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City Tries To Bag County Cash

Editorial

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What do you do when as a City Government you find yourself more than \$250,000,000 in debt?

You try to get money anyway you can. In this case the City wants to rob Riley County to help pay City debt.

It could be the County may choose to fight back and leave the City holding an empty bag.

In 2002, the voters of Riley County approved the so-called "Roads and Jobs" half-cent sales tax measure. At that time, state law mandated that the County share the proceeds of the tax with all municipalities within the County. The City of Manhattan ended up getting 52% of the take.

Now, ten years later the County must take the issue back to the voters but 52% is not enough for the City, they want 75%.

Tuesday night the City



rejected a City - County agreement and may take a 1/2

cent sales tax issue to the voters alone. If they do the County may go to the voters for a 1/4 cent sales tax. The fight is on.

City Commissioners where told: "It is worth noting that the City previously proposed an alternative to pursue a special citywide sales tax provision that would include sales from the portions of the City within Pottawatomie County. A half-cent city-wide sales tax would generate approximately

\$4.7 million, more than a Riley County half-cent sales tax."

At Tuesday's meeting a City memo said: "The following is one scenario that was discussed:

- 40% of proceeds (approximately \$1.9 million annually) to the City of Manhattan to continue economic development initiatives to grow jobs within the City of Manhattan.
- 35% of proceeds (approximately \$1.6 million annually)

to Riley County to continue road and bridge improvements.

• 25% of proceeds (approximately \$1.2 million annually) to the City of Manhattan to retire debt, thereby reducing the property tax burden.

But Tuesday night the City rejected that idea.

See what happens when you loan money to friends (or cities) they end up wanting it all.

Slumping Kansas home prices raise tax policy issues

**By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter**

TOPEKA — Kansas community governments and the taxpayers who support them are headed for a financial jolt, some recent trends in home sales statewide suggest.

Kansas home sales in September topped year-earlier levels by double digit percentages for a third consecutive month, the Kansas Association of Realtors reports.

September's 12.2 percent increase was smaller than a similar 24.2 percent increase reported for August and 22.7 percent for July, but that is still encouraging, said Association President Jamie Holt, a Coldwell Banker real estate agent in Wichita.

Federal homebuying tax credits included in 2009 stimulus legislation to spur sales "were expired for three months by this time in 2010, which means buyers are responding to incredibly low interest rates," Holt said.

But the state Association of Realtors' statistics show that many buyers are snapping up houses for lower prices, too. Average prices statewide have been falling for three months, nearly 10 percent to \$149,875 in September from a recent peak of \$165,608 three months earlier.

Block by block and town by

town, recent home sales are a key gauge that Kansas appraisers use to calculate the taxable value of home and business real estate for the coming year.

"The changes aren't uniform, but they definitely are going to affect your Jan. 1, 2012, appraisals," said Sedgwick County Appraiser Michael Borchard, whose department is working on appraisals for Wichita and its suburbs due Nov. 1.

"We know our market is no longer appreciating," he said.

Wichita, the state's largest city, and surrounding Sedgwick County are trying to finance combined budgets that approach \$960 million in 2012 without raising property tax rates to compensate for lower values, Borchard said.

"Kansas is a budget driven state," he said.

Any major drop in Kansas property values has ramifications for budget writers. Property taxes account for about 35 percent of the between \$11 billion and \$12 billion in combined annual state and local tax revenue. That often tops revenue from sales and use taxes, which combined provide 26 percent, and income-related taxes, which are another 23 percent, according to the Kansas Legislative Research

Department, the state's designated authoritative source for fiscal projections.

"Property taxes are a major source of our revenues," said Johnson County Commissioner Jason Osterhaus in Overland Park. "But there is a flip side to this, too. When you see home prices dropping like they've been doing, you often see commercial property values, such as for apartments, going up."

One frequently offered reason for that phenomenon is that potential buyers are reluctant to take on new mortgages when they think the economy or their own job prospects look shaky.

But counting on multifamily family housing to offset drops in single-family home property values isn't anything to count on in the long run, said Rodger Henry, a Lawrence investor affiliated with Haley Associates, an Omaha limited partnership that develops apartment complexes and other multifamily housing units across the Midwest.

"Right now, we can pass ... our property taxes on to consumers, because vacancy rates are low," Henry said. "But you can't do that if you run out of consumers, which is what happens when you have high unemployment for too long."

KPERS refinancing costs head to potential \$5 billion

**By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter**

TOPEKA — Kansas lawmakers may have to take out the largest loan in state history — \$5 billion — to help plug a growing hole in the state's pension system.

The loan, for almost more money than Kansas spent to run the entire government two years ago, would be financed through the sale of state bonds.

The state Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, or KPERS, Study Commission is expected to decide whether to recommend the loan to legislators for a vote in January as part of a KPERS overhaul plan. The commission's decision likely will occur next week or in December.

"I don't like debt," said state Rep. Mitch Holmes, R-St. John, who is one of the commission's co-chairmen. "But we've got to realize that unfunded liabilities are a debt too."

The unfunded liabilities of which Holmes spoke are an officially projected \$8.3 billion gap between pension benefits that KPERS has promised about 158,000 teachers and state and local government workers by 2033 and the money KPERS is projected to have by then to make those payments.

Pension fund critics who say the official projections are based on unrealistically high investment returns generally estimate the Kansas gap is \$20 billion or larger.

Either way, Kansas taxpayers would have to pay far more to meet those obligations.

Gov. Sam Brownback, a Republican, and several legislators have been advocating curbing some of that future exposure by offering new KPERS members some version of a 401(k)-style retirement savings plan instead of traditional benefits.

Savings plans would prevent employer contributions from potentially skyrocketing, but they would not guarantee retirees lifelong incomes as the current pensions do.

But, switching from traditional pensions, which are known as defined benefit plans, to retirement savings plans, known as defined contribution plans, presents additional challenges, said Ilana Boivie, an economist and director of programs at the National Institute on Retirement Security, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit research group specializing in retirement issues.

Savers in individual retirement plans might spend twice as much in investment fees to

achieve the same investment earnings that traditional pension plans can earn by pooling large sums of money under professional management, Boivie said.

"Far greater contributions are required from both employers and employees (in defined contribution plans) to maintain the same level of benefit," she said. "Plus maintaining two plans is more costly than operating just one."

Legislators last spring ordered a 13-member panel of legislators, finance specialists and KPERS members representatives, co-chaired by Holmes and state Sen. Jeff King, R-Independence, to consider alternatives, such as defined contribution plans, changes to the current traditional pensions or combinations of the two, and present specific proposals for closing the gaps and returning KPERS to long-term health.

The so-called pension obligation bonds that the panel will consider would help address traditional issues such as running two plans at once, King said.

The bonds also would help stabilize future funding, he said. Future legislators would find it harder to cut back retirement plan funding, if it were required to meet specific contractual obligations to lenders.

Heritage analysis finds teachers paid 50% above market

Washington, D.C., Nov. 1, 2011 -- Far from being underpaid, the typical public-school teacher makes out very well indeed, according to a new report from The Heritage Foundation's Center for Data Analysis.

"Assessing the Compensation of Public-School Teachers" concludes that, while some may well be underpaid, the typical public school teacher makes about \$1.52 for every dollar made by a private-sector employee with similar skills.

Co-authored by Heritage Senior Policy Analyst Jason Richwine and

Andrew G. Biggs, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, the 26-page report concludes that salaries for public-school teachers generally are comparable to those paid to similarly skilled workers in the private sector. However, the generous fringe benefits offered by public schools raise teacher compensation 52 percent above the going market rate.

That's the equivalent of a \$120 billion overpayment charged to taxpayers each year.

"Teacher compensation could be reduced with only minor effects on

recruitment and retention," the authors suggest. "Alternatively, teachers who are more effective at raising student achievement might be hired at comparable cost."

Comparing scores on cognitive tests, Richwine and Biggs note that those with education degrees generally lag behind those of other workers with similar "paper" qualifications. The much-vaunted "wage gap" between teachers and non-teachers disappears when both groups are matched on objective measures of cognitive ability.

The researchers also found that, on average, those who switch from non-teaching jobs to teaching jobs receive a wage increase of roughly 9 percent. By contrast, teachers who change to non-teaching jobs see their wages decrease by roughly 3 percent.

Previous comparisons of teacher compensation also fail to factor in some of the most generous fringe benefits offered public-school teachers. In addition to gold-plated retirement plans, the study notes that most teachers accrue generous retiree health benefits, worth an extra 10 percent of

wages. The researchers also factored teachers' relatively high job security into the equation.

"While union contracts help secure overcompensation for the average teacher, they may still leave the most valuable teachers underpaid," Richwine and Biggs write. "School administrators need to be able to hire and fire teachers as needed, basing personnel decisions on rigorous value-added evaluations and setting pay based on prevailing market rates."

More than 1,000 Kansas workers taking early retirement

**By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter**

TOPEKA — More than 1,000 Kansas state workers took an early retirement offer the state extended in August to relieve pressure on the state budget, preliminary estimates from the state retirement system and other sources indicate.

Those workers are about one-fourth of the 4,000 near retirement-age state employees to whom Gov. Sam Brownback's administration offered either up to 60 months of health insurance coverage or a \$6,500 cash payment to retire this year.

Brownback's press secretary, Sherriene Jones-Sontag, said the administration plans to announce the total number of early-retiring workers and potential budget savings next week, after officials determine the number of positions that must be refilled, so departments can provide needed services. Workers had until Oct. 14 to decide whether to take the offer.

As of Oct. 21, the last full week for which calculations have been made, 951 state employees told the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, or KPERS, that they are taking the early out offer, said Kristen Basso, the pension plan's communications

director.

"There could be a few more who did not identify themselves as VRIP (voluntary retirement incentive plan) applicants," Basso said.

Numbers coming from smaller state offices are expected to push the statewide total of early retirees somewhere above 1,000, said Kraig Knowlton, a Kansas Department of Administration personnel director whose office receives formal retirement applications. Those applications are different from applications for retirement benefits, which workers submit separately.

The retirement benefits applications reaching KPERS so far show that the largest number of workers taking early retirement — 39 percent so far — have been working for two of the state's largest employers, the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Transportation, Basso said.

KPERS executives said paying early retirement benefits won't cause any significant earlier-than-expected demand on the state's pension fund, which by its actuaries' official calculations faces a more than \$8 billion funding shortfall for meeting long-range funding obligations by 2033, Basso said.

The early retiring workers are among 158,000 who are contributing to the system and more than 90 percent are aged 55 or older and would be drawing benefits soon anyway, she said.

The Kansas state plan is modeled after one that state Secretary of Administration Dennis Taylor offered City of Topeka workers in 2010, when he as a city administrator there. Between 125 and 130 Topeka workers, or 25 percent of those eligible, took that offer.

That helped cut the city's payroll costs by \$700,000 in 2010 and is expected to save

another \$1.5 million in 2010, said David Bevins, Topeka's communications director.

Kansas' Legislative Division of Post Audit, which tracks state spending and government efficiency for the Legislature, earlier considered a project to see if statewide early retirement offers might save \$25 million from a nearly \$2.5 billion state payroll in fiscal 2010. However, auditors put that idea on hold when the current plan was announced in August.

Auditors tentatively plan to evaluate the current plan if legislators request that, said Justin Stowe, the state's deputy post auditor.

Riley county volunteer positions

Riley County has volunteer positions opening on the following Advisory Boards:

- Big Lakes Developmental Center
- Fair Board
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- Hunters Island Water District
- Joint Corrections
- Museum Board of Trustees
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- Pawnee Mental Health

Services

- Riley County Council on Aging
- Riley County Planning Board/Board of Zoning Appeals
- Road and Bridge Advisory

Board

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on a Riley County Advisory Board, please fill out an application at the Riley County Clerk's Office at 110 Courthouse

Plaza, (785) 565-6202 or visit the Riley County website at www.rileycountyks.gov/commission.

Obituaries

Gladine E. Rosebrook

Gladine E. Rosebrook, age 90, former longtime resident of Larned and Dodge City, Kansas, died Sunday evening, October 30, 2011, at the Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. She had been a Manhattan resident since March of this year.

She was born on April 12, 1921, in Larned, Kansas, the daughter of William G. and Edna S. (Nicolet) Fell. Gladine was raised in Larned where

she attended local schools. She was a past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club while living in Larned.

On March 25, 1961, in Manhattan, Kansas, she was united in marriage to Robert L. Rosebrook. He preceded her in death on May 31, 1996. She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers: Eugene, Albert and Keith Fell and by her sister, Helen A. Kershner.

Gladine was a controller, secretary and treasurer for the First Federal Savings and Loan

in Dodge City, Kansas for a number of years. While living in Dodge City she was a member of the Women's Chamber of Commerce, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, the DAR (past secretary), and served in numerous chairs for the Eastern Star. She enjoyed gardening and ceramics and enjoyed playing bridge where she was the Junior Master in Duplicate Tournament Bridge. Gladine also enjoyed playing golf and won both the Dodge City American Legion and Country Club championships. Following her retirement she

and her husband moved to Heber Springs, Arkansas where Gladine joined the Xi Gamma Zeta Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in Fairfield Bay, Arkansas.

She is survived by her nephews and nieces.

The Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas is handling the arrangements.

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

Clarence Shandy

Clarence Shandy, age 92, passed away on Saturday October 29, 2011 at the Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, Tinklin Pointe House, Manhattan, Kansas.

He was born on December 11, 1918 in Wakefield, Kansas the son of Roy and Margaret (Yenni) Shandy. Clarence graduated from Wakefield High School in 1938. He

attended Kansas State University for two and a half years prior to serving his country in the Army-Air Corp during WWII. He worked as the building engineer at the Kansas State Union for 26 years.

He was united in marriage to Marguerite Staggs on Sept. 12, 1942. She preceded him in death on March 26, 1952. He later married Dorothy (Crumbaker) Johnson on June 12, 1954 in Manhattan, Kansas. She preceded him in death on Dec. 11, 1998.

Clarence loved fishing, K-State sports, playing cards, golfing, traveling, gardening, eating good food at cookouts and especially being with his family and friends.

Memberships include the American Legion Post #17, Sertoma Club of Manhattan, VFW Post #1786 of

Manhattan and the First United Methodist Church, Manhattan, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Norman, his first wife, Marguerite and his second wife, Dorothy.

Clarence had a loving family. He is survived by his four children and their families: Carolyn and Alvin Taylor of Wyandotte, Michigan, Larry and Linda Johnson of Council Grove, Kansas, Robert and Mae Jean Shandy of Tecumseh, Kansas and Steve and Karen Johnson of Toledo, Oregon. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

Funeral Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday November 3, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church,

Manhattan, Kansas with Rev. Andy Hargrove officiating. Interment will follow in the Highland Cemetery, Wakefield, Kansas at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at KSU or to the National Parkinson's Foundation in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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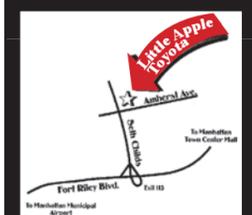
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Emily Jeanne Bode

Emily Jeanne Bode, age 79, of Manhattan, died October 27, 2011, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan.

Emily was born on July 16, 1932 in St. James, Missouri, the daughter of Charley and Clara Stock. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from the University of Missouri, Columbia. While there, she met her husband, Vernon Bode, although she always laughingly said it took him six months to ask her out! They married on June 24, 1956 in California, Missouri. After their marriage, Emily and Vernon lived in North Carolina while he served in the US Navy, and then in Urbana, Illinois; Palo Alto, California; and Baltimore, Maryland; as Vernon pursued his career as a scientist. Emily and Vernon moved to Manhattan in 1970, when Vernon accepted a posi-

tion as a Professor of Genetics and Molecular Biology at Kansas State University. Emily raised their four children and immersed herself in the community.

Emily was a loving mother, wife, caregiver, friend, community volunteer and teacher. She was an active member of First Lutheran Church, and the League of Women Voters. She cared passionately about other people and worked tirelessly to help those less fortunate than her.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-five years, Vernon; her children Beth (Greg) Bonney, John (Claudia) Bode, Paul Bode, and Ann (Tim) Hodges; her grandchildren Stephen and Peter Bonney, Clara and Nico Bode, and Jack and Gemma Hodges; her sister Clarice (Jim) Alexander her brother Charley (Karen) Stock; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Emily was preceded in death by her parents and by a granddaughter, Emily Jeanne

Hodges.

Memorial services were held at 10:30 AM Monday, October 31, 2011 at the First Lutheran Church, 930 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, with Reverend Dr. Keith Wiens officiating. Private family inurnment will be at a later date in Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in West Ely, Missouri.

The family received friends from 4:30 until 6:00 PM Sunday, October 30, 2011 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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

Memorials are preferred to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Heifer International, First Lutheran Church or Lutheran World Relief. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Zamari Vance

Zamari Vance, 2 years, 4 months, 14 days old passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at Good Shepherd Hospice House after a battle with cancer.

Zamari was born on June 9, 2009 at Fort Riley, the son of Brandice J. Bishop and Zarian J. Vance.

Zamari attended Morris Hill Chapel with his family. At the age of 7 months he was dedicated to Christ. He always loved music and singing at church. When he was 10 month old he began to play the

drums and played his heart out. His drums and toy keyboard were some of his favorite toys.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his paternal grandmother, Rita Vance Sharp and his paternal grandfather, Eric Rowe; his maternal grandparents, Jerry and Barbara Bishop; two sisters, Da'Niyah Bishop and Lloniceese Wilson; four aunts, LaShawn Bishop, Rica Weaver, Frantoria Welch and Stephenie Vance; and two uncles, Jerry Bishop, Jr. and Barry Pugh; and many great aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Morris Hill Chapel, Ft. Riley with Minister Larry Bishop and Chaplin Major Daniel Jones officiating. Interment will follow in the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery of Fort Riley, Manhattan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in the name of Zamari Vance and left in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, 1317 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 6650

To leave a special message online, visit www.irvin-parkview.com.

Helen M. Marks

Helen M. Marks, 95, Manhattan, passed away on October 23, 2011 at Mercy

Regional Health Center. Helen was born May 9, 1916 in Kansas City, MO, the daughter of Elmer T. Lutz and Margaret Ann Johnson Lutz. She grew up in Manhattan and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1933. She had one year of college and one year of business school.

Mrs. Marks worked as a secretary for Stanley Unemployment Office for about 2 years. She was a homemaker. She lived in Manhattan in 1925 and for seven years she lived in Frankfort before moving back to Manhattan.

She was married to Leo A. Marks on August 27, 1937 at Seven Dolores Catholic Church. He preceded her in death on May 4, 1966.

She was a member of the Seven Dolores Catholic Church, the Circle 3 of the Altar Society, Elks Club Auxiliary, and volunteered at Seven Dolores Budget Shop for over 50 years

She is survived by 4 daughters, Roberta Surs, Manhattan, Marjory Myers, and her husband Steve, Kansas City, MO,

Janet Becraft and her husband, Dave, Kim Baldwin, Manhattan, a son Michael Marks and his wife Jan, Manhattan and a daughter-in-law, Earleen Marks, Abilene; 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and a great great grandson.

Besides her husband Leo, she was also preceded in death by her parents; a son Pat Marks; two brothers, Elmer Lutz and Tiny Lutz; and a sister, Ruth Grantham.

Mass of the Christian Burial was at 11:00a Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at Seven Dolores Catholic Church with Father Merlin Kieffer and Father Loren Werth officiating. Interment followed in the St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Ogden.

Rosary was recited 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, 1317 Poyntz Avenue with Buzz Harris presiding.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Seven Dolores Catholic Church or the Riley County Senior Service Center and may be left in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home.

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There's No Place Like Home



By Eunice Boeve
Illustrated by Michelle Meade

Chapter 11

The Flying Machine

Last Chapter: Escaping from the harrowing experience of being a runaway slave, Jack and Mollie meet a woman who nursed soldiers at Fort Hays during a cholera epidemic. On the time machine's computer, they learn she might have been Elizabeth Polly. The twins put on their glasses and are thrilled to be in Hays, but soon realize that time has stood still and no one can see or hear them.

"Good thing we don't get tired," Mollie said as they walked toward home.

"It doesn't matter how long it takes either," Jack said, shrugging his shoulders. "Time stands still anyway."

A few cars and trucks rolled past the twins, but as usual no one could see them. They stayed close to the edge of the road, wondering if they were real enough to get hit. They laughed a little about it, although being invisible was really not that funny.

The house looked the same and Dog was still on the porch. He raised his head and his tail thumped twice and went still. They reached down to pet him and he sighed, laid his head on his outstretched paws, and closed his eyes.

"I think he senses us," Mollie said. "But he can't see us."

"The door's still locked and the car's gone so Mom and Dad are probably still in town," Jack looked toward the barn. "I bet we're still in there."

"Get the key and we'll look," Mollie said, a strange feeling coming over her. Would it be creepy to see yourself?

"Just a minute," Jack eyes darted from the time machine, still on their right every time they looked, and back toward the barn. "Maybe we should check our departure time."

"We're not going, are we?" Mollie said, as she stood beside her brother in the time machine, her eyes on the computer screen.

"We have five minutes to decide," Jack said.

"I vote we don't," Mollie said.

"If we don't, will we be lost in some time warp, unable to go on into another time and not able to come back to this time either?"

"Oh," Mollie's face paled. "We are sort

of like ghosts. If Mom and Dad were home right now, even they couldn't see us."

"The time machine is probably invisible, too," Jack sighed. "So we'd better go on." Mollie nodded, tears stinging her eyes.

As they waited, Jack tried to cheer up his sister and himself as well. "Maybe this time we'll go flying with Amelia Earhart. She grew up in Atchison, you know."

"I'd rather just go to her museum," Mollie said. "Although, I bet she'd be fun to know. Wouldn't it be something if we could find out what happened to her?"

"Her plane went down somewhere over the ocean. The time machine doesn't go beyond Kansas."

"I know," Mollie said. "Grandma Andrews is a big fan of hers. I bet Grandma would love to fly around the world."



"Maybe," Jack said, "But I think she likes her because she's named for her. Her mother listened to the radio every day for news of her progress. She even drew a map and marked it every day. Grandma was born a few days before the plane disappeared."

Jack sighed. "It's too bad she didn't make it. A few men had flown over the top of the world, but she wanted to go the longer way, around the equator."

"Maybe we'll go back to her time and meet her," Mollie said. "It would be sad

though, knowing what was going to happen to her."

Mollie was still thinking about Amelia Earhart when the ticking sound began.

This time the twins found themselves standing just inside the open doorway of a huge airport hanger where two men stood beside an odd looking machine.

"You weren't far off," Mollie said. Jack grinned. "It's some kind of a flying machine anyway."

"It looks like a go-cart with double wings," Mollie turned to question a man beside her. "What is it?"

The big man smiled. "That, little lady, is Purvis and Wilson's flying machine. It's going to put Goodland, Kansas, right smack on the map and be written up in all the big newspapers just like the Wright Brothers were seven years ago."

"Seven years ago?" Mollie said. "Yep, little lady. In 1903."

A sudden silence fell over the crowd as one of the men beside the machine stepped forward and raised his hand.

"Most of you know me, William Purvis, and my partner here, Charlie Wilson."

"As you'll recall from seeing the model launched last Thanksgiving, this machine is designed to go straight up in the air, fly to its destination, and then set straight down on the ground. It'll be handy for getting in and out of tight places."

Earnestly, he continued to praise the gyrocopter as he called it, and the crowd cheered and clapped when he finished.

Eagerly the people moved back to give them room as the two men rolled their machine out into the open field next to the hanger. They waited in breathless silence as the men readied their gyrocopter.

The motor roared to life. The gyrocopter lifted ... maybe a few feet, maybe not. Afterwards, the twins weren't sure. Then it tipped over and the two sets of huge double blades smashed onto the ground.

A cry went up from the crowd and the two men stared helplessly at the ruined machine. Jack looked at Mollie and shook his head. "Let's go," he said.

They had come to this place with their glasses in their pockets and now they slipped them on, glad to escape what had to be embarrassing, as well as a huge disappointment, for the two men.

Inside the time machine they went to the computer to read about the gyrocopter. They were pleased to see that Goodland's High Plains Museum had a full-sized replica

and they thought it would be fun to come see it someday when they were back in their real lives. But they were sorry to read that the gyrocopter broke the men financially and they never realized their dream. The men's loss made them think of their parents and their struggles to build the time machine. Imagining their parent's joy when they returned, both Jack and Mollie hoped they could soon go home in real time.

They were happy to read that the two men had taken out a patent on their machine, the first ever for a vertical flying machine. At least the men had that distinction. They were surprised that it had taken 40 more years before a working helicopter was invented.

Now they remembered that their mom had mentioned that Goodland had a huge replica of the famous Van Gogh's painting titled Sunflower. The twins stepped outside the time machine and looked through their glasses at the famous painting.

"I wish Mom could see this," Mollie said, "I..." She stopped, tears choking her voice. She had never been so homesick in her life.

To Be Continued.

This is an original serial story that is written and illustrated by two Kansas women. To learn more about them, go to their websites: www.euniceboeve.net and www.michellemeade.weebly.com

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Letters to Tom: Catching flies with battery acid

You've probably heard the saying: "You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar." This means that it is easier to win people to your side with persuasion than by hostile confrontation. The folks who attended last week's (October 25) City Commission Meeting and spoke out on behalf of funding for the Social Service Advisory Board seem to feel that the best way to persuade people is to use sarcasm, personal attacks, and threats. This may work in the Big Apple but it won't work in the Little Apple.

Last week I wrote about the agenda for the October 25th Commission Meeting which was about budget projections out to 2015. As briefed by the City Finance Director, the message was that property taxes are going up. The projection was based, for the most part, on the increase in personnel that would result from hiring staff to operate one additional fire station and the potential impact of the sunset of the .05% sales tax. Funding for the Social Service Advisory Board was discussed, not in terms of how much, but in terms of how funds would be allocated in future budgets. The issue is whether the City Commission accepts the recommendations made by the Social Service Advisory Board without comment or modification. The majority of the City Commission wants the Social Service Advisory Board to prioritize their recommendations; the Social Service Advisory Board and their supporters feel



Mike Kryschal

that the City Commission should accept their recommendations - period. Throughout the public comment portion of the meeting, supporters of the Social Service Advisory Board made it clear that any change to the status quo would result in calamity. Earlier, I mentioned that they were sarcastic and dismissive in their comments. That is my opinion, you can see for yourself by viewing the webcast on the the City of Manhattan's web site (<http://www.ci.manhattan.ks.us/>). A few days after the meeting, I read a letter to the editor that consisted of name-calling and unhinged rhetoric. Commissioners Pepperd, Butler, and Matta were called "scrooges" who had made it perfectly clear that they were unwilling to continue supporting the non-profit agencies that receive funding by the Social Services Advisory Board. This is simply not true. Asking the Social Services Advisory Board to prioritize their spending and encouraging them to seek private funding is not cutting off support. Accusing the Commissioners of abandoning

children is a shameful charge, particularly when you consider that one of these Commissioners did a tour of duty bringing humanitarian relief to Rwanda. This sort of tactic will not work in Kansas.

During the budget projection work session, commissioners were told that the role of the City Commission was to set policy and that the City Staff was responsible for running the city. They were warned against "micro-managing" and encroaching on the authority of the City Manager. I disagree. The City Commission is not a policy committee. It is elected by the voters of Manhattan to govern our city. The City Manager and the City Staff are accountable to the City Commission (who are accountable to the voters). In a similar manner, some members of Manhattan's Advisory Boards and Committees have mistakenly assumed that they are above control or criticism. These institutions which are supposed to promote citizen participation have, in some cases, grown too big for their britches. Any power and authority exercised by these boards is granted to them by the City Commission. They are not elected by the voters of Manhattan. They would be wise to remember that fact. Each Commission has the option of delegating authority to the City Staff and the Advisory Boards and Committees, however that delegation is not permanent. The majority of our current City Commission is clearly interest-

ed in exercising their authority over the operation of our city. This should not come as a surprise to anyone; they ran on that platform and they were elected.

The stage has now been set for next year's budget. This year the majority of the commission was limited in the amount of input they could have on the 2012 budget. Next year, when they go through the budgeting process for 2013, it will be different. The majority of the City Commission will not be a rubber stamp. This does not mean that they will not listen to opposing points of view. Every member of the City Commission is a distinguished member of our community, capable of reason. Incivility and demonization won't work, not here.

Mike Kryschal, Colonel (Retired), United States Army, has a Bachelor's Degree from John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio and a Master's Degree in International Relations from Boston University. He served in the United States Army from 1972 to 1999. He was a platoon leader in the 25th Infantry Division, company commander in the 82d Airborne Division, battalion commander in the 1st Infantry Division, and brigade commander in the 2nd Infantry Division. He served in the 1st Infantry Division in Desert Storm. Since retirement, Mike has been an adjunct professor of history, political science, and leadership. He lives in Manhattan.

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Sequestration Is a Small Step in Right Direction, Not Something to Be Feared

By Daniel J. Mitchell
 I have sometimes wondered whether it is accurate to say that Republicans are the "Stupid Party."

We'll soon know the answer to that question. As part of the debt limit agreement, the politicians agreed to set up a "Supercommittee" comprised of six Republicans and six Democrats that was responsible for producing at least \$1.2 trillion of supposed deficit reduction.

But the Democrats appointed a group of hardcore leftists to the Supercommittee, which means that it is virtually impossible to get the necessary seven votes for a good agreement. Indeed, the more relevant question is whether one or more of the Republicans surrenders to a big tax hike.

Fortunately, there is an alternative. The law says that there will be automatic spending reductions if the Supercommittee does not reach an agreement. The political establishment in Washington thinks that this outcome—known as sequestration—would be horrible.

They tell us that a sequester would mean "savage" and "draconian" budget cuts. The only "responsible" approach, we are told, is to go along with a tax increase.

This is hogwash. The automatic spending cuts are only "cuts" using Washington's dishonest budget math. Here's a chart showing how much spending will grow over the next 10 years, and the relative

ly tiny reduction in budgetary growth that will be caused if there is a sequester.

We've actually been down this path before. There was a small sequester back in the mid-1980s, shortly after the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law was enacted. There was much wailing and gnashing of teeth, but the sequestration helped restrain the growth of spending and helped bring about a record amount of deficit reduction in 1987.

There was a similar (unsuccessful) fight in 1989. Here's what then-Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon wrote in 1989.

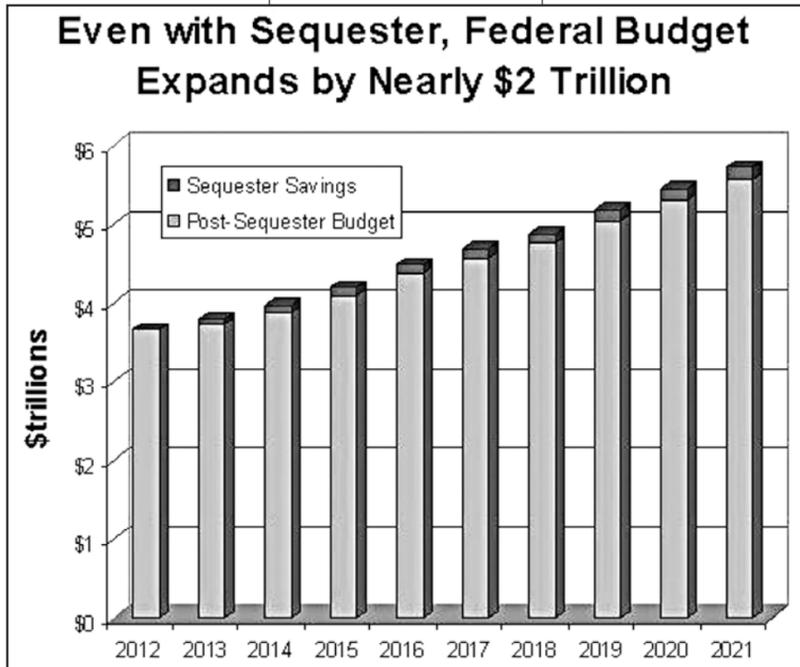
"...the sequester has

become the focus of partisan debate. Each side accuses the other of being responsible for "deep and arbitrary" budget cuts. Some legislators say we should do whatever it takes to cancel the sequester, even if it means higher taxes. While a sequester is certainly not the ideal way to resolve this year's budget dispute, there are reasons to believe that the fiscal discipline of a sequester is the medicine we need to cure the budget process. For all its drawbacks, a sequester is real deficit reduction. Instead of budget gimmicks, accounting tricks, phony cuts, and "revenue enhancements," a sequester would reduce spend-

ing levels by a fixed percentage in eligible spending programs." In other words, unlike most deficit reduction packages, sequestration would actually reduce the deficit.

The only argument against a sequester, at least among conservatives, is that a sequester would impose too much of a burden on the defense budget. But I've already explained in this post that the defense budget will climb by about \$100 billion under sequestration.

I don't know whether Republicans are the stupid party, but I know they will be very stupid if they don't take the sequester and declare victory.



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No. 14 K-State to No. 3 Sooners for road test

Following its first loss of the 2011 season, 14th-ranked K-State heads back on the road for another Big 12 Conference matchup against a Top 10 team as the Wildcats square off against No. 3 Oklahoma State at Boone Pickens Stadium Saturday. The Cats, bowl eligible for the second straight year, will look to bounce back from their loss to No. 9 Oklahoma and improve upon their 7-1 start to the season.

The matchup in Stillwater will kick at 7 p.m. and be televised nationally by ABC with Brent Musburger, Kirk Herbstreit and Lisa Salters on the call. A free live audio broadcast is also available on k-statesports.com and on SIRIUS XM satellite radio channels 94 and 195. Wyatt Thompson will call the action with Stan Weber providing color analysis and Matt Walters giving sideline updates. The game will also be aired on Westwood One radio across the nation with John Tautges and Terry Donahue.

Live stats will be also available through Gametracker, while Twitter updates - @kstatesports - will all be a part of K-State's gameday coverage.

A QUICK LOOK AT THE WILDCATS

Kansas State took a 17-14 lead late in the second quarter against Oklahoma last week

but was unable to capitalize on several scoring opportunities to extend the lead, and the ninth-ranked Sooners dominated the second half of the contest en route to the win last week. Quarterback Collin Klein did manage to rush for two more scores, giving him 12 rushing touchdowns in the last four games, while defensive back Nigel Malone picked off two Landry Jones passes to give him six on the season.

Klein and John Hubert continue to lead the Wildcat offense as Klein ranks second nationally among FBS quarterbacks in rushing with his 95.2-ypg average. The junior QB has three 100-yard games on the season, while Hubert has added 88.5 yards per game, including two 100-yard performances.

A remarkably improved unit from 2010, K-State's defense heads into this weekend's game at Oklahoma State ranked eighth nationally in turnover margin and 17th against the run. All-America candidate Arthur Brown leads the team with 60 tackles, which ranks seventh in the Big 12, while Malone's six picks lead the league and rank second nationally. K-State also ranks third nationally in kickoff returns as freshman Tyler Lockett currently leads the country in average and has taken two for scores.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENT

K-State will face a national title contender in Oklahoma State on Saturday as the Cowboys are currently 8-0 on the season, 5-0 in Big 12 play, and are ranked as high as third in this week's national rankings.

Oklahoma State possesses one of the top offenses in the country, while its defense leads the nation in turnover margin at +19. Quarterback Brandon Weeden has thrown for 2,710 yards and 22 touchdowns and is completing 71.3 percent of his passes. Reigning Biletnikoff Award winner Justin Blackmon has caught 74 passes this season for 834 yards and 10 scores, while Wichita native Joseph Randle is the team's leading rusher with 842 yards and 17 total touchdowns (16 rushing). Defensively, nine different players have recorded interceptions, led by Brodrick Brown's four, while Jamie Blatnick leads the team with 9.5 tackles for loss and 7.0 sacks.

WILDCATS AND COWBOYS

Oklahoma State leads the all-time series against K-State, 35-22, and has won two in a row and three of the last four meetings, but the Wildcats hold a 4-3 advantage since the inception of the Big 12

Conference.

Bill Snyder is 9-3 all-time against the Cowboys, while the Wildcats are 8-18 all-time in Stillwater. K-State is 10-3 over the last 13 meetings, including 7-3 in the last 10, and won nine in a row in the series under Snyder from 1990-2002. Also, Saturday's meeting between the two schools will be the first in the series when both teams are ranked. K-State is 6-2 in the series when it has been the lone ranked team, while Oklahoma State is 7-0 as the ranked team.

CONFERENCE ROAD NOTES

K-State will look for its third straight road Big 12 win this weekend when the Cats face third-ranked Oklahoma State. The last time K-State has won three straight Big 12 road games was back in 2002, while the last time a Wildcat team has won its first three Big 12 road games of a season was back in 1999. Under head coach Bill Snyder, K-State is 27-12 in conference road games when the Wildcats are ranked, while the last time a Snyder-led team defeated a ranked conference opponent on the road was 2003 against No. 18 Nebraska.

OUT OF THE GATE

Following last week's loss against Oklahoma, K-State fell out of the ranks of the unde-

feated in the college football world. However, the Cats' 7-1 start remains one of the top stories in college football this season after being picked to finish eighth in the Big 12 race in the preseason. In fact, K-State has now started 7-1 a total of seven times under head coach Bill Snyder with the last one coming back in 2000.

THE 150 CLUB

Head coach Bill Snyder picked up the 150th victory of his career in the season opener against Eastern Kentucky. He joined Joe Paterno (Penn State), Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech), Steve Spurrier (South Carolina), Mack Brown (Texas) and Gary Pinkel (Missouri) as active coaches with 150 wins at FBS schools.

After guiding K-State from 1989 to 2005, and again over the past two seasons, Snyder is also one of the longest-tenured active coaches in the FBS. The Wildcat head coach ranks fifth among active coaches behind Paterno (46th year), Nevada's Chris Ault (27th), Beamer (25th) and Troy's Larry Blakeney (21st). Even more impressive is that Snyder is one of just two active BCS coaches who have served at the same school for at least 19 years and have never held the same position at another school (Paterno).

Additionally, Snyder has tallied the fifth-most victories

among active coaches since 1990 with 155 despite a three-year hiatus from 2006-2008.

CLOSING STRONG

K-State heads into the final month of the season already bowl eligible with a 7-1 overall record and a 4-1 mark in Big 12 play. The Wildcats are looking to have a November to remember, and under head coach Bill Snyder, the Cats have a track record of successful stretch runs. Since 1991 under Snyder, K-State is 43-15 in the month of November, which includes a stretch of 13 seasons of winning records in the month (1991-2003) and six seasons with an undefeated final month.

CATS HOLD LONGEST SCORING STREAK IN BIG 12

Kansas State extended one of the nation's longest scoring streaks against Oklahoma as the Wildcats have now tallied points in 185 consecutive games. The 185-game stretch is the 10th-longest in the nation and the longest in the Big 12. The Wildcats have not been kept off the scoreboard since Colorado shut out KState, 12-0, on Nov. 16, 1996. The streak includes 120 conference games, 67 true road games and 16 neutral-site contests.

Kansas State Wildcats

2011-2012 Football SCHEDULE

		Record
Sept. 3 vs. Eastern Kentucky	W 10-7	1-0
Sept. 17 vs. Kent State	W 37-0	2-0
Sept. 24 at Miami Miami,	W 28-24	3-0
Oct. 1 vs. Baylor * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA	W 36-35	4-0
Oct. 8 vs. Missouri * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA	W 24-17	5-0
Oct. 15 at Texas Tech * Lubbock, Texas TBA	W 41-34	6-0
Oct. 22 at Kansas * Lawrence, Kan. TBA	W 59-21	7-0
Oct. 29 vs. Oklahoma * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA	L 17-58	7-1
Nov. 5 at Oklahoma State * Stillwater, Okla. TBA		
Nov. 12 vs. Texas A&M * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA		
Nov. 19 at Texas * Austin, Texas TBA		
Dec. 3 vs. Iowa State * Bill Snyder Family Stadium 11:30 AM		

Big 12 Football Standings

	Big12	Overall
Oklahoma State	5-0	8-0
Kansas State	4-1	7-1
Oklahoma	4-1	7-1
Texas A&M	3-2	5-3
Texas	2-2	5-2
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Baylor	1-3	4-3
Iowa State	1-4	4-4
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Oklahoma drops K-State, both go to 7-1

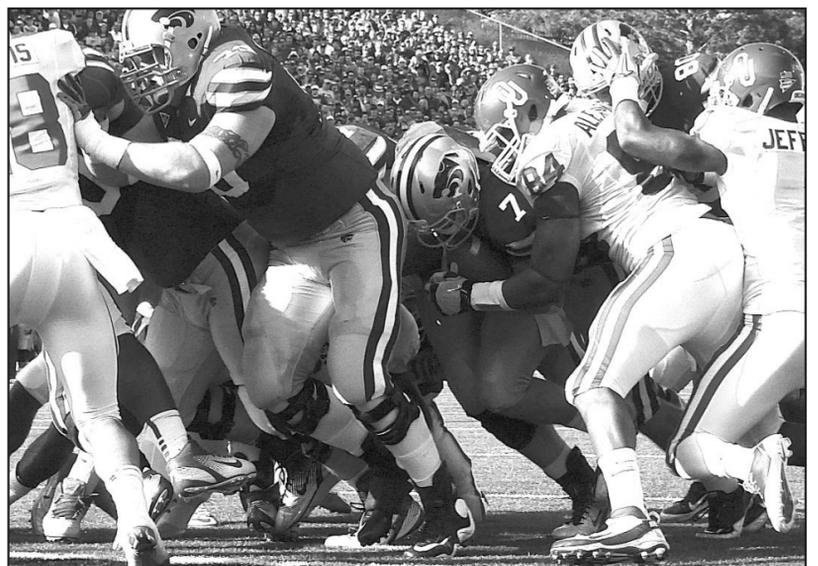


Nigel Malone (24) stops Oklahoma from getting another pass reception.

Photos by Jon A. Brake



This photo of Torell Miller (88) was taken by Jon Brake. The photo in the same spot on page 8 was taken by Ben Brake. They look like the same photo but they are not.



Kansas State's Quarterback Collin Klein (7) gets the second touchdown to go ahead.



KSU's Runningback John Hubert (33) takes the ball down to the one yard line.



David Garrett (27) brings his man down with this tackle.

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Ray Guy Award Candidate Ryan Doerr.

Doerr Named Candidate for Ray Guy Award

Kansas State junior punter Ryan Doerr is one of 54 candidates nationally for the 2011 Ray Guy Award given to the nation's top collegiate punter, the Augusta Sports Council has announced.

Doerr is the first Wildcat in the running for the award since Tim Reyer was a semifinalist in 2007 and a preseason candidate in 2006. The Katy, Texas, product is also one of five punters from the Big 12 on the

list, joining Trey Barrow (Missouri), Ron Doherty (Kansas), Quinn Sharp (Oklahoma State) and Kirby Van Der Kamp (Iowa State).

This season, Doerr is averaging 39.9 yards on 34 punts, including a 41.2-yard average in five conference games. Nine of his punts this season have landed inside the 20-yard line, while he booted a season best 56-yard punt last week against Oklahoma.

The list of candidates will be narrowed to 10 semifinalists on November 11. A voting panel will select the top three finalists, who will be identified on November 21.

No. 14 Kansas State will travel to Stillwater, Okla., on Saturday to take on the third-ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys. The game will kick off at 7 p.m., and will be televised nationally by ABC.

Brown Named Bednarik Award Semifinalist

Kansas State junior line-backer Arthur Brown has been named a semifinalist for the 17th Chuck Bednarik Award for the Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year, the Maxwell Football Club announced Monday.

Brown is one of 16 semifinalists nationally and the lone representative from the Big 12. He is the second player in school history to be considered for the award after defensive back Chris Canty was a finalist in 1996.

A native of Wichita, Kan., Brown leads the Wildcats and ranks seventh in the Big 12 with 60 tackles this season. He was also named to the ESPN.com and SI.com Midseason All-America team, while he was a Midseason First Team All-American and Midseason First Team All-Big 12 performer by Phil Steele.

Brown, a transfer from Miami, earned Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week honors following K-State's win over then-No. 15 Baylor as he recorded eight tackles, 1.5 sacks and intercepted a pass that led to the eventual

game-winning field goal.

No. 14 Kansas State returns to action this Saturday as the Wildcats travel to Stillwater, Okla., for a matchup against

third-ranked Oklahoma State. The game will kick off at 7 p.m., and will be televised by ABC.



Arthur Brown (4)

Malone Named Thorpe Award Semifinalist

Kansas State junior defensive back Nigel Malone is one of 15 players nationally to be named a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's most outstanding defensive back, the Jim Thorpe Association announced on Monday.

Malone is the first Wildcat up for the award since Terence Newman was the award winner in 2002. He is also the fourth K-State defensive back to earn semifinalist status, joining Newman (2001 semifinalist, 2002 winner), Chris Canty (1995 and 1996 semifinalist) and Jamie Mendez (1993 semifinalist).

A native of Manteca, Calif., Malone has six interceptions this season to lead the Big 12 and rank second nationally, and he also has 12 passes defended, which is second in the league and eighth in the country. He is also one of two players this season to intercept two or more passes in multiple games as he had two picks against Eastern Kentucky and Oklahoma.

Malone, who transferred from City College of San Francisco prior to this season, is tied for third in school history in interceptions, while he is

tied for the most by a first-year Wildcat player with All-American Jamie Mendez, who had six interceptions in 1990.

The Thorpe Award was established in 1986 and celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2011. Three other Big 12 defensive backs - Brodrick Brown (Oklahoma State), Tony Jefferson (Oklahoma

and Markelle Martin (Oklahoma State) - joined Malone on the list.

No. 14 Kansas State will hit the road this weekend for a matchup with the third-ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys on Saturday. The game, which will be televised by ABC, will kick off at 7 p.m.



Nigel Malone (24)

Sports update:

OU 58 to KSU 17
Hello Wildcat Fans!

K-State's biggest problem was 7-0. The 7-0 problem is not the win/loss record the Wildcat's had going into the game, but the number of sacks at the end of the game. The Sooners ended the game with seven sacks and the Wildcats did not have any. During the first half, neither team came out putting much pressure on the other quarterback; however, in the second half it was a different story. K-State continued rushing four at the line of scrimmage with the secondary playing zone and Landry Jones having plenty of time in the pocket to do what he pleased. OU on the other hand came out extremely aggressive totaling six of their seven sacks in the second half. They had multiple blitz packages that plugged all the lanes and allowed their defense to get to Klein on almost every down. The Wildcats just didn't have the answer in the second half and didn't change up their strategy to slow down the Sooner offense. Kansas State is now ranked 14th in the BCS, 17th in the AP, and 19th in the USA Today Coaches Poll.

Offense: The Wildcats looked like they found the answer to the Sooner defense in the second quarter by racking up 14 of their 17 points during the period. However, K-State went in at



Ben Brake

the half only being down by 6 but failed to produce anything substantial in the second half against OU's aggressive defense. Kansas State's offense ended the game with 240 yards of total offense, 58 yards passing and 182 yards on the ground.

Defense: Starting off with the positive, Junior Defensive Back Nigel Malone had two interceptions in the first half of the game making a total of 6 interceptions for the season. Well, now for the rest of the defense. Landry Jones set a Oklahoma Sooner passing record with his 505 yards and also his 5 touchdown passes set a career touchdown record as well. K-State's defense put very little pressure on the OU offense and blitz packages were pretty much non existing. Towards the end of the game the Wildcat defense was just plain tired from being on the field and OU was able to run or throw at will.

OSU Preview: This will be the same song and dance that I

will say this week as I did last week. If K-State does not put pressure on OSU quarterback Brandon Weeden he will do far more damage to K-State's defense than what OU did to them. K-State cannot continue giving the receivers a 10 yard cushion to stop the short pass. QB Weeden in my opinion is better than OU QB Landry Jones. He is older (much older 28) but can pin point his passes to an excellent receiving crew. I really hope K-State Defensive Coordinator Chris Cosh does not try to use the same defense style against Oklahoma State that he used against Oklahoma. Once again, if he does not put pressure on OSU QB Weeden K-State will lose by more than they did this last weekend. OSU defense is susceptible to the run and the pass on defense, but they will probably stack the line and force the Wildcats to go thru the air. They should have a lot of success with the short pass and that should open up the run game. I am afraid that K-State will not open up the playbook for this game and try to just follow what they have been doing. Plus, I don't believe that the Cats will go after them on defense as much as they need to and keep their QB on the run.

Prediction: KSU 28 OSU 42

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Sports Second Front

No. 11 Sooners roll over No. 10 K-State, 58-17

By DAVE SKRETTA
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MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Landry Jones and Ryan Broyles put Oklahoma's season back on track.

Now, Kansas State will see if it can bounce back from its own loss.

Jones threw for a school-record 505 yards and five touchdowns Saturday, his All-American wide receiver caught 14 passes for 171 yards and a score, and the 11th-ranked Sooners took out some pent up frustration with a 58-17 thumping of the No. 10 Wildcats.

Their national championship hopes dashed by Texas Tech last week — along with their 39-game home winning streak — the Sooners (7-1, 4-1) spoiled the same hopes harbored by Kansas State.

Jones shattered the previous school record for yards passing of 468, which he had shared with Sam Bradford, and moved into first place on the Oklahoma career list with 90 touchdown passes.

"We just came out with a focus," he said with a shrug. "Kept playing ball."

Just about the only downer on an otherwise splendid Saturday afternoon was a season-ending injury to leading rusher Dominique Whaley, who fractured his left ankle on the first play of the game.

Whaley will have surgery Sunday to have a pin inserted.

"Really sad for Dom," coach Bob Stoops said. "What a great young man. We'll miss him."

Perhaps so, but the offense looked just fine without him.

Broyles moved into first place on the Big 12's career list with 4,499 yards receiving. Kenny Stills added four catches for 101 yards, and Roy Finch finished with 73 yards rushing and another 69 through the air for the Sooners' potent, fast-paced attack.

They wound up with a sea-



Kansas State's Nigel Malone (24) steps in front of Oklahoma's wide receiver Franks (2) for an interception.

Kansas State defensive front and outran the secondary to the end zone for a 61-yard touchdown run with 11 minutes left, a crowd of 51,004 that had been in such a festive mood early in the afternoon was heading for the doors.

Klein finished with 92 yards and two TDs rushing for Kansas State, but he was just 8 of 16 for 58 yards through the air. Hubert added 71 yards rushing, while Nigel Malone had two interceptions.

That was about it for the positives.

Oklahoma scored on six straight possessions at one point, and the 58 points allowed by Kansas State's defense were the most by a Snyder-coached team at home since Nov. 18, 1989, when Colorado piled up 59. The Wildcats' offense couldn't keep up, managing only 32 yards after halftime.

"We knew what kind of team they were coming in," Klein said. "It wasn't a surprise, but it was frustrating, not being able to execute like we were. We were struggling."

The Sooners have won five straight in the series, their last loss coming in the 2003 conference championship game. They haven't lost in Manhattan since 1996.

More importantly, they're still alive in the Big 12 race.

The Sooners and Wildcats are both chasing undefeated Oklahoma State, with Kansas State getting the first shot against the nation's third-ranked team next weekend. Oklahoma gets its chance against its in-state rival in the annual Bedlam game on Dec. 3.

"We bounced back the way we should," Reynolds said with a sly smile. "There were some plays that we left out there, but we were pretty good."

son-high 690 yards of offense against the Big 12's top defense.

"Oklahoma's a lot better than some people would want to think, probably, and I did a really miserable job of getting our football team ready to play," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said.

Relying on a smoke-and-mirrors offense that had been consistently out-gained all season, Kansas State (7-1, 4-1) still managed to piece together its best start since 1999.

It all came undone against Oklahoma.

Collin Klein was sacked seven times, the Wildcats were penalized an uncharacteristic five times, normally reliable kicker Anthony Cantele missed a chip-shot field goal and a defense that had been assignment sound all year crumbled against the Sooners' relentless onslaught.

"It's really painful," cornerback David Garrett said, "but they're a good team, a lot of great athletes. We've just got to

come together Monday and bounce back."

Kansas State actually led 17-14 midway through the second quarter, but the Sooners scored late in the half, and John Hubert's fumble with 19 seconds left allowed Michael Hunnicutt to kick a career-long 53-yard field goal on the final play for a 23-17 halftime advantage.

It was the start of 44 straight points scored by the Sooners.

Broyles hauled in a 29-yard touchdown catch early in the

third quarter, tightrope walking down the sideline the final 10 yards. Moments later, Jones hit Jaz Reynolds for the second of his two touchdown catches to give Oklahoma a 37-17 lead.

Finch added a 31-yard touchdown run later in the third quarter and the rout was on.

"It was a fun night," Jones said. "The offense was executing and we were doing our job."

By the time Trey Millard slipped through the porous



K-State's Wide receiver Torell Miller (88) gets turned up side down on this pass.



Travis Tannahill (80) picks up more yards for Kansas State.

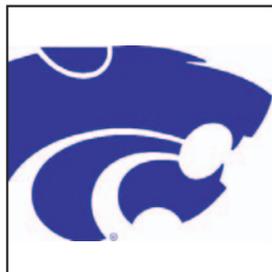


This was one of the many touchdowns by Oklahoma Saturday.



Kansas State Linebacker Emmanuel Lamur (23) takes his man high.

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