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## County Commission Meet In Violation Of Open Meetings Act

A former Kansas Attorney General said it best when he said: "Just because there is an attorney in the room, does not mean that their is Attorney, Client privilege."

The Riley County Commission and the Geary County Commission met in Executive Session on Monday, March 12, 2012 (See insert) an act that is in violation of the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

We are sure the Commission did not know they were doing something wrong, but they did. And we are sure they had legal advice but again they were wrong.

The County Commission have a right to go into

### Riley County Commission Minutes March 12, 2012

**12:10 Joint Executive Session with the Board of Geary County Commissioners to discuss confidential legal advice regarding potential litigation issues at the Geary County Office Building, County Commission Meeting Room, 200 East 8th, Junction City, Kansas**

Executive Session anytime they want with their Attorney but why they added the Geary County Commission they lost the Attorney, Client privilege.

The Kansas Attorney General Office said that there have been no cases in court ruling on two county commissions meeting in Executive Session and they have never

had an Attorney General Opinion on the subject.

There are many cases and Opinions on Attorney, Client Executive Session.

There are 16 exceptions to the Kansas Open Meetings Act. 75-4319 Chapter 75. (b) State: "No subjects shall be discussed at any closed or executive meeting, except the

following: (the first two are:)

(1) Personnel matters of nonelected personnel;

(2) consultation with an attorney for the body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship."

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt adds this: **Who can be present during an executive session discussion?**

"Only members of the public body holding the discussion have a right to be in executive sessions. The public body may discretionarily include anyone they believe will aid them in that discussion."

That anyone does not include another Commission.

## Problem: Food Tax Cut

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — It seemed like a good idea last week.

Members of the state House, in trying to build yet another tax plan, slipped in a measure to end the sales tax on groceries.

After all, Kansas is one of only seven states that taxes groceries — at 6.3 percent — exactly as it does other consumer items, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan research and education organization that advocates for tax

reduction.

Kansas has the the second-highest such rate in the nation, behind only Mississippi at 7 percent, foundation researchers report. For a low-income breadwinner working for, say, \$10.50 an hour to put food on the table, the tax adds about 25 cents to the cost of a \$3.98 gallon of milk.

Here's the rub: Ending the sales tax on groceries would trim about \$350 million from more than \$2 billion in annual sales tax revenue, according to the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

## This Much I Know Is True

By Frankie Rae Baker  
1994-2011

Today, we stand divided. Our nation-broken into smaller pieces of a once great whole. We stand today, not as American citizens, but as republicans and democrats, blue vs. red, brother vs. brother. We stand, not as a symbol of unity and greatness but a symbol of corporate greed. We stand in wait of a government, a leader, that has not and likely will not come. We stand not as the United States of America, but as a segregated country.

United we stood, and broken and prejudiced we shall fall. In the absence of the revolution will come, and there is no doubt, despite peaceful intentions, there will be violence. The poor will become poorer, the wealthy, sucking life from our economy, wealthier, and the middle class will evaporate entirely. The people of America will not stand idly by as their children starve, we have been too strong and proud a people for that. The people of America will rise, and there shall be turmoil. There WILL be change, government facilitated or otherwise, there MUST be change.

So, I ask you, the future of America to stand, not as a young democrat or young republican, but as the youth of our great nation, as one unit working together despite different opinions

and beliefs, and DEMAND CHANGE. Demand your education. Demand your right to the freedom of speech and press. Because change starts with YOU. The world is a big place, and you are one person but you have a voice, BE HEARD. We have the power to create change, now we must exercise that power. I ask you to be tolerant and accepting of others, our differences will make us strong. Defy stereotypes, understand others, understanding will lead to the necessary unity and change. But things will not be easy, we must not look upon the issues with a sense of entitlement, that has become the American attitude as viewed by the rest of the world. We must not approach this as arrogant politicians but as the people's catalyst, the humble servants of a nation seeking reform. We are the youth of the nation, and we will grow to be its leaders, and the parents of future leaders.

This much I know is true: change will come, nothing will remain the same, but if we act now the change may be for the better, for OUR better. We must not remain ignorant to the goings-ons of our government. We have to, instead, educate ourselves on the issues. Take an interest in your future, before it is placed in the hands of someone else.

Thank you.



FRONT ROW: Aileen Cray, Executive Director; Diahann Frazier; Patricia Mayhew; Kellie Everson; Maureen Redeker; Brenda Hoefler; Terri Hollenbeck SECOND ROW: Randi Hamden; Derek Woods; Steve Elstrom; Debra Meldon; Joe Kormanik THIRD ROW: Vic Dimattia; Marcus Meeker; Erik Zelko; Dan Hammond FOURTH ROW: Alan Ingwersen; Doug Griffith; Jeff Adams; Josh Martin; Branden Mann.

## Regional Leadership Graduates Class Of 2012

Eleven Riley County representatives were recognized for their participation in the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program. A graduation dinner was held on February 17th at The Columbian Theatre in Wamego to honor all eight women and eleven men that participated in the course. Each class member was presented a plaque to commemorate the occasion. Class members announced their class project to those in attendance. Members of the Board of Trustees, alumni, spouses and friends of the class graduates participated in the event. The emcee for the evening was Christopher Higgins, Chair of the Board of Trustees. Guest

speaker for the evening, Doug Kinsinger, of the Topeka Area Chamber of Commerce, shared insights into the need for strong leadership in community economic development.

Riley County graduates include Diahann Frazier, Corrections Lieutenant, Riley County Police Department; Doug Griffith, Inspector, Public Works Fort Riley; Randi Hamden, Training Specialist, DPTMS Fort Riley; Brenda Hoefler, Director of Operations, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Alan Ingwersen, Assistant Master Planner, Public Works Fort Riley; Branden Mann, Financial Advisor; Patricia Mayhew, Program Analyst,

Public Works Fort Riley; Marcus Meeker, Project Manager, Hi-Tech Interiors; Debra Meldon, Lead Management Analyst, RMO-Manpower Branch Fort Riley; Maureen Redeker, Attorney, Gilliland & Hayes P.A.; and Derek Woods, Lieutenant, Riley County Police Department.

Other graduates include Jeffrey Adams, Regional Planner, Flint Hills Regional Council; Vic Dimattia, Chief of Police, Directorate of Emergency Services Fort Riley; Steve Elstrom, Public Affairs Specialist, USAG Fort Riley; Kellie Everson, Residential Healthcare

Director, Valley View Senior Life; Daniel Hammond, Chief, Military Schools Fort Riley; Terri Hollenbeck, Owner/Broker, Crossroads Real Estate & Auction; Joe Kormanik, President, K-Construction; and Josh Martin, Vice-President, Kaw Valley State Bank;

This is the eighteenth year for the program that aims to identify and motivate future leaders in North East Kansas. Class members were exposed to historical perspectives of the communities in the area, key people, industrial and economic information, regional vision and 21st Century leadership skills.

Read all of the Manhattan Free Press 2006-08 Editorials on Downtown Redevelopment at [manhattanfreepress.com](http://manhattanfreepress.com)

Henry "Harry" Otto, Jr.



Henry "Harry" Otto, Jr., age 95, of Manhattan, died March 10, 2012, at Via Christi Village in Manhattan, KS. He was born July 15, 1916, in Manhattan, the son of Henry and Matta E. (Schultz) Otto, and was a life-

time Manhattan resident.

Mr. Otto graduated from Manhattan High School, and earned his bachelor's from Kansas State University. After graduation he worked in the insurance industry; during World War II he worked as a glider construction manager. After the war, he was an Independent Insurance Agent for property and casualty insurance until his retirement in 1986.

Mr. Otto was a lifetime member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church serving multiple terms on the Vestry. He was active in the Republican Party as a Precinct Committeeman for various precincts in Riley

County, and served on the College Hill School Board prior to school consolidation.

He was an avid gardener who had his own home greenhouse and battled urban raccoons and badgers for his sweet corn crop. Mr. Otto enjoyed fishing and traveling, as well as reading and watching westerns. In addition, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, especially taking them to the Sunset Zoo.

He married Ora Francis Kelly on March 14, 1942 in Manhattan, KS. Mrs. Otto survives of Manhattan. Mr. Otto had two sisters, Eleanor who died in 2006 and Helen who lives in Linden, Tennessee.

Additional family includes two children: Carolyn Greeba Ginter of Colorado Springs, CO, and Henry Otto III, and his wife Suzanne of Manhattan; three grandchildren: Michael Ginter, Carrie Knipp and Harrison Otto; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on March 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church with The Reverend Thomas D. Miles officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan.

Memorial contributions may be made to either Sunset Zoo or Shepherd's Crossing. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-

Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502. Online condolences may be left for the family

through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

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Bessie Ann Day

Bessie Ann Day, 62, Wamego, died Wednesday, Mar. 14, at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Bessie was born in Lyons, Kansas on Sept. 21, 1949, the daughter of the late Anna Marie (Geist) Hawkins and Robert Melville Hawkins. Bessie Hawkins was united in marriage to James Day in June of 1976, they had 3 children and were later divorced.

She attended and graduated from Lyons High School in 1967, attended Brown Mackie College in Salina from 1967 -

1968, graduating with an associates degree in business. Early in her life she worked on Wall Street, before beginning her career at McCall Pattern Co. where she worked from Dec. 1969 to March of 2004. Following her time with McCall Pattern, she worked with Merry Maids of Manhattan. Bessie enjoyed bowling, her childrens activities, and socializing with her friends.

Bessie is survived by a daughter, Emily Elizabeth Day, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and a

son, Jimmy Hawkins Day, and his wife Kim, of Wamego. Bessie is also survived by three sisters, Georgia Mulanax and her husband Lloyd of Manhattan, Sherry Sheridan, of Rensselaer, NY, and Susie Burt and her husband Charles of Great Bend; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and her son, Frank Hawkins Day 1979.

Friends are invited to call Thursday Mar. 22, from 9am to 8pm with the family receiving friends from 6 pm to 8pm at the

funeral home.

A funeral service will be held at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation at 10:00 am on Friday, Mar. 23, with Pastor Jol Klein officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 1315 SW Arrowhead Rd., Topeka, KS

To leave an online condolence, visit [www.irvin-parkview.com](http://www.irvin-parkview.com), or find Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home on Facebook.

Betty Jean Whitacre



Betty Jean Whitacre, age 85, of Topeka, died Friday March 16, 2012 at the Plaza West Nursing Home in Topeka.

She was born on November

7, 1926 in Westmoreland, Kansas the daughter of Lucern and Nan (Godlove) Holder. She grew up in the Westmoreland area and graduated from Westmoreland High School in 1945.

On September 25, 1944 she was united in marriage to Delmar Whitacre in Junction City, Kansas. He preceded her in death in September of 1984. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Rosemarie Prockish and Faye Pittenger.

She was a member of the Helping Hands Club in

Westmoreland, and she also loved to quilt.

Betty is survived by her sisters: Patricia Clark, of Silver Lake, and Jane Velen, of Topeka. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Whitacre were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel, with Ron Brown officiating. Interment followed in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family greeted friends

during a visitation from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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

Memorial funds are suggested to the American Diabetes Association. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Edith Valeta Soash

Edith Valeta Soash, 91, passed away on March 15, 2012 in Manhattan, Kansas. She was born September 25, 1920 near Alton, Kansas to Carl and Marian (Reynolds) LaRue.

She married Charles "Ike" Soash in 1947. Soon after, they

purchased a farm near Mankato, Kansas. Edith helped on the farm and later worked as a dental assistant. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Charles and a sister Merle Coonce. Survivors include sons: Charles (Marilyn) Soash, Jr. of Salina; Richard

(Laura) Soash of Manhattan; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother Melvin of Denver, Colorado; one sister Gwen of Anthony, Kansas. Memorials to the Outdoor Flower Gardens at the Leonardville Nursing Home, PO Box 148, Leonardville, KS

66449.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were 10:30 a.m. on March 22 at the Mankato Christian Church, Mankato, Kansas.

Harold Warner

Harold Warner, 80, of Manhattan, passed away Thursday, March 15th, at Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan. He was a retired fire chief with the fire department at Ft. Riley.

Harold was born in Arlington, KS on July 26, 1931, the son of the late Ruth (Crose) Warner and Raymond Warner. He was united in marriage on Sept. 12, 1956 in Wichita, to Sharon Rae Reinecke who survives him of the home. Harold graduated

from high school in Arlington, KS and attended the Salt City Business College, of Hutchinson. Harold served in the US Air Force during the Korean War; and was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 17 in Manhattan.

Harold is survived by his wife Sharon of the home; a daughter, Vicki J. Moore and husband Jon, of Palmetto, FL; two sons Richard L. Warner, of Nokomis, FL and Michael H. Warner, of Wamego. Also surviving are his grandchildren:

Megan Bednar, Lauren Warner, Brandon Warner; and a great grandson: Alex Bednar; a sister, Francis Burnett, of Arlington; and a brother, Jerry Warner, of Branson, MO.

Friends were invited to call on Monday from 9:00am to 8:00pm on Monday, Mar. 19, with the family receiving friends from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation.

A funeral service was held at 2:00pm on Tuesday, Mar. 20th. at the funeral home. Burial will

be at a later date in the Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Burns Hospital - Galveston, TX. For more information or to send an email condolence visit [irvin-parkview.com](http://irvin-parkview.com)

George Edward Morgan

George Edward Morgan, 56, of Manhattan, passed away Tuesday, March 13th, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House. He was a self employed carpenter.

George was born in Manhattan, on June 24, 1955, the son of Berna Jean (Jackson) Morgan and Willard Grant Morgan. George attended the Manhattan schools growing up.

Survivors include a daughter, Sekia J. Royall, wife of Bobby, of Dudley, NC; two sons Jermaine Morgan, of Manhattan and Marcus Bennett, of Fayetteville, NC; 3 grandchildren: Shaparis Singleton, Keyana Singleton, Mya Bennett; two sisters, Tanya Morgan, and Beckey Morgan, both of Manhattan. George was preceded in death

by a brother, Willard Morgan, Jr. in 2011.

A memorial service was held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Manhattan, KS, at 1:00pm on Tuesday, March 20th, 2011. Inurnment will be at a later date in the Sunrise Cemetery, Manhattan. Arrangements by Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan.

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# A Warning Shot for Obama on Defense and Budget Cuts

By James Jay Carafano, Ph.D.

## The Heritage Foundation

"It sure is hell to be president." Harry Truman spoke from experience.

One his worst days was April 14, 1950. That's when the National Security Council delivered a highly classified, 58-page report calculating the forces needed to fight the Cold War. Truman blanched. The numbers didn't fit with his intent to trim defense budgets. He shelved the plan.

Two months later, everything changed. North Korea invaded the south. Truman became an instant convert to peace through

strength. The administration launched a nationwide campaign stressing the importance of adequate defense spending.

Recently, the House Armed Services Committee sent President Obama a report outlining cuts the military would have to make under the "sequestration" formula in this year's Budget Control Act.

Unless Congress and the president agree to an alternative long-term plan to reduce the deficit (supposedly coming from the so-called "Super Committee"), the act provides for automatic reductions in "discretionary" spending. That means huge cuts to the

Pentagon budget. In 2013 alone, sequestration would slash defense spending up to 18%. Over 10 years, the military would take a \$1 trillion hit.

The HASC report translates those near-abstract numbers into what they would mean in terms of reductions in military force. The results are stunning. Every service would lose substantial capabilities.

America's Army would lose a quarter of its active duty troops, leaving the service smaller than it was on 9/11. The scramble to assemble enough forces for Iraq and Afghanistan clearly demonstrated that the pre-September 11 Army was

too small to deal with even moderate-sized contingencies.

The Navy could lose two carrier battle groups. That can't make sense. The Navy carrier force is already too small to cover the world. When Obama committed U.S. forces to Libya, he found there was no carrier available.

The Air Force would have about of one third of the fighter planes it had in the 1990s, and even after that kind of force-cutting, there would be scant funds to buy next generation aircraft like the F-35 fighter.

Stuck with such a shrunken, mostly same-old, same-old fleet, the U.S. can never plan on

having air supremacy in future conflicts—especially given the pace that potential adversaries such as China are pursuing next generation fighters and advanced air defenses of their own.

The Marine Corps makes out worst of all. Truman didn't care much for the Marines. He once said, "the Marine Corps is the Navy's police force and as long as I am president that is what it will remain."

Any president who would let "sequestration" happen can't think much more of the corps. Sequestration cuts would leave the corps short so many amphibious ships that its ability to mount any significant operation would be questionable, at best.

The Pentagon has been passing around the HASC report

like Halloween candy, but the White House has yet to send a clear signal to Congress. Obama has already laid out \$450 billion in defense cuts—reductions that are already eroding force capabilities and readiness. Additional cuts would simply leave the U.S. even that much less of a military power than we were when Obama came into office.

Now is the time for the president to flat out tell the Super Committee and the Congress that more defense cuts are simply unacceptable.

Should the Pentagon be forced to implement further budget reductions, any occupant of the White House confronted with the need to use the military to protect america's interests will be in for a rude awakening.

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## Flint Hills Discovery Center To Launch Membership Your Way In Preparation For April 14 Grand Opening

Memberships purchased before Grand Opening to serve dual purpose as extended 14-month free admission and entry to members-only preview

**WHAT:** In effort to launch Flint Hills Discovery Center's new Membership Your Way program, those who purchase FHDC membership now through April 13 are invited to attend a members-only preview. With the Grand Opening on April 14, this special event is a great way to beat the crowds expected on opening day while receiving additional early-bird benefits. Specials include 5-percent off the price of membership (available now

through the opening weekend) and a onetime extension on the membership period from 12 to 14 months. Membership enrollment forms are now available at [www.flinthillsdiscovery.org](http://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org).

**WHEN:** Members-Only Preview, Friday April 13, 2012, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Flint Hills Discovery Center, 315 South 3rd Street, Manhattan, Kansas 66502

**BACKGROUND:** The Flint Hills Discovery Center inspires people to celebrate, explore and care for the Flint Hills. Membership Your Way is one

of many ways the Flint Hills Discovery Center hopes to embrace its mission and invite community members and visitors to do the same. Memberships are based on 2.5 times the cost of admission. To offer maximum flexibility, individuals and families can build their own membership based on the number of adults or youth wanting to join. Reciprocating Memberships: The Flint Hills Discovery Center anticipates acceptance into the Travel Passport Program of the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC). Members then will be able to obtain free or reduced admission access to

more than 300 science centers or museums also participating in the ASTC program, including Science City in Kansas City & Exploration Place in Wichita.

**VIDEO/PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:** Video, photo and interview opportunities with Miss K-State Wildcat, Danielle Hill, from 2-5 p.m., as well as with new members and on-site educational specialists. Footage of the exhibits also will be permitted at this time.

**MEDIA CONTACTS:** Jaelyn Collins, Public Relations Coordinator - 785.375.3479 (cell) Melissa Kirkwood, Development Officer - 785.587.2729 (office)

## Kleio Historical Society Craft Fair

Kleio Historical Society along with the Randolph Ramblers 4-H group are looking for crafters for a Craft Fair/Show to be held on Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Yes, we know this is short notice!) The price of tables are \$20 each, \$10 if you bring your own. The Craft Fair/Show will be held in the Randolph Senior Center Building on Front Street, along

Tuttle Creek Blvd/Hwy 77 North. If you would like to be part of this event, RSVP to: [townofrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:townofrandolph@gmail.com) - you may mail your payment to Kleio Historical Society, PO Box 187, Randolph, KS 66554 or give it to us on April 7th. We would love to see folks demonstrating their craft - whether it be knitters, crocheters, hand quilters, weavers, spinners, etc.

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## Easter Egg Hunt March 31

Manhattan, Kansas, March 15, 2012 - An Easter Egg Hunt, to benefit the animals housed at the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter, will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012.

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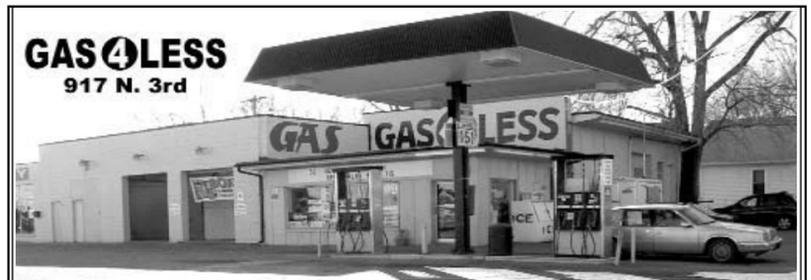
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# Proposed KS Tax Cut For Food Seen Causing Budget Problems

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — It seemed like a good idea last week.

Members of the state House, in trying to build yet another tax plan, slipped in a measure to end the sales tax on groceries.

After all, Kansas is one of only seven states that taxes groceries — at 6.3 percent — exactly as it does other consumer items, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan research and education organization that advocates for tax reduction.

Kansas has the the second-highest such rate in the nation, behind only Mississippi at 7 percent, foundation researchers report. For a low-income breadwinner working for, say, \$10.50 an hour to put food on the table, the tax adds about 25 cents to the cost of a \$3.98 gallon of milk.

Here's the rub: Ending the sales tax on groceries would trim about \$350 million from more than \$2 billion in annual sales tax revenue, according to the Kansas Legislative

Research Department. The department is the nonpartisan research arm of the Legislature that calculates official budget figures for lawmakers.

Ridding Kansans of the grocery tax leaves a gaping hole in the budget, which has to be filled with something, from somewhere. Right?

"That's a good question and I don't know," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Marc Rhoades, R-Newton, whose committee members recently ironed out proposed government spending plans for 2013. Legislators will debate those measures between now and the 2012 Kansas Legislature's expected adjournment in May.

"That's why I voted against the amendment (to end the sales tax on groceries) when it came up in floor debate," Rhoades said. "We want to see responsible tax reform this session, but this just went to far."

If nothing else, lawmakers were hoping to use the \$350 million to help build a \$466 million rainy day fund. Kansas law requires legislators to budget at least 7.5 percent of expected state revenue for that

purpose. But legislators have been waiving the requirement since tax revenue began to fall sharply during the Great Recession.

"I don't know where they are getting any of the money from, either," said state Sen. Dick Kelsey, R-Goddard, who earlier this year introduced his own, so far unsuccessful, plan in the Senate to eliminate sales taxes on groceries.

"In my plan, at least, we paid for ending food sales taxes by reducing sales tax exemptions for other things and adding a few services to the tax base," Kelsey said.

Gov. Sam Brownback's administration isn't crazy about eliminating food sales taxes, either, said Sherriene Jones-Sontag, his press secretary.

It is too early to know what kind of tax plan legislators will pass between now and May, but "we believe the governor's tax bill, as originally proposed, is the best plan to grow our economy and create jobs," Jones-Sontag said.

That plan recommends extending Kansas' current 6.3

percent sales tax beyond a scheduled reduction July 1 while lowering rates on income and other taxes, and making all of them apply to more people.

The Kansas House plan that eliminates sales taxes for groceries also cuts income and other tax rates, but more slowly than Brownback's plan; it also limits state spending increases to 3 percent annually.

Kansas senators are working on plans that, with the exception of Kelsey's food sales tax elimination plan, focus on property tax relief for Kansans now, as well as tax reductions for new businesses moving into the state.

Ironically, perhaps, a better solution might exist to assuage worries that low-income residents are hurt by paying sales taxes on groceries, said Mark Robyn, a Tax Foundation research analyst who follows state tax plans.

"It's what you have now," Robyn said.

Under current law, Kansas residents with household incomes below \$29,700 a year and who are older than 55, ill or

have dependent children younger than 18 can apply for and receive what is known as a food sales tax credit, which refunds some of the sales tax money paid with groceries. In 2009, the most recent calendar year for which numbers are available, Kansas repaid those taxpayers about \$51.8 million, said Jeannine Koranda, a spokeswoman for the Kansas Department of Revenue.

"Tax refunds, which is what the credits are, are a more efficient way of offsetting sales taxes that people with low

incomes pay," Robyn said. "If you exclude all groceries completely, you end up providing relief for the people who are buying caviar, too."

But what about that potential \$350 million hole in the state budget?

"I can't tell you what will happen, but you probably will just make it up somehow," Robyn said. "What I think it probably means is that somewhere farther down the road, you are more likely to get a higher rate on some other tax."

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# Computer Glitch May Snag Voter Verification

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — Computerized citizenship records, which Kansas will use to battle voter fraud, won't be ready by the proposed deadline, June 15.

But the state need not reboot just yet, said Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach.

Division of Motor Vehicles "is collecting the information already," he said. "We'll just propose an amendment saying that their receipt of the information is enough, without automatically sending it to local election officials."

Kobach is scheduled Thursday to ask the Kansas Senate Ethics and Elections Committee to require that people registering to vote for the first time verify U.S. citizenship starting June 15. The move would advance the date from Jan. 1, 2013, which is what the law says now. The House has passed the proposal.

The law will require a driver's license or some other form of government issued ID — passport, military ID or birth certificate — as verification of U.S. citizenship.

The final phase of a four-year, \$40 million upgrade of Revenue Department computer systems won't be completed until at least August, Donna Shelite told state Senate Ethics

and Elections Committee members Wednesday. Shelite is director of the Kansas Revenue Department's Division of Motor Vehicles.

The upgrades involve new software and hardware. Kansas is streamlining into a single system a hodgepodge of aging mainframe computers used for licensing drivers, registering vehicles and managing license plates. The information also can be used for things, such as calculating property taxes and finding criminals.

"However, in the past month we have had some interfaces with external systems that have caused us to adjust the date to August," she said, adding that computer systems at the American Association of Motor Vehicles Administrators cannot be synced with Kansas new computer systems before Aug. 1. The association is an informational clearinghouse for state motor vehicle departments.

House Bill 2067, the 2011 Kansas Legislature passed requiring all voters beginning Jan. 1 of this year to show photo ID at the polls, remains unchanged.

"It's easy to prevent non-citizens from registering; it's almost impossible to find them after the fact," Kobach said.

The computer delay, Kobach said, means only that each

applicant's information won't automatically be shared with election officials in the Secretary of State's office, which regulates balloting in Kansas.

Kansas is collecting the same verification information required by federal Real ID Act of 2005, anti-terrorist legislation passed by Congress. Election officials still could check that if needed, he said.

"I don't think DMV will settle for a Post-it note with a smiley face," he said.

So far, the computer conundrum appears to be causing little heartburn for officials in charge of running local elections.

"Whatever they do, we'll roll with it," said Johnson County Election Commissioner Brian Newby, whose office registered 364,000 voters, the most in Kansas, during the 2008 elections.

Newby said he hopes the verification date will be moved earlier because other decisions are pending before the elections.

"Redistricting is a big one," Newby said.

Kansas legislators are still working to redraw congressional, state legislative and Kansas State Board of Education districts to reflect population changes recorded in

the 2010 U.S. Census. Getting that done in time for the next election is potentially an even bigger deal for voters than the verification issue, Newby said.

"Basically, we need to get that done by May or June, too, so that candidates and voters know which district they are in," Newby said.

Voters in Wallace County, of whom some 1,000 registered in 2008 for the smallest turnout in the state, simply aren't talking about voter ID or the verification requirement, said county clerk Jacalyn Mai in Sharon Springs.

"We haven't had an election since the rules changed and don't have one scheduled until August," Mai said. "We'll just wait to see what the rules are then."

Ford County in southwestern Kansas is almost as quiet, said deputy county election commissioner Debbie Cox in Dodge City.

"We had one small local election in February, and everyone brought their IDs," Cox said.

"We've got another one, for Dodge City Commission, coming in April," she said. "I think those help everyone get used to the changes before we get to the big ones."

Kobach is scheduled to appear before the Ethics and Elections committee Thursday morning to urge Senate passage of the June 15 deadline.

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# Stalled KS Voter Registration Change Is Not Dead

By Gene Meyer  
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — The shelling has stopped, the once live rounds now lying dormant at lawmakers' feet.

The debate to require voters to verify their U.S. citizenship has ended with a call to cease fire, but the lull on this particular legislative battlefield may be nothing more than a temporary pause.

The lawmakers have returned to their respective, divergent camps.

Their guns, however, remain locked and loaded.

State Sen. Terrie Huntington, R-Fairway, chairs the State Senate Ethics and Elections Committee, toward which Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach turned Thursday to solicit support to effect a new voting law before November's elections.

Huntington and her group turned their collective backs, and effectively walked away. The measure won't head to the Senate and, for now, there will be no vote.

"Our committee work is finished," Huntington said. "We are through."

The change that Kobach is pushing would require new Kansas voters to provide birth certificates, adoption papers or similar proof of U.S. citizenship the first time they register.

That's going to happen Jan 1, 2013, anyway. But Kobach, the state's highest ranking elections officer, wants to move the requirement pushed forward some six months, to June 15.

Kobach, a Republican, said he thinks it is necessary to provide added protections against voter fraud for the August primary and November general statewide elections, and he denies the insinuations of

opponents who say he wants the change to block the paths of those voters who may oppose the controversial strict immigration policies he advocates. "That is ridiculous," Kobach said.

The committee, he effectually said, can turn their backs now if they so choose, and tackle the proposal again in conference committee before the session ends in May. The House, you see, has passed the legislation he favors.

"The question remains whether the Senate will follow the will of 84 percent of the people of Kansas," who, one poll shows, support the change, Kobach said.

He's referencing a survey of 500 Kansans commissioned by a Wichita television station just before the 2010 Kansas general election. It had a 5 percent margin of error.

"Our voters' rolls are not as secure as I would like them to be," he said.

He said examples of the potential problem include a 1997 incident in which outsiders reportedly were brought into Seward County to try to swing an election over permits for construction of a large hog farm. He mentioned a primary election in Kansas City, Mo., where more than 50 people of Somali descent were told to vote for a candidate who won, as it turned out, by a single vote. Neither event appears to have resulted in prosecution, and a District Court judge in Missouri declined to overturn the primary results.

Requiring new voters to verify their citizenship before registrations surge ahead of this year's elections will enhance future rolls, Kobach said.

Kobach insists he has no political motivation for seeking the changes now. He contends that acting before the elections, when registrations historically

increase, will provide greater protection for Kansas later. More than 149,000 new voters registered in Kansas in the few months before 2008 statewide elections, according to Secretary of State office records.

"It's easy to prevent noncitizens from registering, but almost impossible to remove them afterward," Kobach said.

Is voter fraud even an issue worthy of such a potentially divisive legislative fight, just months before an election?

Consider this: The Kansas League of Women Voters says that, over the past five years, Kansans have cast more than 10 million ballots.

Allegations of voter fraud? Six.

League members opposing Kobach's plan cite statistics from the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law that assert one is more likely to be struck by lightning than commit voter fraud.

Kobach, though, counts 235 allegations of election crimes reported since 1997, including 41 in Kansas' most recent statewide elections in 2010. One of those resulted in a conviction for double voting, according to records in Kobach's office.

Critics of Kobach's plan include the Kansas chapters of the League of Women Voters, AARP, NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union. Those groups contend both the new verification requirement and a law passed in 2011 requiring voters this year to show photo ID at the polls discourage voting by students, minorities, the poor and the elderly. The 2011 Kansas Legislature passed the ID requirement, which took effect Jan. 1.

Some find the requirements

curious, dubious even.

"This proposal itself is voter fraud, because it addresses an issue that is not proven to be needed," said Glenda Overstreet, state conference president for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Photo ID and this (proof of citizenship) proposal are just plain wrong," she said.

Returning to the idea of voter fraud, Kobach often cites the 32 registered voters who were not U.S. citizens, which his office identified by cross-checking drivers' license information last year in 16 disparate counties.

That's 32, among an estimated 1.7 million eligible Kansas voters. Going a step further, there is nothing that shows these people ever actually tried to vote.

"Those are just the ones we know about," he said. "I suspect there are far more."

Precedent doesn't appear to favor Kobach.

Earlier this week, the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department filed formal objections as part of a Washington, D.C. civil lawsuit against photo ID laws in Texas.

Federal officials contend the laws exclude many Hispanic voters who lack the kind of identification documents required by the state. Justice Department officials — who are required by the 1965 Civil Rights Act to approve such changes in Texas and other southern states where voting abuses were rampant in the first six decades of the 20th century — say Hispanic voters are at least 50 percent more likely, perhaps, even, as much as two times more likely, to lack a driver's license or state-issued photo ID, which is required to vote in the Lone Star State.

Kansas voting requirements are broadly similar to those in Texas, Kobach said, and he eschews any accusations of discrimination.

"If we were trying to disenfranchise large groups of people who probably wouldn't vote for us, 82 percent of Kansas' Democrats wouldn't be in favor of requiring a proof-of-citizenship test," Kobach said.

Again, he referenced the TV poll.

Requiring registering voters to verify citizenship "is a waste of time and a waste of money," said Ernestine Krehbiel, Kansas League of Women Voters president.

"Everyone already must provide a birth certificate to get a photo ID required by the current law," Krehbiel said.

That ID therefore should be sufficient to register to vote, too, she said.

"Otherwise, this proposal is an extra step for as many as 1 million women in Kansas who've married, taken their husbands' names and no longer match the names on their birth certificates," Krehbiel said.

Kobach insists his department has created affidavit processes or other workarounds to resolve such problems and that, if challenged, voters also can cast provisional ballots, which are collected and then counted after any questions about eligibility are resolved. Provisional ballots already are used in Kansas to resolve problems that occur when, say, an eligible voter shows up at the wrong polling place and can't reach the correct site in time to cast a ballot.

Huntington's elections committee, Kobach says, could meet and vote on his proposal if Senate members preferred

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For now, the guns remain silent.

Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, said Friday he did not think senators were inclined to move the citizenship verification requirements ahead to June.

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## K-State Season Ends With Loss To Connecticut, 26 - 72

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Stifling. Suffocating. Smothering. Unyielding. Dominating.

Pick a word. Any will do. And all described the brand of defense that top-seeded Connecticut laid on Kansas State Monday night. The Huskies set a women's NCAA Tournament record for stinginess with their 72-26 victory over the eighth-seeded Wildcats in Bridgeport, Conn. The 26 points are the fewest

scored in an NCAA Tournament game. Southern scored 27 against Duke in 2006. Kansas State's 10 first-half points was just two more than the NCAA record for fewest points in a half - Prairie View had just eight against Baylor last season.

"When you play a great team and compete as ineptly as we did tonight, you end up on the bad side of a big deficit," said Kansas State coach Deb Patterson, whose team was picked to finish eighth in the Big 12 but finished tied for fourth. "I'm proud of the team

for our season, disappointed in the end result."

Connecticut moves to the Sweet 16 for 19th consecutive season. The Huskies (31-4) will play the winner of Tuesday night's LSU-Penn State game in the semifinals of the Kingston Regional.

Perhaps Kansas State could have seen Connecticut's defensive clamp down coming. In the second half of its first-round victory over Prairie View, UConn allowed 15 points. In their last 60 minutes of basketball, the Huskies have allowed 41 points and 15-of-80

shooting (18.7 percent).

Kansas State (20-14) took a 3-2 lead in the game's opening minute but went the next 11:17 without scoring. The Wildcats missed 18 consecutive shots. When K-State's Jalana Childs ended the drought with a score off an offensive rebound, Connecticut had a 19-5 lead.

The Huskies lead the nation in scoring defense at just under 46 points a game and in field goal percentage defense (30 percent). Baylor is fifth in scoring defense and second in field goal percentage defense.

In two regular-season games

against the Bears, Kansas State twice scored 41 points. The Wildcats did better in the semifinal of the Big 12 Championship, losing 87-65. In those three games, Kansas State shot 29.7 percent from the field and 25.7 percent from 3-point range.

The box score from the Connecticut game told a sad story. The Wildcats had twice as many turnovers (20) as field goals (10) and had just three assists. In the first half, K-State was 4-of-31 from the field (12.9 percent) and shot 17.5 percent for the game. The

Huskies had a 22-3 edge in points off turnovers, a 32-8 advantage in points in the paint and a 32-4 edge in bench points.

"I think it was definitely close to a perfect game - you can always do better," said Connecticut's Brianna Hartley, who scored 13 of her 16 points in the first half. "We came out with a lot more intensity than we did last game. We used that game as motivation to play better this game."

## K-State Season Ends At Hands Of Orange, 59 - 75

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Taking on a No. 1 seed is challenging enough. Facing a favored team without a veteran starter just adds to the degree of difficulty.

Twenty minutes before No. 8 Kansas State took on No. 1 Syracuse in Saturday in the Round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament in Pittsburgh, the Wildcats found out that senior Jamar Samuels had been suspended. The eligibility of the team's leading rebounder is being investigated.

Kansas State kept it close until a Syracuse second-half run resulted in a 75-59 victory for the Orange. Syracuse (33-

2), which has set a school record for wins in a season, has made the Sweet 16 for the third consecutive season.

"It was tough playing without him, especially one of our seniors," said Kansas State's Rodney McGruder, who was slowed by an ankle sprain suffered in the first half. "He's one of the main leaders of the team. It was just tough ... it's tough that he would never get to play another game in a Kansas State uniform. He missed his last game."

The first half was a game of runs, with each team looking like it was in control for periods of time. Syracuse had a 25-24 lead at halftime. In the second half, the Orange shot 66.7 percent from the field and made all

five of their shots from 3-point range. Syracuse also made 23 of 29 free throws.

"The second half, we made shots," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "We haven't done that lately. Our offense was not good in the first half. We had to pick it up on the offensive end. It's been a while since we've knocked down shots like that. It just makes the game a lot easier when those shots go in."

Scoop Jardine had 16 points and eight assists for Syracuse while Dion Waters came off the bench to score 18.

While Kansas State pounded the boards effectively - the Wildcats had a 25-9 edge on the offensive boards - the shooting touch was off. K-State

shot 31.3 percent and missed 13 of its 17 3-point attempts.

"We just didn't hit the shots we normally hit," said McGruder, who led the Wildcats with 15 points after scoring 30 points in the team's first NCAA victory. "We had open looks. We just didn't take advantage of the open looks that we had."

Syracuse is playing without its top rebounder. Freshman Fab Melo was declared ineligible for the NCAA Tournament started.

"We didn't lose because we lost Jamar. Let me get that straight now," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said.

"Because Syracuse is minus a very good player, too. We just lost the toughest guy on our

team."

Kansas State lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year. Last season the Wildcats lost to Wisconsin, 70-65. Without Jacob Pullen, the school's career scoring leader, K-State made it to the round of 32 again.

"Like I told them in the locker room, it's been an honor to coach these kids all year," Martin said. "For a young team, their resolve, their fight, their unwillingness to give into the difficult moments of the season, give us a chance to continue to grow, is a thing that I will treasure."

Notes

\* Vice President Joe Biden, who attended Syracuse law

school, attended the game. He was in Pittsburgh for the city's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Biden served as the Grand Marshall.

\* Kansas State's bench was outscored 33-0. It was the first time all season that the Wildcats' reserves failed to score.

\* Jordan Henriquez had a career-high 17 rebounds. His 11 offensive rebounds are the most in an NCAA Tournament game since Bo Kimble set the record (12) in 1990.

\* Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim earned his 47th NCAA tournament victory. He is tied with John Wooden for fifth place.

## Robinson And Jayhawks Roll Past Detroit, 65 - 50

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On a day when the unthinkable, the impossible happened - twice - Kansas made sure that it wouldn't add its name to the list of improbable upset victims.

When the NCAA Tournament brackets were announced last Sunday, the Jayhawks were a No. 2 seed matched against No. 15 seed Detroit. Butler coach Brad Stevens, who plays in the same conference as the Titans, warned that they were better than a 15 seed. The Detroit players even chirped about how confident they were about playing the Big 12 Conference reg-

ular-season champions.

If that wasn't enough to put Kansas on Upset Alert, Friday provided stark examples of what can happen in March Madness. A No. 2 had lost to a No. 15 just four times since 1985 but it happened twice Friday. Norfolk State stunned Missouri in Omaha - where Kansas was scheduled to play later in the day - and Lehigh knocked off Duke just minutes before the Jayhawks took the floor.

Given fair warning, Kansas took care of business. The Jayhawks (28-6) took control over the final minutes of the first half and cruised to a 65-50 victory. Kansas will face

Purdue, a 72-69 winner over Saint Mary's, Sunday night.

"I think Missouri grabbed our attention more than anything," Kansas senior guard Tyshawn Taylor said. "We were sitting there watching the game, chilling at the hotel. We were definitely shocked and surprised."

Lehigh's victory over Duke was wrapping up about the time that KU coach Bill Self was giving his pregame talk. He knew his players were aware of Missouri's loss.

"I told them then, 'Hey, Duke's getting ready to get beat, too,'" Self said. "I didn't make a point of it because sometimes you make a point, it

could add pressure, saying it's possible. But I did say, 'Hey, the one thing is we have to make sure Detroit doesn't play well.' When teams get comfortable anything can happen."

The Titans (22-14) led 21-19 with just over nine minutes remaining in the first half before Kansas went on a 15-3 run to close the half. The Jayhawks made sure there would be no comebacks by starting the second half with a 16-4 run.

Over the final nine minutes of the first half, Detroit missed 11 of 12 shots and missed four of five free throws. Kansas limited the Titans to 32 percent shooting and just 3-of-17 from 3-point range.

"We played one of the truly great teams in the country tonight, and that really, pretty much tells the story," Detroit coach Ray McCallum said.

Thomas Robinson had 16 points and 13 rebounds - his nation-leading 24th double-double of the season - while Elijah Johnson had 15 points and Taylor had 10 for Kansas.

"We went through a 20-minute stretch I thought we played really, really well," Self said. "I'm happy with our guys. It was a good win, especially on a crazy day in the tournament."

Notes

\* This is the third time that Kansas has opened an NCAA

tournament in Nebraska, and both times before it was the start of a title run. The Jayhawks played their opening games in Lincoln in 1988 and Omaha in 2008, when they won their most recent national championship.

\* Kansas was out-rebounded for just the eighth time this season (41-40), but improved to 7-1 in those contests.

\* Kansas junior Thomas Robinson has 24 double-doubles. The school record is 25 set by Drew Gooden in 2002.

\* Kansas junior center Jeff Withey blocked five shots. He has 18 games this season with three or more blocked shots.

## Late Run Sends Baylor To Sweet 16, 80 - 63

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Instead of zoning out with disappointing loss to a former Big 12 Conference school, Baylor zoned in. And Brady Heslip ... well, he was just in a zone.

The third-seeded Bears struggled against No. 11 Colorado for the first 30 minutes before stepping on the gas and racing to an 80-63 victory in Albuquerque, N.M., Saturday night. The victory sends Baylor (29-7) to the Sweet 16 of the South Regional

where it will play the winner of Sunday's Xavier-Lehigh game.

Brady Heslip scored a career-high 27 points, making 9-of-12 3-point shots. His total number of threes is third-most in an NCAA Tournament game. Near the end of the game, his hot shooting was trending on Twitter.

"It's cool," Heslip said. "I guess that's what happens nowadays with the media. But I'm really just happy that we won the game."

The Buffs, who were in their inaugural season in the Pacific-12 Conference, won four games in four days to capture

the automatic bid. Colorado then knocked off No. 6 seed UNLV Thursday night. The Buffaloes (24-12) certainly looked capable of reaching the first Sweet 16 in school history when they trailed just 37-35 at halftime.

Midway through the second half, Colorado was shooting 54 percent and was frustrating Baylor's big men around the basket. Only Heslip was providing the Bears consistent scoring.

With just over 10 minutes to play, Baylor coach Scott Drew switched from man-to-man to zone. Over the last 10:31,

Colorado scored just six points, missing 10 of its final 12 shots.

"I was very proud of the second half, and especially the last ten minutes how we clamped down on the defensive end, really did a great job rebounding," Drew said.

Even with the clamp-down defense, Baylor had just a 63-60 lead with less than eight minutes to play. But Heslip made a 3-pointer, Pierre Jackson swished a 25-footer and Heslip added another triple. When Anthony Jones connected on a 3-pointer from the corner with 4:31 remaining, Baylor's lead suddenly was 75-

60.

"Strap the scene," said Jackson, who had 10 assists. "That's what we say when you make threes, and Brady strapped the scene tonight."

Colorado coach Tad Boyle pointed to Baylor's zone defense and Heslip's hot shooting as the two reasons his team's season is over.

"We couldn't make a shot, couldn't get our offense going, especially when they went to zone," he said. "That kind of changed the game. Heslip had the difference. He was unconscious tonight."

Notes

\* Baylor has won five of its last six NCAA Tournament games and has reached the Sweet 16 for the second time in three years.

\* Baylor set a school single-season record with 29 victories.

\* In five postseason games (three Big 12 Championship, two NCAA games), Heslip has averaged 17.0 points and hit 24-of-43 3-pointers (55.8 percent).

\* In Baylor's two NCAA Tournament games, guards Brady Heslip and Pierre Jackson have combined for 77 of the Bears' 148 points.

## Top-Ranked Kentucky Defeats Iowa State, 87 - 71

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Iowa State got a first-hand, up-close look at the team favored to win this year's national championship. Kentucky left the Cyclones and their coach dazed and confused with its 87-71 victory Saturday night.

"We've got nothing to hang our head about. We got beat by the No. 1 overall seed that played an incredible game," Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg said. "We're going to walk out of Lexington - I'm sorry, where

are we? Louisville - with our heads held high."

The game was played on the home court of the Wildcats' in-state rival and with the support of a Big Blue crowd, Kentucky (34-2) looked the part of a national champion. Other than woeful shooting, Iowa State competed until midway through the second half when the Cyclones were swept away by an avalanche of offense.

"That's about as good as we can play," said Kentucky coach John Calipari, whose team advances to the Sweet 16 of the South Regional. "I want them to just look at this and be

happy, but not satisfied. Let's just keep stepping."

Kentucky was 31-of-56 from the floor (55.4 percent) and made half of its 20 3-point attempts, outscoring Iowa State by 21 points from outside the arc. The Cyclones also had just seven assists on their 25 field goals, a sign that Kentucky's defense prevented Iowa State from establishing a flow.

"Our biggest strength is the 3-point shot, and we go 3 for 22," said Hoiberg, whose team was 25-of-61 (41 percent) from the field. "We're not going to win very many games when we shoot the ball like that."

Midway through the first half, the Wildcats had built a 23-11 lead and they held a 38-27 advantage at halftime.

Iowa State (23-11) started the second half with a 15-4 run and Scott Christopherson's layup with 16:28 to play tied the game at 42. That was the high point for the Cyclones.

Kentucky responded with a 20-2 run over the next six minutes as Iowa State missed 10 consecutive shots.

Freshman point guard Marquis Teague scored a career-high 24 points for Kentucky while fellow freshman Anthony Davis had 15

points and 12 rebounds. Royce White had 23 points and nine rebounds before fouling out with 4:23 remaining.

"I was very motivated tonight just because of what was at stake," White said. "Definitely disappointing. The most disappointing thing is personally it just feels like we let Ames down. Even though we had an over-exceeding season, the end of the day, you want to keep going and give them that excitement back home."

Notes

\* The last time Kentucky and Iowa State met was 20 years ago in the NCAA Tournament

The Wildcats defeated the Cyclones in the second round and went on to lose the East Regional final to defending national champion Duke. Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg was a freshman on that 1992 team.

\* Iowa State is now 1-17 against Associated Press No. 1-ranked teams.

\* The Cyclones are now 0-3 vs. No. 1-seeded teams in the NCAA Championship. All games have been played in the No. 1 seed's home state.