

# Happy Thanksgiving

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### Story behind the Praying Hands picture

Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremberg, lived a family with eighteen children. Eighteen! In order merely to keep food on the table for this mob, the father and head of the household, goldsmith by profession, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade and any other paying chore he could find in the neighborhood. Despite their seemingly hopeless condition, two of Albrecht Durer the Elder's children had a dream. They both wanted to pursue their talent for art, but they knew full well that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy.

After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and, with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies, in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork or, if necessary, also by laboring in the mines. They tossed a coin on a Sunday morning after church. Albrecht Durer won the toss and went off to Nuremberg.

Albert went down into the dangerous mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors, and by the



The Praying Hands by Albrecht Durer

time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works.

When the young artist returned to his village, the Durer family held a festive dinner on their lawn to celebrate Albrecht's triumphant homecoming. After a long and memorable meal, punctuated with music and laughter, Albrecht rose from his honored position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his beloved brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfill his ambition.

His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed

brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you." All heads turned in eager expectation to the far end of the table where Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, shaking his lowered head from side to side while he sobbed and repeated, over and over, "No ...no ...no ...no."

Finally, Albert rose and wiped the tears from his cheeks. He glanced down the long table at the faces he loved, and then, holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said softly, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is

too late for me. Look ... look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. No, brother ... for me it is too late."

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More than 450 years have passed. By now, Albrecht Durer's hundreds of masterful portraits, pen and silverpoint sketches, watercolors, charcoals, woodcuts, and copper engravings hang in every great museum in the world, but the odds are great that you, like most people, are familiar with only one of Albrecht Durer's works. More than merely being familiar with it, you very well may have a reproduction hanging in your home or office.

One day, to pay homage to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Durer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply "Hands," but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands."

The next time you see a copy of that touching creation, take a second look. Let it be your reminder, if you still need one, that no one - no one - ever makes it alone!

### Beware of the balanced approach

By Michael D. Tanner  
CATO Institute

There is an old story of a man who offers a woman a million dollars to sleep with him. When she agrees, he offers her \$20 for the same thing. "What do you think I am?" the woman asks indignantly.

"We've already established that," the man replies. "Now we are just haggling over price."

Republican members of the debt-reduction supercommittee now find themselves in the same position as the woman in the story. Having agreed to give up their "no new taxes" stance, they are left with nothing to do but haggle over the final price.

Big government's appetite for taxes is insatiable.

Last week, supercommittee Republicans offered a \$1.2 trillion debt-reduction proposal that would include roughly \$300 billion in new tax revenues. Most of the new revenue would come from closing some of the tax code's more notorious loopholes and by phasing out tax deductions for high-income earners. At the same time, the top marginal tax rate would be reduced to 28 percent, with commensurate reductions for other brackets.

Democrats, not surprisingly, pocketed the Republican offer and asked for more. They happily agreed to eliminate tax breaks, but refused to budge on tax rates.

The Republican offer was not indefensible on its face. Any serious tax reform will involve broadening the tax base by eliminating deductions and loopholes while lowering rates. And many tax breaks are so distorting that they should be eliminated simply as a matter of good tax policy.

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But Republicans have been here before. Remember George H. W. Bush's famous budget deal in 1990? Forsaking "read my lips," Bush agreed to a "balanced" deal that supposedly included \$2 in spending cuts for every \$1 in tax increases. The result: taxes went up - and so did spending.

Or look at the debate earlier this year over the continuing

resolution. The deal that averted a government shutdown was supposed to include some \$61 billion in budget cuts. It ended up including less than \$8 billion. The original round of budget cutting included in the debt-ceiling deal - the deal that birthed the supercommittee in the first place - doesn't appear to have resulted in any spending cuts either. In fact, despite those budget- and deficit-cutting agreements, both spending and deficits have increased this year.

If Republicans want to see another example of what a so-called balanced approach looks like in practice, they need look no further than the "austerity" measures being imposed in Europe. Nearly all these measures rely on such a balanced approach, combining tax hikes and benefit cuts. For example, Greece hiked its VAT, income taxes, gas taxes, and other excise taxes. Spain imposed a "wealth tax" on those with €700,000 or more in assets. Britain, Italy, and Portugal also hiked their VATs. Of course, these tax hikes were supposed to be accompanied by spending cuts, but it should come as no surprise that in nearly every case, the tax hikes are far more real and immediate than the spending cuts. The result in each case has been slow to negligible economic growth and failure to either reduce the size of government or meet deficit-reduction targets.

Big government's appetite for taxes is insatiable. It will spend everything it is given and more. True, "starving the beast" has done little to reduce government spending. But feeding the beast is not likely to be more successful. In the end, the only thing that will actually kill the beast is killing the beast. That means actually cutting spending.

What's all the more dispiriting is that there is no need for Republicans to compromise. If the supercommittee fails to reach an agreement, not only will the world not end, but there will be a perfectly adequate outcome: sequestration. Federal spending would be reduced by \$1.2 trillion over ten years, with no tax increases. "Failure" would actually mean more budget cuts and less taxes - and the budget cuts are far more likely to be real. If that's failure, bring it on.

### Four Selected For School Activities Hall Of Fame 2012

Four individuals have been selected for induction into the Kansas State High School Activities Hall of Fame Class of 2012.

Awards will be presented during second semester, 2012 in conjunction with a KSHSAA-sponsored State function /championship or locally, at the inductee's request. The time and location of each induction ceremony will be announced at a later date @ www.kshsaa.org.

The Class of 2012 Hall of Fame inductees include:

**AMY OBERHELMAN, PADUCAH, KY - STUDENT (Manhattan HS 1990-1994)**

Amy Oberhelman is considered one of the best Kansas high school swimmers of all time. In four seasons at Manhattan High School, she set 6 state records (100 Free, 200 Free (twice), 200 Free Relay, 200 Individual Medley, 100 Butterfly), 7 league records and 9 school records, in addition to winning 10 state championship titles and being named an All-American 13 times. She



Amy Oberhelman



Gary Sigle

still holds the Kansas state record in the 200 Freestyle. From 1989-1992 she was a select camp participant at the Olympic Training Center. An Academic All-American and Class Valedictorian, she attended Stanford University, where she helped lead the Cardinals to 3 NCAA National Championship Titles, was an All-American 8 times and was selected captain of the swim team her senior year. Amy made everyone on the team better because of her dedication, enthusiasm and pursuit of excellence.

**GARRY SIGLE, MANHATTAN - FACULTY**

During his 33 years at Riley County High School, Garry Sigle was instrumental in building one of the best Cross Country/Track & Field programs in the state. Under his



Ginny Honomichl

leadership the Falcons won 12 team titles in track and cross country with 71 individual state champions. 53 times the Riley County Cross Country runners received all-state honors. Both the boys and girls teams captured 23 league titles in cross country. The girls won 10 league track titles (including the last 8 in a row) and the boys won 12 league titles (last 4 in a row). Presently there are 8 state track record holders from Riley County - more than any other Kansas school. In addition, the Falcons have had at least one individual track & field champion during the last 17 years. Sigle is credited with over 3,000 career victories and is a 4 time state and Section 5 Coach of the Year.

GINNY HONOMICHL,



Wayne Simien

**BALDWIN - FACULTY**

As a coach and active member of the Kansas Coaches Association (KCA), Ginny Honomichl worked tirelessly throughout her professional career for the betterment of all high school sports. As a young coach at Russell High School (1970-1986) she started the girls' track and basketball programs, and also coached girls tennis. During a 22 year career at Baldwin High School she coached boys & girls tennis and softball. In addition to her work with KCA, she served nationally on the NFICA and the Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity Committee and also served on the KSHSAA Executive Board and Board of Directors. She is very instrumental in getting Kansas Coaches recognized on the National level. Among her numerous honors: Kansas & 4A Coach of the Year (Tennis & Softball), NFICA Kansas Softball Coach of the Year and Section 5 NFICA Distinguished Service Award.

**WAYNE SIMIEN, LAWRENCE - STUDENT (Leavenworth HS 1997-2001)**

To say that Wayne Simien excelled on the basketball

court throughout his four year career at Leavenworth High School is an understatement. The awards in just his senior year are numerous - Mr. Kansas Basketball, Gatorade Player of the Year, Sunflower League Player of the Year, Metro Sports and KC Star Player of the Year, KBCA Player of the Year, Scholastic Sports America-Kansas Athlete of the Year, McDonald's All American, etc. Leading the Pioneer's to a Class 6A state title his junior year, he was named All Class 1st Team by the Topeka-Capitol Journal, Wichita Eagle, KC Star and Metro Sports. In his 4 year career at the University of Kansas, he was an All-American and Wooden Award finalist his junior and senior years and named Big 12 Player of the Year his senior year. Simien also excelled academically - 4 years on the LHS Honor Roll and a 4 year Academic All American.

The Hall of Fame is housed in the Kansas State High School Activities Association offices, 601 SW Commerce Place in Topeka and is open Monday-Friday during business hours (directions @

www.kshsaa.org).

The honorees were chosen from nominations sent to the selection committee. To be eligible for the Hall of Fame, an individual must have made an unusually outstanding contribution in interschool activities, either as a student with exceptional talent, or as an adult working with youth (such as an activity coach, director or sponsor, an administrator, an official or a contributor). Hall of Fame inductees may no longer be active in the field for which they are nominated (exception: contributor with over 30 years of outstanding service).

Each year schools and communities throughout Kansas submit many nominations of individuals who have made tremendous contributions in the field of interschool activities. Hall of Fame information is available on the KSHSAA website at www.kshsaa.org. Nomination forms are available at the KSHSAA. Any nominations to be considered for induction in 2013 must be submitted prior to November 1, 2012.

# Theresa McElhiney

Theresa "Terri" H. McElhiney, 81, passed away on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at the Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community- Sloan House.

She was born September 27, 1930, in Evanston, IN; the daughter of Herman Phillip Hessig and Marie Dorothy Ficker Hessig. She grew up in Tell City, IN and attended the local schools, graduating from Tell City High School in 1948. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Home

Economics from Purdue University in 1952. Terri moved to Manhattan in 1979 coming from California where she lived for 20 years, and also for four years in Omaha, NE.

She was married to Robert Ross "Bob" McElhiney on February 22, 1952 in West Lafayette, IN, and were together for 54 glorious years, he preceded her in death on April 28, 2006.

Terri was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, Masonic Youth

Groups, Crafty Seniors, the Konza Quilting Guild from 1987 to present, was a guardian for Job's Daughters for 10 years in Los Angeles and 4 years in Omaha. Her love for gardening, baking, sewing and quilting were ever present.

Terri taught school for a short time, did alternations for many years, she taught quilting classes in 1969 in Los Angeles. After moving to Manhattan she became manager of So-Fro Fabrics for 15

years, and continued work in for JoAnn's Fabric until her retirement in 2009 working at the same store for over 29 years. If the saying is true "She who dies with the most fabric wins.", then Terri won.

She is survived by her son, Ross McElhiney and his wife, Deidre, Shawnee; three daughters, Karen Paris and her husband, David, Universal City, TX; Mona McGregor, Omaha, NE, and Loretta McElhiney and her husband, Antonio James, Leadville, CO;

a sister, Rose Mullis, Fulda, IN; three brothers, Bernard Hessig, St. Croix, IN; Hilary Hessig, Dale, IN and Hilbert Hessig, St. Menard, IN; five grandchildren, Stephanie Doran, Texas; Melanie McGregor, Omaha; Dedan McElhiney, Shawnee; Elise McElhiney, Shawnee and Mark Brown, and his wife, Azalea, California. She was also preceded in death by her husband Bob and parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Robert R. and

Theresa H. McElhiney Scholarship Fund for the Department of Grain Science-KSU Foundation and made be left in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, 1317 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.irvin-parkview.com](http://www.irvin-parkview.com).

# Betty Shawgo

Betty Lee Shawgo, age 81, of Manhattan, died early Wednesday morning at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City.

Betty Lee Walke was born on October 13, 1930 in Pulaski, Virginia the daughter of Nellie Burris and Charlie Walke.

At a young age she and her mother moved to Emporia, Kansas. She attended schools in the Emporia and graduated from Emporia High School with the class of 1949. There was a brief period during World War II she and her mother lived in Kansas City, Kansas, while her mother worked at

North American aircraft building B 25's. During that time she attended Central Junior High School in Kansas City.

On December 11, 1949 Betty was united in marriage to Gail "Bud" Shawgo in the First Christian Church in Emporia by the Rev. LeRoy Hay.

Bud and Betty lived in Council Grove, Kansas for 17 years where their four children were born. In 1965 the family moved to Manhattan, where the children attended schools. It was at that time that Bud and Betty transferred their membership from Christ Christian Church in Council

Grove to the First Christian Church in Manhattan.

In earlier years Betty worked with Girl Scouts, taught Sunday school, and did many other volunteer activities. She was later employed by the First National Bank. Betty then worked at Kansas State University in the office of Housing and Dining Services, where she retired in 1995.

After retiring she and Bud traveled the United States in their 5th wheel camper trailer. She belonged to the Good Sam national, state, and local chapter Konza Kamper Sams. Square dancing was an activity that she

enjoyed with the fellowship and dancing, the club she was a member of was the Cloverleaf Swingers Club.

Betty's hobbies include handiwork knitting, crocheting sewing, and quilting. She made many beautiful things giving most to her family members. She was a member of the Konza Prairie Quilters Guild.

Her top priority was family. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother to her husband Bud, her children: Patty Dible (Larry) of Colby, Kansas, Bob (Becky) of Lakeville, Minnesota, Russell (Dana) of Overland Park, Kansas, and Steve

(Mary) of Manhattan; her nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom survive her.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com)

Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Christian Church of Manhattan or to the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research-Breast Cancer Support Group. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

# Juanita Cox

Juanita died on November 9, 2011 at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan, Kansas at the age of 91 due to natural causes.

She was born on July 20, 1920 in Rexford, Kansas and spent her childhood living on the family farm in Rawlins County north of Rexford with her parents Chris & Grace Knudson, one brother Kermit and 4 sisters, Therma, Eunice, Janice, and Lee. She graduated from Rexford High School in 1938 and later attended Barnes Business College in Colorado

Springs, Colorado.

She was married to James Paul Cox on August 16, 1941 in Cheyenne, Wyoming and spent the war years living with two of her sisters Lee & Therma in San Francisco while their husbands served their country in the armed forces during WWII. She spent the majority of her life living with her husband Paul in Colby, Kansas and worked as a librarian at the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby.

Juanita loved books and was a prolific reader. She also

loved politics and never lost a debate with her friends.

Juanita spent the last five years living in Manhattan, Kansas close to her family she loved so dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents Chris and Grace Knudson, her husband Paul, her sisters Janice Knudson and Therma Neff, and her brother Kermit Knudson.

She is survived by two sisters Lee Turner of Flossmoor, Illinois, and Eunice Dechert of Pismo Beach, California, her son Pat and his wife Marsha of Manhattan, six grandchildren, Chris Cox, Amanda Huff, Matthew Cox, Jennifer Cox,

Stephanie Ralston, and Robert Ralston including three great grandchildren, Bailey Cox, Brody Cox, and Samantha Heumann.

A private family service will be held at a later date near Rexford, Kansas where Juanita will be laid to rest.

The family's final hours with Juanita were made much easier with the loving support of the Good Shepherd Hospice House staff and allowed Juanita to pass with the dignity in death she strived so hard for. Juanita's family wishes to thank the Good Shepherd Hospice House staff for their wonderful care and support

and has set up a memorial fund in her name at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan. Donations can be made directly to the Good Shepherd Hospice House,

3801 Vanesta Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502 or through the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

# Lillian Bieberly

Lillian "Genevieve" Bieberly, age 95, of Manhattan, died November 15, 2011, at Via Christi Village in Manhattan.

She was born January 20, 1916, in St. Marys, Kansas, the daughter of Frank P. and Lillian (Roberts) Scheffer.

Mrs. Bieberly graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in St. Marys, and attended Kansas State College. She taught in a one room school prior to her marriage.

On December 27, 1939, in St. Marys, Kansas, she was married to Frank Bieberly. Mr. Bieberly preceded her in death in 2005.

She was an active member of Seven Dolers Catholic Church since 1947, participated in Manhattan Catholic School activities, Altar Society, Budget Shop and Church Choir.

Survivors include five children: Jeanne Hannebaum and her husband, Dean, of Yukon, Oklahoma; Frank "Fritz" Bieberly, Jr. and his wife,

Susan, of Pukwana, SD; John Bieberly and his wife, Vicki, of Manhattan; Joe Bieberly and his wife, Robin, of Johnson City, TN; and Julie Moore and her husband, Bruce, of Salina, KS; one sister, Rita Tomson, of Indianapolis, IN; 21 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters: Janet Wilkerson and Jerilyn Broussard; and two sisters: Vivian Wurtz and Katherine McMullin Wurtz.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Kansas State University Foundation Frank and Genevieve Bieberly Scholarship Fund or Manhattan Catholic Schools. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

# Mary Duncan

Mary R. Duncan, 90, of Wamego, Kansas died Tuesday, November 15, 2011. She was a life-long resident of the area.

Mary was born February 17, 1921, in Jewell County, Kansas, the daughter of Everett and Addie Harris White. She attended local schools and graduated from St. George High School in 1939.

Mary and Irvine Duncan were married on September 17, 1941. He preceded her in death on March 1, 1989.

Mary worked as a receptionist and secretary in the Economics Department at Kansas State University. She was an active member of the United Methodist Women in Wamego. She volunteered at the church thrift shop and served at many church socials. Most of all, Mary was dedicated to the well being of her

family which included taking care of her father and her daughter, Sidney, when she became ill with polio at age nine.

Mary is survived by her daughters; Thayer Craig (Paul), Willits, California, Sidney Huss (Marvin), Jamul, California; her sons, Scot Duncan (Sandy Forinash), Silver Lake, Greg Duncan, Golden, Colorado and five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mary will be missed by them all.

Private family inurnment will be held at Wamego City Cemetery. A separate memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 26. You may contact Campanella-Evans Mortuary for complete service information. Online condolences may be made at [www.campanellafuneral.com](http://www.campanellafuneral.com)

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By Eunice Boeve  
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## Chapter 14

### The State of Kansas

*Last Chapter: Millions of grasshoppers rained from the sky in 1874, and Jack and Mollie were caught in the midst of the plague. They find shelter in a sod house with the Hansen family and witness the total destruction of anything edible from gardens to field crops, and tree leaves, to hoe handles and cloth. Mollie wonders if the grasshoppers had hit Hays, too, that year.*

Much of what the twins had witnessed of the grasshopper invasion of 1874, they now read about on the computer. It had been widespread across most of Kansas and neighboring states, in some places so thick they even stopped trains.

"That's impossible," Mollie said.  
"No, it's not," Jack said. "They made the rails so slick, the trains couldn't get traction."

"It says they ate everything," Mollie said, "even leather harnesses and wooden handles on farm tools." She shivered remembering the feel of the insects on her skin. "It's a good thing they're insects, or after they ate your food, your curtains, and your clothes, they'd probably have eaten all the small children."

"The big ones, too. Guts and all," Jack said. He laughed when Mollie gave him a shove. "You started it," he said.

The twins found a website with dozens of stories of those who remembered the grasshopper plague or had the stories handed down to them. There were stories of water so fouled with grasshopper bodies, they could not drink it, and of not being able to eat their chickens or pigs because the animals had eaten so many grasshoppers their meat tasted and smelled like grasshoppers.

They read about Mary "Mother" Bickerdyke, a woman who had nursed soldiers during the Civil War and had helped provide for them afterwards. After the grasshopper invasion, she gathered up enough food and clothing for those in need, to fill two hundred train cars.

"I know there is a Bickerdyke school in

Russell," Jack said. "Do you think it's named after her?" Jack said.

"Maybe," Mollie said, as she typed in the name and location. "It's named after her son," she said, reading the information on the screen. "He was the first superintendent at Russell."

The twins now only had seconds before the time machine would activate the system that would send them on. Both wished to go home, for like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, they realized there was still no place they'd rather be.

But instead of home, they found themselves on a street corner in the midst of a jostling, cheering crowd.

The twins felt the cold and turned up the collars on their coats and pulled their dark wool head coverings, Jack's a cap and Mollie's a bonnet, tighter over their red hair.

"Ain't it great?" A boy, a few years older than the twins, said grinning at them.

"What?" Jack said.  
"You don't know?" another boy pushed up beside the first. "Kansas has just become a state!"

"Oh, that's what you meant," Jack said with a grin big enough, he hoped to cover his

today. Grandma Andrews' grandmother was born that day in Lawrence." She grinned, "Just think, right now, today, our great grandmother is being born."

"I remember Grandma saying that her grandmother always celebrated Kansas Day with a birthday cake for her and one for Kansas." He grinned. "I wouldn't mind two cakes for my birthday."

"You would probably choose two chocolate cakes with fudge frosting," Mollie said. She smiled and then sobered. "Grandma said her grandfather used to tell about those days when people who wanted slaves and the people who didn't would actually kill each other."

"Even before the Civil War?" Jack said.  
"Yes. Both before and after, I guess. Grandma always said that the pro-slavery were the worst, not only killing men who didn't agree with them, but also burning their homes and businesses, so their families would be left with nothing."

"Let's see if we can find a newspaper and see what it says about Kansas becoming a state," Jack said, as he turned to push his way through the crowd.

As they weaved in between and around the people crowding the wooden sidewalks, Mollie noted that most were men.

"The women are probably home tending babies and keeping the house," she said. Figuring quickly in her head, she exclaimed. "My gosh, women won't get the vote for 51 more years!"

"So all of this was done without women," Jack said with a grin.

"Actual voting, yes. But, women like Mom would have talked to the men about it. Mom would probably have joined women like Susan B. Anthony, even if she was thrown in jail."

Jack nodded, his face sober. "What if I told these people that Joan Finney and Kathleen Sebelius will one day be governors of Kansas?"

"Sure, go ahead," Mollie grinned back at him. "I'll wave goodbye as they cart you off to the State Hospital at Larned."

The twins had come up beside two men discussing some of the factions that led to statehood and paused to listen. One mentioned the Kansas-Nebraska Act that let territories choose whether or not to allow slavery within their borders.

"It sure stirred up a big hornet's nest," one of the men said.

"I reckon the slavery issue is dead now," another man said, joining the conversation.

"Our new governor is a Free-State thinker. I 'spect Charles Robinson did as much to bring Kansas into the Union as anyone around. He was even jailed back in '56 on treason charges in his fight to keep Kansas free of slavery."

"Did you read that book his pretty wife wrote?" another man asked. "She sure helped the cause of free-thinkers. She rightly pointed out that Shannon, although he was the territorial governor of all the people in the territory, he favored slavery, and leaned way over that way."

"I'm packing up and leaving Kansas," a rough voice said. "I ain't living among you weak, sniveling, do-gooders any longer."

Anger in his voice, another man said, "Your kind that lives off the backs of a whole race of people, isn't wanted anyhow. We'll hire folks that want to work at an honest wage."

The rough-voiced man's eyes narrowed. "Our slaves helped the economy of this country a lot more than you and your so called 'honest wages.' I bet you pay just enough to keep your workers from starving to death. You sanctimonious, lily-livered ..."

Jack saw the fist coming, saw the rough-voiced man step aside and as he felt the blow and his legs give way, he heard Mollie scream.

To Be Continued.



ignorance.  
"What else could I mean?" The boy frowned and looked at Jack like he thought he was stupid, before he turned and disappeared into the crowd.

"Probably looking for someone not quite so dense to share his news," Mollie said with a grin.

"Do you remember the date Kansas became a state?" Jack asked, lowering his voice so those around them wouldn't hear.

"Sure, January 29, 1861. So that must be

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](http://www.euniceboeve.net) and [www.michellemeade.weebly.com](http://www.michellemeade.weebly.com)

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## Hoop holler n' shoot contest at Bramlage coliseum

The girls finalists were determined Wednesday at Bramlage Coliseum in the 2011 Hoop Holler N' Shoot free throw contest. Four girls from a field of eleven go on to shoot in the finals of the girl's competition on December 31st at the K-State vs. Howard game. All contestants were champions from their respective grade schools.

The four finalists are:

- Cailey Perkins, 6th Grade, Bergman...hitting 4 of 7 shots
- Kiersten Gillam, 5th Grade, Amanda Arnold...hitting 3 of 7 shots
- Hana Tamura, 6th Grade, Woodrow Wilson...hitting 3 of 7 shots
- Cody Ballou, 6th Grade, Bluemont...hitting 3 of 7 shots

area grade schools. A boy and girl champion is determined at each school. The grade school champion's move onto the semi-finals and finals held at Kansas State University basketball games. Over 860 students participated in the school

competitions.  
Other girl school champions that did not make the cut to the finals are:  
Maddi Shaneyfelt - Manhattan Catholic School  
Emily Armbrust - Marlatt  
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# Letters to Tom: Let Us Give Thanks

This year marks the 390th Anniversary of the celebration of Thanksgiving by the Pilgrims at the Plymouth Plantation. If you would like to watch a short video that explains why the Pilgrims came to our country, you can view it at Citizen Link at <http://www.citizenlink.com/2011/11/17/thankful/>. If you watch this video, you will learn that Thanksgiving is about more than enjoying a feast with family and friends, watching football, and/or getting ready to launch into the Christmas shopping season. You may also discover that Thanksgiving is more than an opportunity to take an inventory of your bounty and engage in self congratulation. It began as a solemn celebration to thank God. Interestingly, Thanksgiving was proclaimed by three American Presidents - Washington, Lincoln, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Equally fitting, each chose to proclaim it at a time when our country felt the need for God's Blessing. George Washington had cause to proclaim it twice,



**Mike Kryschal** once during the American Revolution in thanks for the decisive victory at Saratoga in 1777, and later in 1789 to thank our Creator for giving us the opportunity to peaceably form a government under our Constitution. Not only did Washington offer thanks, he also asked God's forgiveness for our transgressions -- today's politicians could learn a lot from George Washington. In 1863, in the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November to be a day to "offer up the ascription due to him for such singular

deliverances and blessings" and "implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and restore it." In October 1941, with war looming on the horizon, the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution requiring that Thanksgiving be observed annually on the fourth Thursday in November. It is noteworthy that our leaders have always turned to God when our country has faced a threat to its existence. In the really dangerous times the "freedom from religion" crowd gets pretty quiet.

Thanksgiving has always been a very special holiday for our military. As a young second lieutenant I recall my first Thanksgiving overseas. My platoon sergeant invited me and a number of the young privates in our platoon to join him and his wife for Thanksgiving dinner. I remember Thanksgiving 1990 when the Big Red One at Fort Riley was working twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, preparing for our deployment to Desert Storm.

That Thanksgiving we broke tradition and wore our battle dress uniforms at the holiday meal served at our dining facility instead of our dress blues. In 1995, I celebrated Thanksgiving by visiting my command's small and large dining facilities scattered across the Second Infantry Division Area within 20 miles of North Korea. Mostly I remember how thankful we were to be American soldiers, serving our country, and supporting each other.

As Americans we have a lot to be thankful for. First, we should be grateful for our Constitution which acknowledges that we have unalienable rights - Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness - granted to us by our Creator. We owe thanks that the Framers of our Constitution had the vision to understand that while government is necessary in a civil society, its power must be constrained or it will become a tyranny. We should also be thankful for the fact that they understood that they were accountable to a higher power,

that same Creator who gave us unalienable rights. The Communists and Nazis rejected the notion of a God, at the cost of over one hundred million lives. Freedom from religion.

As Thanksgiving 2011 is observed, clean-up crews and law enforcement agencies in a number of our cities will be dealing with the last vestiges and aftermath of the Occupy Mobs. This group has the ultimate anti-Thanksgiving message. They have no gratitude for anything they have received, or for the life they live in our country. Instead they advocate violence against the free enterprise system out of avarice and envy, and demand that tax payers pay for their education and anything else they might want. They are the poster children of entitlement and the product of a society that has fallen short of teaching values to its young. The last time I remember this sort of depravity was during the late 1960's. The "counter culture" of the 60s eventually resulted in the election of

Ronald Reagan, first as Governor of California and later as President of the United States. Let's hope this mob helps bring about the same kind of result. Now that would be something to give thanks for!

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# USD 501 places sexual deviancy on its curriculum

What part should schools play in the personal development of our children? Most parents naturally expect teachers and administrative staff to assist their children in learning important skills like reading, writing, and arithmetic, but we now know a child's development goes far beyond the basics at school. Upon closer inspection, most parents recognize that schools often teach children additional skills, such as how to interact with others, follow rules, think critically, and in many cases, develop career aspirations for what their Mom's and Dad's hope will be a bright and happy future. All this instruction is positive and benefits our children. However, there is more still that students will learn.



**Paul A. Ibbetson** and all their expressions be placed front and center and included within the learning scheme of anti-discrimination discussions?

Well, liberals within the Topeka, Kansas Unified School District 501 have decided that sexual practices, including those considered deviant by the overwhelming majority of Americans should be part of each Kansas student's educational experience. The Topeka School Board's 6-1 vote to add sexual orientation, gender identity and its expression to its anti-discrimination policy does much more than simply make an attempt to dissuade bullying. It validates the activities. Their policy change makes a public statement that homosexuality and transgender activity is part of the same immutable qualities as those that define a person as being short or having black skin. I, for one, believe homosexuality and gender identity are life choices. The Judeo-Christian foundational belief system was for much of America's history a common standard within academia.

From the lips of these Topeka School Board members, it is clear that they actually believe that introducing deviant sexual behavior to

their list of actions protected by school policy is an act of compassion instead an act of academic debauchery. In the Topeka-Capital Journal District Attorney Cindy Kelly says recommendations for this policy change came from information obtained from the Board of Education that stated that bullying due to sexual orientation and gender identity are on the rise. Kelly supplies no statistics or percentages to quantify her statements of this specific "rise" in bullying. If the claims of bullying in Kansas schools based on sexual orientation and gender identity have the same credibility as the assertions already submitted in attempts to garner support for radical alterations in the anti-discrimination ordinances in Manhattan and Lawrence, Kansas, then it is likely that actual documented cases of discrimination based on the criteria are almost nonexistent.

I would challenge Cindy Kelly to statically show an epidemic of homosexual and gender identity bullying that is taking place in Kansas schools. As reported in the Topeka-Capital Journal, School Board member, Peg McCarthy said, "The bottom line is that it (the new policy) sends a message that we won't tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind." Her statement demonstrates a rather naive view of reality. Bullying is wrong for any reason, and there is no possible way to list every situation that might spark a bully into action. For the School Board to select deviant sexual behavior and lift it up above the endless list of possible bully triggers makes it special and unique

and part of the educational curriculum. Moreover, that choice implies that deviant sexual behavior is okay and indeed socially acceptable within this particular Kansas school district.

Chairwoman Stephanie Mott, formerly Steve Mott, of the Topeka chapter of the Kansas Equality Coalition told the Topeka-Capital Journal that, "Your lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students are counting on you," and "You're telling students that they have a safe place to go to school." I believe that the Topeka School District is instead creating an environment of moral confusion where more and more students will find themselves falling prey to deviant lifestyles. Apparently, the Topeka School Board wishes to make their school district a God-free zone and a morally relativistic environment where sexually deviant behavior is promoted under the guise of protective compassion and made part of the educational process for today's youth. Parents must now decide if this "lesson" should be taught to their children and if they are willing to accept the long-term consequences of it.

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# Retired workers return to school, gov't jobs

**By Gene Meyer Kansas Reporter**  
TOPEKA — Tim Overman works at Highland Park High School in the Topeka public school system and makes about \$35,000 a year, teaching, coaching part time and working at school-hosted special events.

Overman, who's been a teacher for 30 years, said he signs up for the extra coaching and special events to supplement his family income doing work he knows best.

"What am I going to do? Be a Wal-Mart greeter? Work at McDonalds?" he said. "I don't want to be out on the street learning a new profession."

On top of his salary, Overman collects about \$10,000 a year in Kansas Public Employee Retirement System, or KPERs, retirement benefits that the 59-year-old social studies and history teacher earned before retiring from the McPherson public schools and moving to Topeka five years ago.

But Overman on Monday told a Kansas Legislature Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits that he doesn't see many of those retirement benefits.

Instead, Overman pays \$9,200, or 22 percent, out of his current paycheck, which goes toward keeping the underfunded KPERs state pen-

sion fund from slipping deeper into a financial hole.

Because Overman receives taxpayer-funded pension money but is still teaching, Kansas law requires the Topeka school district to withhold this 22 percent, a combination of what KPERs calculates is amount needed to replace what a non-retired teacher would need to contribute to a balanced fund, plus 8 percent.

This amount is a sizable drain on the family's income and "more than three times larger than the 4 percent or 6 percent that younger teachers pay," Overman told committee members. "We just want you to have the same concern for us as we have for the kids in our classrooms."

Dealing with some of the hidden costs of Kansas' pension system is one of many issues, along with a larger overhaul of the pension system that legislators are scheduled to consider when the Kansas Legislature meets Jan. 9.

Pension fund calculations become more complicated when schools hire retired teachers, teachers' aides, administrators or other school workers who are drawing KPERs benefits. These teachers and other workers do not pay into the pension system if they return to work.

However, returning teachers

work on individually negotiated year-to-year or shorter contracts that offer no retirement benefits and are not covered by the same master contract as those who haven't retired

But state lawmakers enacted legislation in 2008 that requires school districts to pay about 22 percent of those teachers' salaries into KPERs so the pension fund receives the same level of contributions that traditional new hires who are too young to retire would pay. School districts pass along the costs to the returning teachers by requiring them to pay the money out of what was negotiated in the individual contract.

Younger new hires, who haven't retired, are required to contribute 4 percent or 6 percent of their salaries to KPERs, depending on whether their first jobs began before legislators raised those contribution rates last year.

"The whole idea is to keep KPERs whole," said Dale Dennis, the state's deputy education commissioner for finance.

KPERs, the largest pension fund in Kansas, has about \$13 billion in assets, but faces a conservatively projected \$8.3 billion shortfall in how far those assets will go to cover retirement benefits its promised teachers and other government workers by 2033.

Unofficial estimates, by watchdog groups and others who say officially projected returns are too low, say the shortfall is \$20 billion or larger.

Dennis estimated that the extra costs apply for about 650 teachers among 35,000 currently employed in the state.

Total costs are more difficult to estimate because the 22 percent comes out of whatever salaries individual school boards negotiate with the returning teachers

Who gets rehired varies widely, though those often include teachers in specialized areas such as math, foreign language or science, Dennis said.

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# Free Press Big 12 Sports

## Postgame Quotes: Kansas State 17 - Texas 13

### Kansas State Head Coach Bill Snyder On the final defensive stand...

"It wasn't just the final stand our defense had to stand up all day, because our offense didn't."

### On why Texas' defense was so effective...

"They just beat the tar out of us. Texas is a tremendously talented defensive team, and they played extremely well. They created problems for us in terms of some of the things they did and the blitzes they ran. So it was a combination of them playing very well and scheming us very well, and us not scheming them very well or playing very well."

### On how good his Kansas State defense was...

"Good enough to win."

### On if Kansas State took a step forward today...

"No, we didn't. Well, not on offense. On defense we did."

### On how big the two interceptions were for Kansas State...

"Tremendous. They made a big difference. The problem is when you get turnovers like that you need to score."

### On Kansas State's kicking game...

"Kicking game was good until they got that last return."

### Junior QB Collin Klein

### On tonight's performance...

"They did a great job and had good a plan. Bottom line, it's going to be a little work with the wind. Our defense supported us and they were behind us the entire game. They were able to get us some good field position. We just didn't execute."

### On whether Head Coach Bill Snyder was frustrated with tonight's performance...

"I mean, he was very frustrated. I can speak for myself. I was very frustrated that we weren't able to get anything going and weren't able to support the kind of performance our defense gave. We're just going to come back to work and keep getting better."

### On how he prepared for tonight's game...

"It's been all mental reps, really."

### On his defense's performance...

"They played awesome for us, the whole way. We were able to get in barely enough points to win. We just have to get better."

### Sophomore LB Tre Walker

### On preparing for tonight's game...

"I think we just came prepared to play. Our coaches, they did a great job and preparing us for new alignments and shifts—because they shift a lot. Sometimes

when you don't communicate that much, it's hard for your defenses, but Coach [Chris] Cosh did a great job, along with the other coaches in communicating and getting us lined up."

### Texas Head Coach Mack Brown On the game...

"It's a hard fought game. We've got to give Kansas State credit. It really came down to two turnovers. Other than that it was an even game. Two great defenses that played hard throughout. Kids all fought until the last play of the game. I really thought we had a chance to win until that last play was over. I'm proud of the way we fought. Give Kansas State credit. They didn't make any mistakes. And we didn't force any of theirs. Our defense played great. Our offense was sporadic. But we had a chance. You can't turn the ball over near the goal. In fact if you told me we would hold [Kansas State QB] Collin Klein to four yards rushing and 83 yards passing, I would have known that we won the game."

### On the Texas defense's performance...

"They played great. I don't think I've ever seen them play better. It was just an unbelievable performance. That's what is so sad. To see a performance like that and not win the game is just unheard of. They

fought. They didn't get frustrated when we were struggling offensively. They kept their wits about them. They competed. They tried to strip balls. I thought they did everything we asked them to do and more. Even at the end of the game. That's why we could kick the field goal. We knew they were going to stop them. We just had to score. We had our opportunities. When you have the ball at the 49-yard line with enough time to score, and four downs. You need to go score."

### On sophomore QB Case McCoy...

"I thought he did a good job. He jump started us and got us going."

### On the punt interference call...

"It's unbelievable. It's just really deflating. I can't talk about the call. But we get the ball before the half and it ends up being a situation where we get three-seven points. And instead we give them seven. So it's a 14-point swing possibly."

### On what he told the team after the loss...

"I told them that I'm really sad for them. That they lost their last home game. That's something you will remember for the rest of your life. But what you can remember is how hard you fought."

### On freshman QB David

### Ash...

"He was talking to [co-offensive coordinator] Bryan [Harsin] on the headsets. I'm not really sure. I thought the one ball was a little hard off of [junior WR] Marquise [Goodwin's] hands. And the other one I thought he was trying to throw it away probably. I wasn't sure."

### On if this was a defeating loss...

"Well yes. I think it's always deflating when you lose. Just like the score with nine seconds left in the half. I thought it was amazing that the guys came back and played a better second half than they did a first half. After you give up points going in like that. That sequence of events. We don't have time to sit and feel sorry for ourselves. We've got to keep getting better on offense. And continue to play the same way we did on defense."

### On the offense's performance...

"I think we'll have to study and see. That's a good defense we played. They're 117 yards a game against the run. They haven't given up yards against the pass. And we're not very consistent in that area."

### On if anything with the run offense worked...

"Yes. A lot of things. We ran down field and we didn't score. Like we should have.

And the two turnovers will kill you. You can't turn the ball over. Our offense moved the ball a lot better than theirs. That's the sad part about it."

### On if he is concerned about playing another game so quickly after this loss...

"You can't have concerns about getting them back everyday. They've got to go back and work. They've done what we've asked them to do this year. I'm sure they'll play hard Thursday night."

### On Kansas State playing well despite pressure from the Texas defense...

"They've done a tremendous job. They've won more close games. That's the way they do it. They're plus-nine with the turnover ratio. We're now minus-two. That's why we lost the game."

### Sophomore QB Case McCoy

### On his mentality coming into the game...

"I just told them when I got in there that this is really why I came to this university. I came to play in big games like this. We do it every day in practice. We run through it every day in practice. There's no telling how many touchdowns we throw every day in practice, so it should be just as easy. I was proud of the way we fought and I thought for our senior night we definitely fought hard."

### 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	L 45-52	7-2
Nov. 12 vs. Texas A&M * Bill Snyder Family Stadium 2:30	W 53-50	8-2
Nov. 19 at Texas * Austin, Texas 7:00	W 17-14	9-2
Dec. 3 vs. Iowa State * Bill Snyder Family Stadium 11:30 AM		

## Big 12 Football Standings

	Big12	Overall
Oklahoma State	7-1	10-1
Kansas State	6-2	9-2
Oklahoma	5-2	8-2
Baylor	4-3	7-3
Missouri	4-4	6-5
Texas A&M	4-4	6-5
Iowa State	3-4	6-4
Texas	3-4	6-4
Texas Tech	2-6	5-6
Kansas	0-8	2-9

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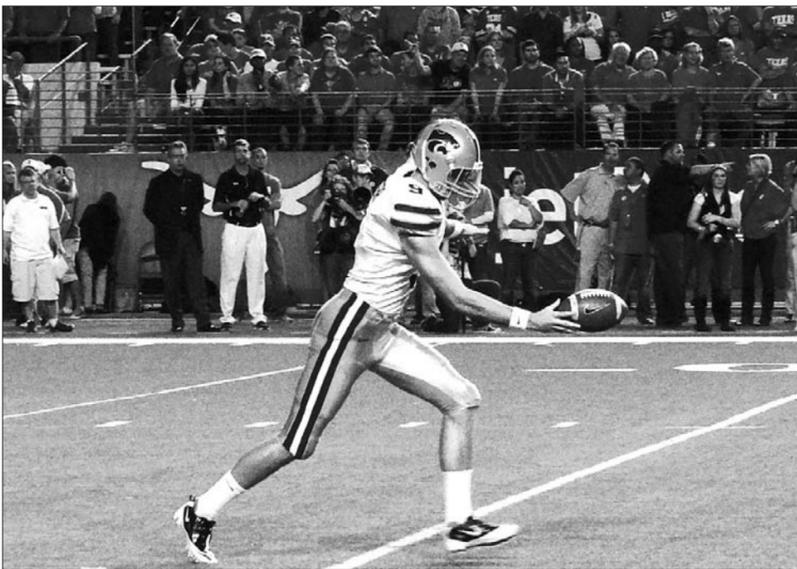
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## K-State wins number 4 in a row over Texas

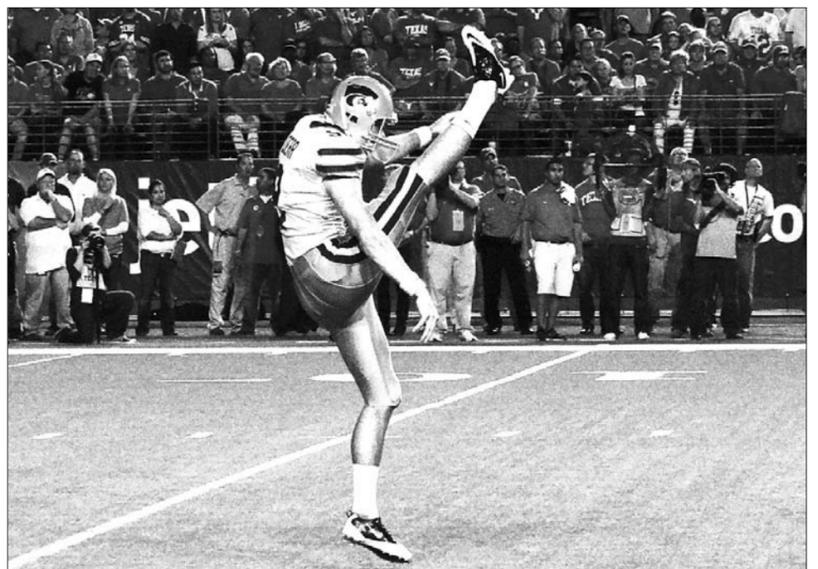


Ty Zimmerman's interception set up Collin Klein (7) rushing touchdown.

Photos by Jon Brake



Kansas State's punter Ryan Doerr (9) is shown here getting off one of his ten punts Saturday night. Doerr averaged 42.7-yards per punt and that helped keep Texas deep in their own territory.



## Sports update: Cats may go cotton pick'n

Hello Wildcat Fans,  
The game in Austin, Texas against the Longhorns was anything but pretty, but even the ugly wins count as a win. Kansas State held on with a 17 to 13 victory over the University of Texas and once again went down to the last play of the game. K-State (9-2, 6-2 Big 12) is now ranked 11th in the BCS, 16th in the AP, and 15th in the USA Today Coaches poll. As of now, the Wildcats are looking good for the Cotton Bowl



Ben Brake

or the Alamo Bowl with the way things are looking at this time.

Offense: The Longhorns had a linebacker shadow Klein the entire game and boy did it work in a big way. Klein and the Wildcats produced 121 total yards of offense with 83 yards passing and 38 yards rushing. Klein was 9 of 17 passing for 83 yards with 1 touchdown and no interceptions. RB Hubert was the rushing leader with 12 carries for 32 yards with no touchdowns. Klein had 26 carries for 4 yards and 1 touchdown, but was sacked 5 times for -32 yards. Klein

and the offense put just enough together to win the game when they needed to for a victory.

Defense: The Wildcat defense gave up 310 yards to the Longhorn offense with 119 yards passing and 191 rushing. The defense was able to get their first quarterback sack since October 22nd when they played KU in Lawrence. K-State was able to put some pressure on UT's quarterbacks and had 2 interceptions against QB David Ash which was enough to have

him replaced by QB Case McCoy over halfway through the 3rd quarter after an interception by Ty Zimmerman which was the second by the Cats. I have to say, the Wildcat defense looked better than they have since the KU game. The defense needs to get most of the credit for the win in Austin.

Prediction for this Saturday: K-State fans will be wondering why their blood pressure seems to be dropping; nerves seem to be a little more relaxed, but

wishing the Cats were playing another close game to satisfy the need for some heart thumping Wildcat football! K-State fans have definitely got their money's worth for their football tickets this year.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Drive careful if you are going out of town and best wishes to all of you over the holiday. Have a Great Wildcat Thanksgiving!  
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## Gipson Makes Early Impact with Wildcats

By Mark Janssen  
K-State Sports Extra

He's but 18 years of age, but without question in a man's body.

At 6-foot-7, 275 pounds, Thomas Gipson has been turning heads and banging bodies through his first two games as a Kansas State Wildcat.

"He's a beast. I'm scared for the Big 12 when he becomes a senior," said K-State teammate Jamar Samuels, who goes against Gipson in practice. "He's a grown man out there, but guys that size normally don't have those moves."

Coach Frank Martin added of his wide-body, "He's not scared of throwing that big body around. He lays the wood on you and you know that you got hit. He plays with the same aggression as Luis Colon, but has an understanding of how to score a little bit like Curtis Kelly."

Through two starts entering tonight's game at 7 against Maryland-Eastern Shore in Bramlage Coliseum, Gipson is averaging 10.5 points on 47 percent shooting and controlling 3.5 rebounds per game. To that board figure Martin warns, "To play for us, he's going to have to rebound better."

Gipson came to K-State from Cedar Hill, Texas, where

he was ranked in the top-35 power-forwards in the nation and one of the top 150 players overall.

He helped his Longhorn team to a 33-4 record last year when he averaged 14 points and was in twin figures in 32 of those 37 games.

But now he's entered the big time in college basketball.

"It's hard to expect Thomas to deliver in crunch time without making a mistake because he has never done it before," said Martin. "The game is real fast for him right now. He's trying to get it to slow down and figure out where he belongs."

But already, Gipson is drawing raves from opposing coaches. After the K-State freshman scored 19 points and gathered seven rebounds in a 74-61 victory over Loyola Chicago, Ramblers coach Porter Moser said, "He is very physical, he has that big torso and he knows how to use it. He has soft hands and a soft touch. I think he is going to be a very good player for them and he knows how to get angles."

Also impressed is K-State's 6-11, 250-pound Jordan Henriquez, who goes one-on-one with Gipson on a daily basis.

"He competes every day. He

makes me better, and I also challenge him," said Henriquez. "He has good size, which helps me as a defender. My size against him helps him as well, which is why we compete against each other a lot in practice."

"He came in with his confidence way up and he has continued to want to progress," said Henriquez. "He wants to get better one day at a time. He is always taking steps forward, and now that the lights are on him and he is playing in front of a lot of people, he is playing with even more confidence. As long as he continues that, we will be good."

After tonight, K-State will take a break before returning to action against George Washington on Dec. 1 in Bramlage Coliseum.

"Normally we take that break at Christmas time and play games boom, boom, boom at this point of the year," Martin said. "This just sort of happened this year because of our trip to Hawaii (Dec. 22, 23, 25). By the time we get back from that there will only be time to play one game (Howard on Dec. 31) before opening Big 12 play."

That opener, incidentally, will be at Kansas on Jan. 4.



Thomas Gipson

## Kansas State Downs BYU

Holding a delicate two-point lead early in the second half, K-State was able to press past BYU with a decisive 13-2 run to register the second straight 2-0 start and the 12th under Deb Patterson with a 59-46 win on Wednesday night in Bramlage Coliseum.

The Wildcats were led by forward Jalana Childs with a game-high 18 points and nine rebounds. The effort was the 36th career double-figure scoring effort for the senior from Orlando, Fla.

Joining Childs in double figures were Brittany Chambers with 13 points and Mariah White with 11 points, five assists and two steals.

BYU (1-2) also saw three players reach double figures led by Lexi Eaton with 16 points, while Haley Steed chipped in with 13 and Kim Parker added 11.

The Wildcats held a 29-21 lead at the half, but the Cougars cut the deficit to two with 12:22 remaining on a Parker jumper, 37-35. This was the last field goal BYU would connect on over the next 10 minutes, as the Wildcats pieced together a 12-2 run capped by consecutive layups from Mariah White and a three-point play from Chantay Caron. Caron helped the Wildcats to a 10-0 bench scoring advantage with eight.

Six free throws in the final minute and a half provided the Wildcats with the final margin, 59-46.

In the first half, BYU trimmed a nine-point K-State lead to two, 20-18, with 5:15 remaining, the Wildcats pushed back out with a 7-0 run. Caron provided the spark for the run with a jumper and a three-pointer from the corner to give K-State a 27-18 lead with 1:30 remaining in the opening stanza.

For the night, K-State turned 16 offensive rebounds into 16 second-half points and outrebounded the Cougars, 40-35. The Wildcats were 10-of-12 from the foul line on the evening,

which was K-State's best percentage since carding a free throw percentage of 88.9 against Colorado on Feb. 16, 2011.

Kansas State will have a quick turnaround to conclude its three-game home stand. The Wildcats host Missouri State on Friday night at 7 p.m. Friday's night's contest is part of a "Wildcat Weekday 4 Pack" ticket promotion. For just \$30, fans will receive four general admission tickets, four hot dogs and four drinks. For more information, please contact the K-State Athletics Ticket Office at (800) 221-CATS or visit the ticket office in Bramlage Coliseum.



Brittany Chambers

## Wildcats hold off late rally

Kansas State led by as many as 16 points over Missouri State on Friday night at Bramlage Coliseum and withstood a late charge by the Lady Bears to claim the victory, 65-63, in non-conference action.

K-State (3-0) was led by junior guard Brittany Chambers with 25 points. Chambers was stymied in the second half as Missouri State could not slow her down in the first half when she scored 20 of her points. She was hitting from long range, shooting 6-of-12 from beyond the arc.

Chambers was joined in double figures by Jalana Childs with 14 points and Tasha Dickey with 10. Chambers also led the team with seven rebounds.

The charge by Missouri State (1-2) was created by guard Casey Garrison, as she led the Bears with 26 points, eight rebounds, four assists and three steals. She made half her shots from the field and was a perfect 9-of-9 at the

free-throw line. She was the only player for Missouri State to post double digits in points, but the pair of Christiana Shorter and Karly Buer each scored nine points. Shorter hauled in 10 rebounds and also tallied three steals.

K-State jumped on the Lady Bears early with the Wildcats leading 10-2 three minutes into the contest. Missouri State would pull within 10 points late in the opening frame, but the Wildcats answered by outscoring the Lady Bears 8-4 over the final four minutes to hold a 41-27 lead at halftime.

Missouri State would come out of the locker room to go on a 10-0 run to get within striking distance of the Wildcats. K-State would battle back to build a second-half lead of 13 points with 4:52 remaining. The Lady Bears would continue to chip away at the lead until a layup by Buer would make it a one-point ballgame with 27 seconds remaining.

After making one of her two

free throws, Childs extended the lead to two points and gave Missouri State a chance to play for overtime or go for the win on the final possession. The Lady Bears would miss four shots on their possession as the Wildcats failed to keep Missouri State from crashing the boards late. A final shot by Jaleshia Roberson missed and Mariah White pulled down the rebound for K-State as time expired for the win.

Chambers' 25 points marks a new season-best and the 14th time she has scored 20 or more in a game in her career. It was also the 16th time she has made at least four 3-pointers.

The Wildcats will be back in action next week in Mexico as they participate in the Cancun Challenge. K-State will take on Hofstra on Thanksgiving Day at 3 p.m., before facing Purdue the next day at 9 p.m. Purdue eliminated the Wildcats from the NCAA Tournament last season in the first round. Both games can be heard on the K-State Sports Network.

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# Sports Second Front

## Texas De-Klein Cats

### But Kansas State Wins 17-14

By JIM VERTUNO  
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Collin Klein and Kansas State just keep finding ways to win.

A week after a wild overtime thriller, Klein and No. 16 Wildcats survived a dominating performance by the Texas defense for a rugged 17-13 victory despite gaining just 121 total yards.

Klein was clutch when he absolutely had to be.

Klein passed for a touchdown in the final seconds of the first half and capped a short drive in the third quarter with his 25th rushing touchdown of the season.

There weren't many other highlights for Klein and the Wildcats (9-2, 6-2 Big 12), but it was enough for Kansas State's fourth win in a row over the Longhorns. The Wildcats are the only Big 12 team with a winning record over Texas.

"I just love this team," Klein said. "Bottom line is we made some plays."

They didn't make too many. Klein was sacked five times, held to 4 yards rushing — he came in averaging 101 — and completed 9 of 17 passes in an offense that managed just eight first downs. He needs two more rushing touchdowns to tie the Big 12 season record set by Texas running back Ricky Williams in 1998.



Kansas State's Collin Klein (7) was held to only 4-yards against a dominating Texas defense.

Williams in 1998.

"They just beat the tar out of us," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said of the Texas defense.

Down 17-3 in the third, Texas (6-4, 3-4) had a chance to rally behind backup sophomore Case McCoy, who came in after freshman David Ash threw his second interception. The turnover set up Klein's

rushing touchdown.

McCoy led the Longhorns to a touchdown on his first drive, completing all three of his passes and a rollout 36-yard touchdown strike to tight end Blaine Irby.

Texas got within 17-13 on Justin Tucker's second field goal and momentum seemed to be with the Longhorns until

their last chance to rally ended at midfield on the final play. Texas snapped the ball as time expired and McCoy ran around for several seconds before throwing a short pass that fell incomplete nowhere near the end zone.

"I really thought we had a chance to win until that last play was over," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Texas outgained Kansas State 310-121 but the return of running backs Malcolm Brown and Joe Bergeron couldn't provide points. Texas has scored just one touchdown in the last two games. Both were losses that spoiled dominating performances by the defense.

The younger brother of Colt McCoy, who engineered so many rallies for the Longhorns

in his career, couldn't muster another one. Case McCoy finished with 80 yards passing and Cody Johnson ran for 61 yards for the Longhorns.

"I was proud of the way we fought," said McCoy, whose play will likely reignite the quarterback debate for Texas' final two games. Ash has started five in a row and is 2-3.

McCoy and Ash could learn a lesson from Klein, who came through with big plays despite getting beaten up most of the night.

After getting sacked for the fourth time, Klein converted a 3rd-and-14 with a 24-yard sideline pass to Sheldon Smith, who barely kept his left foot inbounds. Two plays later, Klein hit Chris Harper with a perfect strike to the corner of the end zone. Texas cornerback Carrington Byndum never turned around on the throw and Harper snagged an easy touchdown to give Kansas State a 10-3 halftime lead.

Ty Zimmerman's interception set up Klein's rushing touchdown and a pass interference penalty against Byndum in the end zone put the Wildcats on the 3. Klein plowed over Texas linebacker Emmanuel Acho to put Kansas State ahead 17-3.

"If you had told me that we would hold (Klein) to four yards rushing," Brown said, "I would have known that we won the game."



John Hubert (33) set up the first KSU touchdown with this run in the first half.



Kansas State's Adam Davis got to Case McCoy late in the game.

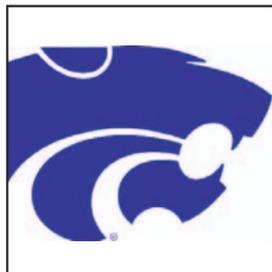


Nigel Malone (24) puts a hit on a Texas running back.



Emmanuel Lamur (23) intercepted a David Ash pass to set up the Cat's field goal.

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