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President And The Conservatives: Contested Ground, Not Common Ground

By Michael D. Tanner
The Cato Institute

President Obama spoke eloquently during his State of the Union address last night about civility and the search for common ground. And certainly a bit more civility would be a welcome change. Yet, at the same time, the president's speech showed just how little common ground there is between two distinctly different views on the role of government.

The president clearly believes in using government broadly as a force for good in society. Despite the lip service paid to the need to put our fiscal house in order, the president's answer to the problems facing this country is for government to do more and spend more. The president may call these new initiatives "targeted investments," but what he means is "more expensive government programs."

In calling for more government action, the president's attitude reminds one of Samuel

Johnson's description of second marriages: the triumph of hope over experience.

That is not a divide that can be bridged by civil rhetoric or rearranging congressional seating.

For example, the president wants to spend more on education. That sounds good — who could be against education? But the federal government has increased education spending by 188 percent in real terms since 1970 without seeing any substantial improvement in test scores.

The president's answer to unemployment is for the government to pick winners and losers in the marketplace, "investing" in infrastructure and "green technology." The president sees government as the engine of economic growth, as a force that "creates jobs." He says he wants that job growth to be in the private sector; it's just that he doesn't believe that the private sector can do much unless it acts in "partnership"

with the government. Yet from Hoover and Roosevelt during the Great Depression to the anti-recession policies of Gerald Ford and George W. Bush, government efforts to fight unemployment by "creating jobs" have been unsuccessful. And we have the experience of hundreds of billions of dollars spent by President Obama in stimulus programs with little evidence of job creation.

Nor should we forget that the president's "investment" must be financed through either taxes or debt (meaning future taxes). Thus the president is simply moving money around, taking it from those people and businesses he deems less worthy and giving it to those he believes will "win the future." That's a recipe for redistribution, not competitiveness.

As the economist F. A. Hayek noted, government's ability to manage the economy is premised on a "fatal conceit" — politicians' inability to recognize their own limitations.

For example, studies show that not only do government "green jobs" policies create few jobs, but the ones they do create often come at the expense of existing jobs. To cite just one finding: A study by Gabriel Calzada of the Juan Carlos University of Madrid found that every green job created by the Spanish government destroyed an average of 2.2 other jobs, and that only one in ten of the "green jobs" created was permanent. The fact is, if these industries were viable and profitable, the private sector would be rushing to invest in them. The very fact that they require government subsidies demonstrates that they are not the road to future economic growth.

But the president continues to insist that the right mix of government spending will work better than the invisible hand of the market to restore a growing economy.

Naturally, the president defended his health-care bill

despite all the evidence that it has failed to control medical costs and is actually driving up the price of insurance, limiting consumer choice, and making it more difficult for businesses to hire new workers. The government health plans we have now, Medicare and Medicaid, are spiraling into insolvency even as the quality of care they provide deteriorates. In fact, most of the problems facing our health-care system can be traced to government policies designed to fix it. But the president insists that more government mandates, subsidies, and regulations are the answer.

On the other side of this grand political divide are those who believe that government is already too big, too intrusive, and too costly. Rather than "invest" in new programs, they want to cut back the programs we already have. Rather than seeing Washington as the font of all wisdom, they see the 50 states as, in Louis Brandeis's immortal phrase, "the laborato-

ries of democracy," and seek to devolve more authority and responsibility to state governments. Rather than federal money and regulation, they see increased competition and parental choice as the answer to failing schools. Rather than a government industrial policy, they see the free market as the route to economic growth, and call for lower taxes and less regulation to unleash that market. And rather than increased government control of our health-care system, they seek a consumer-centered health reform.

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Michael D. Tanner is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and author of *Leviathan on the Right: How Big-Government Conservatism Brought Down the Republican Revolution*.

Financial Constraints Put McCall On Hold

The City of Manhattan put the McCall Road Expansion on hold Tuesday night because of Financial Constraint.

What? Financial Constraints? The City has never used those words before. Why now?

The City debt has gone from \$80,000,000 to over \$200,000,000 in the last two years. We didn't have any "Financial Constraints" doing that.

Apparently just the thought of two Liberal Commissioners leaving the Commission in April has people thinking about change. That is about all that the city has left after the past four or five years, change.

Here is a memo given to the Commission and the recommendations:

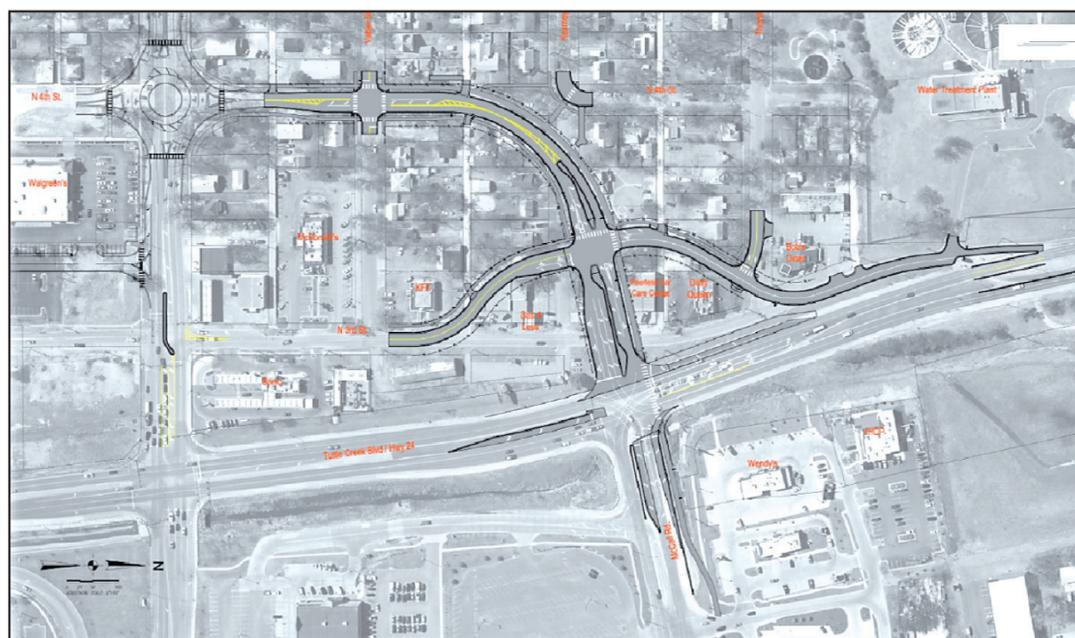
CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO
January 13, 2011
FROM: Dale L. Houdeshell, P.E., Director of Public Works

MEETING: January 25, 2011
SUBJECT: McCall Road Extension from US 24 (Tuttle Creek 4th Boulevard) to Street and Bluemont Avenue Intersection (ST1014)

PRESENTER: Dale L. Houdeshell, P.E., Director of Public Works

BACKGROUND
McCall Road at US 24 (Tuttle Creek Boulevard (TCB)) and US 24 and Bluemont Avenue are receiving increasing traffic volumes and are functioning as a gateway to Kansas State University and the central portion of Manhattan. This area is one of the critical gateways for regional traffic from the east to enter the city of Manhattan.

During the Traffic analysis of the Wal-Mart PUD improvements a few years ago, the City and KDOT identified that the planned improvements at that time would only accommodate



Drawing of the 4th Street expansion.

additional traffic growth on Bluemont Avenue for 5-10 years. As a part of the approval by KDOT at that time, KDOT required the signals from TCB and Leavenworth Street to TCB and McCall Road be interconnected to buy time. It was anticipated that some the intersections would begin to experience excessive delays during peak hours. Through further study it was determined that the City would need to provide for the connection of McCall Road to Bluemont Avenue.

On August 18, 2009, City Commissioners authorized City Administration to submit to KDOT, McCall Road Extension from US 24 to the 4th Street and Bluemont Avenue Intersection for inclusion in KDOT's Five-Year Plan for Surface

Transportation Program (STP) category of federal funds available for improvement projects on streets that are federally classified as collector or higher.

Last year the City of Manhattan was contacted by KDOT and informed that funding would be available to bid the McCall Road Extension project in State Fiscal Year 2012.

On October 5, 2010, the City Commission authorized an agreement with Alfred Benesch and Company for professional services related to the design of the McCall Road Connection improvement project.

In 2010, the City also made interim improvements to the intersection of Bluemont Avenue and TCB to provide for a dual left turn from Bluemont

Avenue to northbound TCB and retimed the signals in the area. This improvement has improved traffic flow through this area.

DISCUSSION
Design began and proceeded to the point of a preliminary design concept. A public meeting was held in early November 2010 to gather feedback from area property owners. Further design proceeded to produce a design concept as well as a preliminary cost estimate.

While the construction cost was in the price range anticipated, right-of-way acquisition cost far exceeded original expectations, primarily due to costs for relocation and structure replacement. The estimated project costs are as follows:

Civil: Street, sidewalk, storm

\$2,912,184 24" Waterline \$349,762 Streetscaping \$500,000 ROW Acquisition \$6,518,438
Total \$10,340,384

Given the project cost is substantially higher than originally anticipated, and that most of the cost is in right-of-way acquisition, the Commission may want to consider putting this project on the back burner until there is development interest that would be willing to donate or at least provide the necessary right-of-way at a substantially lower cost. There are a couple of interim improvements which require little or no right-of-way which could alleviate some of the traffic problems in the short run. They are:

- 3rd Street and Bluemont Avenue modifications

- o Removing the signal and adding a median on Bluemont Avenue

- East leg of US 24 (TCB) and McCall Road
- o Adding a left turn lane
- o Adding a right turn lane

It is anticipated that these improvements would cost \$56,000 and \$226,000, respectively.

FINANCING
The City of Manhattan is responsible for 100% of the cost of professional services to design the project, right-of-way acquisition, and utility relocation plus 20% of the cost of construction and construction observation services.

Temporary financing was planned to fund the City's obligation during project design and construction. Once final costs are known, permanent financing was to be obtained through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds.

The Waterline is to be funded from the Water Fund. City staff has requested that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) extend the Konza Water project Loan to this project as well as it will be the main that feeds the Konza Water Extension.

RECOMMENDATION
City Administration recommends putting the primary project of the McCall Road Connection (ST1014) improvements on hold due to financial constraints with the exceptions of the 3rd Street and Bluemont Avenue Intersection, the east leg of McCall Road and TCB, and the 24" waterline improvement. The project design would stop at the concept stage, to be picked back up in the future should conditions warrant and funding becomes available.

Filings For City And School Districts Positions

Manhattan City Commission Filings for 2011 Election

Wynn Butler 3600 Windsong CT Manhattan KS 66503 785-539-1979 City Commission
John E. Matta 1213 Greystone Pl Manhattan KS 66503 785-410-8648 City Commission
Rich Jankovich 2021 Somerset Sq Manhattan KS 66503 785-537-6822 City Commission
Stan Hoerman 2021 Blue Hills Road Manhattan KS 66502 785-537-1940 City Commission
Phil Anderson 1718 Fairchild Ave Manhattan KS 66502 785-537-4977 City Commission

City of Randolph 2011 Election Filings

Donna G. Baer 308 E. Stockdale St Randolph KS 66554 785-293-4913 City Council

Harold Higgins 308 E. Randolph Randolph KS 66554 785-293-5136 City Council

Jane M. Dunstan 317 E. Ranolph St Randolph KS 66554 785-293-5171 City Council

City of Riley 2011 Election Filings

David Shover 114 W. Kansas Ave Riley KS 66531 785-485-2550 Mayor

Kristin Burnett 507 West Street Riley KS 66531 785-485-2645 Council Member

City of Ogden Candidate Filings

Jimmy Bond 213 6th St Ogden KS 66517 785-410-5026 Mayor

Robert R. Pence, Jr. 215 South Elm Ogden KS 66517 785-556-0169 Mayor

Ward R. Nations 329 8th Street Ogden KS 66517 785-537-6160 City Council

Ed Burch 516 Riley Ave Ogden KS 66517 785-539-4806 City Council

Kenneth W. Carroll 302 South Walnut St Ogden KS 66517 785-537-0960 City Council

Wayne W. Henson 201 S. Elm Ogden KS 66517 785-537-7407 City Council

Brian Still 310 North Park Ogden KS 66517 785-537-1367 City Council

Felecia Zeedyk 232 13th St Ogden KS 66517 785-537-4286 City Council

Roger Graham 612 S. Elm St Ogden KS 66517 785-539-2391 City Council

Jimmy Bond 213 6th St

Ogden KS 66517 785-410-5026 City Council

David Ward 114 S. Walnut Ogden KS 66517 785-532-8828 City Council

City of Leonardville Candidate Filings

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Jim Olson 104 S. Nevada Leonardville KS 66449 785-293-4463 Council Member

Mike R. Johnson 502 E. Allen St Leonardville KS 66449 785-293-5697 Mayor

USD 378 Board of Education Candidate Filings

Jennifer R. Wilson 111 N. High Riley KS 66531 785-485-2484 Position 1

Robert Shane Allen 12051 Union Rd Leonardville KS

66449 785-293-5834 Position 2

Randall L. Glenn 5225 Marlatt Ave Manhattan KS 66503 785-587-1944 Position 3

Dan Thomson 7010 Pheasant Ridge Rd Riley KS 66531 785-485-2282 At Large

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Darell Edie 2800 Illinois Lane Manhattan KS 66502 785-539-1904 Board of Education

Matthew Pennell 216 Harvey Drive Manhattan KS 66502 785-304-3024 Board of Education

Leah Fliter 2825 Nevada St. Manhattan KS 66502 785-587-9438 Board of Education

David Colburn 1906 Bluemont Terr Manhattan KS 66502 785-539-5639 Board of Education

Marcia Rozell 2500 Marion Ave Manhattan KS 66502 785-537-3030 Board of Education

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Michael Renfro 8320 Baldwin Park Rd Randolph KS 66554 785-293-5234 District 1 Position 1

David Mitchell Innes 109 S 1st Randolph KS 66554 785-293-5181 District 2 Position 2

Marla J. Webster 6920 Hwy 16 Olsburg KS 66520 785-468-3304 District 3 Position 3

Lynn Webster 6920 Hwy 16 Olsburg KS 66520 785-468-3304 At Large Position

How to Create an Effective Transportation Program in an Age of Fiscal Austerity

By Ronald Utt, Ph.D.

Early this year, the new Congress will confront several challenges relating to the size, scope, and nature of the federal surface transportation programs. These challenges will in large part be driven by the need to constrain overall federal spending and by shortfalls in the highway trust fund. Congress should embrace these financial challenges as an opportunity to reform the federal transportation program while still meeting the goal of reducing federal spending and shifting greater responsibility to the states.

Congress must deal with three separate transportation policy issues within the first half of the year:

1. On March 4, the latest extension of the laws governing the highway program expire and must be renewed in a process called reauthorization, which typically sets the laws, programs, goals, and spending levels for the next five years;

2. Also on March 4, the current continuing resolution expires, and Congress must determine how much to spend on the highway program for the remaining eight months of fiscal year (FY) 2011; and

3. At some point during the first six months of calendar year 2011, Congress must pass a budget resolution to establish FY 2012 spending levels, including how much to spend on transportation.

As this paper will demonstrate, if Congress deals with these three legislative events in a coordinated manner, it can begin the process of recreating a federal highway program that provides better transportation services and cost-effective mobility at reduced levels of spending.

Transportation Spending Will Be Cut

At present, total federal spending is running at about \$3.8 trillion on an annual basis, of which only \$670 billion in FY 2011 is accounted for by non-defense discretionary spending, the part of the budget that is the "easiest" to cut. The rest of the budget consists of entitlements (Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, civil servant pensions, food stamps, Obamacare, etc.), national defense and homeland security, and interest on the debt. Most of these programs will be difficult to cut over the next year or two, and some will continue to grow at alarming rates.

If entitlement program spending proves difficult to cut or restrain, the deficit reduction focus will then largely fall upon the \$670 billion in "non-defense discretionary" programs. All federal transportation programs—Amtrak, aviation, highways, transit, and the new high-speed rail commitments—are a part of this category, and they are currently running at about \$75 billion per year, equal to 11 percent of the non-defense discretionary total.

Thus the implications are obvious: If the next Congress cuts this component of discretionary spending by, say, 20 percent for a \$134 billion annual savings, then all federal transportation programs would be vulnerable to a \$15 billion cut. In turn, this would impact the baseline for all future spending, meaning that all future transportation spending could be \$15 billion lower in every subsequent year as compared to baseline projections.

Some in Congress have been arguing that the highway/transit component of transportation spending must live within its means. Since the highway trust fund is now spending more than it is receiving in dedicated federal fuel tax revenues, this suggests that cuts will have to be made until spending at least matches revenues and the program is deficit neutral or deficit reducing. To facilitate this goal, in early January the House Republicans amended the existing rule that guaranteed full funding of the infamous SAFETEA-LU, a piece of legislation passed in 2005 that set a record for earmarks and included the "bridges to nowhere."

Under the new rule, highway and transit funding would no longer have that guarantee and could be reduced by Congress, including if trust fund revenues fall below authorized spending levels. As such, highway spending will now be subject to similar budgetary treatment as other discretionary federal spending

programs, including homeland security, public health, education, and national defense.

Laying the Groundwork for Reform

In making these cuts in transportation, Congress also has the opportunity to do it in a way that lays the groundwork for fundamental reform in the future by refocusing the program on cost-effective mobility and eliminating the many marginal, inefficient, and non-transportation programs that now clutter the program and account for as much as 35 percent of all spending.[1] At the same time, Congress can begin "turning back" the program to the states by allowing them to retain the federal fuel tax collected within each state and use those additional funds to meet their own transportation priorities, not those of Washington or the lobbyists who influence the program.

To achieve these many goals, Congress should:

· Delay the enactment of a new highway reauthorization bill for at least two years and keep the program in temporary operation with transitional legislation.

· Allow states, through this transitional legislation, to temporarily ignore existing legislative mandates, including earmarks, and use federal funds for their own transportation priorities. Allowing states the freedom to better prioritize their needs and ignore wasteful mandates would help offset the

diminished level of funding.

· Suspend, through the transitional legislation, all competitive grant programs (often referred to as Administration "earmarks") such as the New Starts program, TIGER grants, and university research. Money otherwise authorized for these programs would instead be provided to the states as part of their formula allocation and applied to priorities of their choice.

· Limit transportation spending totals authorized for the remainder of the FY 2011 budget and for the FY 2012 budget to no more than the existing, dedicated revenues flowing into the trust fund.

· Use the two-year transition period to reconsider the goals and purpose of a federal transportation program and devise a system that shifts greater responsibility to the states and encourages the states to focus

on modes and projects that provide cost-effective mobility.

· Subject Amtrak to significant budget cuts and terminate the President's costly high-speed rail program.

Loosen the Chains

The above points could have a big impact on both federal spending and the quality of the transportation services it funds. By freeing the program from the many existing mandates—earmarks, transit, bicycle and hiking paths, historic covered bridges, urban street-scapes—Congress would be in a better position to determine the benefits and costs of turning back the highway program to the states.

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Southeast Kansas casino effort is delayed again

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas Lottery Commission officials voted another three-month extension for applicants who might want to build a southeast Kansas casino.

No one has applied to develop a state-owned casino in that corner of the state in more than a year. When deadlines passed Jan. 20 for applying to develop

such a casino in Cherokee or Crawford county, lottery directors voted to extend the deadlines to April 21.

Kansas legislators voted to in 2007 to authorize the development of as many as four \$225 million or larger state-owned casinos in the state in exchange for 22 percent or more of the revenues each facility produced.

One of those casinos, in

Dodge City, has generated nearly \$37 million since it opened in December. Another, under construction in Kansas City, Kan. is scheduled to open early next year and a third, near Mulvane, south of Wichita, was approved for development last week.

Pennsylvania's Penn National Gaming Inc. was approved in 2008 to develop a southeastern casino, but pulled out of the project months later, when it

said changing economic conditions cast doubt on the plan's success. A subsequent bid from Ozark Trail Gaming, an enterprise with many Wichita ties, was rejected in 2009 after Lottery officials questioned the adequacy of both its financial strength and its experience running gaming facilities.

Obituaries

FLORENCE M. RUSSELL

Florence M. Russell, age 98, of Ogden, Kansas, died Thursday morning, January 20, 2011, at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan.

She was born on March 5, 1912, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of William C. and Margaret (Mathis) Blattner. Florence had been a local resident since 1964, moving here from Chicago, Illinois.

On March 26, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois, she was united in marriage to Elmer D. Russell. He preceded her in death on June 18, 1982.

Mrs. Russell was a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic

Church in Ogden and a former member of the St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Midlothian, Illinois. She was also a member of the St. Patrick's Altar Society, Ogden American Legion Auxiliary Unit 207, the John Troy VFW Post Auxiliary #11374, the 8 & 40 and the Ogden 60 plus club and was a Gold Star Mother. In addition to her numerous memberships she enjoyed bowling at the Wildcat Lanes in Manhattan for many years.

She is survived by four children: Shirley Carlson, Tenino, WA; Carole Troy, Ogden, KS; Joan Carlson, Orland Park, IL; and Gerald Russell, Iowa City, IA. Also surviving are one sister: Gloria Charuat, Oak Lawn, IL and one brother: Ralph

Blattner, Tinley Park, IL, 29 grandchildren, 71 great grandchildren and 31 great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Russell was preceded in death by one son: David Russell, one daughter: Jacqueline Cecil, three brothers: William C. Blattner, Andrew Blattner and Richard Blattner, seven sisters: Marie Coogan, Loretta Kahne, Eleanor Perz, Bernadine Cerulli, Delores Kellogg, Ethel Kim and Lucille Cooper and two grandchildren.

There will be a private family visitation at the funeral home with the family receiving friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Monday at the Ogden Community Center in Ogden, Kansas.

Additional visitation will be

5:00 until 9:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Funeral services will be held 10:30 A.M. Thursday at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home with burial to follow in Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Illinois.

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

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Goodnow Diary

Diary of Isaac T. Goodnow for 1879.

Transcribed by the Riley County Historical Society from a copy of the original diary.

Isaac Goodnow's papers including his diaries are at the Kansas State Archives & Library in Topeka. Their website address is http://www.kshs.org/portal_state_archives_library

Note: Isaac Goodnow's handwriting is often hard to read. In the year following, the typewritten terms "P.C. & P.C.s to," refer to Postcard, & Postcard/s to. Brackets [] enclose missing punctuation or letters; (?) question marks indicate unsureness of written word/phrase.

Sunday, February 9, 1879

A.M. 11 A.M. Sermon by Pyer. Evening by Clark at Pres. Ch—, Read papers.

Monday, February 10, 1879

At Land Office.— Called at Bank &c. Valise mended, &c. Called on Dr. Young. Capt. Sommers on train to J.City. Took tea at Innis's. Left for J. City 7-20 P.M. arriving at 10-30 P.M. Escape from wrecking!

Tuesday, February 11, 1879

Returned to Manhattan at 11 ¼ A.M. Called at Bank. Sent Draft on K. City to Heritage \$425. Home at dinner. Prof. Mudge back from the East. Trimmed Plum trees, &c. P.C. H.S. Willard & C.T. Reeder. Read papers Evening. Call from Clark to buy Lot 369 W5.

Wednesday, February 12, 1879

Cold Morning! Windy Wrote C.H. Morgan & Sent \$12. Comm[on] W28-2-3, Sold by Elliott, James Stratton. P.C. S.J. Gilmore. Wrote Dr. A.C.Dedrick.

Thursday, February 13, 1879

Went to S. Whitney's & left with him, R. Allyn's letter, Draft, Note & Mortgage on W.E. Goodnow's house for Deed to Allyn's. P.M. Went to town. Returned & took Hattie to Mr. Whitney's. Engaged a load of hay. Hiram & Himes experimented on Sorghum Syrup. Issued Bond for Lot 36 NW5. to D. [not legible]. John Hannon Called.

Friday, February 14, 1879

Fixed up 3 Samples of Syrup & sent pr. Express to I.A. Savage, St. Louis, Mo. to refine for Samples, 1.25 Ex.-e. Went to Topeka with J. Hannon & sold him Claim 1st. Nat'. B. of Topeka V.S. Leavenworth Co. for \$100; took check on Insley, Shire & Co., Leavenworth, Ks; Sent to 1st. National, Leavenworth for Collection. Called on George Spencer, & Clemens. Adams House.

Saturday, February 15, 1879

Wrote H.B. Cullom, H.B. Henson, 1st National Bank, 11worth, R. Allyn. Met Dr. Derkins & Rev. Atkins. Called at State House. Met Col. Goss, N. Buds \$5.50. Called on D.M. Adams. Took the P.M. train for home. Augustine Biggs & Barrows aboard! Snow Storm. H.S. Denison at Depot to take me home. All well.

Sunday, February 16, 1879

Love feast: Quarterly Meeting. Sermon by Dr. Davis, Communion. Took down Hattie & Ellen with Flora & Cora. Read papers &c.

Monday, February 17, 1879

Wrote A.E. Touzalín, D.C. Thoroman. H.L. Denison. Chopped wood; Hiram all day. Looked for Kansas Items. Ellen writing up for Old

Citizens Meeting next Saturday.

Tuesday, February 18, 1879

Wrote Dr. A.C. Dedrick on tax-bills, — Abbott family \$15.65. Called on Reynolds & at Sprall's. Went to town, Solomon along. Called on L.R. Elliott & G.W. Brown. P.M. Went to the woods with Reynolds & Ellen to R's & Gist's with Bonnet. King Called in the evening for 11 Bu. Apples.

Wednesday, February 19, 1879

Started for E.P.W.'s; met them on the way to Manhattan to deed away their farm, Crazy! or foolish! Returned home Calling on Solomon on the way. Kitty badly off with Swollen leg. Elisha P. Called on their way home ; wife-Sober! Kreestor Called to See about lot. Looked at Beach House.

Thursday, February 20, 1879

Went to town. Saw G.W. Gresvite! Gov. Green on the way home. Peep behind the Curtains! Had bot E.P.W.'s place, \$3200. Pays next Sept. \$1000.- \$500 to Webber; 500.on Mortgage. \$1000. to Maria, \$500 one year from Sept. & 500. two years from Sept., 8 pr cent int. 1200. to E.P.W. 2Professor yrs. from Sept? Maria stopping for a short time. Trimmed apple trees.

Friday, February 21, 1879

Beautiful day! Sore throat. Old Settlers Meeting tomorrow. Wrote R.W. Randall. P.C. A.S. Johnson. J. Denison arrived; Stops with us. Evening, Rollins Called. To bed at 10 ¼ P.M. Hattie 11 ½ P.M.

Saturday, February 22, 1879

Wrote J.M. Spencer. P.C. to H.B. Henson. Old Settlers Meeting at Adams' House; Large attendance; Speech by Denison, Green, Sharp, C.B. Lines, &c. Good dinner. Did not attend the Evening Session. Cold a little better.

Sunday, February 23, 1879

11 A.M. Sermon by J. Denison. Large Congregation & a pleasant day. Read papers &c. Cold still troubles me.

Monday, February 24, 1879

Beautiful Morning. P.C. J. Middleton. Wrote L.T. Heritage check on New York from W.B. Meeker & Co., 112.00 Certificate of Deposit on 1st National 11worth 100.00, I.A. Hedges. P.C. C.H. Morgan, W.B. Meeker & Co., Clark Dodge & Co. Went to town with J. Denison. Called on Dr. Vail &c. Profs. Platte & J.S. Hougham at tea. Mrs. Platte Sick. Cold still holds on.

Tuesday, February 25, 1879

Beautiful Morning. J. Denison left on 11 O clock train. But grew Colder through the day. 7 P.M. Therm. 15°. Carried Grist to Mrs. Donaldson. Letter from J.M. Spencer, Important!

Wednesday, February 26, 1879

Horse loose this Morning. Eat treble dose of corn! Therm. 8 A.M. 6° Went to town. Professor Mudge poisoned!! Hiram chopped wood A.M. Hattie drove out to the Harrison? Family. Took food for both.

Thursday, February 27, 1879

Call from Reynolds. Windy. Wrote: E.B. Pierce down, Allyn W. Tyler. P.C. E.S. Moriser. S.W. Kniffen on lots in Parsons: \$65.00. Chopped Some. Call from Johnson &c.

Friday, February 28, 1879

Went with Ellen to E.P.

Webber's; W. away, Going to separate. Sold Maria Dearbon House \$1000 & give her Pasture one year. Returned by way Manhattan & got Mail, 2 Hams, & 2 Shoulders at Fittz, to Smoke. Pleasant Mild day; Some Windy, Home at dark. Wind SW. Eve— changed to the North.

Saturday, March 1, 1879

Therm. 9 A.M. 20°. Strong wind from the North. Wrote M. Johnson to MOVE. Cut up Corn Stock in garden & Some Shrubs, &c. Calf from Reynolds. Webster came down & settled. Left with me on deposit, \$55.50. Gave him Receipt.

Sunday, March 2, 1879

11 A.M. Sermon by Gill. 5 Babtized in Church. Read papers & National Repository. Rode up to Solomon's. Hales debt from E.P.W. \$700.

Monday, March 3, 1879

Wrote M.A. Weeks, J.B. Gould. P.C. R.H. Wood, F. Goodnow, G. Denison, H.L. Denison. Helped Hattie Wash. Hiram Chopped.

Tuesday, March 4, 1879

Trimmed apple trees, &c. Call from Prof. Hougham. Long talk on Harry! Took tea at S.V. Lee's. Nice Visit.

Wednesday, March 5, 1879

Called on Platte, early, on renting Old College Building. M.A. Trimmed Apple trees ½ day.

Thursday, March 6, 1879

Went to town & took French & Elliott to E.P. Webber's. Visited & dined there. Ret'd. Home & added Hattie & then Visited Well's Orchard, 2000 trees. Home at dark. Run over RR! E.P.W. agrees to leave \$15

with Geo. Green & date;- leave's Note with him. Fremont Weeks Spent the night here. Paid Platte \$5. for Counsel.

Friday, March 7, 1879

Went to Mill, 10 Bu. Wheat & Corn. Home at Noon. F. Weeks went home. Warm, 2 ½ P.M. 86°. P.M. Went to town. Got box from Hedge. L.R. Elliott. Called at Court House. Divorce Case, Mrs. Haynes VS Mr. Haynes. Murder trial, Bates. adjourned till Morning. Eve—call from —Mr. Baker. Warmest day of the season, Windy.

Saturday, March 8, 1879

5 Bu. dirt, on to flower beds. Dug Parsnips & Onions. Wrote R.W. Randall & Sent blank for farther proof on Browne's Policy. Killed Chicken. Wrote Fessenden & sent Kniffer's Deed for \$65. P.C. A. Smith, Thomas & Wilson, J. Denison, R. Allyn. Wrote H.D. Dixon on Potters Notes. J.L. English. Quite windy.

Sunday, March 9, 1879

11 A.m. Sermon by Rev. Gill. Dora & Flora to Church with Hattie. Read Papers & in Scribners Magazine. Donaldson arrived. Warm & pleasant.

Monday, March 10, 1879

Called on Dr. Vail, King & Reynolds. Johnson painted 2 ½ hours. Took Donaldson? to town. Got Syrup Bbbs & Rosin. Hiram fixing up Cane House for refining syrup. Worked in garden, burning, &c. Warm & pleasant.

Tuesday, March 11, 1879

Burnt brush &c. in garden. Called at King's. Himes Sick. Ed. Donaldson took me to town

& I went to Topeka. Saw T.J. Anderson, J.M. Spencer. W.D. Gilbert, Took Supper with him. Wrote.

Wednesday, March 12, 1879

Wrote R.W. Randall & Sent Browne's Note \$1113.30. G.W. Quereau & Sent \$681. trs. Mortgages. Warm. P.C. J.S. Hougham, H.S. Denison, C.O. Wheden. Called on Gov. St. John, J.M. Spencer &c. P.M. Went to 11worth, Kansas. Conference Assigned to W.C. Loberstein With J. Denison. Eve. Sermon by Madison.

Thursday, March 13, 1879

Attended Conference. P.M. Meeting of Educational Committee. Eve— Educational Anniversary. Speeches by Gilbert, Rhodes, & —. 2 hens Set 24 eggs. Sudden change to Cold.

Friday, March 14, 1879

Wrote to F. Goodnow & Sent draft \$150. on Em— National Bank &c. Busy getting Subscription for Apparatus, Bookers University. (E.P. Webber left with a girl for parts Unknown!) Eve. Freedman's Aid Society. Speeches, Leonard, Gilbert & Rust. Fine meeting.

Saturday, March 15, 1879

Conference, business as usual. Call upon Mrs. Anthony with J. Denison. Eve— Missionary Meeting. I went with W.C.. L— to hear Murphy, the Great Apostle of Temperance, Conservatory Master.

Sunday, March 16, 1879

A.M. Sermon by Rev. C. Mc Cabe at 1st P. Church. P.M. 8 O Clock by R.T. Rust at A.M.E. Church. Eve— Church Extension at M.E. Church.

Murphy, Leonard, Kelley & 1000. pledged. Grand Crowded Meeting. to bed 11 P.M.

Monday, March 17, 1879

Finished raising \$500. for Apparatus for Baker University. Gave 100. myself. Saw W.H. Jones, Lawrence, Kelley, Thompson, Beck, Weaver & Carpenter. Left for home at 11 A.M. Dined at Topeka. Home at 6 ½ P.M.

Tuesday, March 18, 1879

Wrote Mrs. Davis, A.M. Sommers, H.D. Dixon, L.T. Heritage & Sent Drafts 124.00. St. John Carpenter's Photographs & letter to Gov. St. John pr. Express. P.C. A.N. Educational. Anniversary. Speeches by Gilbert, Rhodes, & —. 2 hens Set 24 eggs. Sudden change to Cold.

Wednesday, March 19, 1879

Went to Mrs. Webber's with Solomon. Plain talk on the way. E.P.W. gone! to the dogs! P.M. Went to town with Mr. Hines. Trimmed trees in Orchard. Eve. wrote W.J. Houghanant. J.D. Gilbert, Regents, University.

Thursday, March 20, 1879

Wrote L.T. Heritage. Sent Certificate Deposit \$677. P.C. J. Denison, C.C. Whedon, T.W. Russell. Sent Receipt \$448. T.W. Russell on Insurance Company. Hiram trying Clough Process! Shot a Skunk! Praul Chop[p]ing. Wrote A.E. Touzalón.

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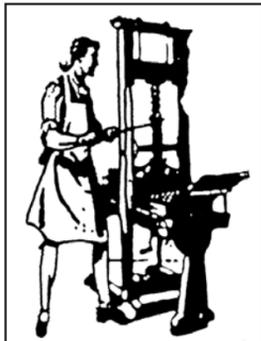
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Thoughts From The Prairie

Just One Life

This is another story I do not want to write; it is too awful to comprehend how it could be a reality. The story was headlined by Michelle Malkin as "The Philadelphia Horror" and described in a 281-page grand jury report that covered four decades of the most gruesome atrocities ever described in human language. The story was about the abortion clinic in Philadelphia operated by Kermit B. Gosnell. As the story broke, I was listening to a radio interview relating the morbid details. I turned the radio off because I could not handle the images being described, but then I realized that is what Americans have been doing since 1973 when the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the case of Roe versus Wade. Although sickened by the visual images formed in my mind from the description of what was found by the grand jury, I listened to the remainder of the interview.

For the purpose of this article, I will limit the details to the following excerpt from the grand jury's report that is mild compared to the actual conditions contained in the report: "This case is about a doctor who killed babies and endangered women. What we mean is that he regularly and illegally delivered live, viable babies in the third trimester of pregnancy — and then murdered these newborns by severing their spinal cords with scissors. The medical practice by which he carried out this business was a filthy fraud in which he overdosed his patients with dangerous drugs, spread venereal disease among them with infected instruments, perforated their wombs and bowels — and, on at least two occasions, caused



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their deaths. Over the years, many people came to know that something was going on here. But no one put a stop to it."

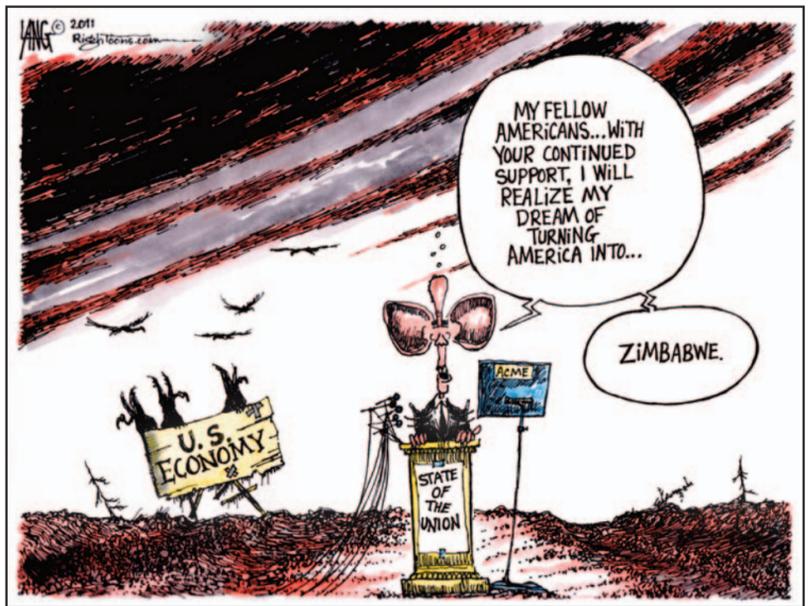
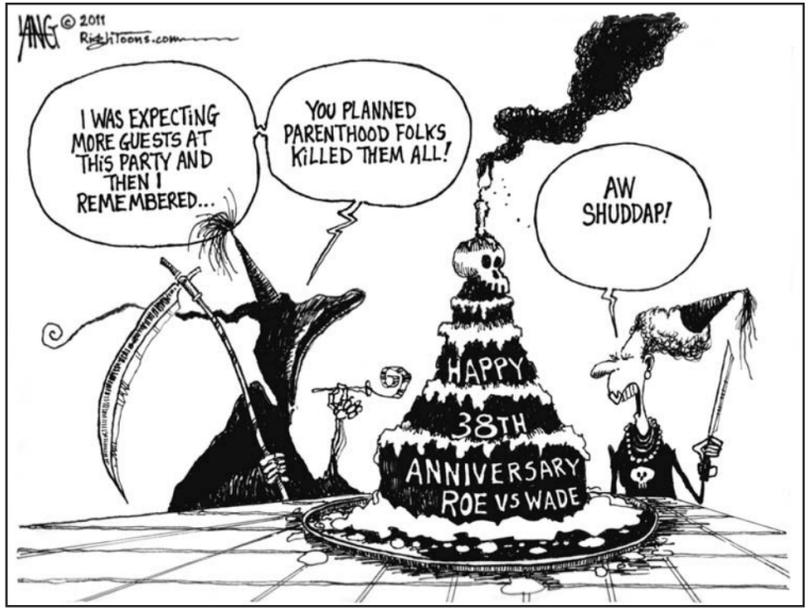
When the interview described above was over, I turned the radio off and drove on in stunned silence. After some time I mentally turned the calendar back several years to a time while we were sojourning in Oklahoma City. There I heard a sermon titled, "What Makes You Weep?" The question became a haunting echo somewhere in the depths of my mind and gradually I began to realize, except for some things that impacted me personally, that there was nothing that made me weep. Later I was on a business trip to Northern Montana. Since there was no social responsibility on this trip, I spent the off duty time isolated from people and food in the hopes the haunting in the recesses of my mind would surface and be clarified. Rather than being resolved, the process only evoked another haunting question: "What is the value of just one life?"

Such a question is

merely a subjective query until it gets personal. And it did get personal. It got very personal when our three-year old granddaughter, Tate, riding with her mother, Deb, on the way to the next town, became silent for a long period of time, a very unusual occurrence. Deb became curious and began watching Tate in the rear view mirror and noted that she seemed to be in another world. Finally Tate stunned our daughter with, "Mommy, where is my sister?" "Honey, you have a brother, not a sister," was Deb's reply. But that answer did not satisfy the inquisitive three-year old. "Mommy, I know where my brother is, but I want to know where my sister is." Our daughter reeled from the awareness that her daughter had somehow become aware of facts that even she did not know. How does one tell her daughter that her little sister was last seen in a dumpster in Wichita, Kansas?

You see our daughter became pregnant during a post graduate fling and in her confusion, sought counsel from a Planned Parenthood office in Wichita. She was counseled not to tell her parents but to let the clinic take care of the inconvenient situation by simply removing the unwanted tissue. So, our daughter consented to an abortion and our granddaughter's little sister became an unnamed, and at that time unwanted, carton of tissue known only to her Creator.

Recovery for our daughter and for us was long and excruciating. Part of the recovery process has been to share this story in the hopes that those who hear it or read about it will come to realize that the value of every life is priceless, especially when it is your little sister.



The Pet Rock versus Obamacare

In 1975 advertising executive Gary Dahl had one of the simplest and most rewarding marketing ideas of the decade. He placed a shiny little rock in a box decorated as an animal carrier and offered it to consumers to buy and keep as a "pet."

Dahl marketed this (unique) product by reminding consumers of the unwanted expense, time and effort that conventional pets take compared to his lovable and low-maintenance "pet rock." Within a six-month period, the Pet Rock received national fad appeal and Dahl made millions of dollars before market saturation and copycat competitors, in combination with the next line of fanciful fad products greatly diminished the short-lived pet rock craze.

If you asked me if the pet rock changed the world I would say no. However, if you asked me if the Pet Rock, when compared with the colossal Obama health care system that now looms over the country, will be seen as having more of a positive impact over time, I would say absolutely. Liberals will jump out of their skin at such a statement because Obamacare, with all its countless socialistic tentacles, is advertised as a cure-all for so many issues that the list of its potential good deeds is still being written. With all that said, I still pick the rock. Why? While both the Pet Rock and Obamacare fall within the category of goods and services, we have to look deeper to see what they really represent if we really wish to see their impact on the country.

The thing of importance that separates the two products from one another is the ideological foundations by which both are presented. Both the Pet Rock and Obamacare become relevant when we look at the issue of equality, though they are evaluated differently. Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman called these two competing ideologies on the perspective of equality, "equality of opportunity and equality of outcome."

Gary Dahl's pet rock is easily an example of the freedom of opportunity. Anyone could have created and marketed the idea of the Pet Rock, but it was Dahl who conceived the product and took the leap of faith with a possibility of succeeding or failing. What is of importance is that Dahl was not restricted from attempting to achieve wealth beyond people with less innovation in the marketplace. We can safely assume that at some point Dahl was more than likely approached by someone that



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spoke against selling a rock in a box as a pet. The point of significance here is that no one, most importantly not the government, tried to stop Dahl from attempting to move ahead of the pack. That's America for you, or at least America in the 1970s.

Equality of opportunity, as Friedman aptly shows, is reflected within the Declaration of Independence with, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." This equality is greatly enhanced when all are allowed the freedom of opportunity to win and lose in the marketplace, to choose their own destiny as individuals. As important is the freedom of opportunity to try again when first attempts fail within the marketplace.

When applying equality of opportunity, we can easily replace Gary Dahl's humble pet rock with Henry Ford's Model T automobile or Bill Gates' software magic at Microsoft, and the equation remains the same. Equality of opportunity does not guarantee riches or happiness but it opens the door for the pursuit thereof.

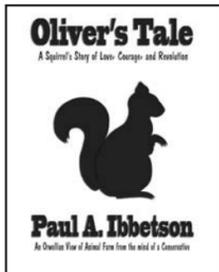
Conversely, Obamacare is openly advertised as an equality of outcome proposition. The problem is not a lack of compassion or good intentions here; the problem is innate within the mechanism by which this product is rendered to the people within the free market. To start with, Obamacare subverts the free market by requiring that all participate. The freedom to choose your participation level within the system is taken away under the guise that all will be guaranteed admittance.

As Friedman shows, the push for equality of outcome can only create an environment in which freedom is reduced and innovation is subsequently limited. Forced participation, reduced freedom of choice, skyrocketing costs and reduced quality of service are not simply

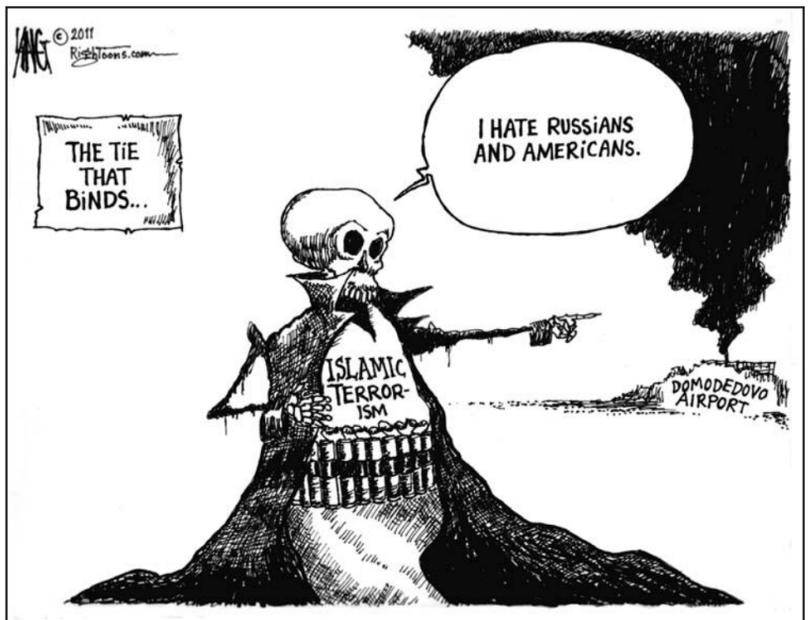
potential dangers of the ideology of equality of outcome, they are inevitable realities. The divide between the intent for equality found within the Declaration of Independence and the reality of the implementation of equality of outcome is massive and fraught with negative consequences.

One of these consequences is that implementing equality of outcome from which Obamacare is birthed within the free markets of America threatens to create a racist enveloping fog of mentality that government-managed mediocrity is acceptable as the status quo. This is a dangerously contagious kind of thinking that will most certainly expand its way beyond this monstrous health care bill for years to come. Yes, when compared to the huge promotional campaigns of the glories of the new health care program, the pet rock may be seen as inconsequential; however, when both products are compared ideologically, the freedom of opportunity that made Dahl's rock in the box a short-lived sensation had a more positive impact on the country than will Obamacare.

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



Riley County Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas
January 13, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building January 13, 2011 with the following members present: Karen McCulloh, Chair; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chair; Dave Lewis Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Eileen King, Treasurer; Becky Brenner; Tom Finney; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Steve Higgins, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Yvonne Ramirez, KMAN, attended.

Brenner said her neighbor, ex-husband, is trying to get a building permit and run utilities illegally through her property. Brenner said an individual is living on the property in a camper. Brenner stated her 16-year old daughter is afraid to live at home, because of the man living in the camper. Brenner stated they are concerned for their safety.

Johnson asked if she has contacted the Riley County Police Department (RCPD).

Brenner said she has not contacted RCPD about their safety.

McCulloh recommended talking to the Riley County Police Department.

Higgins stated he and Steve DeHart at the Health Department have met with the people living in the camper. Higgins said it is being used as a residence.

Wedel stated they have applied for a building permit for a manufactured home.

Brenner said she is also concerned about the value of her property.

Cox said the camper situation does not comply with code.

Johnson asked, what is the time frame?

Higgins said they had 10-days to comply with Riley County sanitary and zoning codes, which has passed.

McCulloh said Riley County can only provide code enforcement and recommended Brenner hire an attorney.

McCulloh said the City of Manhattan is planning on a fixed route system in the city through a contract with aTa Bus.

McCulloh stated they came up with a Board of one Riley County Commissioner, one Manhattan City Commissioner, one KSU representative, and one student representative.

McCulloh suggested Pottawatomie County be included since transportation will be provided there as well.

Volanti presented a shared leave request and shared leave donations.

Johnson moved to approve the shared leave request and shared leave donations. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to accept Ronald Pauli's resignation and appoint Sharrie Peterson as Wildcat Township Clerk. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve "Resolution No. 011311-02, A Resolution appointing representatives to the Law Enforcement Agency 'Law Board'" - Karen McCulloh and Dave Lewis and sign appointment letters, term expiration December 31, 2012. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Channa B. Rajashekar Et Ux (212-03-0-30-03-009-00-0) for tax year 2009. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$857.64. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Channa B. Rajashekar Et Ux (212-03-0-30-03-009-00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$909.10. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the

Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Mark L. and Ann M. Spexarth (203-07-2-80-14-006.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$137.12. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Thomas Kirk (211-01-0-00-00-001.12-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$268.70. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Jason M. Orme (211-02-0-40-12-005.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$47.50. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Gary E. Bishop (211-02-0-40-13-003.35-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$265.34. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Harvey M.Scott and Cheryl L. Herman (211-11-0-10-08-003.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$125.72. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Marty J. and Lesley C. Fiser (212-10-0-20-01-001.08-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$480.30. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the Rollie J. Clem Trust and the A. Lorena Passarelli Trust (212-10-0-30-03-002.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,480.40. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Corefirst Bank and Trust (216-23-0-20-05-003.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$228.46. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Myunggook Song (216-23-0-20-01-030.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$456.44. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Melvin L. Ferris, Jr. and Marilyn L. Ferris (151-01-0-30-14-011.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$450.98. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the Paul E. Ehm Trust and Shirley J. Ehm Trust (262-10-0-00-00-002.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$72.48. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for John J. Berger (195-21-0-00-03-003.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$230.64. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the Reasoner Family Trust (151-01-0-30-09-003.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$283.54. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Jeremy E. and Merrily B. Behrens (036-24-0-00-00-006.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$111.44. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the

Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Ronald R. Hinkle and Lori L. Hinkle (216-24-0-10-08-006.01-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$238.34. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Teresa V. Oliveira (122-10-0-30-03-009.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$203.08. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for John Del Prete and Sherry Del Prete and Anna Del Prete (263-07-0-30-19-010.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$342.68. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for John Del Prete and Sherry Del Prete and Anna Del Prete (263-07-0-30-19-007.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$319.54. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for John Del Prete and Sherry Del Prete and Anna Del Prete (263-07-0-30-19-011.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$342.68. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the North American Islamic Trust, Inc. (211-12-0-30-06-010.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$246.84. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the North American Islamic Trust, Inc. (211-12-0-30-06-007.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$675.52. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$206,697.50 and the following warrant vouchers for January 14, 2011:

2010 Budget	
County General	\$73,510.37
Riley Co Juvenile Service	220.87
Motor Vehicle Operations	38.92
21st Jud Dist Teen Court	10.92
Riley Co Adult Services	129.07
Emergency 911	3,181.51
Solid Waste	1,271.14
County Building	3,524.19
RCPD Levy/Op	5,202.64
Landfill Closure	647.83
Riley Co Fire Dist #1	(1.59)
University Park W&S	1,282.18
Hunters Island Water Dist	700.64
Deep Creek Sewer	75.00
Moehlman Bottoms	314.68
Konza Water Operations	539.16
Konza Water Cap Reserve	292.50
TOTAL	\$90,940.03
2011 Budget	
County General	\$203,021.75
JJA Prevention St Formula	9,838.75
Riley Co Juvenile Service	6,953.73
Motor Vehicle Operations	4,743.78
21st Jud Dist Teen Court	1,557.42
Riley Co Adult Services	7,464.14
Capital Improvements Fund	37,041.62
Emergency 911	3,480.00
Solid Waste	3,022.78
County Building	1,623.64
RCPD Levy/Op	11,363.27
Resourceful KS Energy Grt	14,769.22
Riley Co Fire Dist #1	2,825.32
University Park W&S	185.00
TOTAL	\$307,890.42

Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson said he met with Bob Strawn and discussed making the Health Department a County Department and the Law Board be made up of all elected officials.

Johnson moved to approve a Temporary Construction Easement with Terry W. and Tammie J. Henry to lay out, relocate, widen, or alter a certain public road known as North Otter Branch Road solely for the purpose of constructing a road and/or Bridge Project, described as follows: A tract of land situated in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 6 East of the 6th Principal Meridian, Riley County, Kansas, being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of said Section 17; THENCE on an assumed bearing of South 89°23'44" East, along the North line of said Northwest Quarter (NW1/4), a distance of 817.28 feet; THENCE South 00°00'00" East a distance of 766.45 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE South 24°49'14" East a distance of 130.58 feet; THENCE South 81°27'16" West a distance of 80.00 feet; THENCE North 16°29'39" West a distance of 103.01 feet; THENCE North 59°25'09" East a distance of 62.19 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said tract contains 0.186 acres, more or less. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve a Grant of Permanent Easement with Terry W. and Tammie J. Henry to lay out, relocate, widen, or alter the public road known as North Otter Branch Road solely for the purpose of constructing a road and/or Bridge Project, described as follows: A tract of land situated in the Northwest One-Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 6 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Riley County, Kansas, being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest One-Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 17; THENCE on an assumed bearing of South 89°23'44" East, along the North line of said Northwest Quarter (NW1/4), a distance of 587.00 feet; THENCE South 0°00'00" East a distance of 526.38 feet to a point on the Northeastly Right of Way line of North Otter Branch Road, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE North 86°15'34" East a distance of 62.65 feet; THENCE South 64°03'18" East a distance of 156.23 feet; THENCE South 45°59'16" East a distance of 204.80 feet; THENCE South 09°09'00" East a distance of 243.06 feet; THENCE South 22°25'05" West a distance of 58.31 feet to a point on said Northeastly Right of Way line of North Otter Branch

Road; THENCE South 81°27'16" West a distance of 40.00 feet to a point on said Southwesterly Right of Way line of North Otter Branch Road; THENCE North 30°20'49" West a distance of 53.85 feet; THENCE North 8°32'44" West a distance of 100.00 feet; THENCE North 24°49'14" West a distance of 218.43 feet; THENCE North 61°41'44" West a distance of 189.25 feet; THENCE North 49°52'29" West a distance of 57.01 feet to a point on said Southwesterly Right of Way line of North Otter Branch Road; THENCE North 24°52'12" East, 40.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said tract contains 1.35 acres, more or less, less 0.60 acres of existing road right-of-way. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Volanti stated the Treasurer requested to rehire a previous Riley County employee with seven years of service and to place her at a step 5.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Heather Gepner, a rehire, as a Customer Service Representative II, in the County Treasurer's Office, at a grade H step 5, at \$16.49 per hour.

9:10 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; and Yvonne Ramirez, KMAN, attended.

Holeman said the Bishop Stadium architect will be developing a map of the boundary lines between Riley County and USD 383 at CiCo Park.

9:12 Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; Clancy Holeman, Counselor /Director of Administrative Services; and Yvonne Ramirez, KMAN, attended.

Butler discussed the Leaders' Retreat.

Butler said 2010 was a very successful economic development year. Butler said the outlook for 2011 is cautiously optimistic.

Butler discussed the Chamber's Small Business Developmental Center.

Butler said there is continued retail and restaurant interest in our area.

Butler discussed the interest in our community from the Bio-Science industry.

McCulloh discussed the importance of a fixed route transportation system to our economic development.

Butler stated he delivered a letter of support for the fixed route bus system to aTa Bus this morning.

9:32 Eileen King, Treasurer

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Bill Felber, Manhattan Mercury; and Yvonne Ramirez, KMAN, attended.

King presented monthly financial reports.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2011 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:52 Johnson moved to adjourn. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Have You Read What the Free Press Said?

Major Kansas malpractice suit will be re-argued

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - The Kansas Supreme Court on Friday ordered re-arguments in a malpractice suit that may profoundly change medical services delivery in the state.

Opposing sides are scheduled to re-argue Feb. 18 in the Supreme Court courtroom in the Kansas Judicial Center whether a Lawrence court erred in reducing a damages award to a Eudora woman for pain and suffering following a surgical error.

Her attorneys contend the Kansas Constitution requires courts to allow a higher award set by a Lawrence jury. Kansas' medical and insurance communities, opposing that view, say allowing the higher award to stand would cause doctors to stop offering some treatments because malpractice insurance rates would become prohibitive.

The dispute is over a cap in damages awarded to Amy Miller, of Eudora, after her

doctor, Carolyn Johnson, allegedly removed a wrong ovary in a 2002 operation. A Douglas County jury 2006 awarded Miller nearly \$760,000, of which \$400,000 was for non-economic, or pain and suffering damages.

The court reduced the \$400,000 part of the award to \$250,000, which is a limit the Kansas Legislature set in 1988 after a nearly decade-long battle between the medical and insurance communities on side and unions and trial lawyers on the other. Miller then appealed that reduction through the states appeals court and to the state Supreme Court, which heard arguments in the case in October 2009.

That court has not yet ruled in the case, however. And in the meantime, then-Chief Justice Robert E. Davis retired from the court following a grave, lengthy illness and Justice Nancy L. Moritz replaced him on the court earlier this month. In addition, Justice Eric S. Rosen has recused himself

from the case.

Both sides in the case say it is impossible to overstate the importance of the outcome of this suit to average Kansans.

Kansas Medical Society executive director Jerry Slaughter said Friday that removing the current \$250,000 cap on what are formally known as non-economic damages awards would threaten to return Kansas' health services providers and their patients back to the so-called malpractice crises of the 1970s and early 1980s, when skyrocketing insurance premiums and the exit of insurance companies from that business caused many doctors to simply stop offering some treatments because of the potential liability.

Kansas health services providers currently pay about \$72 million annually for basic liability coverage that provides up to \$1 million per claim, according to Kansas Insurance Department statistics. Individual premiums vary

widely, from perhaps \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year for a family practitioner to between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for a surgeon with a specialized practice, Slaughter said. Without the current caps, "those rates could double," he said.

But Bill Skepnek, a Lawrence attorney representing Miller, argues that such dire predictions are overstated. Far fewer than 1 percent of Kansas' doctors actually lose such malpractice cases, he said.

"The fact is, you'll not be able to find a single doctor who's been driven out of Kansas by a judgment or by insurance rates," Skepnek said.

He and his clients are claiming that a larger Kansas constitutional issue applies in these situations. Kansas' constitutional guarantees of the right to jury trials also gives juries, and not the executive or legislative branches, the right to determine damage awards, he said.

"Juries are the protectors of the people against the power of the government," he said.

Rebound of energy usage hard to come by after recession

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - The demand for electricity by industries in Kansas is a good barometer for the health of the economy, an economic advisor told the House Energy and Utility Committee Thursday.

So conversely, when planning for future energy generation to serve power needs, it's important to examine economic forecasts. The impact of financial crises, such as the one Kansas and the U.S. have been immersed in since 2008, is a shrinking of the gross domestic product, and a lessening of

demand for energy by industries, said Bob Glass with the Kansas Corporation Commission.

"The variations in usage are reflected in changes in the economy, as the economy does better, there's more demand for electricity," Glass said. "A lot of this has to do with a very simple fact—as the economy is doing better, there are more firms, businesses and industry."

The concerning issue for electricity usage forecasters is that often times after a financial crisis, the demand for energy does not spring back to pre-recession numbers. It happened

in Sweden after a financial crisis there in 2007, and it's currently the situation in Kansas.

"[Sweden] never got back to their trend, that's the scary thing, what if we never get back to our trend?" Glass said. "That means that trying to forecast it in the future, you're going to have to take into account that we moved into a lower growth path."

The gap between the upward trend of electricity usage and the reality of usage in the troubled economy means less revenue for federal, state and local governments because of the overall shrinkage of the GDP.

State Rep. Carl Holmes, a Republican from Liberal and chair of the House Energy and Utility Committee said the issue for his committee is adequate planning for the future of electricity needs in Kansas. As demand goes up and down with the economy, he wants to make sure he and his fellow lawmakers have an accurate view of the demand that Kansas industry will place on the power grid.

"The main thing we're concerned about is looking in the future at the amount of electric generations needed to meet the demand," Holmes said.

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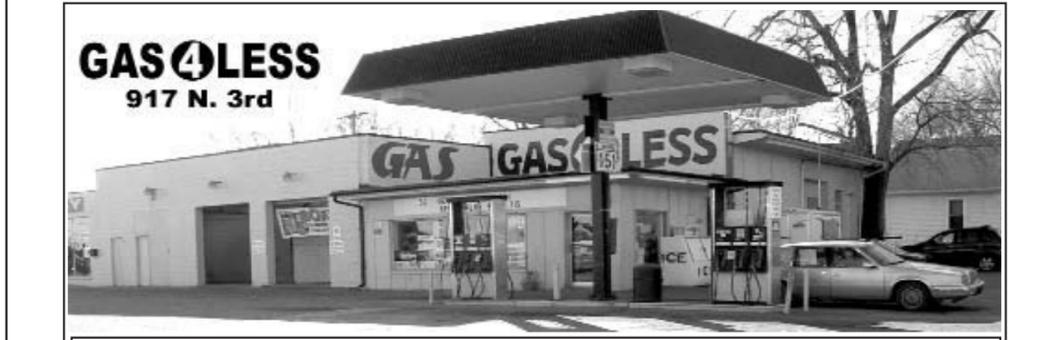
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Kansas State beats Baylor 69-61

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)

The Kansas State Wildcats overcame two weaknesses that had plagued them most of this disappointing season Monday night and came away with a desperately needed 69-61 victory over Baylor.

The Wildcats had not been counter-punching when the other team made a move. But this time, they answered a flurry of Baylor 3-point buckets with a flurry of their own and quickly regained control.

And instead of stinking at the foul line the way they'd done so many times in losing four of their last five games and plunging into last place in a Big 12 race they were expected to win, they canned 25 of 31 from the line.

"That's what won us the game," said guard Will Spradling, who had 17 points for Kansas State. Spradling was 9 for 9 from the line and Jacob Pullen, who also scored 17 points, was 7 for 9.

"We weren't scoring from the floor and it was nice to get to the free-throw line," Spradling said.

The Wildcats (14-7, 2-4) led 25-18 after a ragged first half filled with fouls and turnovers, but the Bears (13-6, 3-3) took a 30-29 lead on two 3-pointers by A.J. Walton and one each from LaceDarius Dunn and Stargell Love.

Then Rodney McGruder answered with a 3-pointer over the Baylor zone defense, igniting an 11-1 spree capped by Pullen's 3-pointer that shot the Wildcats into a 40-31 lead with 12:50 to go.

"That was something we didn't have the last couple of

games," Spradling said. "The other team would punch us and we wouldn't punch back. That was big for us."

Quincy Acy led Baylor with 14 points. Dunn, guarded by Pullen most of the night, fouled out with 9 seconds left after scoring 13 points, seven below his league-leading average.

"He is one of the best defenders in the Big 12," said Dunn. "Whatever their plan was, he stepped up and was the leader of his team and doing his role. He was playing good defense, which he has been all year."

Kansas State coach Frank Martin said spacing and teamwork made the difference in holding Dunn below his average.

"He made two 3s in the first half and both were on our offensive mistakes," Martin said. "But Jake was extremely disciplined and his teammates helped him. They didn't allow LaceDarius to ever catch the ball where he can catch it looking at the rim in rhythm. He was always, I think, under duress. When you can defend someone that's going to be the best scorer in the history of the Big 12 the way we did today, that means your kids did some things right."

Perry Jones, who had been shooting better than 70 percent since conference play began, had 11 points and eight rebounds for the Bears.

Curtis Kelly's dunk gave Kansas State a 60-50 lead, but the Bears cut it to 60-55 on a three-point play by Perry Jones. It was 63-58 with 28.8 seconds left when Kansas State reserve Juevol Myles made two free throws — his

only points of the game.

Jamar Samuels scored for Kansas State, then McGruder connected again from beyond the arc. After J'Mison Morgan's turnover, Pullen's 3-pointer put the Wildcats on top by nine.

Earlier, Jones soared to the bucket for one of the more impressive dunks Bramlage Coliseum has seen this year, but Spradling stopped the budding Baylor momentum with another 3-pointer for Kansas State.

Walton scored six points before fouling out with 9:50 remaining. His fifth foul came on Spradling's 3-point attempt, and Spradling made all three foul shots for a 46-35 Kansas State lead.

The Wildcats also held a 35-26 rebounding edge.

"I was proud of our defensive effort and I felt like we needed to do a better job on the boards," said Baylor coach Scott Drew. "They are the best at rebounding and we knew we had our hands full with it. At the end of the day, they were better than us tonight. I know that was a big game for them and a big game for us."

Kelly, who seems to be rounding into shape after sitting out a six-game suspension, had 13 points and seven rebounds, while McGruder had seven rebounds to go with 12 points.

Love had 11 points for the Bears.

In the ragged first half, Dunn missed his first three shots and did not score until he hit a 3-pointer from the wing at the 11:42 mark. He had 33 points in his previous appearance at Kansas State in 2009.



K-State's Shane Southwell (1) fights for control of the ball against Baylor. (Photo by Ben Brake)

Middleton leads No. 11 Texas A&M over K-State

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)

Minutes after Texas A&M was manhandled in an 81-60 loss to Texas earlier in the week, coach Mark Turgeon told the 11th-ranked Aggies they'd have to be much more physical to beat Kansas State.

Texas A&M answered his challenge, outmuscling Kansas State in a game with 48 fouls to win 64-56 on Saturday.

Khris Middleton had 18 points and Texas A&M made 13 free throws in the last 2 minutes to hold on against the struggling Wildcats.

"Before we left the locker room (Wednesday) I told them: 'We better be a heck of a lot tougher if we expect to win,'" Turgeon said. "We just talked about getting back to being us, which is defending. We haven't defended well, to be quite honest."

Texas A&M (17-2, 4-1 Big 12) led by five before Will Spradling knocked down a 3-pointer that made it 55-53 with about a minute remaining. B.J. Holmes made a pair of free throws with 45 seconds left before Jacob Pullen's shot was blocked by David Loubeau on the other end and the Wildcats had to foul again.

Dash Harris made one of two shots to push the lead to 58-53, and the Aggies got the rebound on the miss.

Middleton hit six free throws after that to secure the win.

It was the fourth loss in five games for Kansas State (13-7, 1-4), which was led by Pullen's 21 points. Curtis Kelly added 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Wildcats, off to a terrible start in Big 12 play after being the preseason conference favorite.

"We're getting better," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said. "I understand our

record doesn't show it, but we're better prepared to win than we were on Jan. 1. We've had some hard games in hard places, but that's the story of the Big 12. No one will feel sorry for us."

Kelly had his best game since returning from his six-game suspension on Jan. 15, but Martin thought he could have done more.

"His stat line looks good, but I didn't think he played well," Martin said.

Asked how he could have done better, Martin replied: "Maybe finish the game and not stop playing with 2 minutes to go."

The Aggies bounced back from the loss to No. 10 Texas, which was their first defeat since Thanksgiving.

"Kansas State was one of the most physical teams we've played," Holmes said. "They get up on you on defense and full-court pressure you. We try to set the tone out there and just play hard. You have to want to play defense and I think everyone on the team has bought into playing defense."

Texas A&M's free throw shooting was the key in this one with the Aggies making 27 of 37 attempts compared to 11-of-19 shooting from the line for the Wildcats. Middleton led the way in that area, sinking 11 of 12.

"It's hard to win on the road when you go 5 of 20 on the 3-point line and they shoot 37 free throws and you shoot 19," Martin said.

Turgeon thought his team could have had more trips to the line, but acknowledged that the physical nature of the game made calling everything difficult.

"It was a tough game to officiate," he said. "It was a wrestling match out there."

Middleton was the only Aggies player who scored in double figures, but Holmes, Naji Hibbert and Kourtney Roberson chipped in nine points apiece for Texas A&M.

Martin was encouraged that his team was only down by a possession with about a minute left after losing their last few road games by big margins.

"Last three road games we've had we had no chance," he said. "We've melted when adversity hit. We gave ourselves a chance today, but still had the breakdowns that kept us from winning."

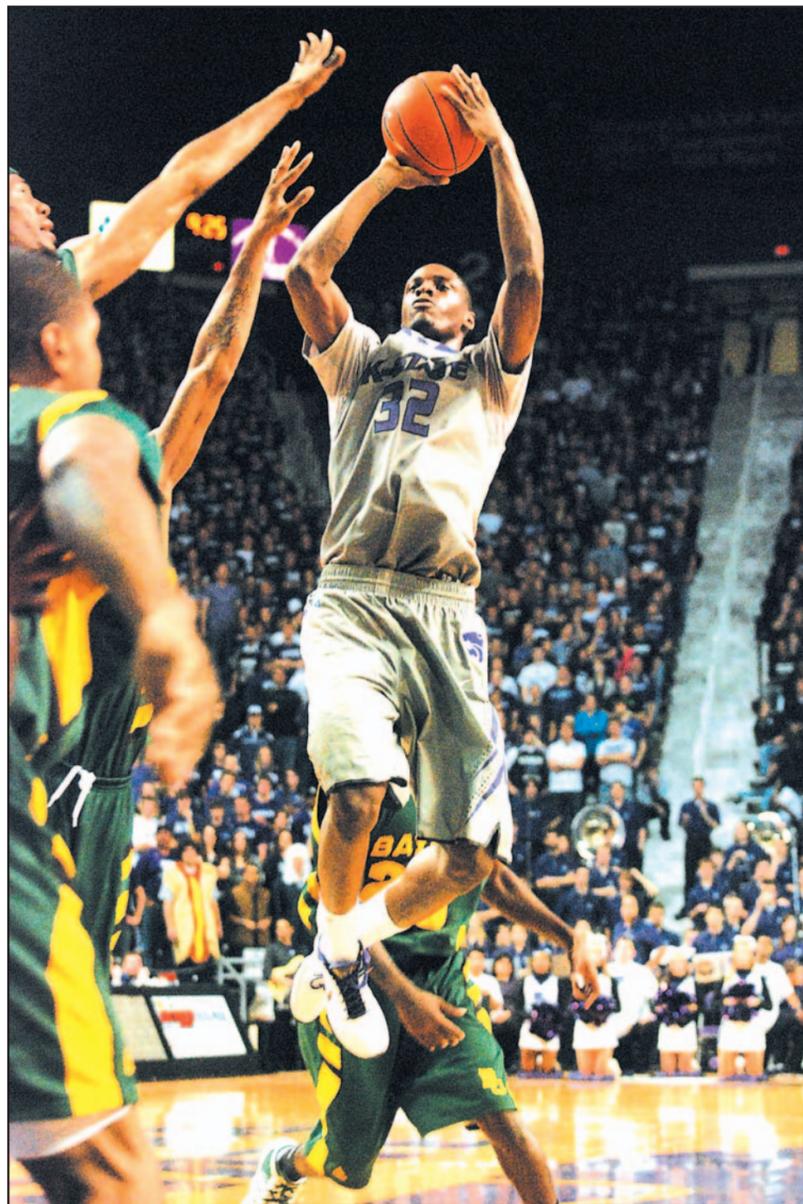
The game was tied at 48 before the Aggies used a 7-2 run to make it 55-50 with just under 11/2 minutes left.

Pullen got Kansas State within 46-45 with a jump shot with about 10 minutes remaining. Both teams went on scoring droughts after that, with neither one making a field goal for about 5 minutes. The Wildcats tied it on a free throw by Kelly with about 7 minutes left.

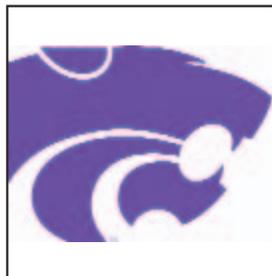
Harris hit a layup with just more than 5 minutes remaining to break the drought and give the Aggies a 48-46 lead.

Kansas State led by six before Texas A&M used a 13-0 run to pull ahead 44-37 with 12 minutes to go. That run was fueled by a pair of 3-pointers by Hibbert that came 5 seconds apart. Hibbert hit one from the left corner before a turnover by the Wildcats gave the Aggies the ball back. He caught the inbounds pass and knocked down a second one from the right corner.

The Aggies were up by six after a 3-pointer by Hibbert with about 4 minutes left in the first half. The Wildcats finished the half with a 7-1 run to leave it tied 29-all at the break.



Jamar Samuels (32) takes a shot for the Wildcats against Baylor. (Photo by Brandon Brake)



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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
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01/12/11	vs. Colorado TV	Bramlage Coliseum	66 - 74 12-5
01/15/11	vs. Texas Tech TV	Bramlage Coliseum	94 - 60 13-5
01/17/11	at Missouri TV	Columbia, Mo.	59 - 75 13-6
01/22/11	at Texas A&M TV	College Station, Texas	56 - 64 13-7
01/24/11	vs. Baylor TV	Bramlage Coliseum	69 - 61 14-7
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02/05/11	at Iowa State TV	Ames, Iowa	12:30 PM CT
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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	63 - 45 11-3
01/12/11	at Oklahoma TV	Norman, Okla.	45 - 52 11-4
01/15/11	at Texas Tech TV	Lubbock, Texas	66 - 68 11-5
01/19/11	vs. Missouri TV	Bramlage Coliseum	66 - 63 12-5
01/22/11	vs. Nebraska TV	Bramlage Coliseum	64 - 37 13-5
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	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	Lincoln, Neb.	7:05 p.m. CT
02/23/11	at Baylor	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

Big 12 Basketball Standings

Men's Standings

	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Texas	4-0	1.000	16-3	.842
Kansas	4-1	.800	19-1	.950
Texas A&M	4-1	.800	17-2	.895
Missouri	3-2	.600	17-3	.850
Baylor	3-3	.500	13-6	.684
Colorado	3-3	.500	14-7	.667
Nebraska	2-3	.400	14-5	.737
Oklahoma State	2-3	.400	14-5	.737
Oklahoma	2-3	.400	10-9	.526
Kansas State	2-4	.333	14-7	.667
Iowa State	1-4	.200	14-6	.700
Texas Tech	1-4	.200	9-11	.450

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Women's Standings

	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Baylor	5-0	1.000	18-1	.947
Texas A&M	5-0	1.000	17-1	.944
Oklahoma	5-0	1.000	15-3	.833
Texas Tech	3-2	.600	16-3	.842
Kansas State	3-2	.600	13-5	.722
Colorado	2-3	.400	11-7	.611
Iowa State	1-3	.250	13-5	.722
Nebraska	1-3	.250	11-7	.611
Kansas	1-4	.200	14-5	.737
Oklahoma State	1-4	.200	13-5	.722
Texas	1-4	.200	12-7	.632
Missouri	1-4	.200	9-10	.474

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2010-11 Big 12 Conference Basketball Statistics

Men's Conference

(Through January 25) (All games)

Scoring Offense	G	W-L	Pts Avg/G
1. Missouri.....	20	17-3	1700 85.0
2. Kansas.....	20	19-1	1642 82.1
3. Colorado.....	21	14-7	1715 81.7
4. Texas.....	19	16-3	1481 77.9
5. Iowa State.....	20	14-6	1519 75.9
6. Kansas State.....	21	14-7	1543 73.5
7. Texas Tech.....	20	9-11	1462 73.1
8. Texas A&M.....	19	17-2	1379 72.6
9. Baylor.....	19	13-6	1377 72.5
10. Oklahoma State.....	19	14-5	1349 71.0
11. Nebraska.....	19	14-5	1318 69.4
12. Oklahoma.....	19	10-9	1271 66.9

Scoring Defense	G	Pts Avg/G
1. Nebraska.....	19	1082 56.9
2. Texas A&M.....	19	1117 58.8
3. Baylor.....	19	1161 61.1
4. Texas.....	19	1167 61.4
5. Kansas.....	20	1251 62.5
6. Iowa State.....	20	1274 63.7
7. Kansas State.....	21	1356 64.6
8. Oklahoma State.....	19	1251 65.8
9. Oklahoma.....	19	1259 66.3
10. Missouri.....	20	1371 68.6
11. Colorado.....	21	1510 71.9
12. Texas Tech.....	20	1506 75.3

Scoring Margin	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Kansas.....	20	82.1	62.5	+19.5
2. Texas.....	19	77.9	61.4	+16.5
3. Missouri.....	20	85.0	68.0	+16.4
4. Texas A&M.....	19	72.6	58.8	+13.8
5. Nebraska.....	19	69.4	56.9	+12.4
6. Iowa State.....	20	75.9	63.7	+12.2
7. Baylor.....	19	72.5	61.1	+11.4
8. Colorado.....	21	81.7	71.9	+9.8
9. Kansas State.....	21	73.5	64.6	+8.9
10. Oklahoma State.....	19	71.0	65.8	+5.2
11. Oklahoma.....	19	66.9	66.3	+0.6
12. Texas Tech.....	20	73.1	75.3	-2.2

Free Throw Percentage	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1. Colorado.....	21	396	506	.783
2. Texas A&M.....	19	354	489	.724
3. Texas Tech.....	20	309	429	.720
4. Oklahoma.....	19	238	331	.719
5. Oklahoma State.....	19	332	462	.719
6. Missouri.....	20	302	425	.711
7. Nebraska.....	19	252	355	.710
8. Iowa State.....	20	248	350	.709
9. Baylor.....	19	316	457	.691
10. Kansas.....	20	302	450	.671
11. Texas.....	19	326	493	.661
12. Kansas State.....	21	318	525	.606

Field Goal Percentage	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Kansas.....	20	599	1165	.514
2. Colorado.....	21	598	1231	.486
3. Nebraska.....	19	486	1016	.478
4. Baylor.....	19	476	997	.477
5. Missouri.....	20	621	1308	.475
6. Oklahoma.....	19	455	976	.466
7. Texas.....	19	522	1134	.460
8. Oklahoma State.....	19	465	1027	.453
9. Texas A&M.....	19	458	1015	.451
10. Texas Tech.....	20	525	1169	.449
11. Iowa State.....	20	545	1238	.440
12. Kansas State.....	21	539	1232	.438

FG Percentage Defense	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Nebraska.....	19	380	1043	.364
2. Texas.....	19	425	1150	.370
3. Iowa State.....	20	467	1225	.381
4. Kansas.....	20	446	1159	.385
5. Texas A&M.....	19	389	976	.399
6. Kansas State.....	21	450	1111	.405
7. Oklahoma State.....	19	400	986	.406
8. Missouri.....	20	476	1164	.409
9. Baylor.....	19	416	1017	.409
10. Oklahoma.....	19	442	1002	.441
11. Colorado.....	21	533	1192	.447
12. Texas Tech.....	20	529	1155	.458

3-Point FG Percentage	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Missouri.....	20	156	408	.382
2. Iowa State.....	20	181	475	.381
3. Colorado.....	21	123	324	.380
4. Texas.....	19	111	293	.379
5. Kansas.....	20	142	381	.373
6. Baylor.....	19	109	293	.372
7. Kansas State.....	21	147	402	.366
8. Texas A&M.....	19	109	305	.357
9. Oklahoma.....	19	123	351	.350
10. Texas Tech.....	20	103	299	.344
11. Oklahoma State.....	19	87	280	.311
12. Nebraska.....	19	94	309	.304

3-Pt FG Pct Defense	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Kansas.....	20	106	383	.277
2. Texas.....	19	85	294	.289
3. Iowa State.....	20	117	403	.290
4. Texas A&M.....	19	103	347	.297
5. Nebraska.....	19	135	449	.301
6. Missouri.....	20	118	379	.311
7. Oklahoma State.....	19	118	337	.350
8. Colorado.....	21	130	371	.350
9. Kansas State.....	21	108	308	.351
10. Baylor.....	19	124	352	.352
11. Texas Tech.....	20	117	316	.370
12. Oklahoma.....	19	123	325	.378

Rebounding	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Texas.....	19	794	41.8
2. Kansas State.....	21	847	40.3
3. Kansas.....	20	784	39.2
4. Texas A&M.....	19	736	38.7
5. Iowa State.....	20	770	38.5
6. Missouri.....	20	766	38.3
7. Nebraska.....	19	711	37.4
8. Baylor.....	19	699	36.8
9. Colorado.....	21	743	35.4
10. Oklahoma State.....	19	669	35.2
11. Texas Tech.....	20	656	32.8
12. Oklahoma.....	19	601	31.6

Rebounding Defense	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Texas A&M.....	19	537	28.3
2. Baylor.....	19	551	29.0
3. Oklahoma.....	19	589	31.0
4. Kansas State.....	21	662	31.5
5. Colorado.....	21	667	31.8
6. Kansas.....	20	637	31.9
7. Nebraska.....	19	611	32.2
8. Oklahoma State.....	19	619	32.6
9. Texas.....	19	654	34.4
10. Texas Tech.....	20	722	36.1
11. Missouri.....	20	734	36.7
12. Iowa State.....	20	783	39.2

Women's Conference

Through games of Jan 23, 2011 (All games)

SCORING OFFENSE	G	W-L	Pts Avg/G
1. Baylor.....	19	18-1	1571 82.7
2. Texas.....	19	12-7	1563 82.3
3. Texas A&M.....	18	17-1	1471 81.7
4. Oklahoma.....	18	15-3	1430 79.4
5. Kansas.....	19	14-5	1399 73.6
6. Oklahoma State.....	18	13-5	1243 69.1
7. Texas Tech.....	19	16-3	1302 68.5
8. Nebraska.....	18	11-7	1217 67.6
9. Iowa State.....	18	13-5	1158 64.3
10. Colorado.....	18	11-7	1146 63.7
11. Kansas State.....	18	13-5	1114 61.9
12. Missouri.....	19	9-10	1141 60.1



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Brown leads No. 10 Texas over No. 2 Kansas 74-63



K-State's Jacob Pullen (0) stops mid-stride and scored 17 points against Baylor. (Photo by Brandon Brake)

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)

J'Covan Brown scored 23 points and keyed a second-half run that erased a 15-point deficit and led No. 10 Texas past No. 2 Kansas 74-63 on Saturday, snapping the Jayhawks' 69-game home winning streak.

Kansas scored the game's first 10 points and led by as many as 15 in the early going. But Texas (16-3, 4-0 Big 12) outscored the Jayhawks 36-13 while turning a 12-point half-time deficit into a 59-48 lead on a 3-pointer by Cory Joseph.

The Jayhawks (18-1, 3-1) had not lost at home since Feb. 3, 2007, the longest current streak in the nation, and were 7-0 at home against Texas since the inception of the Big 12 in 1996.

Jordan Hamilton had 17 points for the Longhorns and Tristan Thompson added 10 in a bruising game that included two technical fouls against both teams.

Tyrel Reed had 17 points and Marcus Morris 16 for Kansas, which went 8 of 30

from the field in the second half.

With the loss, No. 1 Ohio State and No. 6 San Diego State are the only remaining unbeaten teams in the nation.

Brown's second 3-pointer in a 13-2 run finally wiped out the big deficit and gave the Longhorns their first lead, 45-44, with 10:39 to go.

Kansas tied it with Markieff Morris' free throw, then Tristan Thompson and Brown scored for a 49-45 Texas lead.

Tyshawn Taylor's runner in the lane brought Kansas to 49-47 before Brown made two free throws and Joseph drilled a momentum-turning 3-pointer, giving the Longhorns a 54-47 lead at the 7:32 mark.

With a stunned crowd that hadn't seen the home team lose in almost four years growing silent, the Longhorns built the lead to 59-48 on a basket by Joseph and then, just ahead of the buzzer, another 3-pointer by the freshman guard, who had 11 points.

The Jayhawks were unable to get a good look against

Texas' pressure defense for almost the entire second half. When they did, they usually missed. They committed five turnovers while missing eight of their first 10 shots in the second half as Texas slowly chipped away at a 35-23 half-time deficit.

The Jayhawks, who came in leading the Big 12 with a shooting percentage of 52.4, hit only 36 percent for the game, while Texas shot 46 percent and outrebounded the Jayhawks 42-33.

There was a moment of silence before the game for the mother of Kansas sophomore Thomas Robinson, who died unexpectedly on Friday night. Robinson stood stoically during the tribute while Marcus Morris stood next to him and wiped away tears. Robinson scored two points, got five rebounds and committed four fouls.

As Texas inched closer, Hamilton dropped in two free throws, making him 6 for 6 from the line, Kansas' Mario Little turned it over and Gary

Johnson moved in for another easy Texas bucket that got the Longhorns to within five at 42-37.

Marcus Morris was then called for a technical foul and Brown made one foul shot.

Earlier, a technical on Hamilton sent Reed to the foul line, where he made both shots. But Hamilton had scored and been fouled and made the free throw after Reed hit his two, leaving Kansas with a 42-33 lead.

From that point, it was all Texas, with Brown hitting two 3-pointers in a flurry that finally put Texas in the lead 45-44.

Reed and Markieff Morris each hit 3s as Kansas scored the first 10 points of the game and quickly seized an 18-3 lead on Brady Morningstar's bucket.

The capacity crowd roared when Robinson rebounded Marcus Morris' miss and dropped the ball through the net, giving the Jayhawks a 22-9 lead.

No. 13 Missouri routs Iowa State 87-54

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)

Missouri was in charge from the tip-off. So much in charge, the Tigers dealt Iowa State one of the most lopsided losses in the 230-game series history.

Ricardo Ratliffe matched his career best with six blocked shots and Michael Dixon had 15 points with three 3-pointers, helping the 13th-ranked Tigers run the Cyclones out of the gym early in an 87-54 rout Saturday night. The margin was the school's biggest since a 55-20 victory in Ames in 1920, and biggest at home since a 53-14 victory Jan. 9, 1909.

"Whoever we play, we always feel we have a pretty

deep team and try to use that to our advantage," guard Kim English said. "If they stuck around with us early, their confidence would only get bigger."

"So we definitely made a concerted effort to make stops early."

Jake Anderson had 20 points for the Cyclones (14-6, 1-4 Big 12), who committed a season-worst 19 turnovers and went 4 for 22 from 3-point range while getting blown out for the first time.

"We just played stupid, to be honest with you," guard Scott Christopherson said. "We made a ton of turnovers and it kind of snowballed from there."

The previous largest margin in the series was 31 points by Missouri in 2009. Iowa State's point total matched its season low, and the Tigers totaled nine blocks — off their season best.

"I guess when you get that many blocks, people start to think," said the 6-9 Ratliffe said. "They've got to look over their shoulders."

Jamie Vanderbeken threw up a dud with five points after going 13 for 19 from 3-point range the previous two games, and was benched much of the second half. Diante Garrett was held to six points on 3-for-17 shooting and Christopherson was 2 for 8 with five points.

Missouri (17-3, 3-2) had the game over by halftime, forging a 22-point lead with play dominant enough to overcome its own mistakes, including nine turnovers and 5-for-14 shooting from 3-point range. The Tigers have won six in a row in the series and are 83-21 at home overall.

Iowa State has lost three of four but before this one had been competitive, either leading or tied in the final minute of all but one of its setbacks. The Cyclones were hitting 39 percent from 3-point range before Saturday.

"This is one of those teams that once things start going in the wrong direction, it snowballs," Iowa State coach Fred

Hoiberg said. "It's not a 45 percent decline."

Much of a sellout crowd of 15,061 was on the road midway through the second half as Missouri went to 13-0 at home. The Tigers have led by at least 15 points in all but one of their last nine at home.

Marcus Denmon scored 13 points, Ratliffe and English added 12 apiece and Justin Safford had 11.

Previously, Iowa State's worst halftime deficit was 10 points in a one-point loss at Nebraska on Jan. 8.

Missouri shrugged off foul trouble that limited Safford and Phil Pressey to 4 minutes apiece in the run-and-gun first half. The 6-foot-9 Ratliffe had

two impressive plays, closing ground fast to block Melvin Ejim's fast-break layup attempt and driving the length of the court for a layup.

"He has the freedom to do that," coach Mike Anderson said. "If he runs somebody over I'll take that freedom away. The kid is pretty versatile."

Iowa State was even off on free throws, missing three of eight in the first half to equal its total misses from the previous three games and going 12 for 18 overall.

The Cyclones were scoreless for more than 4 minutes in the first half while Missouri scored eight straight points for a 28-16 lead.

Texas Tech Pulls out 72-71 Win Over Nebraska

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)

Pat Knight finally saw his Texas Tech team gel and he liked the results.

The Red Raiders got their first Big 12 win of the season Saturday night, beating Nebraska 72-71 on D'wain Roberts' tip-in with 3.8 seconds to play.

Knight downplayed that the win was any more of a momentum swing than a win at the beginning of the season.

"Any win is going to give you momentum," Knight said. "I would have liked it if it wasn't as close but any win — no matter if it's by one point or 20 — when you've gotten off to

a slow start in the league like we have, is just a win. You got to get a win. I don't care how you got to get it."

The win ended a four-game skid for the Red Raiders (9-11, 1-4 Big 12).

Nebraska coach Doc Sadler said he was impressed with Texas Tech's play.

"You go in and you're a pretty good defensive team and then you just let Texas Tech just rip you apart," he said. "They exposed us defensively like no team has this year."

Brandon Richardson put Nebraska up 71-70 with 11.4 seconds remaining after hitting

three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt. Texas Tech's Mike Singletary took the ball up the court and drove into the lane and missed, but Roberts tipped the ball in for the win.

"My man left me to go help so that freed me to go to the goal," Roberts said. I just took off. It looked like it was short, so I got a quick start on it."

Nebraska tried a desperation shot at the end but it was off the mark.

Red Raiders guard John Roberson said he sees the win as a momentum builder.

"Especially a close win like this," said the senior, who

scored a season-high 25 points, including a career-high seven 3-pointers. "We played hard the whole game. Even if they came back and had a run, we answered it and that's what we have to do. We were a team tonight and I think if we continue to play like this we'll be good."

Singletary had 14 points on 5-of-13 shooting.

Richardson scored 20 points to lead the Cornhuskers (14-5, 2-3). He hit both 3s he tried and was flawless on eight free-throw attempts.

Roberson's final 3-pointer of the night came with 2:35 remaining and capped an 8-0

run that put the Red Raiders up 67-62.

Sadler had prepared his team for Roberson's 3-point shooting, telling them the Red Raiders would set screens for him.

"And he got seven of them," he said. "If we were still playing he'd still be making them."

Lance Jeter, who finished with 19 points on 7-of-10 from the field, pulled the Huskers within 67-66 on a 3 with 1:47 remaining. Roberson then hit two free

throws to make it 69-66.

Nebraska's Eshaunte Jones made two free throws with 54 seconds left to cut Texas Tech's lead to one point. Singletary then sank a free throw before Richardson connected on his three free throws.

The Cornhuskers got 29 points off of Texas Tech's 18 turnovers and Nebraska got 26 points in the paint. Center Jorge Diaz sat out much of the second half after picking up two quick fouls against Robert Lewandowski.

Davis leads Oklahoma past Colorado 67-60

NORMAN, Okla. (AP)

Cade Davis had 15 points and four other Oklahoma players scored in double figures as the Sooners defeated Colorado 67-60 Saturday.

Andrew Fitzgerald, Carl Blair Jr., and Cameron Clark each added 13 points for Oklahoma (10-9, 2-3 Big 12). Steven Pledger had 11.

Alec Burks and Cory Higgins scored 15 points apiece to lead the Buffaloes (14-6, 3-2), who have lost 24 straight in Norman.

"We're right in the muck of the Big 12," Colorado coach Tad Boyle said. "If you want to make a statement in this league you have to win on the road. They're not going to give it to you, you have to take it and we didn't take it today."

The Sooners went on a 13-4 run to take at a 32-26 lead into

halftime, and they then scored the first five points of the second half to push their lead to 11.

Colorado rallied to tie it at 52 with 3:25 remaining, but Oklahoma pulled away by making 13-of-16 free throws down the stretch.

"They're a good team," said Davis, the team's lone senior, who was 7 for 14 for the field and led the Sooners with eight rebounds. "We knew they were going to make a run. We just had to fight through that stretch, keep our momentum and keep our heads up."

Burks and Higgins were both held under their season scoring averages. Burks came into the game averaging 19.8 points per game while Higgins was averaging 16.2. Burks had been playing particularly

well for the Buffaloes, having scored 42 points in their previous two games.

However, the two were a combined 10 for 29 from the field Saturday.

"We wanted to try and get them out of transition as much as possible," Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel said. "They're a very good transition offensive team. We wanted them to play against our half-court defense, and we made some switches on some ball screens. (Burks and Higgins) are really good one-on-one players. We didn't want them to see a lot of open space."

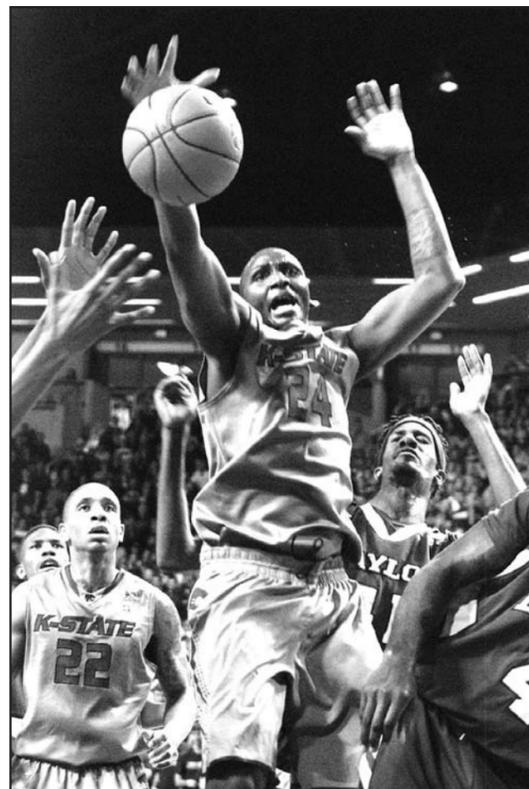
Oklahoma shot 52.2 percent from the field, the first time it has shot over 50 percent in a Big 12 game this season. The Sooners have now won consecutive conference games after losing their first three of

the season. The last of those losses extended their overall Big 12 regular season losing streak to 11.

"We're getting better," Capel said. "Our young group's getting better, and we're able to process things a little bit better. I'm pleased with the win, not satisfied, but pleased."

Oklahoma next plays at Iowa State, and the Sooners will be looking for their first Big 12 road win since beating Texas Tech on Feb. 28, 2009. They have lost 11 consecutive conference road games.

"This is a huge confidence builder," Davis said. "Hopefully these two wins will generate some momentum for us going into Iowa State and hopefully we'll be able to steal a win at their place."



K-State's Curtis Kelly (24) reaches for the ball and scored 13 points against Baylor. (Photo by Ben Brake)

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Chambers Powers Cats Past Huskers, 64-37

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Brittany Chambers exploded for a career-high-tying 26 points helping Kansas State blast Big 12 rival Nebraska, 64-37, in the last conference game against the Huskers in Bramlage Coliseum on Saturday afternoon. The Wildcats improved to 13-5 this season and 3-2 in the Big 12, while Nebraska moves to 11-7 and 1-3 in the league.

After a chilly night against Missouri on Wednesday, Chambers recorded her third career double-double which included a team-high 11 rebounds. The Jordan, Minn., product was the catalyst in her team's first half scoring run, as she scored eight of her 26 points on three consecutive posses-

sions in the Wildcats' first half blitz.

In the first nine minutes of the contest, the Wildcats went 2-for-9 from the field, while giving up numerous offensive rebounds and turning the ball over four times. Scoring was tough to come by early for both teams, but K-State went on a 17-0 scoring tear that busted the game wide open. The Wildcats held off late first half surge from the Huskers, as the Nebraska used a 10-0 run to claw back into the game. K-State was able to push the lead back to 11 heading into the break, 29-18.

K-State opened the second half in similar fashion by going on a 13-5 run to take a 42-24 advantage with 12:21 to play.

The Wildcats' defense was suffocating throughout the contest, as they forced the Huskers into 10 second half turnovers.

Kansas State got a big lift from its bench in the second, with 12 points coming off the bench. Alina Voronenko connected on a shot from the paint with 7:15 left in the game, giving the Wildcats a 53-30 advantage. Voronenko finished with 11 points off the bench, which was her second career double digit scoring performance and her second this season.

Nebraska's 37 points were the fewest K-State has allowed to the Huskers since the first meeting between the two schools on January 17, 1975, which was an 82-31 K-State win in Manhattan. K-State

forced the Huskers into 22 turnovers and held Nebraska to 23.5 percent shooting from the field for the game.

K-State returns to action on Wednesday night, as the Wildcats visit Colorado for an 8 p.m. (CT), tipoff. The game will be televised within the state of Colorado and on satellite services on FS Rocky Mountain. The action can also be found on the K-State Sports Network and for free at www.kstatesports.com.

The Wildcats return to Bramlage Coliseum on Saturday, Jan. 29, to host Kansas in the Dillons Sunflower Showdown. One of the oldest rivalries in all of women's college basketball will be renewed at 2 p.m.



K-State's Brittany Chambers (2) scored a career-high-tying 26 points against the Huskers. (Photo by Brandon Brake)

No. 6 Texas A&M holds off No. 20 Iowa State 60-51

Ames, Iowa (AP)

Scratch another milestone off the list for surging Texas A&M.

Danielle Adams scored 25 points and the sixth-ranked Aggies beat No. 20 Iowa State 60-51 on Saturday, snapping the Cyclones 19-game home winning streak with their first victory in Ames.

Sydney Carter added 13 for the Aggies (17-1, 5-0 Big 12), who picked up their 11th straight win and handed the Cyclones their first home defeat since Nebraska beat them 57-49 in last season's Big 12 opener.

"This is just pure history. It feels so great to win here," Carter said. "That's a sign of this team being mentally tough and physically tough. Just having that confidence to walk into the gym on the road in the Big 12

and come out with a win says it all about our team."

The Aggies finally broke through at Hilton Coliseum behind Adams, who finished with 12 rebounds and 14 second-half points as Texas A&M pushed a slim lead to 56-44 with 4:38 to go.

The Cyclones (13-5, 1-3) got to 56-51 with 1:17 left before the Aggies sealed the game at the free-throw line.

Kelsey Bolte had 25 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Cyclones (13-5, 1-3), who lost back-to-back games for the first time this season.

Though Bolte racked up her fourth straight 20-point game in Big 12 play, Iowa State was done in yet again by a lack of scoring punch beyond their senior star.

"Kelsey Bolte is just amazing what she's been doing for this team ... with not a whole lot of help," Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said. "We've had a lot of great players here, but they've had a little more help."

Iowa State had a week off to prepare for the surging Aggies. That wasn't nearly enough time to find an answer for the versatile and physical Adams.

Lauren Mansfield seemed to spark the sluggish Cyclones with a transition layup that brought them within 35-30. But Adams stepped out and drilled an open 3, and Carter leaned in for an 18-footer after a steal to help the Aggies pull ahead 42-30 with 12:13 left.

It was the first cushion for Texas A&M, which had beaten its first four Big 12 opponents

by 28.4 points a game. Though Iowa State scored six quick points, Adams banked in a tough jumper and drained a fadeaway 3 from the corner to give Texas A&M a 47-38 lead with nine minutes left.

Adams, the Big 12's leading scorer entering Saturday's action, has scored 59 points in her last two games.

"When she's in the post, she never drops the ball," Bolte said of Adams. "She's great on the outside, too, and she hit some shots."

Carter and Maryann Baker then drilled 3s to put the Aggies ahead 56-44. The Cyclones scored the next seven points, but the deficit was too much to overcome.

Fennelly was whistled a technical late in the first half

after berating the officials for a couple of calls that didn't go the Cyclones way. Fennelly, never one to hide his emotions, had to be restrained more than once by his assistant coaches.

Fennelly apologized for the outburst after the game, saying that his "Irish temper" had gotten the best of him.

Mansfield had 13 points and six assists for Iowa State, though she added eight turnovers and missed a jumper with 42 seconds left that would have made it a one-possession game.

The game Saturday kicked off Texas A&M's most brutal stretch yet. The Aggies travel to

face No. 14 Oklahoma on Wednesday night, then host top-ranked Baylor on Sunday in a matchup that promises to have major ramifications in the Big 12 race.

Texas A&M took a step in the right direction by winning in a gym that had caused them so much trouble in the past — and playing a style that favored the Cyclones.

"(Fennelly) wanted this game in the 50s. I wanted it in the 70s. We settled. I got to 60 — and we earn every bit of it," Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said.

Griner big again for No. 1 Baylor in win over Tech, 64-51

WACO, Texas (AP)

The cheers from the Baylor fans seemed a little louder than usual for Brittney Griner. There were plenty of boos each time Jordan Barncastle entered the game or touched the ball.

Except for a brief high-five when they passed each other when the teams exchanged customary postgame handshakes after No. 1 Baylor's 64-51 victory over Texas Tech, there was no direct contact between the two players. It was their first meeting since last March when Griner threw a punch that broke Barncastle's nose and led to the 6-foot-8 star being suspended for two games.

On the court Saturday night, Griner had another big game and Barncastle wasn't even a factor.

"It was just another game,"

Griner insisted. "That was last year. I just came out and played the game."

Griner had 25 points, seven rebounds and six blocked shots as the Lady Bears (18-1, 5-0 Big 12) extended their winning streak to 15 games. She scored the first six points in a 12-5 run to start the second half that wiped out a one-point deficit and put Baylor ahead to stay.

"I thought Brittney's game, it spoke for itself. I don't think she was affected one way or the other," coach Kim Mulkey said. "Maybe I'm too zoned in and focused, but I didn't think last year had any effect on this game tonight. ... Both teams played hard and aggressive, and that's what you're going to see."

There had been no interaction between Griner and Barncastle since the game last March in

Lubbock, and there was none during warmups and before the opening tip. When they were in the game at the same time, they were guarding other players — though it was always clear when Barncastle touched the ball by the boos coming from the crowd of 10,379.

Griner, the preseason AP All-American, was 8 of 14 from the field 8 of 10 on free throws. Barncastle missed her only shot and had four rebounds in 13 minutes.

"Guys, there's nobody in the game like her. She's incredible. She's got a chance to lead her team to a national championship, Olympic gold medals, one of the greatest to ever play the game," Tech coach Kristy Curry said. "She's a hard matchup for a lot of people."

Christine Hyde had 14 points

to lead Texas Tech (16-3, 3-2), which lost its second consecutive game to a Top 25 team since its second eight-game winning streak of the season.

After Hyde hit a basket with 1:41 left to get the Lady Raiders within 57-51, Melissa Jones hit a game-clinching 3-pointer.

"Between those two (Griner and Jones), they always make a play when Baylor needs it most," Curry said.

After Griner hit two free throws in the opening minute of the second half for a 30-29 lead, Teena Wickett hit a 3-pointer to put the Lady Raiders back in front before Griner's jumper tied the game.

Baylor then went ahead for good when Griner caught Odyssey Sims' inbound pass under the basket and made a

short jumper while being fouled. Griner missed the free throw, but Jones grabbed the rebound and got the ball to Destiny Williams for a layup.

"We out to come out more intensity and everybody had to get pumped up," Griner said. "I just tried to do whatever I had to do."

The Lady Bears had a 53-38 lead when Sims hit a 3-pointer with 9 minutes left. Tech then scored eight in a row, six by Hyde.

Jones had 13 points. Destiny Williams had 11 points and a team-high eight rebounds for the Lady Bears.

Chynna Brown and Wickett both had 12 points for Tech. Kierra Mallard had 11.

Sims, the freshman starting point guard, got called for a charge only 11/2 minutes into the game. Officials took an extended look at video replay before determining that it was an intentional foul on Sims for shoving Monique Smalls hard

in front of the Texas Tech bench. Smalls went to the locker room briefly for an apparent busted lip, but was back in the game midway through the first half.

The Lady Raiders got nothing out of the penalty. Brown missed both free throws, then Wickett turned it over. That came after Mallard had already been called a questionable foul on Griner away from the ball in the opening minute of the game.

Sims' foul was sandwiched by Griner's short jumper and a driving layup by Jones for a 4-0 lead — the largest gap by either team in the first half. Baylor played most of it without Sims, who had two early fouls and played only 5 minutes.

There were nine lead changes and six ties by the break. Texas Tech got the 29-28 halftime lead on Hyde's 3-pointer with 1:21 left.

Childs Powers Cats to Win over Missouri, 66-63

KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jalana Childs scored a career-high 21 points and Kansas State was able to withstand a 33-

point outburst from Missouri's RaeShara Brown as the Wildcats hung on for a hard-fought 66-63 victory over the Tigers Wednesday evening at

Bramlage Coliseum. Childs, who tallied her first career 20-point game, was 7-of-10 from the field, including a perfect 4-of-4 aim in the second half, while she was 7-of-8 from the free throw line on the evening.

The Wildcats (12-5, 2-2) also received double-digit scoring efforts from Alina Voronenko, who scored 11 points, while Taelor Karr added 10 on 3-of-6 shooting. K-State is now 7-2 when three or more players reach double figures in scoring.

Brown, who jump-started her game by hitting her first five field goals, collected the highest individual point total in the Big 12 this season.

Only three other Tigers scored in the game on 11-of-32 shooting, as Shakara Jones registered 13 points on 6-of-8 shooting, while Christine Flores added 11 and Jasmyn Otote had six.

In a game that featured eight ties and seven lead changes, the Tigers (9-9, 1-3) held a 46-45 advantage with 8:34 left in the contest, but K-State went on an 11-1 run over a 6:24 span to jump out to a 56-47 lead.

The scoring run was helped by a stifling K-State defense that shut Missouri out from the field for nearly nine minutes as MU missed eight straight shots.

The Tigers began to battle back in the final two minutes of the game, cutting the nine-point Wildcat lead to five with 23 seconds left. But the lead was too much to overcome as K-State hit nine free throws in the final

minute to put the game away.

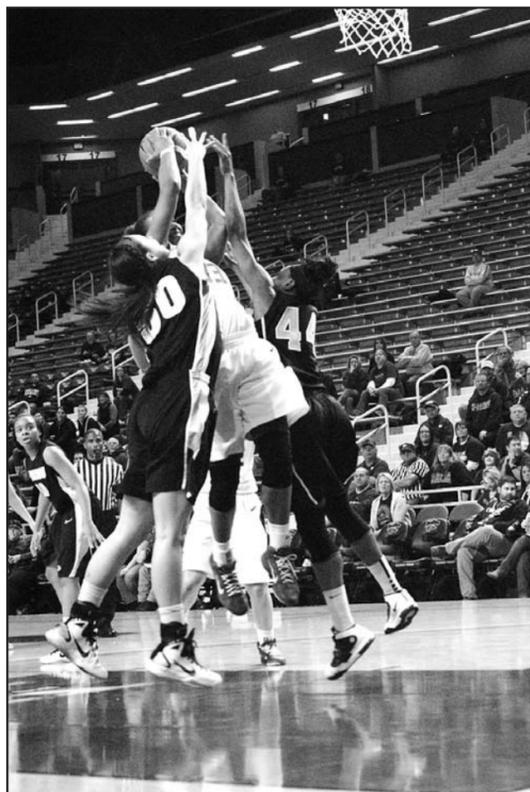
K-State took a three-point lead into the locker room, thanks to a 13-4 run over the final four-plus minutes of the opening frame. But it wasn't easy as Missouri jumped out to an early lead behind Brown, who tallied 18 first-half points.

The Wildcats were able to battle back into the first half despite only shooting 2-for-13 from beyond the three point arc, which included eight-straight misfires to start the game. After trailing by as many as seven in the first five minutes, K-State stayed in the game by going 7-of-8 from the free throw line, with Childs leading the way with a 5-for-6 mark on her way to 11 first-half points.

As a team, the Tigers shot 45.1-percent for the game, while the Wildcats shot 43.8. K-State out-rebounded Missouri 37-25 to lead on the boards for the ninth time this season. The Wildcats also hit a season-high 21 free throws in 29 attempts.

Brittney Chambers struggled from the field, only hitting one of her 10 shot attempts and ended the game with two points. But the sophomore made up for it with a great effort on the glass, pulling down 10 rebounds for her third double-digit rebounding effort this season.

The next action for K-State is on Saturday when the Wildcats host Nebraska in a nationally-televised game on FSN beginning 1 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum. The game also be heard across the K-State Sports Network.



K-State's Jalana Childs (33) scored a career-high 21 points against Missouri. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)



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Branshea Brown (34) tallied 11 points for the Wildcats against Missouri.



K-State's Jalana Childs (33) scored a career-high 21 points.



K-State's Brianna Kulas' (13) shot gets blocked by the Tigers Christine Flores (50).

Kansas State - Nebraska - Photos



K-State's Mariah White (22) had her 18th career start against Nebraska.



K-State's Alina Voronenko (32) had her 2nd career double digit score of 11 against the Huskers.



K-State's Kelsey Hill (10) moves around Nebraska and scored 3 times.

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