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Brownback Declares 53 Counties Disaster Areas

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. – Sub-zero wind chills and blowing snow prompted Gov. Sam Brownback to declare 53 counties a disaster area Tuesday amidst a blizzard that shut down schools and state offices in eastern Kansas.

The disaster declaration gives Kansas Adjutant General Lee Tafanelli and Brownback authority to coordinate state resources to help local governments overwhelmed with helping Kansans and clearing roadways.

Southeastern Kansas was hardest hit, and 16 Kansas National Guard troops in four Humvees have already been deployed to Cherokee County to help emergency medical personnel get to and from hospitals. Troops also delivered cots to an emergency shelter and are assisting Kansas Highway Patrol officers in that area. Conditions are so bad motorists are stranded on highways, making it hard for snowplows to get through.

“First and foremost, please stay home. Please stay home and don’t make yourself a victim. If you don’t have to get out, don’t get out,” Brownback said.

A storm related fatality was reported yesterday in Smith County, located in



north-central Kansas.

Sharon Watson, with the Kansas Adjutant General’s office said an estimate of how much the blizzard is costing the state through emergency services and damages will not be clear until after the storm is over and officials know how many missions were completed.

The disaster declaration opens the door for low-interest loans through the Federal Emergency Management Agency if damages in Kansas caused by the storm total more than \$3 million. So far, there have been no reports of damages to buildings in the state.

After meeting with meteorologists and administration officials Tuesday afternoon, Brownback closed state offices again for Wednesday.

“Crews are out to move the snow, but with this amount of wind it blows back onto the

roads,” Brownback said.

Kansas counties are named in the declaration as areas likely to be affected. They are: Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Bourbon, Brown, Butler, Chase, Chautauque, Cherokee, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Elk, Franklin, Geary, Greenwood, Harvey, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Johnson, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Miami, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Nemaha, Neosho, Osage, Ottawa, Pottawatomie, Republic, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Sumner, Wabaunsee, Washington, Wilson, Woodson, and Wyandotte Counties.

Senators Roberts, Moran Sponsor Anti-Regulation Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) joined Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) in introducing the Defending America’s Affordable Energy and Jobs Act (S. 228). The bill aims to stop Washington bureaucrats, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), from regulating greenhouse gases for the purpose of addressing climate change without specific Congressional authorization. In December 2009, then-Congressman Moran was the first member of the House of Representatives to introduce legislation to prevent EPA regulations on greenhouse gas emissions.

“This legislation sends a clear message to the White House and the EPA that Congress will not sit idly by as the administration continues to impose regulations detrimental to our country’s economic recovery,” Sen. Roberts said. “As our national unemployment rate continues to hover around 10 percent, it makes little sense for the EPA to move forward with onerous carbon mitigation regulations that will cost utilities, small businesses and farmers millions of dollars in compliance costs, which are often passed on to the consumer, while doing nothing to reduce

global temperatures.”

“The Obama Administration’s backdoor climate regulations will undercut efforts to create jobs and further erode America’s global competitiveness – especially in the agriculture and energy sectors,” said Sen. Moran. “The last thing Americans need is a national energy tax that would kill more jobs. The Clean Air Act was never intended to regulate greenhouse gases, and the EPA must be stopped from making decisions that circumvent Congress. We should do everything we can to create jobs and grow our economy – that includes stopping unelected bureaucrats from raising energy costs and using regulatory red tape to raise taxes and increase government intrusion into the lives of Americans.”

The Defending America’s Affordable Energy and Jobs Act restores the role of the U.S. Congress in the development and implementation of the nation’s climate and energy policy. The legislation pre-empts existing and prohibits future federal restrictions on greenhouse gases, when related to climate change, in the absence of explicit Congressional authorization. This includes mandatory requirements that may stem not only from applications of the Clean Air Act, but also the

Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act.

The bill also precludes legal action against sources of greenhouse gasses solely based on their possible contribution to climate change.

There are two exceptions: 1) Regulations for mobile sources such as cars and trucks will continue, but those regulations will now be managed by the Department of Transportation, not EPA. 2) Any greenhouse gas that is a direct threat to human health because of direct exposure to that gas could still be regulated, as long as it is not solely based on climate change. This provision would ensure that polluters of health threatening gases would still be held accountable under the law.

The bill does not preempt states from enacting greenhouse gas or climate change mandates.

The Defending America’s Affordable Energy and Jobs Act has been endorsed by Americans for Tax Reform, Americans for Prosperity, the Western Business Roundtable, the Competitive Enterprise Institute, Freedom Action and the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association.

Sadie The Cow Goes To School



Sadie the cow (in the background) and a Marlett School class.

Issac Goodnow’s Wandering Cow, Sadie took a trip to her first school to help the children celebrate Kansas Day. Sadie arrived at Marlett School at 9:15 and at 9:30 the first group of children came out to see her. During the next hour and a half, over 200 children bundled up in warm jackets hats and mittens

came out to visit Sadie two or three classes at a time. Jan McIntosh, the author of the book on Sadie spoke to each group about who Sadie was and why she was an important early figure in Kansas history, especially in Manhattan.

Mrs. McIntosh, Mr Ted Hopkins (official photographer)

and Mr. Jim Rhine (Sadie’s driver) were all impressed by the quiet, well-behaved children in each group. All three of them are members of the Riley County Historical Museum and they look forward to taking Sadie to other schools in the future.

House Takes On Health Care

By Rachel Whitten
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. – Even as a federal judge in Florida struck down the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Monday afternoon, legislators in Kansas were hearing testimony arguing the state should exempt itself from the sweeping reform.

A stack of proponents from the health care, insurance and small business sectors lined up to express their support for House Bill 2129 and House Concurrent Resolution 5007 to the House Health and Human Services Committee. No opponents signed up to testify against the measures.

The bill would mandate that a Kansan has the right to purchase or refuse health insurance, and that no law can

restrict those rights. Additionally, the bill would allow no liability or fine for not buying health insurance. A much derided aspect of the federal law is that Americans must buy health insurance or face a penalty. A federal judge ruled that mandate unconstitutional Monday and in his opinion said the whole law must be thrown out since that portion is not severable from the rest of the reforms.

Meanwhile, the House Concurrent Resolution would add a provision to Article 16 of the Kansas Constitution saying that to preserve the freedom of Kansans, the law shall not indirectly make them participate in a health system. The Resolution, also known as the “Health Care Freedom

Amendment,” would require a two-thirds majority by both legislative bodies and the approval of more than half of voters in the 2012 general election ballot before it’s added to the Kansas Constitution.

The individual mandate, which requires all Americans to buy health insurance or face a fine, was the chief complaint brought by supporters of the Healthcare Freedom Amendment.

“Mandating the purchase of insurance is inevitably accompanied by the government prescribing the design of health insurance benefits and premiums, often in ways that may satisfy social wishes, but which are uneconomic,” said Richard Warner, a psychiatric physician from Overland Park.

The Classical Virtues of Ronald Reagan

By Lee Edwards, Ph.D.

The best political leaders embody the classical virtues of courage, prudence, justice, and wisdom. President Ronald Reagan had all these qualities and in abundance.

Courage

When he was shot on March 30, 1981, President Reagan seemed to spend most of his time reassuring everyone that he was not seriously hurt, although the bullet had stopped only one inch from his heart and the doctors were very concerned about his substantial blood loss. As he was wheeled into the operating room, he noted the long faces of his three top aides—James Baker, Ed Meese, and Michael Deaver—standing in the hall and asked, “Who’s minding the store?” When a distraught Nancy Reagan made her way to him, he lightly said, “Honey, I forgot to duck.”

Both conservative and liberal commentators lauded Reagan. “The president’s imperishable example of grace under pressure,” wrote George Will, “gave the nation a tonic it needed.” “Everybody knows,” wrote James Reston of The New York Times, “that people seldom act in the margin between life and death with

such light-hearted valor as they do in the movies. Yet Ronald Reagan did.”

It also takes courage to challenge an enemy like the Soviet Union when the stakes are high. There was vehement Soviet opposition to his Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), but the President did not budge. At the Reykjavik summit, when both sides were very close to a far-ranging agreement on nuclear weapons, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev pressed hard for laboratory testing only of SDI. Reagan refused. His steadfast commitment to SDI convinced the Kremlin that it could not win, or afford, a continuing arms race and led to an end of the Cold War at the bargaining table and not on the battlefield.

Prudence

Rather than dispatching American combat troops to trouble spots, Reagan assisted pro-freedom anti-Communist forces in Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Angola, and Cambodia. National security analyst Peter Schweizer estimates that the cash-strapped Soviets spent \$8 billion a year on counterinsurgency operations against U.S.-backed guerrillas. The accelerating Soviet losses in Afghanistan demoral-

ized the Kremlin and the Red Army, hastening the collapse of the Soviet empire.

At home, Reagan practiced the politics of prudence by relying upon his “70 percent rule”: If he could get 70 percent of what he wanted in the face of opposition, he would take his chances on coming back and getting the other 30 percent later. He wanted his 25 percent tax cut to take effect immediately in 1981 but agreed to phase it in over three years because the cuts were across

the board. He was that rare politician who knew when to bend a little and when to stand firm.

Justice

Although it was not politically correct, President Reagan steadfastly defended the rights of every American—from the moment of conception to that of natural death. For him the sanctity of life was not a slogan but a fundamental principle to be honored. When in 1983 he wrote “Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation” (an essay for Human Life Review later published as a book), he became the first sitting President to write a book while in the White House.

His Administration sought not only to put America’s financial house in order and rebuild the nation’s defenses but also to put America’s moral house in order by protecting the unborn and allowing God back into the classroom.

Wisdom

President Reagan had the ability to foresee what others could not. In the early 1980s, liberal intellectuals such as Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and John K. Galbraith were lauding the economic accomplishments of the Soviet Union. At the same time, Reagan told the

British Parliament that a “global campaign for freedom” would prevail over the forces of tyranny and that “the Soviet Union itself is not immune to this reality.” By the end of the decade, as he predicted, Marxism-Leninism was dumped on the ash heap of history.

In late 1981 and all of 1982, when his tax cuts had not yet kicked in and the U.S. economy still lagged, President Reagan reassured his worried aides and counseled them to stay the course. He had faith in the American people, who, if they could be “liberated from the restraints imposed on them by government,” would pull “the country out of its tailspin.” In the closing days of 1982, America began the longest peacetime economic expansion in U.S. history up to that time, creating 17 million new jobs during the Reagan years.

Ronald Reagan’s trust in the people and his love of freedom were rooted in two documents—the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. From his very first national speech on behalf of Barry Goldwater’s presidential bid in October 1964 to his farewell address to the nation in January 1989, Reagan turned

again and again to the wisdom of the Founders. Indeed, more than once, he sounded like one of them.

Reiterating the central role of the American Revolution, the President said: “Ours was the first revolution in the history of mankind that truly reversed the course of government, and with three little words, ‘We the people.’” We tell the government what to do, he said; it doesn’t tell us. This simple and yet revolutionary idea of “We the people,” he explained, was the underlying basis for everything he had tried to do as President.

Classical Virtues

The President reassured the men and women of the “Reagan Revolution” that they had made a difference. They had made America—that “shining city on a hill”—stronger and freer and had left her in good hands.

The city never shone brighter than when it was led by Ronald Reagan, who exemplified the virtues of courage, prudence, justice, and wisdom. Lee Edwards, Ph.D., is Distinguished Fellow in Conservative Thought in the B. Kenneth Simon Center for American Studies at The Heritage Foundation.



President Ronald Reagan would have been 100 Sunday.

Kansas Considers Major Change in State Pension Plans

By Gene Meyer
KansasReporter

TOPEKA, Kan. - Kansas legislators looking for ways to close a nearly \$8 billion gap in state pension plan funding heard how Utah plans to heal its pension wounds by switching to a plan similar to one that most private businesses offer.

Utah state Sens. Dan Liljenquist, of Bountiful, and Curt Bramble, of Provo, both Republicans, outlined to the Kansas House Pensions and Benefits Committee how Utah intends to close a somewhat smaller gap than Kansas' by switching its traditional defined benefits pension plan to a mod-

ified version of a defined contribution 401(k) plan, the predominant retirement savings plan offered by U.S. businesses.

The Utah senators said they weren't familiar enough with the details of Kansas' plans to gauge how well a similar shift might work here.

But it is important to at least

think about such a change because "your state, like ours, cannot afford another 2008," Liljenquist told the Kansas pension panel.

Kansas last year was among 40 states with state pension funds that the Pew Center on the States estimated were a collective \$1 trillion shy of being able to fully fund all the retirement pledges they'd made to state and local government workers for the next three decades.

No immediate retirement benefits in those states, including Kansas, are at risk, but the ongoing drain on state budgets needed to plug the increasing deficits ultimately will crowd out what states can spend on education, public safety and other needs, and either taxes will need to be increased or public services will need to be cut, the Pew report said.

That is precisely what Utah feared when the 2008 market crash wiped out about 22 percent of the state's pension fund investments and blew a projected \$6.8 billion long term gap into what in 2007 had been fully-funded retirement plans for state workers, Liljenquist said.

Although the losses were officially calculated at 22 percent, or the difference in portfolio values before the crash and after it, "the real loss was nearer 30 percent, because we also were counting on a 7.5 percent gain to keep projections on track," he said.

Utah legislators were even more dismayed to realize that recovering from the setback would require a 60 percent increase in investment profits - half to make up the losses and half, in effect, to make up lost time and put the portfolio back on the track projected before the crash.

Utah lawmakers also were dismayed by projections of how many other state programs might be crowded out in the

process; "one year's losses in 2008 would consume 10 percent of our general fund budget for 25 years," Liljenquist said.

So last year, Utah's legislature voted to close the state's traditional pension plan and, beginning this July 1, offer employees a modified defined contribution plan, much like a corporate 401(k), instead.

Traditional pensions are known as defined benefit plans; employers - or taxpayers - basically invest whatever it takes in a defined benefit plan to produce the lifetime pension benefits they've promised to workers. In defined contribution plans, employers simply guarantee they will contribute so much per pay period to the workers' retirement plan, and the workers' retirement income will be determined by how that money is invested.

Such a switch controls costs to government employers - and taxpayers - because contributions are capped by whatever the plan specifies. Unfunded liabilities vanish too - for new

employees, but not the obligations run up in the traditional plan - plus it is easier for workers to take their new accounts with them if they change jobs.

There are drawbacks too.

Such a switch can more than halve the costs that a state or any other employer would incur offering the plan, but it is unclear how much of that would be shifted to employees who pick up a larger share of investment services costs. And historically, very few 401(k) investors on their own match the 7.5 percent or 8 percent annual returns that professionally managed pension funds often achieve.

"But that's the point, they aren't making those returns anymore either," Liljenquist said.

Utah is trying to lessen those drawbacks by offering its workers plan choices that essentially will be run by current fund managers that will still be needed to tend existing traditional pension investments, Liljenquist said.



WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) (right) was honored to be joined by his guest, Kansas Army National Guard Master Sergeant Doretha Clark (left) of Manhattan, at Tuesday's State of the Union Address. Master Sergeant Clark has served in the Army National Guard for 23 years, and is assigned to the 287th Sustainment Brigade, which most recently returned from Iraq in Sept. 2009. She is currently receiving care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C.

"I had a wonderful time meeting Master Sergeant Clark and spending time with her before the State of the Union Address," Sen. Moran said. "The service and courage of soldiers like Master Sergeant Clark is an inspiration to all of us, and I was glad to have the opportunity thank her personally."

Obituaries

Artis Termain Cobb, Jr.

Artis Termain Cobb, Jr., 17, Manhattan, passed away Sunday, January 23, 2011 at the Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, MO.

Artis was born in Junction City, KS on October 21, 1993, the son of LaTisha Garvin and Eric Wallace.

He was a student at Manhattan High School and played football in 9th grade. Artis was a member of Grace Korean American Baptist Church in Junction City and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Artis is survived by his mothers, LaTisha Garvin, Manhattan, Trudy Vanderhall, Manhattan, and his father, Eric Wallace, Waco, TX; and three

sisters: KaNeasha Garvin, Ieasha Garvin and AniQueia Garvin, all of Manhattan.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 28, 2011 at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, with Pastor Joe Belardo officiating.

Graveside services will follow the service in the Sunrise Cemetery.

The family received friends on Thursday, January 27, 2011

from 6:00-7:30 p.m., at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be given to Children's Mercy Hospital, Camp Hole In The Wall, or Ronald McDonald House and left in care of the funeral home.

For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit www.irvin-parkview.com.

James Robert Hawley

James Robert "Bob" Hawley, age 86, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

He was born on February 7, 1924, in Topeka, Kansas, the son of Leslie Harrison Hawley and Helen Rowena (Claypool) Hawley.

Mr. Hawley was a longtime Topeka resident where he attended local schools. He

graduated from Highland Park High School and attended Washburn University, all of Topeka.

He was the owner and operator of Hawley Printers in Manhattan, Topeka and Denver, Colorado until his retirement in 1997. He had been a Manhattan resident since 1989.

Mr. Hawley was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

He was married in 1948 to Audrey Hawley and they divorced in 1990. In February 1993, he was married to the

former Evelyn M. Hupe in Manhattan, and she survives of the home. Other survivors include his two daughters: Marsha Baylor and her husband Michael of Arlington, Texas; Leslie K. Cowley of Park City, Utah; and one brother: William E. "Bill" Hawley and his wife Gerry of Boulder, Colorado. He is also survived by two grandchildren: Christopher and Lauren Cowley, two step grandchildren: Laura Rand and Jared Rand and his wife Laurie and three step great-grandchildren: Taylor, Tristen and Trevor Rand.

Mr. Hawley was cremated. Inurnment will be at a later date in the Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan.

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

Memorials have been established for the Meadowlark Hills-Good Samaritan Fund and for the Riley County Humane Society. 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.

Friday, March 21, 1879

Prull Chopping. Hiram & Himes at Work on refining Cane Syrup. Slow! Reynolds to work fixing timbers Under House, to Move.

Saturday, March 22, 1879

Himes & Hiram refining Syrup. Prof Mudge & Himes at dinner. Hard fight with Prairie fire. Burnt round Cane House. Hougham's fence badly damaged, \$25.00. Got off well! Set up till 11 P.M., Hiram till 1 A.M. Prull Chopping!

Sunday, March 23, 1879

Home from Church. Saw Mr. Vaught, &c. Read L. Herald & N.Y. Tribune. Took a good Wash in the Morning.

Monday, March 24, 1879

Sent W.D. Gilbert's letter to Houghanant & R.W. Allyn. Reynolds putting in runners to House. Praul Chopping & Sawing. Hiram down town. & try Solution, G—? Sent Draft \$150. (Second One) to F. Goodnow, G's. boy 1 1/2 h. Himes Sick. Fought fire from 7 P.M. till 3 A.M. W. Load of hay.

Tuesday, March 25, 1879

Wrote H.H. Rotter to Secure Debt. P.C. Eliza A. Read. Met J.M. Spencer. Plain talk With French. Reynolds to work on building. Praul Sawing &c. Willie Miller & wife Spend the day & night. Johnson moving.

Wednesday, March 26, 1879

Worked at Dearbon House trimming trees, &c. Reynolds tearing down concrete in Beach House; ready for moving House. Prall worked on wood with Hiram.

Thursday, March 27, 1879

Burnt in door yard, Dearbon House. Made fence for Cow Yard for Mrs. Webber. 4 loads Goods came for Mrs. W—, 3 Cows, 1 Calf, 3 pigs, 40 hens. Fixed hen roost, &c. Helped Unload goods &c. Mrs. W. Spent the night at Solomon's.

Friday, March 28, 1879

Helped Mrs. W— get Settled; put Cows in Pasture. Reynolds finished getting out Concrete. Rode to Solomon's with Ellen & Hattie. Called on D.B. Himes, Sick abed. S.W. took Prof H. to Washington Co.

Saturday, March 29, 1879

Went to town with Samples of syrup.— Sent to Em. Nat'l Bank Draft on K. City \$150. & Check on Etna Natl. Bank, \$448. Howard, Huntress. Called on Ed. Hunting at Humphreys. Called on Mr. Himes & at Rev. Griffins. Ellen Spends the night with Maria.

Sunday, March 30, 1879

Forenoon at Church "No man careth for My Soul". Carried Mrs. Donaldson & Cora Himes. Called at Mr. Himes. Ellen up at Maria's again to night. Wrote J. Stratton.

Monday, March 31, 1879

Worked in Orchard & garden. Prall carried brush & painted fence & chopped wood for Mrs. W. Hiram. I split 16 posts. H. Hougham had Wagon to go fishing. Gave us a fish! Wrote W.D. Gilbert. P.C. G.W. Quereau.

Tuesday, April 1, 1879

Went to Moving Building. King turned up to ploughing garden. Planted Early Bronze Potatoes, Onions & parsnips & Radish. King worked 4 1/4 Hours! Maria at tea. Reynolds on building 2 hours. S.W. Called. Wrote E. Donaldson, I.M. Browne.

Wednesday, April 2, 1879

Reynolds, Denison, & Prall worked Moving Building, Beach House, Albert 8 1/2 hours. Took dinner at Hackers with Hattie & Ellen, Prof. Mudge & wife. Rev. Griffin & wife present. Cool but pleasant day. Therm. Sunrise 32°.

Thursday, April 3, 1879

Prall, Reynolds & Denison Moving Building. Reynolds 7 hours. Went to town & took Provisions for W.F.M.S. Supper. Br. Wake & wife in town. Therm. Sunrise 22°, 9 P.M. 36°.

Friday, April 4, 1879

P.C. Frank worked with Reynolds on leveling up Beach House, &c. Trimmed trees for Mrs. Webber. Fixed Coop for 10. Plymouth Chickens. Hiram Chopped.

Saturday, April 5, 1879

Finished Cellar Stairs to Beach House. Reynolds Underpinned it. Hiram Chopped. Called at Mrs. Donaldson's. Made small pig pen for Mrs. Webber. Eve— Prof. Hougham Called & looked over Bill of apparatus. To bed at 10 P.M.

Sunday, April 6, 1879

11 A.M. Sermon on the personality of the Devil. Read Times Herald & N. Y. Tribune. A good bath in the evening. Fine Shower last night.

Monday, April 7, 1879

Worked on Gate way with Reynolds & wall. Put cover on Pig pen, &c. Went to town & delivered to E.B. Purcell, Recommends of R. Allyn, 7 in minutes? Election in Manhattan, &c. P.C. to J. Denison, H. G. Cullom.

Tuesday, April 8, 1879

A.M. Cut off top of Cottonwood & took ladder to Prof. Lee's. Worked with Reynold's leveling up at Mrs. Webber's. P.M. did the Same 1 hour. Reynolds tired out. Went to town & Met Judge Spencer. Saw Winchip. Slight sprinkle. Mrs. Webber Went to Mill Creek & back. Mrs. Webber at tea. Hiram & Himes one Batch.

Wednesday, April 9, 1879

Went to town at 9 1/3 A.M. & Met J.M. Spencer & fixed up Judgment for Sinem. Rec'd. of him \$200. Home at 1 P.M. Planted Peas & Lettuce. Went to town & Saw Regent Reddin. Sold W. Deibler 4 lots, \$60. Himes & Denison at work on Syrup. Saw Vail & Reynolds 7 hours.

Thursday, April 10, 1879

Took Reddin to town; talk on Presidency. Talk with Mr. Webber. Still dissatisfied! Faithless! trying to Conquer. Reynolds gardening. King ploughed Mrs. W's Corner, 2 hours. Hiram & Himes worked at Cane Mill. Cool & windy. Extra ride to see Deibler. P.C. S.M. McFadden.

Friday, April 11, 1879

Made Bond to Wm. Deibler for Lots 118,119,120,121 W.3

= \$60. Went to town with Prof. Hougham. Cleaned out Parlor Stove; Carpet taken up, &c. Reynolds planted in his Garden. Had Browning fix up Eave trough.

Saturday, April 12, 1879

P.C. Mrs. Stratton. Call from S.W. + A. Donaldson left for home. Mr. Himes taken Sick & went home. Reynolds takes his place. 9 1/2 A.M. Paid Webster \$58.50? Wrote C. Hood \$8.00 Note. Went to town & got tins mended for Cane House. Prof. Hougham along & gave receipt \$107.

Sunday, April 13, 1879

11 A.M. Went to Church with Cora Vaught, Hattie, & Maria "God in History". Read T. Herald & N.Y. Tribune.

Monday, April 14, 1879

Rainy Morning! Fixed drains Orchard & door Yard. 9 1/2 ft. in Cistern. Hiram at Work in Cane Mill. Himes Called. Eve— read G. Democrat & Took a wash. P.C. C.O. Whedon, H.C. Cross

Tuesday, April 15, 1879

Went to town. Sold John Allen 1 Bbl. Syrup, 40cts. Saw Ingles-will take Some by & by. Adams Got bbl for Soap & Screenings for chickens; Tin Mended. Beverly has found his boy. Prof. Hougham rode with me. Got kettle of Maria. Soupene comes Monday next. Reynolds fixing brick &c. Planted 3 1/2 rows peas. 2 hens Set. Peckham Called.

Wednesday, April 16, 1879

Reynolds worked cleaning brick, filling up Cellar, on Chimney &c. Hougham's fire! Drew posts. Went to town: got lime & Sand, Grange store \$2.80. Hiram in Cane Mill.

Maria washing & making Soap.

Trimmed trees in orchard, &c.

Thursday, April 17, 1879

Hiram, Reynolds & myself refined 90 Gallons of Syrup. Maria worked on Soap; flower bed & cleaning room. Worked on grape Vine &c. Clark & Allen Called in the evening; Hattie gone to bed!

Friday, April 18, 1879

Up early & off to Hattie Folz's. Fine Visit, Hattie, Ellen, & Maria. Left at 3 P.M. & Called on B.A. Miller & W'm. Miller, on our return. Home at 7 P.M. Hiram in Cane House.

Saturday, April 19, 1879

Went to town & got 5 1/4 Bu. Lime 1.35. Talk with Mr. Purcell. Reynolds hauled 2 Bbls. water & Slaked some lime; over Soap. Lent her 2 setting hens. Burnt Corn-Stalks & line fence with Platt. Hiram in Cane house.

Sunday, April 20, 1879

Wrote G. Denison & enclosed Note cancelled. J. Denison & R. Allyn. 11 A.M. Sermon by Malory "Not Ashamed" &c. Mrs. Donaldson, Flora, Mrs. Webber, Hattie & Ellen aboard. Read in G.D. & N.Y. Tribune

Monday, April 21, 1879

Went to town & got base boards &c. Gave up Bank Note & Deposited \$537.-Drafts \$500. Soupene working on Beach House; Reynolds also on Lime & Cleaning lath, S. Whitney lath. Flora & Beau called in the evening.

Tuesday, April 22, 1879

Sent A.H. Sears & Susan A. Jenkins Drafts of \$200., each as presents. Em. Nat'l B. \$100. on deposit. F.G. \$8 check for ?

Went to town & got load of fence Boards, &c. P.M. Load of Sand. Soupene 1/2 day.

Reynolds lathing. J.M. Webber helped on cleaning parlor, &c.

Wednesday, April 23, 1879

Worked Mending Hougham's fence with Hiram. Reynolds at work on Beach House lathing & making mortar. Mrs. Webber helping in the House Cleaning Kitchen & Hiram's room. Himes, Gale syrup; Soupene 5 Gallons. Set 2 hens. Cloudy & warm P.M.

Thursday, April 24, 1879

Reynolds put on Concrete & lathed in Beach House. Hiram & myself mended Hougham's fence. Went to town at Night & got Load of Sand & lath; Hattie along. J.M. Webber helped clean out Eve Read N. Repository

Friday, April 25, 187

Reynolds commenced plastering Beach House. Hiram & myself worked on Hougham fence. Prof. H. came home. Maria called. Warm & pleasant.

Saturday, April 26, 1879

Went to town & got load of Sand. Reynolds plastered 1/2 day. Hiram worked in Cane Mill. Planted potatoes & Set out Cab-turnips, Beets, & onions. Warm. Tired, Took a wash.

Sunday, April 27, 1879

Home all day. Rain in the night. Read T. Harold &c. Found our pet cat in the well, dead! With the help of Harry & Prof. Hougham, fished him out & buried him. Ellen & Hattie Called on Mrs. Webber. Hiram Called at Mr. Himes. Cloudy in the A.M. & pleasant P.M.

Monday, April 28, 1879

Took Prof. Hougham to the Cars. P.M. Worked on Bills & took to town, 1 Bbl Syrup 45 Gall., to Beverly 30cts. Keg of Syrup 22 galls. to Pipher & H.S.D. Bought Boots & Shirts, Suspenders & duster.

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Tuesday, April 29, 1879

Cleaned Carriage &c. & took Rev. Malory & wife with Ellen to Rocky Ford & Manhattan for a ride. Pleasant time. Himes & Humphrey Called. J.M. Webber Worked on Soap. Call from [Dr.?] Stilman. Wrote L.R. Ross. P.C. J. Denison. Fine day.

Wednesday, April 30, 1879

Wrote M.R. Mudge, C.W. Knapp. Himes & H. on Syrup. Rainy. Burnt 8 galls. Set 2 hens 1. Manger, White 1. in Feed trough, S.E.

Thursday, May 1, 1879

Went to town. Gave darkies 6 Galls Syrup. Sent Bullend & Co. \$6.75. got poker made &c. Hiram & Himes worked 1/2 day on refining Syrup; Slow Work. Planted Gem Pears.

Friday, May 2, 1879

Planted gem peas & potatoes. Made out list off lots for road tax & Property for assessment! Called with H— & Ellen on M.R. Kimball's, J. Kimball's, & Ed's. Denison & Reynolds in Cane Mill all day. Himes half a day. Wrote R.W. Randall.

Saturday, May 3, 1879

P.C. [Alfrend?] Graw. R— for Ben Weeks. Hiram, Himes & Reynolds in Cane Mill. 56 Galls. Syrup. Went to town. Called at Glossups, Peckham. Set out 10 pear trees, 6 at home, 4 at Dearbon place. King ploughed with Billy P.M.

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Thoughts From The Prairie

Mendacity

Dr. David Jeremiah, New York Times best-selling author, chronicles in his recent book, "The Coming Economic Armageddon," the potential descent into world economic chaos. In his book Dr. Jeremiah includes a portion of an article that appeared in Vanity Fair in 2009 by Joseph Stiglitz, the coauthor of "The Three Trillion Dollar War." Stiglitz predicted that one of the legacies of the global financial crisis would be a "world-wide battle over ideas" regarding the economic system that would likely evolve out of the crisis. Mr. Stiglitz included in his article a cartoon by Edward Sorel captioned, "The Four Horsemen of the Wall St. Apocalypse" obviously alluding to the forthcoming global Apocalypse described in the Book of Revelations.

Regarding Sorel's cartoon, Jeremiah writes, "The cartoon pictures skeletons riding four horses in a wild stampede over the ruins of the New York Stock Exchange." The skeletons are labeled "Mendacity, Stupidity, Arrogance and Greed." The latter three I am familiar with; mendacity is somewhat obscure. Research revealed that mendacity means, "That which is characterized by deception." Jeremiah claims that Sorel has illuminated a dominant characteristic of contemporary culture that has led to the financial crisis and a characteristic that will be prevalent in the proposed solution to the crisis.

History records that mendacity is a characteristic that has been prevalent since the day Lucifer was booted off the Mountain of God and according to Dr. Donald Barnhouse mendacity is the primary



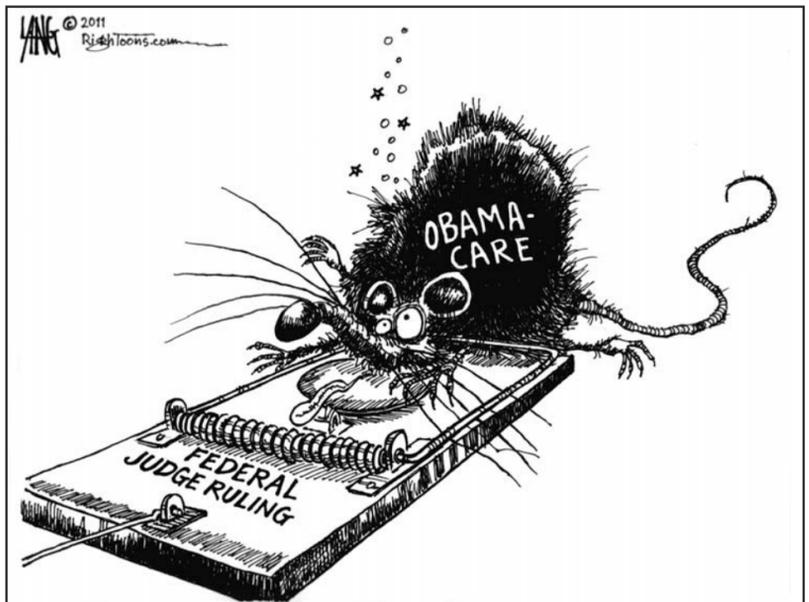
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weapon of this dethroned anointed cherub in the Invisible War. But this characteristic also shows up where ever humans exist. Garvin Menzies in his controversial best seller, "1421-The Year China Discovered America," argues that Emperor Zhu Di in the 15th century built a dynasty that spread throughout the world with an armada of ships and navigation skills that dwarfed that of Europe. However, the dynasty was built on mendacity in that Zhu Di deceived all the kings of nations by offering them special titles and entertaining them with great opulence, thus obscuring his real vision that "proceed all the way to the end of the earth to collect tribute from the barbarians beyond the seas..."

Then, just as a castle yields to the sea when built on the sand, according to Menzies, within two years after his great armada set sail March 5, 1421, Zhu Di's dynasty imploded and China withdrew from the

world, destroyed the records of their great voyages and for centuries lived as isolationists. Then as those centuries marched on a "City on a Hill" appeared and in the course of time defeated the greatest power on earth and established a nation whose government was a rare experiment in history, being a government "of the people, by the people, for the people." Soon after that great victory as the new Nation was going through the throes of determining her destiny, George Washington wrote to the governors of the colonies in 1783, cautioning them regarding the imperfections of human nature: "It is ... [the citizens] choice, and depends upon their conduct, whether they will be respectable and prosperous, or contemptible [sic] and miserable as a Nation. This is the time of their political probation; this is the moment when the eyes of the World are turned upon them."

Just over two centuries later that "City on a Hill" is precariously tottering on a cliff because political and financial leaders at all levels have practiced mendacity. Any issue that violates the laws of nature and the law of freedom that all men are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights" can only be enacted by some form of deception. Issues such as government mandated purchases, mandated wages in a free market and social issues that infringe upon constitutionally protected freedoms are all mendacious and will erode the foundation of the "City on a Hill." Freedom is always on probation and the eyes of the world are still watching.



Analyzing The Open-Border Mentality

How special is America? Is it truly a unique place where people can find opportunities for a better life that surpass those of other countries? Many think this to be true and the country has had a long history of being a welcoming place for people from all across the world. From 1892 to 1924 the port of New York at Ellis Island processed over 20 million foreign immigrants to legally enter the country. According to the National Park Service's Ellis Island site, as many as 11,747 immigrants legally entered America in a single day in 1907. It is estimated that as many 100 million Americans are descendants of the process of legal immigration that took place at locations such as Ellis Island.

Unfortunately, the mentality that gave America such a large infusion of hopeful and hard-working immigrants to this country has vanished and has been replaced with something much different. For one, immigrants entering America through Ellis Island came in with no preconceived beliefs that the United States owed them anything. Instead, immigrants entered the country with gracious humility to seek out the "American Dream."

Traditional immigration encompassed a mutually respectful exchange between country and immigrant for the right of admittance. Foreigners had to show that they had a trade or other ability that would be useful to the country in order to be allowed in. Also, immigrants had to show that they were not carrying harmful communicable diseases that would be a detriment to the American people. Some immigrants were held for observation due to fear of disease and about two percent of those seeking to enter the country were turned away. America's policy at that time was most certainly pro-immigration but it also encompassed a secure border element that is sorely lacking today. The next time you're faced with an argument for open borders by someone who declares we are all descendants of immigrants, remember that a majority of this country's classical immigration was conducted legally.

Today's open-border mentality has been steadily moving toward an entitlement belief system that combines the thinking that America, for some inexplicable reason, owes everybody everything and that the country's financial pockets are bottomless. This open-border entitlement mentality has not only enveloped immigrants that enter America through our southern border, it is also a heavily entrenched mentality



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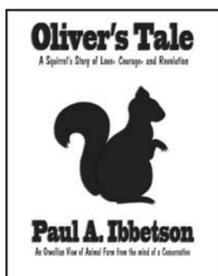
for many within the U.S. government. The idea that America needs illegal immigrants to do America's work is still touted despite the crushing unemployment rates of the last two years. The open-border mentality has been tested by time and continues to exist. No matter whether a Republican or Democrat is running the country, the border remains unsecured and the American people continue to suffer from a lack of security and be forced to endure the open-border propaganda machine.

Recently Americans were shown a presentation meant to highlight the futility of the fence at the Mexican border. Fox News aired footage of two women scaling a four-million-dollar-a-mile security fence in eighteen seconds at the southern border. The message being sent is that attempts to secure the border are futile. What is less evident in this visual of the fast-moving climbers circumventing the border fence is the missing concertina wire at the fence's apex let alone the lack of funding for double fencing that has fallen to the wayside since 2006. If one can break away from the open-border mentality, what is actually shown in such depictions is that the American government is extremely successful at failing when they really try.

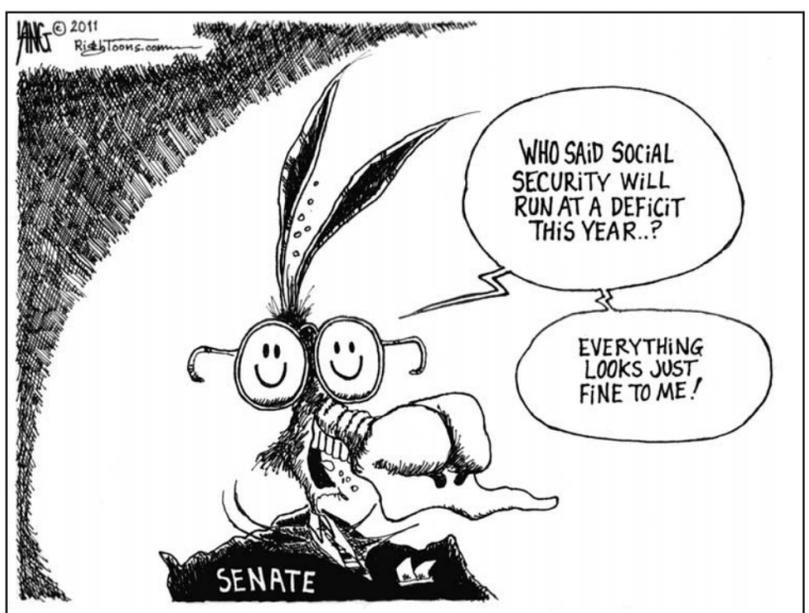
To maintain the current open-border mentality that secure borders are akin to hatred of immigrants, an idea that would have been rejected by the immigrants processed at Ellis Island, it has become acceptable for government officials to spend their times downplaying incidents such as the daily gun battles that occur in places like Laredo, Texas, by the Mexican drug runners. The open-border mentality requires a person to accept as economically reasonable the \$1.6 billion being spent for welfare, public safety and healthcare for illegal aliens in Los Angeles County alone. Sadly, U.S. citizens are more likely to receive a bundle of air-mail(ed) marijuana via catapult than a secure border.

America has never had an inability to secure the border. If the government desired, we have the means to create a southern border that would allow only recognized and processed immigrants into the country as we did at Ellis Island. What we have is a mentality problem that starts with how some perceive the worth of America and its relationship with those that wish to visit or become part of this wonderful country. The immigrants that came to Ellis Island came with respect for America. Respect of country leads to a respect of a country's law and its people. The idea of illegal immigrants covertly entering America to give birth to children that will eventually receive citizenship and social benefits that must be paid for by the descendants of Ellis Island's legal immigrants is more than a painful irony. In the end it shows us the dark side of the current open-border mentality, a mentality that perceives the value of America as less than what has been traditionally held by the immigrants that have made this country so great. We will all pay if we allow this mentality to dominate our actions as a nation on the issue of border security.

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



Riley County Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas January 20, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building January 20, 2011 with the following members present: Karen McCulloh, Chair; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chair; Dave Lewis Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for 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; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Volanti presented shared leave donation forms.

Johnson moved to sign shared leave donation forms. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Hobson said the Annual Township Officers meeting will be held February 8, 2011 at Pottorf Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Therese Tiemissen, a Customer Service Representative II, in the County Treasurer's Office, for Separation from County Service, effective January 13, 2011.

Johnson moved to sign a Highway Use Permit for Westar Energy to trench across the end of Sugarbush Lane with #2 Cid 2" conduit 4' deep. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign a Highway Use Permit for Westar Energy to rebuild an overhead power line starting at the southeast corner of the intersection of Barton Road and Walnut Creek Road and proceeding east to US 77 Highway, then proceed south on the west side of US 77 Highway to the intersection of Sherman Road. All poles will

be within 3' of either side of the road right-of-way line. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve a Lease Renewal Agreement on property at 1113 Moro Street (Riley County Police Department substation) with GJL Real Estate for 2011. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2011 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Rich Vargo attended the meeting.

Cindy Kabriel left the meeting.

Volanti said since we closed offices at 1:00 p.m., which was during some lunch periods we will grant administrative leave through their scheduled work day. Volanti stated not all employees will receive the same amount of administrative leave.

The Board agreed with Volanti's recommendation.

9:15 Lanna Nichols, Court Administrator

Robert Nall, Information Technology Director; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Nichols said both Magistrate Courtrooms are currently equipped with Sony BM-246 conference recorders. These are dual-cassette recorders that are out-dated; parts for the recorders are difficult to obtain and as of February 2010 we have been unable to renew the maintenance agreements. We would like to purchase digital recording systems for these courtrooms. Digital recorders offer better audio quality, in part because there is less noise. Additionally, the digital recordings are stored as files on the server and the need to purchase and store cassette tapes is eliminated.

Nichols said the digital recording system we would like to purchase is an FTR (For The Record) system.

Nichols said the proposal received from Carmichael

Business Systems includes two options: Proposal 1 is for FTR software only and Proposal 2 is for the FTR Touch (stand-alone system).

Nichols said in Proposal 1, FTR software would be loaded onto the Judge's laptop and a mixer would be installed under the bench. However, FTR cannot guarantee that the web cam software, presently utilized for video conferencing, would not interfere with the digital recording.

Nichols said in Proposal 2, the FTR Touch, is a stand-alone, 4-channel digital recording device which is not shared with other services running on a PC. It has enhanced lock-down support which prevents operator misuse. The touch-screen interface is simple to use and there is no need for a keyboard or mouse. The recordings may be stored on a network location so that the network transcribers will have instant access to the recordings. However, an option to burn the recordings to a CD for outside network transcription is available.

Nichols said the Riley County IT Department has been consulted concerning this project. No known issues were reported although as space demands, additional digital storage in the future may be necessary.

Nichols said the proposal for implementing FTR software in Proposal 1 for two courtrooms is \$10,470 and the FTR Touch in Proposal 2 for two courtrooms is \$11,991.

Nichols said Fund 50 is a Court Technology fund which receives monthly receipts from the Information Network of Kansas. These receipts are generated through searches of the online database of Riley County District Court. As of December 31, 2010 the balance in Fund 50 is \$13,288.51.

Nichols said in 2009, the maintenance agreement for the two conference recorders was \$1,456.27. The proposal from FTR indicates the service contract for Proposal 1 to be \$899 and for Proposal 2 to be \$1,199.

Johnson moved to approve Proposal 2, the FTR Touch, is a stand-alone, 4-channel digital recording device which is not shared with other services running on a PC. It has enhanced lock-down support which prevents operator misuse. The touch-screen interface is simple to use and there is no need for a keyboard or mouse. The recordings may be stored on a network location so that the network transcribers will have instant access to the recordings. However an option to burn the recordings to a CD for outside network transcription is included in stand alone system for the purchase price of \$11,991 to be funded by Fund 50. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services -Administrative Work Session

Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; and Yvonne Ramirez, KMAN,

attended. Wedel said the zoning regulations state you cannot have a mobile for rental property on agricultural land unless it is for a farmhand working 20 hours a week or more.

Cox stated Mr. Brenner has visited with Steve Higgins and Steve DeHart and obtained a building permit and sewer permit. Cox said he gave Mr. Brenner until January 28, 2011 to have family moved out and February 18, 2011 to have the RV removed.

Cox discussed the animal shelter policy on public records request.

Holeman discussed SB271 a proposed amendment to repairs of county buildings during emergencies. Holeman said Senator Reitz will introduce SB271 into committee.

Holeman said he met with Representative Schwartz on proposed changes to the soil erosion inspection statutes. Holeman stated Mike Kearns has been asked by Kansas Farm Bureau to work with Farm Bureau soil erosion legislation. Holeman discussed the recent soil erosion inspection. Holeman said part of the Board's decision regarding the landowner was to run the center pivot system within 24 hours of a significant blowing soil. Holeman said temporary water permits can be obtained from the State to use irrigation water for those purposes.

Holeman discussed the Bishop Stadium issue where a small portion of the sidewalk is on Riley County property.

Holeman stated Senator Pat Roberts opposes the Federal legislation on Public Safety employee unions and has sent the Board of County Commission a letter to that effect.

10:30 Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer -Bid opening for trash services

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Jeff Fawcett, Salina Waste; Jay Anderson, Howies Trash Service; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners opened the following bids for trash services:

Company	Monthly	Annually
George Mallon Trash Service, Inc.3500 Appleyard RoadWamego, KS 66547	\$1,415.00	\$16,980.00
Howies Trash Service625 S. 10th StreetManhattan, KS 66502	\$1,096.59	\$13,159.08
Salina Waste Systems1848 Summers RoadSalina, KS 67401	\$1,150.00	\$13,800.00
Waste Management	\$1,155.72	\$13,868.64

Johnson moved to refer bids to staff for evaluation and recommendation. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:34 Johnson moved to adjourn after the Joint City/County/County Meeting at 4:00 p.m. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

4:00 Joint City/Riley County/Pottawatomie County Meeting (at City Offices)

Representing the City of

Manhattan were Loren Pepperd, Bob Strawn, Jayme Morris-Hardeman, and Bruce Snead – City Commissioners; Loren Palmer, Assistant City Manager; Dale Houdeshell, Public Works Director; Eric Cattell, Assistant Director Planning; Curt Loupe, Parks and Recreation Director; Karen Davis, Community Development Director; and Ron Fehr, City Manager. Representing Riley County were Karen McCulloh, Alvan Johnson, and Dave Lewis – County Commissioners; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Bob Isaac, Planner; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk. Representing Pottawatomie County were Gary Yenzler – County Commissioners; and Robert Reece, County Administrator. Yvonne Rameriz, KMAN; Chuck Murphy, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department; Jane Burgman; Susie Kufahl, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department; and Debbie Nuss, attended.

Holeman reported on the Travelers subrogation suit for the LEC flooding, Riley County is not part of the lawsuit and is making no claim against the City of Manhattan.

Wedel said a steering committee has been working on the Gateway to Manhattan plan zone.

Wedel reviewed the focus area of the plan.

Loupe said City staff have met with Mrs. Burgman and have addressed her concerns.

Loupe discussed some of the Animal Shelter's policies and processes.

Snead stated any consideration we have in changing the current Health Department agreement would have to follow the statutory requirements.

Snead said there are legal logistical measures to consider in changing the current agreement. Snead said it would require the City and County to Charter out of the current agreement.

McCulloh stated she brought this up and thought it would benefit in cooperation and consolidation of functions.

Strawn said he feels there is a lot of redundancy at the Health Department on support issues which the county could provide. Strawn said budgeting is a real problem for the Health Board.

Strawn stated in his view the Health Department should be under the county. Strawn suggested city and county staffs meet to see if it could be accomplished.

Pepperd stated he agrees with Strawn and McCulloh.

Pepperd said there is no one organization the Health Department is under.

McCulloh said we should explore this, but it may be determined it is not financially feasible.

Lewis said if- we are to pursue the change it should happen soon due to the timing with the director retiring.

McCulloh stated the Board of Health has not discussed the matter, but she would be most concerned with the level of funding.

Strawn discussed changing the makeup of the Law Board to include the entire Manhattan City and Riley County Commissions to include the County Attorney.

Lewis suggested the perception of a conflict of interest for the County Attorney serving on the Law Board and the possibility of a small city representative.

McCulloh stated changing the format of the Law Board would not significantly change the budget.

Strawn said it is more about governance and representation. 5:00 Adjourned.

January 24, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building January 24, 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

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Anne Smith, aTa Bus Director; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Johnson moved to sign a letter to members of the Riley County Legislative Delegation regarding the proposed State cuts to mental health funding. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson discussed the letter from John Tatarko on the soil erosion legislation.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Christopher R. Soder (251-12-0-10-24-012.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$283.22. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Thomas D. Soder (251-12-0-10-01-002.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$729.86. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the Jeanne Mertz Trust and the Harold D. Mertz Trust (195-22-0-00-001.05-0) for tax year 2010. This results in an increase in tax dollars of \$.32. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Richard E. Britt Jr. and Angela G. Britt (215-22-0-00-003.01-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$378.20. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for the Harold D. Mertz Trust and the Jeanne Mertz Trust (195-16-0-00-004.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$119.46. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Scott D. Shane and Beverly J. Shane (203-05-1-30-11-002.00-0) for tax year 2010. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$136.60. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

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Minutes

from page five

Johnson moved to sign a letter of support for aTa Bus for annual KDOT grants. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2011 as amended. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the makeup of the Law Board.

9:00 Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

C. Collins said the Kansas Statehood Sesquicentennial – 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of Kansas becoming a state. A birthday open house will be held at the Riley County Historical Museum Friday, January 28th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Riley County Historical Society and Museum will sponsor a brown bag lunchtime lecture at the Museum every other month. The first will be held Tuesday, January 25th. Starting February 3rd the Riley County Historical Society and Museum will also sponsor an every other month lecture at the Manhattan Public Library. The next meeting of the Riley County Kansas 150 citizens planning committee is February 1st at 4:00 p.m. at the Museum. A list of events from across the state is available at the web site www.ks150.kansas.gov.

C. Collins said the Riley County Historical Museum looks forward to working with three KSU Anthropology interns this semester. Each

intern works a minimum of 150 hours at the Museum and completes a project.

C. Collins said the Wolf House restoration of the parlor and west bedroom has begun. This project was made possible through generous donations from the Manhattan Fund Caroline Peine Charitable Foundation, Stephen and Deborah Saroff, and the Friends of the Wolf House Museum.

9:13 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Debbie Regeher, Register of Deeds; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Eileen King, Treasurer; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Wedel asked the Board if they want to have a Strategic Planning Retreat this year.

McCulloh suggested a half day.

Wedel asked what would be the goal of the retreat.

King said in talking with department heads there has been frustration with funding the CIP program.

Shepek stated the last couple of years there has been discussion on financing.

The Board of County Commissioners, by consensus, agreed to hold the retreat in late May at the Riley County shops.

Lewis agreed to work with Jennifer Wilson and Monty Wedel on the retreat.

9:30 Press Conference
Cheryl Collins, Museum

Curator; Chuck Murphy, Riley County-Manhattan Health Department; Bob Lienemann, Riley County Conservation District; Captain Tim Hegarty, Riley County Police Department; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Allen Todd, Appraisal Analyst; Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor, attended.

C. Collins said The Riley County Historical Society will hold its quarterly dinner meeting Tuesday, January 25th at Pottorf Hall in Manhattan's CiCo Park. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:15 p.m.

C. Collins said at noon on Tuesday, January 25th the first of six lunchtime lectures commemorating the 150th anniversary of Kansas becoming a state will be held at the Riley County Historical Museum, 2309 Claflin, Manhattan.

C. Collins said in commemoration of Kansas becoming a state 150 years ago, a birthday party will be held at the Riley County Historical Museum, 2309 Claflin in Manhattan from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2011.

Hegarty reported the public is getting used to the Bluemont and 4th roundabout. Hegarty said accidents at Bluemont and 4th roundabout are down significantly.

Hegarty discussed driving in inclement weather.

Hegarty reported crime in Riley County is down significantly.

Lienemann discussed the

Riley County Conservation District.

Lienemann invited the Board to the annual meeting to be held February 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Pottorf Hall.

Lienemann stated Riley County provides 60% funding, the State 30%, and 10% from other sources.

McClure said a series of meetings for Women Involved in Agriculture will begin on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, with meetings held each Wednesday afternoon through March 16th. The series is a Kansas Annie's Project, modeled after other projects in Kansas and surrounding states. Farm owners, spouses, or women involved in any sector of agriculture are invited to participate.

Wilson said more workers could be eligible for a special tax credit this year and not know it. As a result, they may overlook claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit, or EITC, which can put anywhere from \$2 to more than \$5,600 into their pockets.

Wilson said people move into and out of EITC eligibility based on changes in their earnings, their parental status or their marital status. "Many people will qualify for the first time this year due to economic changes in their incomes."

Wilson said Riley County citizens who earned \$48,362 or less from wages, self-employment or farming in 2010 are encouraged to see if they qualify. Eligible workers can get their EITC only if they file federal income tax returns – even if they are not otherwise required to file – and specifi-

cally claim the credit.

Wilson said "IRS estimated only four out of five eligible workers claim their EITC." The IRS's goal is to raise that to five out of five.

Wilson said taxpayers can get free help determining their EITC eligibility and claiming the credit at the Manhattan VITA site which will open on February 1st at the Manhattan Public Library. Help is available from IRS trained volunteers on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 785-565-6426 or e-mailing vitataxes@gmail.com.

Murphy gave a CDC influenza report.

Murphy reported type A (H1N1) is not the major flu contributor, but type A (H3) is the large contributor.

Murphy said peak flu season is February – March and flu is present in Riley County.

Todd reported the public and pay level sides of the parcel search website has changed due to new terminology and layout of the site. Vargo presented the following information on Homestead tax refund: 1. What is a Homestead Refund? The Homestead Refund is a rebate of a portion of the property taxes paid on a Kansas resident's homestead. Your refund percentage is based on your total household income. If you own your home, the refund is a percentage of your general property tax. If you rent your home, 15% of the "rent paid for occupancy" is used as the property tax amount. The maximum

refund is \$700. Filers eligible for the Kansas Property Tax Relief claim receive 45% of their property tax with no maximum limit. Individuals are only eligible for one claim. 2. Who May Qualify to Complete a Claim On-Line? The Homestead Refund Program is for homeowners and renters who were residents of Kansas ALL of 2010. As a Kansas resident the entire year, you are eligible if your total household income is \$30,800 or less and you: Were born before January 1, 1955, or Were blind or totally and permanently disabled all of 2010, or Have a dependent child who lived with you the entire year who was born before January 1, 2010, and was under the age of 18 all of 2010.

Vargo said the Riley County Clerk's Office will process Homestead Refunds for Riley County residents beginning February 1st.

10:00 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Brad Dornes, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Hobson presented a Public Works project update.

10:13 Johnson moved to adjourn after the Intergovernmental Luncheon. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

12:00 Intergovernmental Luncheon at Holiday Inn at campus

A Good Energy Bill Can Make Gas Prices and Electricity Affordable

By Nicolas Loris

Gasoline prices are steadily rising toward \$4 per gallon, the price that triggers public outcry and congressional response. In a recent interview, Senator Lindsay Graham (R-SC) said that at \$4 gasoline, "everybody is tripping over themselves to find an energy policy." [1] Graham then mentioned he would start work on his clean energy standard (CES) bill that would mandate that a certain percentage of our nation's electricity come from carbon-free sources. In a recent speech, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee chairman Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) renewed his interest in introducing a clean energy standard bill and for the first time supported nuclear's inclusion so long as the bill provided additional incentives for renewable energy. [2]

There are prudent ideas to lower gas prices, but implementing a CES is not one of them. The only thing it would do is significantly increase Americans' electricity bills. What America does need is a market-based energy policy that opens supply and prudently balances economics with environmental benefit.

A Clean Energy Standard: No Effect on Gas, Real Effects on Electricity Prices

Implementing a CES in response to high gas prices is a non sequitur, because a CES affects electricity generation. And since only about 1 percent of America's electricity was generated from petroleum in 2009, [3] it is misleading to suggest that one would affect the other.

Indeed, a CES would do almost nothing to affect petroleum consumption or prices. The only thing it would do is drive up electricity prices, which ironically, would make electric vehicles less enticing. A CES would force Americans to use more expensive energy sources. If these energy sources were cost-competitive, they

would not need a government-guaranteed share of the electricity market. The mandate may reward certain energy producers in the short term but would hurt both producers and consumers in the long run because it eliminates competition, reduces the incentives to lower costs, and encourages government dependence.

Real Solutions
If Congress really wants to tackle the rising prices of energy, it should focus on policies that would increase the supply of petroleum produced and coming into the United States and open the electricity market to competition, allowing consumers and producers to determine what type of power to buy.

At the Pump. The price of gasoline in the U.S. is gradually climbing and could rise to uncomfortably high levels, largely due to inflated crude oil prices in the face of strong demand for gasoline. Recent turmoil in Egypt could increase that upward pressure on crude oil prices if it causes shipment disruptions through the Suez Canal. Increasing access to oil reserves in the U.S., both onshore and offshore, would not only help offset rising demand but also increase jobs and stimulate the economy. A Heritage Foundation analysis found that increasing domestic supply by 1 million barrels per day would create an additional 128,000 jobs and generate \$7.7 billion in economic activity. [4] The U.S. currently produces 5.3 million barrels of crude oil per day, so producing an additional 1 million barrels per day would be a nearly 20 percent increase.

Access offshore. With 19 billion barrels of oil in the currently restricted Pacific and Atlantic coasts and the eastern Gulf of Mexico—and another 10 billion barrels estimated in the Chukchi Sea off the Alaskan coast—increasing production by a million barrels per day is an easily achievable

number. However, the Obama Administration rescinded drilling permits already issued in the Chukchi Sea and, in December, announced that the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic and Pacific coasts will not be part of the government's 2012–2017 Outer Continental Shelf program, effectively banning drilling in those areas for the next seven years. It makes no sense for America to be the only country to restrict access to reserves like this.

Access onshore. Federal leasing of oil and gas exploration in the western United States has dropped significantly in the past two years. According to data compiled by the Western Energy Alliance, the Bureau of Land Management offered 79 percent fewer leases for oil and natural gas development in FY 2010 than in FY 2005 in the areas of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. [5] Another obvious and senseless onshore restriction is in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve, where an estimated 10 billion barrels of oil lie beneath a few thousand acres that can be accessed with minimal environmental impact.

Access to easy imports. The Keystone XL pipeline is a \$12 billion pipeline system that would increase the amount of petroleum the U.S. receives from Canada by over a million barrels per day. The Administration should not allow environmentalist and special interest motivations to prevent the construction of this valuable source of imports. [6]

At the Plug. If Congress wants to create pro-energy legislation, it should also focus on reforms that would produce affordable electricity without mandates, special tax breaks, or subsidies. This would allow companies to rely on innovation and market signals, not government handouts, to remain competitive. Such an approach to promoting new, cleaner energy sources and increased energy production should include:

Real nuclear energy reform. Streamlining the onerous regulatory process for nuclear energy plants would allow plants to come online quicker, creating predictability and opening competition for new technologies. [7]

Predictable and sensible coal regulations. Although some new coal plants are coming online, it is not nearly the number of what it could be. Instead of making it exceedingly difficult for new, more efficient coal plants to come online—which causes the less efficient ones to stay online longer—the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) should not over-regulate to kill existing coal plants while preventing new ones from being built. [8]

Peeling back regulations on renewable energy. Unnecessary regulatory red tape holds up renewable energy ventures, makes them prohibitively more expensive, and deters investment. Reducing this bureaucracy would allow the free market to develop new energy technologies more quickly.

Ending energy subsidies.

Subsidies create complacency within the industry and reduce the incentive to innovate. In most cases, subsidies either transfer part of the cost for a market-viable investment to the public or divert direct investment away from more efficient projects.

Limiting litigation. Environmental activists delay new energy projects by filing endless administrative appeals and lawsuits. Creating a manageable timeframe for groups or individuals contesting energy plans would avert potentially cost-effective ventures from being tied up for years in litigation.

Gas Prices as an Excuse
Congress should be wary of

Members using steadily rising gas prices as an excuse to pass energy legislation that would not address the problem, such as a CES. A CES would only cause Americans more economic pain as they see the costs of their electricity prices rise. If Congress wants to pass an energy bill that is economically and environmentally sensible, it should refrain from increasing subsidies and create a regulatory framework that allows free enterprise to increase the supply of energy in the U.S.

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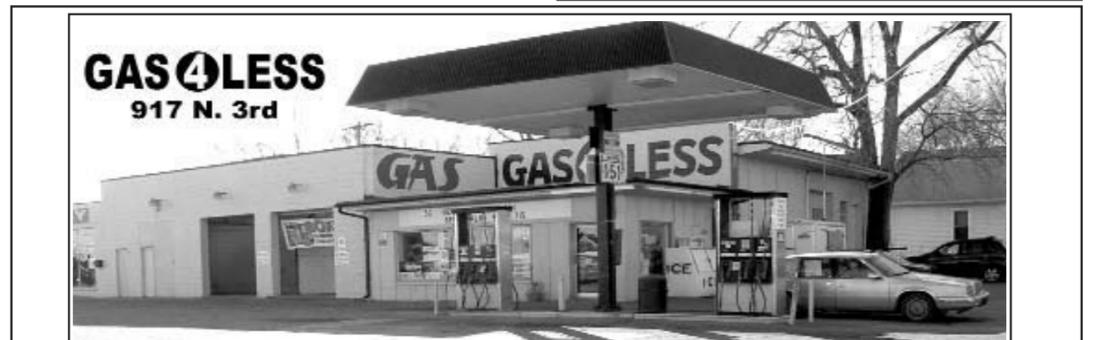
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Wildcats Stay Unbeaten at Home with Win over KU, 65-60

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Taelor Karr tied a career high in points with 19, which included four clutch free throws in the last minute of the game, to lead Kansas State to a 65-60 victory over rival Kansas in Saturday's Sunflower Showdown, presented by Dillons, at Bramlage Coliseum.

With the win, K-State improved to 15-5 (5-2 in Big 12 play), while KU fell to 14-7 overall (1-6 in Big 12 play). The Wildcats moved to 11-0 at home this season with the win and also picked up their 10th straight over the Jayhawks at Bramlage Coliseum.

The Wildcats had to wait almost three minutes into the game before scoring their first bucket but at the 17:10 mark, freshman Chantay Caron, starting for the ninth consecutive time this season, drained a three-pointer to ignite a 12-4 K-State run that lasted nearly four minutes.

Kansas regained its composure and matched K-State's scoring run with one of its own, going on an 11-3 tear. In that three-minute span, the Jayhawks connected on two of their three first-half three-pointers.

K-State ended the first half on a 14-6 scoring blitz, which produced the Wildcats' largest lead of the game at 12 points, 34-22.

Kansas State used stifling defense in the first 20 minutes as it forced KU into eight first half turnovers, while holding the Jayhawks to just 42-percent from the floor.

Karr and junior Jalana Childs led K-State with eight points each, at the break. The Wildcats went into the locker room leading 34-26.

In keeping with the game trend, KU opened the second half on a 10-2 run. The Jayhawks cut the Wildcat deficit to one at 41-40 with 12:38 remaining but that did not last long. With 12:16 left in the game, Branshea Brown gathered an offensive rebound off a

missed free-throw and kicked the ball out to Brittany Chambers, who buried a three-pointer from base line to put her team ahead for good at 44-40.

After trading buckets for most of the second half, K-State used clutch free-throw shooting to ice the game. The Wildcats went 9-for-12 from the charity stripe in the final minutes of the game.

Childs was one of three K-Staters in double-figures, as she finished with 18. Sophomore Mariah White added 10, while Branshea Brown led the Wildcats with 10 rebounds. The game marked the 11th time this season that at least three players scored in double figures.

Following a week off, the Wildcats will return to action on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Missouri. K-State will square off against the Tigers in Columbia at 2 p.m. The contest will be available on the K-State Sports Network and for free at www.kstatesports.com.

Kansas State Head Coach Deb Patterson

Opening statement...
"I feel like that was a classic rivalry game. It was tough but I think we got an unbelievably great game out of Jalana Childs and Taelor Karr, they just stepped up in really big ways. It was neat to see the inside and outside balance in what I would characterize in a very gritty rivalry game. This was a great effort by both programs. It was a game where analysis goes out the window and you watch players dig in deep and make plays. Our players over time, here at home and in front of a great crowd, have had that added emotion and found ways to make plays that kept enough separation that we came away with this win."

On stopping KU runs...
"Our players are really tough-minded. They are very directed to the next opportunity to compete the possession together, as we want to compete. They are not necessarily swayed emotionally, they play with emotion but they are very

on-task and very competitive. We are a basketball team that is able to match that mental toughness with physical toughness as well. Sometimes that is the difference between one or two plays. This game could have gone any number of ways but this K-State team is very tough and very competitive."

On the crowd in Bramlage...
"I cannot even tell you the lift that the crowd gives you. It is not just that you are home and seeing all those K-Staters and feeling that buzz and energy. The crowd is just really neat and that is such a huge part of winning at home in a rivalry game. Our fans are big, in my opinion, in helping us win games."

On the play of Jalana Childs...

"Jalana (Childs) was just fantastic. She was defending at a high level. There might have been one play where she did not move. She played major minutes and stayed so aggressive offensively, despite playing through some early misses. She had mental resolve and toughness and got to the foul line. It was the overall effort that she brought on both ends of the court that just huge for us. There was not an element of the game that she did not contribute to today."

Sophomore guard Taelor Karr

On the rivalry in today's game...

"For sure it was for me. I am sure it was like that for everyone in this game. It is the rivalry game. It is Kansas State and Kansas. It is a big day, and it is always very emotional for all of the players involved. I just wanted to go out and play hard and have a good game. A lot of our teammates stepped up today and Jalana (Childs) did a great job scoring, and Branshea (Brown) did a great job on the boards. Brittany (Chambers) was that point guard leader that we needed. She did not make as many points as she normally does, but she led the team and kept everybody composed. So, it was a great team win."



K-State's Jalana Childs (33) fights against KU to get the ball up to the net. (Photo by Brandon Brake)

Robinson has 17 points, leads Kansas past K-State 90-66

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)

Two days after his mother's funeral, Thomas Robinson missed his first three shots, all from point-blank range, and picked up a couple of quick fouls.

The sellout crowd who had given him a standing ovation when he entered Saturday night's game seemed to groan. But everyone understood. In one horrific three-week stretch, the 20-year-old Kansas sophomore had lost his grandfather, grandmother and mom — just about every adult family member he'd ever been close to.

Was he not quite ready to return to action?

And then, in one of the most stirring personal performances in the rich history of 56-year-old Allen Fieldhouse, Robinson went on to score 17 points and grab nine rebounds to lead the sixth-ranked Jayhawks past Kansas State 90-66.

"I know my mother wouldn't want me to sit around crying forever," he said. "Coming into this game, I felt that I owed it to all the fans and all the people across the country that have helped me get through this hard time."

Robinson's gritty performance even seemed inspiring to opponents. One of the first players to give him a big hug as soon as the game ended was Kansas State guard Jacob Pullen.

"Regardless if this is a rivalry or whatever, the things that he is going through right now are things you wouldn't wish upon your worst enemy," Pullen said. "I just told him that he has to use basketball as a tool for other things in life and to keep his head up at all times and things will get better."

Markieff Morris had 20 points and nine rebounds, and

Tyshawn Taylor had 13 points for the Jayhawks (20-1, 5-1 Big 12), who celebrated the 150th anniversary of Kansas' statehood with their 181st victory over the outmanned Wildcats (14-8, 2-5) in a series that began in 1907.

Pullen had 21 points and became the all-time No. 2 scorer for Kansas State (14-8, 2-5), and added a steal to also take first place in that category.

Kansas coach Bill Self admitted that in normal times, he would probably have pulled Robinson out of the game after the slow, stumbling start.

"But I was going to do everything I could to let him play through that tonight," Self said. "I knew he needed to be out there."

When Robinson came off the bench less than 4 minutes into the game, the crowd of 16,300 gave him a standing ovation. Another huge roar accompanied him back to the bench for a quick rest.

"It is beyond amazing," he said. "We have great people all across Kansas. This past month has really opened my eyes to how amazing this place is. It is beyond words to describe how I feel and the love that I have for the University of Kansas and the fans."

When the entire team and coaching staff returned late Thursday afternoon from services in Washington, D.C., for Lisa Robinson, they did not deny that they were exhausted. In one week, they had flown back and forth through three time zones and dealt with the deaths of Josh Selby's close friend as well as the loss of Robinson's mother.

But they showed no signs of fatigue against the Wildcats.

With Selby and Tyrel Reed hitting 3-pointers and Markieff Morris completing a three-

point play, the Jayhawks bolted to a 15-2 lead en route to their 15th win in their last 16 meetings with Kansas State. In the Big 12 era, the series stands at a lopsided 34-2.

Jamar Samuels was the only other Wildcat in double figures with 10 points.

In one quick flurry in the first half, Robinson had three straight buckets, building the lead to 55-31.

"He got on a roll there for a minute," Self said with a grin. "Good thing he got tired. He would have shot the next one from half court. But he played so well. He played so well. So much energy. We're so proud of him."

Selby had 12 points and Marcus Morris had 10 points and nine rebounds for Kansas.

Time after time, the Jayhawks got uncontested dunks and easy shots. Until the final minutes, Kansas State had only five offensive rebounds and got almost no second-chance points.

A disgusted Kansas State coach Frank Martin called a time out when Marcus Morris was left unguarded and all by himself under the basket for a thunderous dunk less than 2 minutes into the second half.

But less than 3 minutes later, it happened again when Brady Morningstar whipped a pass to a wide-open Marcus for another dunk that made it 47-24.

Selby, whose close friend was killed last Saturday in Baltimore, hit a 3-pointer that put the Jayhawks on top 81-49, their biggest lead.

Senior Curtis Kelly, one of Kansas State's top players, did not appear in the game. Martin refused to say why.

"Next question," he said when asked.



K-State's Brittany Chambers (2) maneuvers around the KU team. (Photo by Tonya Ricklefs)



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Kansas State Wildcats 2010-2011 Basketball SCHEDULE

Mens

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
11/02/10	vs. Newman TV	Bramlage Coliseum	83 - 56
11/07/10	vs. Washburn TV	Bramlage Coliseum	90 - 44
11/12/10	vs. James Madison TV	Bramlage Coliseum	75 - 61 1-0
11/16/10	vs. Virginia Tech TV	Bramlage Coliseum	73 - 57 2-0
11/18/10	vs. Presbyterian TV	Bramlage Coliseum	76 - 67 3-0
11/22/10	vs. Gonzaga TV	Kansas City, Mo.	81 - 64 4-0
11/23/10	vs. Duke TV	Kansas City, Mo.	68 - 82 4-1
11/26/10	vs. Texas Southern TV	Bramlage Coliseum	84 - 60 5-1
11/29/10	vs. Emporia State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	85 - 61 6-1
12/03/10	at Washington State TV	Pullman, Wash.	63 - 58 7-1
12/06/10	vs. Alcorn State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	89 - 55 8-1
12/11/10	at Loyola TV	Chicago, Ill.	68 - 60 9-1
12/18/10	vs. Florida TV	Sunrise, Fla.	44 - 57 9-2
12/21/10	vs. UNLV TV	Kansas City, Mo.	59 - 63 9-3
12/23/10	vs. UMKC TV	Bramlage Coliseum	80 - 64 10-3
12/31/10	vs. North Florida TV	Bramlage Coliseum	100 - 76 11-3
01/03/11	vs. Savannah State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	92 - 61 12-3
01/08/11	at Oklahoma State TV	Stillwater, Okla.	62 - 76 12-4
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
01/29/11	at Kansas TV	Lawrence, Kan.	66 - 90 14-8
02/02/11	vs. Nebraska TV	Bramlage Coliseum	7:00 PM CT
02/05/11	at Iowa State TV	Ames, Iowa	12:30 PM CT
02/12/11	at Colorado TV	Boulder, Colo.	8:00 PM CT
02/14/11	vs. Kansas TV	Bramlage Coliseum	8:00 PM CT
02/19/11	vs. Oklahoma TV	Bramlage Coliseum	3:00 PM CT
02/23/11	at Nebraska TV	Lincoln, Neb.	8:00 PM CT
02/26/11	vs. Missouri TV	Bramlage Coliseum	11:00 AM CT
02/28/11	at Texas TV	Austin, Texas	8:00 PM CT
03/05/11	vs. Iowa State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	12:30 PM CT
03/09/11	TBD	Kansas City, Mo.	TBA

Womens

Date	Opponent / Event	Location	Time / Result
11/04/10	vs. Fort Hays State	Bramlage Coliseum	91 - 25
11/08/10	vs. Washburn	Bramlage Coliseum	91 - 47
11/12/10	vs. Grambling St.	Bramlage Coliseum	67 - 44 1-0
11/13/10	vs. St. John's	Bramlage Coliseum	64 - 53 2-0
11/17/10	vs. Indiana State	Bramlage Coliseum	64 - 48 3-0
11/21/10	vs. Western Illinois	Bramlage Coliseum	63 - 53 4-0
11/27/10	at College of Charleston	Charleston, SC	56 - 46 5-0
11/30/10	vs. South Dakota St.	Bramlage Coliseum	56 - 51 6-0
12/05/10	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	62 - 68 6-1
12/08/10	vs. North Dakota TV	Bramlage Coliseum	76 - 49 7-1
12/12/10	vs. UC Davis	Bramlage Coliseum	61 - 41 8-1
12/20/10	at UTSA	San Antonio, Texas	55 - 72 8-2
12/21/10	vs. Middle Tennessee State	San Antonio, Texas	49 - 63 8-3
12/29/10	at Dartmouth	Hanover, N.H.	69 - 48 9-3
12/30/10	at Vermont	Hanover, N.H.	68 - 39 10-3
01/09/11	vs. Oklahoma State TV	Bramlage Coliseum	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.	72 - 59 14-5
01/29/11	vs. Kansas TV	Bramlage Coliseum	65 - 60 15-5
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
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Big 12 Basketball Standings

Men's Standings

	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Texas	7-0	1.000	19-3	.864
Kansas	5-1	.833	20-1	.952
Texas A&M	4-3	.571	17-4	.810
Baylor	4-3	.571	14-6	.700
Missouri	3-3	.500	17-4	.810
Nebraska	3-3	.500	15-5	.750
Oklahoma	3-3	.500	11-9	.550
Colorado	3-4	.429	14-8	.636
Texas Tech	3-4	.429	11-11	.500
Oklahoma State	2-5	.286	14-7	.667
Kansas State	2-5	.286	14-8	.636
Iowa State	1-6	.143	14-8	.636

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Women's Standings

	Big 12	Pct	Overall	Pct
Baylor	6-0	1.000	19-1	.950
Texas A&M	6-1	.857	18-2	.900
Oklahoma	6-1	.857	16-4	.800
Kansas State	5-2	.714	15-5	.750
Iowa State	3-3	.500	15-5	.750
Texas Tech	3-4	.429	16-5	.762
Texas	3-4	.429	14-7	.667
Nebraska	2-4	.333	12-8	.600
Colorado	2-5	.286	11-9	.550
Missouri	2-5	.286	10-11	.476
Oklahoma State	1-5	.167	13-6	.684
Kansas	1-6	.143	14-7	.667

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2010-11 Big 12 Conference Basketball Statistics

Men's Conference

(Through January 31) (All games)

Scoring Offense				FG Percentage Defense			
# Team	G	W-L	Pts Avg/G	# Team	G	FG	FGA Pct
1. Missouri	21	17-4	1758 83.7	1. Texas	22	479	1317 .364
2. Kansas	21	20-1	1732 82.5	2. Nebraska	20	398	1089 .365
3. Colorado	22	14-8	1781 81.0	3. Kansas	21	469	1227 .382
4. Texas	22	19-3	1682 76.5	4. Iowa State	22	528	1346 .392
5. Iowa State	22	14-8	1678 76.3	5. Texas A&M	21	437	1078 .405
6. Texas Tech	22	11-11	1629 74.0	6. Baylor	20	439	1082 .406
7. Kansas State	22	14-8	1609 73.1	7. Oklahoma State	21	442	1079 .410
8. Baylor	20	14-6	1447 72.3	8. Missouri	21	502	1214 .414
9. Texas A&M	21	17-4	1476 70.3	9. Kansas State	22	484	1166 .415
10. Oklahoma State	21	14-7	1469 70.0	10. Oklahoma	20	468	1068 .438
11. Nebraska	20	15-5	1375 68.8	11. Colorado	22	556	1241 .448
12. Oklahoma	20	11-9	1353 67.7	12. Texas Tech	22	582	1298 .448

Scoring Defense				3-Point FG Percentage			
# Team	G	Pts Avg/G	# Team	G	FG	FGA Pct	
1. Nebraska	20	1130 56.5	1. Texas	22	122	322 .379	
2. Texas A&M	21	1243 59.2	2. Kansas	21	147	391 .376	
3. Texas	22	1320 60.0	3. Baylor	20	115	306 .376	
4. Baylor	20	1227 61.3	4. Missouri	21	160	426 .376	
5. Kansas	21	1317 62.7	5. Colorado	22	127	340 .374	
6. Kansas State	22	1446 65.7	6. Iowa State	22	190	520 .365	
7. Iowa State	22	1448 65.8	7. Kansas State	22	154	424 .363	
8. Oklahoma State	21	1387 66.0	8. Texas Tech	22	114	320 .356	
9. Oklahoma	20	1335 66.8	9. Oklahoma	20	134	378 .354	
10. Missouri	21	1442 68.7	10. Texas A&M	21	116	336 .345	
11. Colorado	22	1580 71.8	11. Oklahoma State	21	94	311 .302	
12. Texas Tech	22	1663 75.6	12. Nebraska	20	97	324 .299	

Scoring Margin				3-Pt FG Pct Defense			
# Team	G	OFF	DEF Margin	# Team	G	FG	FGA Pct
1. Kansas	21	82.5	62.7 +19.8	1. Texas	22	91	335 .272
2. Texas	22	76.5	60.0 +16.5	2. Kansas	21	113	405 .279
3. Missouri	21	83.7	68.7 +15.0	3. Texas A&M	21	108	370 .292
4. Nebraska	20	68.8	56.5 +12.2	4. Nebraska	20	141	468 .301
5. Texas A&M	21	70.3	59.2 +11.1	5. Iowa State	22	135	442 .305
6. Baylor	20	72.3	61.3 +11.0	6. Missouri	21	121	389 .311
7. Iowa State	22	76.3	65.8 +10.5	7. Baylor	20	128	368 .348
8. Colorado	22	81.0	71.8 +9.1	8. Colorado	22	136	384 .354
9. Kansas State	22	73.1	65.7 +7.4	9. Kansas State	22	113	318 .355
10. Oklahoma State	21	70.0	66.0 +3.9	10. Texas Tech	22	127	357 .356
11. Oklahoma	20	67.7	66.8 +0.9	11. Oklahoma State	21	128	357 .359
12. Texas Tech	22	74.0	75.6 -1.5	12. Oklahoma	20	128	349 .367

Free Throw Percentage				Rebounding			
# Team	G	FTM	FTA Pct	# Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Colorado	22	412	528 .780	1. Texas	22	910	41.4
2. Iowa State	22	290	398 .729	2. Kansas State	22	881	40.0
3. Oklahoma State	21	359	496 .724	3. Kansas	21	822	39.1
4. Texas Tech	22	353	488 .723	4. Iowa State	22	848	38.5
5. Texas A&M	21	374	524 .714	5. Texas A&M	21	803	38.2
6. Missouri	21	318	446 .713	6. Missouri	21	797	38.0
7. Nebraska	20	264	372 .710	7. Nebraska	20	737	36.8
8. Oklahoma	20	257	363 .708	8. Baylor	20	737	36.8
9. Baylor	20	334	481 .694	9. Oklahoma State	21	746	35.5
10. Kansas	21	319	477 .669	10. Colorado	22	781	35.5
11. Texas	22	368	568 .648	11. Texas Tech	22	730	33.2
12. Kansas State	22	331	545 .607	12. Oklahoma	20	635	31.8

Field Goal Percentage				Rebounding Defense			
# Team	G	FG	FGA Pct	# Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Kansas	21	633	1220 .519	1. Texas A&M	21	604	28.8
2. Colorado	22	621	1296 .479	2. Baylor	20	589	29.5
3. Baylor	20	499	1046 .477	3. Oklahoma	20	634	31.7
4. Nebraska	20	507	1064 .477	4. Kansas State	22	700	31.8
5. Missouri	21	640	1364 .469	5. Kansas	21	671	32.0
6. Oklahoma	20	481	1033 .466	6. Colorado	22	705	32.0
7. Texas	22	596	1283 .465	7. Nebraska	20	645	32.2
8. Texas Tech	22	581	1281 .454	8. Oklahoma State	21	685	32.6
9. Texas A&M	21	493	1116 .442	9. Texas	22	751	34.1
10. Oklahoma State	21	508	1157 .439	10. Texas Tech	22	799	36.3
11. Iowa State	22	599	1373 .436	11. Missouri	21	775	36.9
12. Kansas State	22	562	1300 .432	12. Iowa State	22	859	39.0

Women's Conference

Through games of Jan 30, 2011 (All games)

SCORING OFFENSE				FIELD GOAL PCT DEFENSE			
# Team	G	W-L	Pts Avg/G	# Team	G	FG	FGA Pct
1. Baylor	20	19-1	1634 81.7	1. Baylor	20	376	1216 .309
2. Texas	21	14-7	1705 81.2	2. Iowa State	20	382	1140 .335
3. Texas A&M	20	18-2	1611 80.6	3. Oklahoma State	19	360	1057 .341
4. Oklahoma	20	16-4	1590 79.5	4. Kansas State	20	381	1078 .353
5. Kansas	21	14-7	1511 72.0	5. Texas Tech	21	423	1154 .367
6. Oklahoma State	19	13-6	1320 69.5	6. Oklahoma	20	419	1138 .368
7. Texas Tech	21	16-5	1422 67.7	7. Texas A&M	20	365	987 .370
8. Nebraska	20	12-8	1339 66.9	8. Colorado	20	411	1108 .371
9. Iowa State	20	15-5	1314 65.7	9. Kansas	21	492	1311 .375
10. Colorado	20	11-9	1255 62.8	10. Texas	21	536	1407 .381
11. Kansas State	20	15-5	1251 62.5	11. Nebraska	20	471	1228 .384
12. Missouri	21	10-11	1263 60.1	12. Missouri	21	482	1255 .384

SCORING DEFENSE				3-POINT FG PCT			
# Team	G	Pts Avg/G	# Team	G	FG	FGA Pct	
1. Baylor	20	1016 50.8	1. Oklahoma	20	167	435 .384	
2. Kansas State	20	1059 53.0	2. Baylor	20	106	284 .373	
3. Iowa State	20	1061 53.0	3. Iowa State	20	141	379 .372	
4. Oklahoma State	19	1020 53.7	4. Texas	21	146	396 .369	

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Nebraska's D keys 57-48 upset of No. 13 Aggies

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)

Nebraska beat No. 13 Texas A&M, playing the type of tough, physical game that has made the Aggies so successful.

The Cornhuskers upset the Aggies 57-48 in a matchup of the Big 12's top two defensive teams Saturday.

"We just weren't tough enough," A&M coach Mark Turgeon said. "It was physical — real physical — and we didn't respond. We've been able to in the past, but we didn't today. That's what it came down to."

Jorge Brian Diaz scored 16 points and Nebraska held Texas A&M to two field goals over the final 10 minutes.

The Huskers (15-5, 3-3) used a 10-1 spurt to turn a 42-39 deficit into a 49-43 lead, putting the game away on Eshaunte Jones' 3-pointer with just over a

minute to play.

Brandon Richardson and Lance Jeter had 10 points apiece for Nebraska, which had lost three straight to the Aggies (17-3, 4-2).

The Aggies were the highest-ranked team beaten by the Huskers in coach Doc Sadler's five seasons as coach. The Huskers are 14-0 at home. This win, which came after a crushing 72-71 loss at Texas Tech last Saturday, prompted students to rush the floor after the final buzzer.

"It's huge," Sadler said. "You're 3 for 3 in league play at home. If you're going to have a chance to compete in this league, you have to take care of home court."

Nathan Walkup scored 13 points and Khris Middleton had 12 for Texas A&M. The Aggies

shot 24 percent from the field in the second half and 39 percent for the game. They also committed 14 turnovers and made just 6 of 14 free throws.

"You're talking about the 13th-best team in the country and you just held them to 48 points," Sadler said. "I don't know that it's the best defensive effort we've had, but we've been pretty consistent when we've won."

The game turned after Nebraska's Toney McCray committed an intentional foul early in the second half.

The Aggies were up 34-31 and had a chance to build on the lead when McCray shoved David Loubeau as he attempted a dunk. Loubeau landed hard next to the basket support.

Dash Harris shot the free throws and missed both as

Loubeau recovered on the bench, and the Aggies couldn't convert when they retained possession.

Not long after that, Nebraska went on its decisive run.

"They hit Dave on the flagrant foul, and we never busted anybody hard," Walkup said. "Don't play dirty, but you still have to make a statement. We can't let them hit one of our players, and we just never responded."

Diaz's left-handed scoop and Jeter's end-to-end drive put Nebraska back on top 45-42 with less than 6 minutes to play, bringing the fans to their feet.

Brandon Richardson snaked through the lane for an easy basket and, after Eshaunte Jones went high to rebound Harris' missed 3-pointer, Jeter bulled in for another length-of-the-court

layup to make it 49-43 with 4:30 left.

Turgeon called Jeter a "one-man fast break."

"When I feel I have the advantage, Coach gives me the opportunity to go all the way," Jeter said. "Some (defenders) stand there. Some don't. If they do, hopefully I get the and-one. If not, I get an easy basket."

That sequence led the juiced crowd of 10,539 to begin chanting "HUS-KER POW-ER, HUS-KER POW-ER."

Jeter said he and his teammates fed off the noise.

"It's so amazing," he said. "It makes you want to play defense. That's something we really take pride in."

The 6-foot-11 Diaz capitalized on his 3-inch advantage over Loubeau, converting entry passes from Jeter and Caleb

Walker and finishing 7 of 15 from the field.

Diaz left the Devaney Center immediately after the game to catch a flight to Puerto Rico, where his aunt died Friday after an illness.

"He wanted to stay and play," Sadler said. "You saw a much more aggressive Brian Diaz tonight."

The Aggies led 31-24 at half. But the Huskers turned up the defense and shot better in the second half. They hit 50 percent after making just 9 of 24 shots in the first half.

"That's a great win for us," Richardson said. "I'm sure our team is going to celebrate this one."

Pledger leads Oklahoma past Iowa State 82-76 in OT

AMES, Iowa (AP)

Oklahoma's Steven Pledger offered a pretty simple explanation for the best game of his college career.

"It was just me staying in the same mind frame the whole game," the 6-foot-4 sophomore said. "I guess I was in my zone."

Was he ever.

Pledger scored 12 of his career-high 38 points in overtime and Oklahoma broke a 19-game losing streak away from home with an 82-76 victory over Iowa State on Saturday night.

Oklahoma (11-9, 3-3 Big 12) blew a 15-point first-half lead, then rallied from six points down in regulation to tie the game at 67 on Pledger's 3-pointer.

Once in overtime, Pledger dominated, nailing consecutive 3s to put the Sooners up 75-72

and his steal and layup made it 77-72 with 1:40 remaining.

"It took a great performance by Steven Pledger here tonight," Oklahoma coach Jeff Capel said. "Steven was in a great rhythm offensively and I thought our guys did a good job finding him."

It was Oklahoma's first victory on the road since beating Utah in Salt Lake City on Dec. 12, 2009.

Melvin Ejim, benched in a starting lineup switch, responded with 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead Iowa State (14-8, 1-6), which has lost four straight. Jake Anderson and Diante Garrett each scored 18 for the Cyclones, who recovered from a terrible start to make it a game — and almost pulled out the victory.

Pledger, whose previous best was 23 points, hit 12 of 20 shots from the field, including 7 of 13

from 3-point range. He also had three assists, two steals and a block with no turnovers while playing 44 of 45 minutes.

"He's a good player," Ejim said. "When a good player gets hot, it's hard to stop him. I think we were playing good defense. He was just making tough shots."

Cameron Clark scored 11 points for Oklahoma and Carl Blair added nine.

Oklahoma trailed 67-61 but scored the final six points of regulation, tying it on Pledger's 3-pointer from the right wing with 35.4 seconds left. A shot-clock violation gave the ball back to the Sooners with 0.4 seconds remaining, but the Cyclones got one more chance when Cade Davis threw the ball to the other end and out of bounds.

However, Ejim couldn't connect off an inbounds lob pass

and the game went into overtime.

Oklahoma cooled off after making 13 of its first 17 shots, including 6 of 9 from 3-point range, giving the Cyclones a chance to come back. The Sooners, who had made just 26 percent of their 3-point shots in Big 12 play entering Saturday, missed nine straight from long range after their torrid start and finished 11 for 27 from behind the arc.

Iowa State, averaging a Big 12-best 8.8 3-point baskets per game, missed its first 12 shots from long range and finished 5 for 24.

"They hit tough shots that hit three parts of the rim and bounced in," Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg said. "Ours were going in and out."

The Cyclones scored 10 of the first 12 points in the second half to erase Oklahoma's 38-30

halftime lead, then stayed within striking distance when the Sooners moved back ahead.

Pledger's 3-pointer hiked the lead to 51-44, but Iowa State came back once more and went up 54-53 when Garrett made consecutive 3s, drawing a roar from the crowd and forcing an Oklahoma timeout.

The lead then changed hands three times before Jamie Vanderbeeken sank two free throws to start a 9-2 run that gave Iowa State its 67-61 lead. Anderson capped the burst when he was fouled on an offensive rebound and made both free throws.

But Garrett missed an open 3-pointer and then was short on a layup, after which Pledger knocked down his tying 3.

"We knew they were going to make a run," Davis said. "We knew they were going to come out and try to get the momen-

um, get the crowd into it. Luckily for us, Steven was on fire shooting the ball. He kept us in the game the whole time."

Hoiberg was upset by what he saw as a lack of energy at the start of Wednesday night's 92-83 loss to Texas Tech, so he tweaked his lineup, starting Calvin Godfrey in place of fellow freshman Ejim.

But the Cyclones fell into an immediate hole as Oklahoma bolted to an 8-1 lead. The Sooners hit nine of their first 11 shots, and when Clark dunked off a lob from C.J. Washington, they led 26-13.

The lead grew to 34-19 before Ejim scored six points in an 11-2 run that got Iowa State back in it.

Singletary leads Texas Tech past Iowa State 92-83

AMES, Iowa (AP)

Mike Singletary scored a season-high 33 points, D'wain Roberts added 16 with 11 rebounds and Texas Tech knocked off Iowa State 92-83 Wednesday night for its first road win of the season.

Brad Reese had 14 for the Red Raiders (10-11, 2-4 Big 12), who have won two straight after an 0-4 start in league play.

Diante Garrett had 27 points to lead the Cyclones (14-7, 1-5), who've lost five of six and have dropped three straight for the

first time this season.

Texas Tech entered play just 10th in the league in field goal percentage, but the Red Raiders sliced up Iowa State's defense for 35 baskets on 27 assists and shot 7 of 12 from 3-point range.

Texas Tech pushed a four-point halftime lead to 14 early in the second half. Melvin Ejim's tip-in with 51 seconds left brought Iowa State within 85-80, but David Tairu quickly fed Reese for a dunk that sealed the win.

Iowa State's Jamie

Vanderbeken opened the second half with a soaring dunk from the baseline, but the Cyclones wouldn't get any closer.

The Red Raiders answered with 11 straight points, capped by a Roberts bank shot in the paint, to take their biggest lead to that point at 48-35. Texas Tech pushed it to as much as 57-43 with 13:21 left, though the Cyclones quickly pulled back within striking distance at 57-51.

Iowa State kept trying to chip away, but Singletary — playing

with four fouls for the final 11:24 — hit a pair of buckets in the paint as the Red Raiders took a 72-62 lead with 5:41 left.

That would be a recurring theme for Iowa State, which could never quite get close enough to make a game of it.

Texas Tech was coming off its first Big 12 win, a 72-71 thriller over Nebraska. Roberts tipped in the game-winner with 3.8 seconds left to give the Red Raiders just their fourth victory in 12 games.

Iowa State kept trying to chip

Iowa State took Oklahoma State to the wire in Stillwater last week before falling in OT, 96-87. The Cyclones then got held up by bad weather trying to get home and instead went straight to Missouri, where they got drilled 87-54 in by far their worst performance of the season.

Iowa State looked flat again in the early going, committing seven turnovers in the first 10 minutes as Texas Tech jumped out to an early 20-10 lead.

Garrett and Vanderbeken got the Cyclones back into it, as Garrett scored seven quick points and Vanderbeken's hook

shot got them within 27-23. But Singletary drilled a 3 that gave him 19 points and the Red Raiders a 35-27 lead with 3:44 left in the first half.

This looked to be a critical week for the Cyclones to get back in the Big 12 race with Texas Tech and Oklahoma visiting Ames, but Wednesday night's loss left them alone in last place in the league.

Jake Anderson added 15 points and 12 rebounds for Iowa State, which kept it close by shooting 23 of 25 from the line.

Texas keeps rolling, beats Missouri 71-58

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)

The Texas Longhorns are tearing up the Big 12 and showing no signs of slowing down.

Jordan Hamilton had 16 points and a career-high 13 rebounds, and No. 7 Texas beat No. 11 Missouri 71-58 Saturday night to remain undefeated in the Big 12.

The Longhorns (18-3, 6-0) have won six in a row overall and snapped a three-game losing streak to the Tigers (17-4, 3-3).

Texas had another stellar defensive effort, holding the highest-scoring team in the Big 12 to its lowest point total of the season. Texas is holding Big 12 opponents to 54 points per game.

"Good defense beats good offense on any given night," Texas senior forward Gary Johnson said. "That's what we do."

Like the five teams before them in Texas' run, the Tigers came away impressed by the Longhorns' bruising play near the baskets.

"There's no secret how they play," Missouri guard Kim English said. "They are a physical team. They pressure the

ball. Big, strong guys."

Hamilton, Johnson and freshman Tristan Thompson dominated the paint on both ends of the court. Johnson had 15 points and nine rebounds and Thompson had 13 rebounds.

Missouri boasts that the Tigers play the "fastest 40 minutes of basketball," but ran smack into a defensive wall in this one. Texas raced to a 10-0 lead behind 3-pointers by Hamilton and Cory Joseph and Thompson's muscular rebounding.

Thompson also caught Missouri forward Laurence Bowers on the chin with an elbow that knocked Bowers out of the game with 12 minutes left in the first half. Bowers, who averages 11.5 points and had just scored two straight baskets, was wobbly when he got to his feet and had to be helped to the locker room.

"I thought there were a lot of loose elbows out there," Missouri coach Mike Anderson said. "It might have been a mild concussion. He took a big-time elbow."

Johnson and Hamilton both scored 10 points in the first half for Texas. Missouri stayed with-

in striking distance when Phil Pressey made a 3-pointer with 3 seconds left to pull the Tigers to 38-27 at halftime. Pressey led Missouri with 12 points.

"I saw it was going to come off the back rim. I thought it gave us a spark," Hamilton said.

Missouri managed to slow down the Longhorns in the second but couldn't make a run of their own to threaten the Texas lead.

Marcus Denmon's putback pulled the Tigers within eight before Thompson revived the home crowd with a two-handed dunk off a backdoor pass from Hamilton, then blocked a shot by Denmon on the other end. Time and again, the lanky freshman muscled over one and sometimes two Tigers to grab the ball.

"He has been really blowing up on a lot of people," Anderson said.

Michael Dixon made a 3-pointer for Missouri, but the Longhorns responded with quick baskets by J'Covan Brown and Joseph that pushed the lead back to 53-42.

Texas misfires from the free

throw line kept Missouri hanging around. The Longhorns missed 11 of their first 14 free throws of the second half and went 16 of 34 for the game.

Texas finally put the game away when Johnson made one of two free throws and Hamilton grabbed the rebound on the miss and immediately went back up for a basket.

"I saw it was going to come off the back rim. I thought it gave us a spark," Hamilton said.

After Missouri's next three possessions finished in a turnover and two misses, a layup by Brown finished a Texas fast break for a 66-53 lead with just over 2 minutes to play.

Texas' impressive early run in the Big 12 includes wins over No. 6 Kansas and No. 13 Texas A&M. The Longhorns face a rematch with the Aggies on Monday night.

Johnson promised more rugged, physical defense.

"We lost to a team that played that way at Pittsburgh," Johnson said. "We didn't like it."



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Sims' 25 Points Leads Baylor Over Texas A&M 63-60

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)

Texas A&M slowed Baylor star Brittney Griner.

The Aggies couldn't do the same to freshman Odyssey Sims.

Sims tied a season-high with 25 points and Griner had 17 points and 12 rebounds to help top-ranked Baylor beat No. 6 Texas A&M 63-60 on Sunday.

Sims hit a jumper in the lane with 26 seconds left to put Baylor (19-1, 6-0 Big 12) on top 62-60.

"When all else fails, she knows how to find the rim," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said.

Sims knew she had to take control after Texas A&M tied the game.

"The game was on the line," she said. "I had the ball in my hands, and I couldn't run from the ball. I just created, got inside and was able to get the shot off."

A steal by Melissa Jones on Texas A&M's next possession forced the Aggies to foul her. She hit the first of two free throws to make it 63-60 with 10 seconds left.

The Aggies had a chance to tie it, but Sydney Colson's 3-point attempt was short. The Aggies got the ball back but Tyra White's desperation 3-point attempt at the buzzer was also short.

Sims has developed into a major threat to teams who focus on Griner after being thrust into action as Baylor's starting point guard after two-year starter Kelli Griffin quit just before the season.

"That's the difference," Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said of Sims. "I don't think there's a freshman point guard in the country better than her. She's got the ability to control in mid-air and bump into you and push off and be physical. Most freshman don't know how to use that arm."

Mulkey was happy with the performance of Sims, but wasn't quite ready to call her the best point guard in the nation.

"I think (Oklahoma's) Danielle Robinson has a little bit of seniority on her, but I coach this one, and I have this one for three more years," she said. "Ask me that in three more years and I'll be able to answer that then."

The victory is Baylor's 16th straight and leaves the Bears alone in first place in the Big 12 Conference.

White led Texas A&M (18-2, 6-1) with 18 points.

Baylor led by seven points before Texas A&M used a 10-3 spurt capped by a 3-pointer by Colson to tie it at 60-60 with 49 seconds remaining before the go-ahead shot by Sims.

"Truthfully, we didn't get the ball to Griner enough, but give credit to A&M about that," Mulkey said. "We understand that we have to get better in certain areas, and getting open today was very difficult for us."

Texas A&M played the last few minutes without Big 12 leading scorer Danielle Adams after she fouled out. She finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

"What really hurt us was not having Adams at the end to

have another 3-point shooter," Blair said.

The Aggies used a big run in the second half to overcome a double-digit deficit and take the lead with about nine minutes left. But the Bears answered with a 9-2 spurt, fueled by six points from Sims, to take a 55-50 lead five minutes later.

The loss is Texas A&M's first since a three-point defeat by No. 3 Duke on Dec. 6 and breaks a 12-game winning streak for the Aggies. A crowd of 13,162, including Texas A&M football coach Mike Sherman, came to see the showdown of the top teams in the Big 12. It was the largest crowd to see a women's basketball game in Texas A&M history.

Adams got her fourth foul with about 5 1/2 minutes remaining and the Bears leading 51-49. Griner picked up her fourth foul less than a minute later when she went over Karla Gilbert's back trying to get a rebound.

Adams fouled out when she got tangled up with Brooklyn Pope with about four minutes remaining. Pope knocked down both free throws to make it 57-50.

The Aggies, who made just 10 of 35 shots in the first half, finally got on track early in the second half. They were down by 14 before going on an 22-6 run to take a 48-46 lead with nine minutes remaining. The Aggies had a pair of 3-pointers in that run and seemed to get Baylor off-balance with a full court press. Baylor's shooting

went cold for a time early in the spurt and the team didn't score field goal for almost five minutes.

"The key there was our defense for sure," Colson said. "Just getting up and being in the press. We just wanted to have bodies up there to force some pressure. In the end we didn't do enough to win it."

The Aggies used several different players to try to slow Griner, but Adams spent the most time defending her. She's seven inches shorter than the 6-foot-8 Griner, but used aggressive, physical play down low to help A&M deal with the star.

But her work on defense may have hurt her offensive output on Sunday as she finished almost 10 points below her season average.

"That was my main focus was to contain her and stop her," Adams said.

Griner, who became a YouTube sensation in high school for her dunking ability, looked like she might dunk it on a fast break early in the second half. But she slowed down just before reaching the goal and simply dropped it in to put Baylor ahead 40-26.

The score was tied at 19-11 with about seven minutes remaining in the first half before Baylor used an 11-0 run to take a 30-19 lead about 21/2 minutes later. The Aggies had three turnovers and missed three shots in that span.

Griner hit a jump shot about 30 seconds before halftime to leave the Bears ahead 36-26 at the break.

Adams Scores 31 as Texas A&M Beats Oklahoma 80-78

NORMAN, Okla. (AP)

These days, Texas A&M has the dominant post player when the Aggies play Oklahoma. Indeed, Danielle Adams made the difference against the Sooners.

Adams scored 31 points, including the decisive free throws with 7.6 seconds left, and No. 6 Texas A&M won its 12th straight game by beating No. 13 Oklahoma 80-78 on Wednesday night to move into sole possession of first place in the Big 12.

It was the second straight road win over a ranked foe for Texas A&M (18-1, 6-0), which won for the first time at Iowa State on Saturday. The Aggies won't have long to savor either win, though, as they're set to host No. 1 Baylor on Sunday in yet another conference showdown.

A&M coach Gary Blair compared Adams' presence for the Aggies to that of former Oklahoma center Courtney Paris, a four-time All-American.

"We're just very lucky to have (Adams)," Blair said. "You all had Courtney Paris for four (years). I only get (Adams) for two. She's not coming out unless she has to come out."

Danielle Robinson led Oklahoma (15-4, 5-1) with 33 points and almost single-handedly fueled a comeback from a 17-point first-half deficit. But

Robinson, an 87 percent free throw shooter, missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity with 30.6 seconds left and her driving shot over Adams as time expired wasn't close.

"This is a reflection of how tough this conference is," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said. "What other conference has games that go like this? It was just an exchange of blows back and forth and it was high-caliber basketball. I watch other leagues and I'm amazed at how tough ours is every single night."

"That being said, they're _ I don't know, what are they? Third? Fifth? Fourth? ... We're not far away. We're not far away."

Texas A&M has won five of its last six games against Oklahoma, although the Aggies are only 3-16 all-time against the Sooners in Norman. Before Wednesday, the Aggies hadn't won at Lloyd Noble Center since 2007.

But the formula that has worked so well for the Aggies all season _ use a pressing, trapping defense to cause mistakes by the opponent _ again proved effective against Oklahoma in a rematch of last season's conference tournament title game, won by Texas A&M.

Adams, the conference's leading scorer, scored from all angles _ layups, bank shots, medium-range jumpers and 3-

pointers. But it was her poise at the line that proved decisive in the final seconds.

"This kid here," Blair said, motioning toward Adams, "everybody tries to stop her. Inside, on double and triple (teams), then she goes outside and hits the jumper. You have to understand how tiring that is. ... She is going to miss some, but she never misses bad."

With the score tied 78-all in the final minute, Oklahoma missed three chances to take the lead, as Robinson missed two driving layups, hitting nothing on the second try. But the Sooners got the basketball back both times before Adams fouled Robinson 25 feet from the basket.

After Robinson missed, Adaora Elonu missed on a driving layup attempt, but Adams missed the and was fouled by Lyndsey Cloman, setting up the winning free throws.

"I just took my time, zoned out everything, took a deep breath and hit both free throws," Adams said.

Coale declined to comment on Robinson's last shot, on which it appeared there was contact by Adams. Robinson appeared upbeat after the game despite her last-minute mistakes.

"I want the ball in my hands," Robinson said. "I know my teammates trust me enough to give it to me at the end of the game and they trust

that I'm going to make the free throws. That's what it came down to."

Three Oklahoma starters _ Carlee Roethlisberger, Robinson and Joanna McFarland _ picked up two fouls each in the first eight minutes. Still, the Sooners led 21-18 before Adams fueled a 21-3 run, scoring 13 points in 41/2 minutes. Texas A&M led 46-29 with 2:52 left in the half.

Coale reinserted all three players to try and stem the tide, but Roethlisberger and McFarland both picked up their third fouls in vain attempts to slow the Aggies' potent inside game.

The Sooners opened the second half on a 9-0 run and pulled to 47-43, but Aaryn Ellenberg missed 3-point shots on three straight possessions while the Aggies countered with baskets by Maryann Baker and Adams, starting a 7-0 spurt that ended the rally.

But behind Robinson, the Sooners kept coming. She assisted on a 3-pointer by Roethlisberger that tied the game at 65 with 7:30 left. A 3-pointer by Whitney Hand, who had 17 points, put Oklahoma ahead 71-69 with 5:24 left.

Oklahoma finished 8 of 18 from 3-point range.

Tyra White added 14 points and Sydney Carter had 12 for the Aggies.

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K- State's Brittany Chambers (2) yells down court to the other Wildcats.



Chantay Caron (11) takes a shot and sunk the first 3-pointer of the game for K-State.



Taelor Karr (12) led K-State with a season-high 19 points.



K-State's Mariah White (22) moves the ball towards the net.

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