connecticut, finally ending that BCS losing streak.

Landry Jones and Ryan Broyles had record-setting games, Oklahoma's defense scored two touchdowns while holding UConn's offense without one, and the ninth-ranked Sooners ended their five-game BCS bowl losing streak with a 48-20 victory over Connecticut

in the Fiesta Bowl on Saturday night.

"Coming out here and winning a bowl game, especially a BCS bowl with our past and losing so many of them, to win one for the program, for Coach (Bob) Stoops and all those guys, it's just a great feeling right now," Jones said. "It motivated us. We came into the same situation a couple of times and came out with some losses, and to win a game after those, it's just a great feeling."

Oklahoma (12-2) carried plenty of BCS baggage after losing three straight title games and two Fiesta Bowls.

The Sooners avoided the set-

back six pack behind Jones, Broyles and a dominating defense.

Showing he's emerged from the shadow of Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford, Jones threw for a school bowl-record 429 yards _ breaking his own

record of 418 in last season's Sun Bowl _ and three touchdowns on 34-of-49 passing.

Broyles, OU's All-America receiver, set a team record with 170 yards receiving, matched another with 13 catches and had the put-it-out of reach touch-

down, a tip-toeing 5-yarder midway through the fourth quarter.

Jamell Fleming and Tony Jefferson each returned interceptions for scores and the defense made UConn scrap for everything it got, giving the

Sooners their first Fiesta Bowl victory since beating Wyoming in 1976.

"We have been through a whole lot _ I feel like we deserve this," Broyles said. "This was so important to get the monkey off our back."

Leshoure's 3 TDs send Illinois past Baylor 38-14

HOUSTON (AP)

Mikel Leshoure isn't sure whether he'll declare for the NFL draft or return to Illinois for his senior season.

But if Wednesday night's Texas Bowl ends up being his college send-off it will certainly be remembered as a good one.

Leshoure ran for 184 yards and a career-high three touchdowns and set five school records as Illinois earned its first bowl victory since 1999, beating Baylor 38-14.

The Illini spoiled the Bears' first bowl appearance in 16 seasons. Both teams finished at 7-6.

Leshoure had a 5-yard TD run in the second quarter, a 13-yard score in the third quarter and another 5-yard touchdown run in the fourth period.

The performance gave him school records for single-season rushing yards (1,697), single-season scoring (122 points), total touchdowns in a season (20), 100-yard rushing game in a season (9) and consecutive 100-yard rushing games (5).

"I can't even really put it into words," he said. "First of all winning and ... now that it's the end of the season and I found out I broke those records it feels good. I'm proud of myself and I'm proud of my teammates and coaches."

The Illini built a 24-0 lead and Leshoure's last touchdown put the game out of reach.

Illinois coach Ron Zook was informed late in the game that Leshoure needed 23 yards to set the rushing record.

"All we had to do was tell the offensive line and (quarterback) Nathan (Scheelhaase) that ... and they did the rest," Zook said.

Baylor's Robert Griffin III threw for 306 yards and a touchdown, but his two fumbles in the first half put the Bears behind.

Baylor coach Art Briles couldn't focus on the strides his team made this season in finishing with its first winning record since 1995.

"It's hard right now. It really is," he said. "Anytime you don't get the result that's desired, it doesn't feel good. It's a bad feeling. It's a bad feeling to have your face turned red."

Leshoure was chosen the most valuable player and wore a cowboy hat as he hoisted the trophy above his head after the game while the small but vocal group of Illinois fans cheered. He kept the hat on when he spoke to reporters after the game.

"I like the hat," he said grinning. "It's my first cowboy hat. I'll use it as a souvenir and I might wear it out sometime."

The Bears cut the lead to 24-14 when Griffin found a diving Kendall Wright on a 39-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-14 early in the fourth quarter.

Illinois finished with 291 yards rushing and 533 yards of total offense to give Zook his first bowl win as a head coach in his fourth try.

"It's hard to win games and they're all big," Zook said. "I don't think there was a lot of people that gave us much of a chance in this game. So that competitor in you that wants to compete and if you can prove people wrong that's something you get satisfaction out of. That's not why you do it, though. I'm just happy for everybody."

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No. 17 Kansas State beats North Florida 100-76

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)

No. 17 Kansas State was missing three starters Friday. North Florida coach Matthew Driscoll knew that would not change what he considered the Wildcats' most potent tactic.

Driscoll's biggest concern came to fruition as Kansas State dominated North Florida 100-76 behind Jamar Samuels' season-high 26 points and Wally Judge's career-high 22.

"I told our guys in shootaround that any shot is a play for K-State," Driscoll said. "The play is, if the shot is missed, go get it."

Kansas State (11-3) did exactly that, outrebounding the Ospreys (4-9) by a 42-15 margin, including 18 offensive rebounds. That helped Samuels

and Judge go a combined 17 of 24 from the field.

Parker Smith scored 25 points, including seven 3-pointers, for North Florida but it could not overcome K-State's strength inside.

Samuels and Judge each made a shot while being fouled in the game's first 20 seconds, setting the tone.

"We have shooters, but anytime we score inside, it's a plus," Samuels said.

Kansas State was playing its third straight game without its two leading scorers _ preseason All-America Jacob Pullen and Curtis Kelly. Both were suspended by the Kansas State athletic department for violating NCAA rules by receiving impermissible benefits in the

form of clothing at a local department store.

Pullen has now completed his three-game suspension, while Kelly will serve three more games.

On top of that, starting center Freddy Asprilla missed Friday's game due to illness.

The absences certainly did not hurt Kansas State's offense early. The Wildcats pounded the ball inside and took a 16-4 lead in the first 3:35, a span that included two 3-pointers and two three-point plays.

The Wildcats built a 24-10 lead in less than 5 minutes, making nine of their first 10 shots. Samuels and Judge looked unstoppable.

"Wally is starting to play with confidence, and that car-

ries over," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said. "And I'm happy for Jamar because he's played well the last couple games but the ball didn't go in the basket. Today, it did."

But North Florida, playing its sixth opponent from one of the six power conferences, climbed back in the game behind Smith. The sophomore reserve guard scored 13 points _ nine on 3-pointers _ in a span of less than 8 minutes midway through the half.

Smith's consecutive 3-pointers cut the Wildcats' lead to 39-32 with 7 minutes remaining before halftime.

But K-State went back inside, where it was having success.

Making his first start this season, Samuels had 17 points _

already a season high _ in the first half, almost all of them in the paint.

Judge had 12 first-half points around the rim or on free throws, and he had three points in a 12-4 run to end the half. Jordan Henriquez-Roberts' tip-in at the buzzer gave the Wildcats a 57-41 lead.

That left Driscoll exasperated. His team had only 11 turnovers and shot 49 percent for the game, so he could not be overly upset with his players. Jimmy Williams had 15 points for the Ospreys and Jerron Granberry added 12.

"It was just one of those days you have to give K-State and their players a lot of credit," he said.

That includes Judge, who

was 4 of 20 from the free throw line coming into the game. On Friday, he was 10 of 13.

"I think all the practices and extra time with no classes has helped," he said.

Despite Smith hitting four 3-pointers in the second half, the Ospreys never cut into the half-time deficit. In a three-day span, Smith scored a combined 46 points in games at Maryland and K-State.

The large margin allowed the Wildcats to spread out the minutes. Former walk-on Victor Ojeleye had a career-high 12 points. Sophomore guard Juevol Myles had 12 points _ more than he had scored the rest of the season combined.

Oklahoma closes nonconference play with 73-49 win

NORMAN, Okla. (AP)

A five-game losing streak early in the season is behind Oklahoma now.

The Sooners are finding ways to win, averting one non-conference scare after another with Big 12 play about to start.

Steven Pledger scored 19 points, Cade Davis added 11 points and a career-high 12 rebounds and Oklahoma ran away from Maryland-Eastern Shore in the final 11 minutes for a 73-49 victory Monday night.

The Sooners (8-6), who have won all eight of their home games and lost all six played elsewhere, start Big 12 play by hosting No. 16 Texas A&M on Saturday.

"It's definitely a new season," Pledger said. "Everybody's 0-0 now."

After allowing the Hawks (3-10) to wipe away a 15-point deficit and tie the game at 39, Oklahoma responded by scoring the next 14 points to reclaim control. Eastern Shore went 61/2 minutes without scoring while the Sooners pulled away.

"We just knew that we were turning the ball over _ unforced turnovers, just throwing it all over the place _ and we had kind of gotten away from playing defense and things like that," Davis said. "We knew if we buckled back down and did the things that we did early in the first half that we could build that lead back up."

Hillary Haley led Maryland-Eastern Shore with 17 points despite 6-for-18 shooting, and Kevin White scored 10.

After climbing back into the game with successful drives to

the basket by White and JoJo Swift, the Hawks started settling for 3-pointers and long jumpers that didn't connect. Eastern Shore missed 3-pointers on four of its next five possessions after tying the game and finished 3 for 20 from beyond the arc.

"The stats, in my mind, aren't very indicative of our defense. They didn't shoot a great percentage, but I don't think it was because of our defense," Sooners coach Jeff Capel said. "I just think they missed shots."

"We really have to get back to playing solid defense like we were before Christmas."

Pledger hit the go-ahead 3 from the right side for the Sooners with 10:57 left, and Davis had a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws in the stretch.

C.J. Washington's short jumper made it 53-39 with 6:26 remaining.

Cameron Clark had 14 points and nine rebounds and Andrew Fitzgerald had 11 points for Oklahoma despite playing just 22 minutes due to foul trouble.

The Sooners shot 58 percent against a defense that ranked among the bottom five in the nation by allowing opponents to make more than half of their shots, but allowed the Hawks to stick around by committing 17 turnovers.

Oklahoma has beaten Eastern Shore the last three seasons by a combined 94 points.

Capel ticked off a laundry list of issues that the Sooners carry into conference play: a regressing defense, Fitzgerald's recurring foul trouble, difficulties stopping dribble penetration

and occasional turnover problems. Yet his team heads into the Big 12 season with some momentum after three straight wins.

"I'm excited. Obviously, we know it's a challenge but it feels good to have won five out of six ... and to do it different ways," Capel said.

"We know our league is very, very tough and it starts out very tough for us with a top-20 ranked team in Texas A&M. But we have to protect our home, we have to play with urgency, we have to get back to doing all the little things."

Oklahoma built a 27-12 lead late in the first half following a run of eight points in a row, featuring Clark's third alley-oop dunk of the half.

Haley and Mark Robertson hit 3-pointers as Eastern Shore

responded with its own 8-0 run, and the Hawks were within 33-28 after Freddy Obame Obame scored underneath to close the first half. Eastern Shore finally tied it when Haley hit the team's only 3-pointer in 10 second-half attempts and Tyler Hines followed it with a layup with 12:35 to play.

Then the Sooners came alive, just as they did after Central Arkansas came back to forge a tie twice in the final 5 minutes of their previous victory.

"We did some good things leading up to Big 12 play and we've just got to know that we can't be satisfied with what have and what we've done because it's a whole new level of play once we go into conference play," Davis said. "We've just got to stay humble and hungry."

Oklahoma State pulls away from UTSA, wins 79-63

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)

Coming off a 21-point loss at Gonzaga on New Year's Eve, Oklahoma State was in need of a confidence boost less than a week before hosting No. 17 Kansas State in the Big 12 Conference opener.

Fifty points off the bench might just be what the doctor ordered.

Oklahoma State (12-2) saw six players score in double figures, four of them reserves, in beating UTSA 79-63 on Monday night.

Jean-Paul Olukemi led the way with 16 points, sparking a 20-4 run that saw the hosts blow the game open early in the second half.

"That's what we expect from JP (Olukemi) and

Darrell (Williams)," said Oklahoma State head coach Travis Ford. "It's something that we count on."

Williams scored 11 points and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds as the Cowboys outrebounded the Roadrunner0s 34-21. Marshall Moses scored 14 points and pulled down five rebounds. Matt Pilgrim scored 10 points and added four rebounds.

Joining Olukemi and Williams off the bench, Reger Dowell scored 12 points and had a pair of assists. Markel Brown scored 11 points plus a pair of assists.

The foursome combined for 50 points on 15-of-22 shooting, grabbed 18 rebounds, dished out eight

assists and committed just five turnovers in 87 combined minutes.

"Everybody stepped up, the 'big's' stepped up big tonight," Pilgrim said. "Darrell finished under the bucket. It just worked out that way."

"J.P. Olukemi is an offensive threat," Ford said. "He's got to get better at a lot of things, but he has the ability to score. He and Markel are two of the more versatile guys on our team. They can defend, they can defend bigger guys, they can rebound and can do several different things."

"We still use the phrase with them that we need more positive than negative. They do a lot of positive things but

they do a lot of things that hurt you. They're growing out of that though."

UTSA, coached by former Oklahoma State star and two-time All-Big Eight performer Brooks Thompson, lost for the fourth straight time. The Roadrunners (6-6) hung around thanks to the 3-ball, connecting on 7 of 10 in the first half and 11 of 20 for the game.

Gonzaga outrebounded OSU by 12 last Friday. The Cowboys came back in Monday's game to outscore UTSA 46-8 in the paint.

Despite the loss, Thompson was pleased with his team's effort as UTSA prepares to enter Southland Conference play against Sam Houston State on Saturday.

"That big run was the difference," Thompson said. "We took a couple of tough shots and had some bad breaks go against us, which led to some easy transition baskets for them. You have to give Oklahoma State credit, though. They dominated us inside with 46 points in the paint."

"On the flip side, I'm really proud of the way our guys competed in front of a tough crowd against a physical team. I'm encouraged by that heading into conference play on Saturday."

Melvin Johnson led UTSA with 16 points, hitting 4 of 7 from 3-point range. Devin Gibson and Jeromie Hill each scored 14.

An old-fashioned 3-point play by Gibson drew the visitors to within 45-44 with 16:25 to play. But over the next seven minutes Olukemi, Brown, Dowell and Co. took control with an athletic run that saw the score move to 65-48 in a hurry.

"We've got guys who can play coming off the bench," said Dowell. "It's about patience, taking advantage of

Nebraska downs North Dakota 77-46

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)

Eshaunte Jones went home for a few days during Nebraska's 13-day break between games and came back refreshed.

Jones scored 11 points on 4-of-7 shooting and the Huskers cruised to a 77-46 victory over North Dakota Monday night.

"I'm always looking to shoot," Jones said. "I finally found a niche because I've been shooting the ball really bad lately. When I went home and just took a couple days off and spent time with my family, I really think my confidence boosted a little bit because you have everybody at home rooting for you."

Confidence was the word for Nebraska (11-2) after it ran off its ninth straight win. Building confidence is why Nebraska coach Doc Sadler scheduled games with Grambling State, North Dakota and Savannah State _ who the Huskers will face Wednesday _ before Saturday's Big 12 conference opener against Iowa State.

"We needed some confidence coming into the season," Sadler said. "I think right now our guys are playing pretty confident, pretty loose."

Nebraska held its third consecutive opponent under 50 points. The Cornhuskers have not allowed more than 58 points in a game during the winning streak.

North Dakota (5-9) led 9-8 when Nebraska started an 9-0 spurt capped by a Jorge Brian Diaz short jumper that made the score 17-9 with 12:09 remaining in the half. Nebraska put on a 10-2 run to end the period behind eight points from Jones and led 36-20 at the break.

"We moved the ball pretty good," Diaz said. "Bear (Jones' nickname) was making shots. I think that helps a lot. Everybody was playing with confidence."

The Fighting Sioux hit just 32 percent of their shots in the first half and were 3 of 13 from 3-point range against Nebraska's persistent defense. The Huskers hit 55 percent of their shots, 50 percent from beyond the 3-point line. Nebraska got eight points off eight North Dakota turnovers.

"The only thing I was unhappy with in the first half was they (Nebraska) had four second-chance baskets," said North Dakota coach Brian Jones. "In games like this you have to be

able to rebound the ball when they do miss and not let them capitalize."

Brandon Richardson hit a 3-pointer that started a 13-0 Husker run that ended with Lance Jeter's 3-point play that made the score 52-26 with 10:27 remaining.

"I was impressed with (Nebraska's) patience and defensively, they really stayed the course," Jones said. "It made it tough for us physically to get anything done at the rim."

Brandon Ubel also had 11 points for the Huskers, and Diaz and Andre Almeida each added 10 points.

Patrick Mitchell led the Fighting Sioux with 14 points, while Josh Schuler and Jamal Webb had 11 each. North Dakota shot 28 percent from the field.

The game was rescheduled from Sunday because of bad weather that prevented North Dakota from leaving for Lincoln.



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K-State's Jamar Samuels (32), Victor Ojeleye (10), Rodney McGruder (22), and Wally Judge (33) go after the ball.



K-State's Wally Judge (33) scored a career-high 22 points.



Jamar Samuels (32) led the Wildcats with 26 points.



K-State's Jordan Henriquez-Roberts (21) keeps the ball above North Florida's Parker Smith (3).



Rodney McGruder (22) started for the Wildcats.

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