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Downtown Property Sale Reported In March 2012



Dial Realty Sells Downtown Property



Bed, Bath & Beyond is among the properties sold by Dial Realty to Manhattan Marketplace Shopping Center LLC.

Editorial
By: **Jan A. Brake**
Dial Realty of Omaha, Neb., sold most of their Downtown Manhattan North Development Area properties over the past month. The new owner is Manhattan Marketplace Shopping Center LLC. The Free Press asks the Manhattan City Staff who owned Manhattan Marketplace Shopping Center LLC and they said they did not know. Jason Hilgert, Assistant City Manager said the City and Dial did not have a contract requiring City approval on any sale.

at the management company. Dial Realty has retained five vacant lots. All 19 of the properties sold are located in the North Development Area. The new City of Manhattan staff who owned Manhattan Marketplace Shopping Center LLC and they said they did not know. Jason Hilgert, Assistant City Manager said the City and Dial did not have a contract requiring City approval on any sale.

Some stores will not show up in our report because they may be part of other buildings. It was reported when HyVee came to town that they had purchased their land from Dial. Without being sold by the City or Dial Realty these are the properties sold in the North Development Area according to County Records.

GOP Caucus Will Be Saturday

The Kansas Republican Party will hold caucuses around Kansas this Saturday. The Kansas Republican Party has been allocated a total of 40 delegates and 37 alternates according to Rule 13 of the Rules of the Republican Party. This delegate selection plan is governed by the Rules of the Republican National Committee (RNC), the Rules of the Republican Party as adopted by the 2008 Republican National Convention, the rules of the Kansas Republican Party ("KRCGP"), and Kansas state law.

Education Panel Explores Funding

KS education panel explores increased school funding. Funding on Monday, March 05, 2012. By: **Gene Meyer** | Kansas Reporter. The plan would use money from already increasing state tax revenue, which otherwise would be part of a possible \$500 million in subordinated money when the state's fiscal year ends June 30.

Read all of the Manhattan Free Press 2006-08 Editorials on Downtown Redevelopment at manhattanfreepress.com

Some Manhattan Citizens were surprised to learn last month that Dial Realty the City hand picked Developer of the Downtown Area had sold most of their property. Not readers of the Manhattan Free Press. The Free Press reported on March 8, 2012 that the sale had just taken place.

The City of Manhattan gave \$18 million of land to Dial to develop the North end. The Free Press had reported many Editorials over the years about the redevelopment and problems the City was having. You can see the complete March 8th issue of the Free Press at manhattanfreepress.com. Look in the 2012 folder and find the issue. You can also see many of our Editorials on Downtown Redevelopment.

Hoyt Named High School Principal

Greg Hoyt has been named the principal of Manhattan High School. Hoyt currently serves as the principal at Eisenhower Middle School in Manhattan, KS. He has served as EMS principal since 2004. Prior to that, he was a math teacher at Manhattan High School from 1988 to 2004. He has a B.S. in Secondary Education and a M.S. in Educational Administration and Leadership from Kansas State University.

and look forward to working with the staff, students, parents, and community members that comprise Manhattan High School," states Hoyt. "I wish to thank the entire Eisenhower Middle School Learning Community for all that they have done for me, and for giving me the privilege of working with them. I am saddened to be leaving such a tremendous school, but look forward to this new opportunity in my professional life."

Hoyt as Principal of Manhattan High School," states Superintendent Dr. Bob Shannon. "Greg brings to the position extensive knowledge and experience of secondary education as well as familiarity with Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 and the Manhattan and Ogden communities. I am very optimistic about the leadership Greg will provide for the students, faculty, staff, parents and everyone associated with Manhattan High School."

"I am deeply humbled and honored for this opportunity,

"We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Greg

Hoyt will begin his new position on July 1, 2013.

Chamber Awards: Jim Gordon Is Volunteer Of The Year

The Volunteer of the Year Award originated in 1990 to express appreciation for the hard work and dedication given to not only the Chamber but more importantly the Community by a Chamber of Commerce member. The 2012 Volunteer of the Year is Jim Gordon. In 2012, 865 members volunteered their time to the Chamber of Commerce. Community-wide, the number of volunteers and the hours donated in service to City and County government, the University, local churches, charitable organizations and other causes would be mind-boggling if ever calculated. Volunteering is alive and well in Manhattan. It's one of the things that makes Manhattan the special place it is.



Manhattan Chamber President Dan Yunk and Jim Gordon.

Gordon grew up in Bourbon County in Southeast Kansas, graduated from Fort Scott High School and Fort Scott Community College, working as a farm hand throughout high school and junior college. Following graduation from community college, it was on to Kansas State University where to this day you can see his support of the university and his love for its athletic teams where he bleeds purple. His first job out of college after graduating with honors from K-State was in Ottawa, Kansas. Three and one-half years later, it was back to Manhattan where he joined his present firm. He is married and the father of two daughters and a son. Gordon is an active supporter

er of the 4-H program, he served for years as a project leader for the Olsburg Boosters, as County Photography Leader and on the State Photography Action Committee. In 2004 he was selected as the Pottawatomie County 4-H Service award winner. He was instrumental in starting the Livestock Sale in Pott County and served as chairman of the Sale committee. Additionally, he served on the Extension Board and was President for two years. Rotary, his church, United Way and youth baseball are other areas where he has donated his time, treasure and talent. One of Gordon's greatest accomplishments would be the creation of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. He was one of the founders in 1999 and its first President. He has also served as Treasurer and Vice President before returning to the Presidency again this year. This gentleman is serving his first term on the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and this past year used his vast knowledge surrounding the new Affordable Health Care Law to present a seminar to local businesses. As a practicing CPA and partner in his firm, our honoree has provided Tax, Consulting and Accounting services for clients for over 35 years. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Public Accountants Association of Kansas, of which he has served in numerous capacities including past president.

Terry Arthur Is Citizen Of The Year

This special award, originally started in 1967, recognizes individuals who have made outstanding and repeated contributions to the progress of our community over a period of years. The 2012 Lud Fiser Citizen of the Year is Terry Arthur. A diverse set of individuals have received this prestigious honor throughout the years - a University President, a number of local politicians, an elementary school principal, a legendary football coach and prominent members of the business community.



Manhattan Chamber President Dan Yunk and Terry Arthur.

In 1990, the award was renamed to honor the late Lud Fiser. Fiser served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce for 27 years. Throughout his life, his selfless commitment and effort to improving Manhattan provided inspiration to countless others. Arthur is a native of Kansas - born in Independence. Most of his life has been spent in Manhattan however. College degrees were earned at KU and at New York University. Married for 45 years Arthur has three children and five grandchildren. His father was a noted Manhattanite, a World War II fighter pilot and a former recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award. Like father like son, Arthur also earned a pilot's license and he became the second father-son combo to receive the award. In addition to flying, Arthur likes fly-fishing, traveling and golfing. He is active in the First

United Methodist Church and has been involved in numerous charitable activities and on Manhattan boards, as well as engaged with Kansas State University. A few of those activities include: President of the Manhattan Rotary Club and recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow President of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation Chair of the Big Lakes Development Center Chair of the Board of Directors of the Riley County United Way Board of the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, Meadowlark Hills Foundation, Shepherd's Crossing, and the Manhattan Public Library Foundation. Trustee of the KSU Foundation Instructor of undergraduate and graduate courses at K-State Our awardee has co-



Sheila Mills

Sheila R. Mills, of Manhattan, died March 1, 2013, at Meadowlark Hills – Lyle House.

She was born November 26, 1936, in Fredonia, Kansas, the daughter of Raymond D. and Viola M. (Eaton) Rothgeb.

Sheila graduated from Russell High School in 1954, and attended Fort Hays State University.

She was married to Joseph H. Mills on May 31, 1958, in Russell, Kansas.

Mrs. Mills was a homemaker and a receptionist for Kansas

Farm Bureau.

She was a member of the Seven Dolores Catholic Church, and volunteered at the Budget Shop. She enjoyed knitting, her coffee group, Bunko group, and was an avid K-State sports fan. She especially loved watching her grandsons' activities.

Sheila is survived by her husband Joe Mills of Manhattan; two children: Kirsten Wilkinson and her husband Ivan of Manhattan, and Tobin "Toby" Mills and his wife Tricia of Manhattan; two

grandsons, Drew and Ryan Wilkinson; two sisters-in-law: Bets Mills of Abilene, KS, and Mary Zane Aumack of San Jose, CA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation is planned. Memorial services were held at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Father Joseph S. Popelka officiating. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

The family received friends from 10:00 until 11:00 A.M. Tuesday at the funeral home

prior to the services.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Manhattan-Ogden Public Schools Foundation for athletics or Meadowlark Hills Foundation for Lyle House. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Myrtle C. Lauer

Myrtle C. Lauer, age 96, of Manhattan, died Friday March 1, 2013 at the Via Christi Village in Manhattan.

She was born on January 13, 1917 in Manhattan, the daughter of Charles T. and Mary Ellen (Van Doren) Holt. She graduated from Manhattan High School in 1935 and after high school she attended Secretary College.

Myrtle was married to Milton Mayer he preceded her

in death. She then was married to Sylvester "Sonny" Lauer and he also preceded her in death in 1980. She was also preceded in death by her son Charles Vincent and her sister Anna Gertrude.

She worked as a secretary at Kansas State University and also at many businesses in downtown Manhattan.

Myrtle was a member of the First Baptist Church in Manhattan, the Rebekah Lodge

and the American Legion Auxiliary in Manhattan.

She was a very loving and caring lady who will be missed by her family and all the people she knew.

Myrtle is survived by her daughter-in-law, Judy Vincent of Kansas City, Kansas and also her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and many extended family members.

Private graveside services

will be held at a later date in the Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan.

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

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to the Via Christi Village in Manhattan. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Kenneth Eugene Kirkendall

Kenneth Eugene Kirkendall, age 84 of Manhattan, went home to be with his heavenly Father on February 28, 2013. He passed at the Westy Care Home in Westmoreland, KS surrounded by his family, following a lengthy journey through Alzheimer's Disease.

He was born in Smith Center, Kansas to Harvey and Florence (Walker) Kirkendall on May 22, 1928, and was the youngest of four children: Carroll, Marie Belle, and A.J. Kenneth graduated from Smith Center High School in 1946, from Kansas State Agricultural College in 1950, and from Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in 1954.

He married Ora Mae Grandfield in Manhattan, KS in

1951; their four children and spouses survive: Geoffrey and Brenda Kirkendall (Lawrence, KS); Karen and Bob Parker (Raymondville, MO); Kaleen and Max Knopp (Abilene, KS), and Kevin Kirkendall (Jersey City, NJ). Additional survivors include his wife Ora Mae of the home, his brother A.J. of Smith Center, 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth served as chaplain at the Norton State Hospital for the mentally handicapped from 1964-1987. After the state hospital system moved residents to group homes, he served as chaplain for the Norton Correctional Facility from 1987-1990. Kenneth enjoyed his ministry and served the Lord with joy and humility; he loved the mentally handi-

capped residents whom he served faithfully for many years.

He was a humble and hard-working man who enjoyed woodworking, singing, sports, reading, journaling, writing poetry, and spending time with family enjoying nature and God's creation. Kenneth spent many joyful hours outdoors, boating and fishing, working in the garden, hiking and camping at lakes and in the mountains, and traveling. He was interested in history, politics, and culture, and served in several service organizations, including the Northwest Kansas Association of Retarded Citizens, Kansans for Life at Its Best, The United Methodist Church West Conference, Good Sams' Konza Kampers, Habitat for

Humanity, Little Apple Barbershop Chorus, and Rotary International. He is deeply loved and will be sincerely missed by friends and family.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, March 9th, at the First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, with Pastor Troy Bowers officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. Friday, March 8th, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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

Esther Ernestine Stuart

Esther Ernestine Stuart, 91 of Manhattan, formerly of Nickerson, died Tuesday, February 26, at the Alma Manor Nursing Center, Alma, Kansas.

Esther was born September 27, 1921 at Arlington, Kansas to Glenn and Faye (Secrest) Van Riper. She attended grade school at Langdon, Kansas and her high school education at Nickerson High School. On December 31, 1941, she married her high school classmate, Robert Stuart. They lived on and farmed the same home-

stead for 47 years. Esther was a longtime member of the Nickerson United Methodist Church and the Senior Center. She later moved to Manhattan to be closer to her family members.

She is preceded in death by her husband in 1988; her friend and companion Norman Cowell in 2005; her parents; a brother, Leon Van Riper; a toddler sister, Luella; a son, Douglas; and a grandson, Robbie.

Survivors include a son, Roger (Brenda) of Denton,

Texas; a daughter, Tänya Bachamp (Richard) of Manhattan, Kansas; grandchildren, Mary Stuart-Leighthiser (Roy) of Ft. Gordon, Georgia, Anita Hesselberg (Greg) of Boca Raton, Florida, Todd Bachamp and Roman Bachamp (Sandra) of Kansas City, Kansas, Stuart Bachamp of Manhattan, Kansas and Susan Porter (Tom) of San Antonio, Texas; seven great-grandchildren, sister: Wilma Jean Pennick, Hutchinson daughters-in-law, Carol Stuart of Crescent City, Florida, and

Rhea Stuart Erickson of Irene, South Dakota.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Memorials may be left to the Nickerson United Methodist Church, 8200 N Riverton Rd Nickerson, Kansas 67561 or Seven Dolores Food Pantry, 731 Pierre St Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

For more information or to send an online condolence, visit www.irvinparkview.com. An Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home and Cremation service.

Donna Jill Simmer,

Donna Jill Simmer, 63, of Wamego, Kansas, died Friday, March 1, 2013, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan. She was a longtime resident of the community.

Donna was born October 6, 1949, in Topeka, Kansas, the daughter of Fred and Edith Gibbs Pinkley. She attended local schools and graduated from Wamego High School in 1967. She attended Brown and Mackie College and then Crum's Beauty College.

Donna married Wilford E.

"Bill" Simmer on June 22, 1968, in Wamego, Kansas. He survives at their home. She and Bill owned and operated Bill's Service and Car Wash and Donna was the bookkeeper for forty three years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Donna enjoyed playing cards, scrapbooking and other crafts. In her younger years she enjoyed fishing, dancing and water skiing. Above all Donna loved her family and especially

her grandchildren.

Donna is also survived by her mother, Edith Cutright, Westmoreland; her daughter, Melanie Beck and her husband, Gerry, Olathe; her son, Will Simmer and his wife, Rachael, McPherson; brother, Fred Pinkley and his wife, Cindy, Pensacola, Florida; and her grandchildren, Madison, Noah and Myles. She was preceded in death by her step-father, Tom Cutright.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday,

March 7, 2013, at Campanella-Evan Mortuary in Wamego. Inurnment will follow at St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery. The family will greet friends on Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the mortuary. They suggest memorial contributions to the Ronald McDonald House or St. Jude's Hospital, and those may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

Dianne (Mathis) Butler

Dianne (Mathis) Butler died March 2, 2013, at Homecare and Hospice in Manhattan, Kansas. Born September 20, 1938, in Harrisburg, Illinois, to Herbert and Susie (Williams) Mathis, who preceded her in death. She attended the University of Illinois and Parkland College. Dianne married Jack D. Butler, June 9, 1957. He preceded her in death January 1, 1992.

Dianne worked in the family's small grocery store from age 10 to 17. Later on she was a school bus driver in Larimer County, Colorado. She loved and enjoyed her family and friends, music, reading, sewing, gardening, antiques, environmental conservation, and all of those college graduate students who called her

"Mom."

Following Jack's retirement from the faculty at Colorado State University in 1987, they moved to Bay Center, Washington. Dianne was active in local and state politics, serving on the Pacific County Planning Commission, ten years on the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, as a Pacific County Precinct Committee Woman, and as secretary of the 19th Legislative District Democrats. She received the Pacific County 'Democrat of the Year' award. She was pianist at Bay Center Methodist Church until she moved to Astoria, Oregon, in 2001.

After moving to Astoria, Dianne joined Pioneer Presbyterian Church on

Clatsop Plains, and was active on several committees. She served as both a Deacon and an Elder, and served as Clerk of the Session. She recently resided in Roswell, New Mexico, and Manhattan, Kansas.

Survivors include a son, John E. Butler, and his wife, Kathy Scafidi, of Roswell, New Mexico; a daughter, Lisa M.B. Harrington, and her husband, John A. Harrington, Jr., of Manhattan, Kansas, and Bay Center, Washington; two beloved grandsons, Ian and Colin Harrington of Manhattan; sisters-in-law Jean Farkas of Sedalia, Missouri, and Shirley Shelby of Rosiclare, Illinois; and extended family.

The visitation will be held at

the Sloan Funeral Home, Galatia, Illinois, on Friday, March 8th at 11:00am with a graveside service and interment of ashes following at the Raleigh (Illinois) Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial gifts to Homecare and Hospice, 3801 Vanesta Drive, Manhattan, KS 66503; to Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 33324 Patriot Way, Warrenton, OR 97146; or to Bay Center Methodist Church, c/o Janet Wilson, BCUMC Finance Chair, PO Box 356, Bay Center, WA 98527, would be welcome.

To send an email condolence visit irvinparkview.com. Arrangements by Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home & Cremation.

Patrick O'Shea

Patrick Joseph O'Shea, 85, of Blaine, Kansas, died Saturday, March 2, 2013, at his home. He was a life-long resident of the community.

Pat was born March 26, 1927, in rural Blaine, Kansas, the son of John and Lenora Farrell O'Shea. He attended local schools and graduated from Blaine High School in 1945. He then briefly attended Kansas University. He served as a clerk in the United States Army during WWII while stationed in Italy.

Pat spent his entire life as a farmer and stockman on the family farm north of Blaine. He also worked construction for a few years and helped build the present Onaga Community Hospital. Pat was a steward of the land and proud of his Irish heritage. He was a member of the American Legion, Post 0181 in Frankfort for over 50 years, and a board member of the Wheaton Volunteer Rural Fire Department. He was an active member of St. Columbkille's Catholic Church and a honorary life-member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 2278. Pat was known for his love of all sports. He loved to attend Rock Creek games as well as other local sporting activities, especially when his grandchildren were participants. Above all, Pat was an avid KU fan.

Pat married Joetta "Dottie" Umscheid on June 21, 1951, in

Flush. She survives at their home.

He is also survived by his son, Stephen (Kellie) O'Shea, Blaine; his daughters, Patricia (Steven) Campbell, Westmoreland, Debra O'Shea, Westmoreland, Lisa (Mike) McAdams, Manhattan, Vicky (Russell) Geyer, Flush, and Colleen (Dan) Janatello, Shawnee; son-in-law, Greg Parsons, Auburn; brothers, Raymond O'Shea, Highland Park, Colorado and Robert O'Shea, Oskaloosa; sixteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Pat was preceded in death by a daughter, Laurie Parsons in June of 2011 and three brothers, Norbert, Gilbert and John O'Shea.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2013, at St. Columbkille's Catholic Church in Blaine. Father Pat Sullivan will be the Celebrant. Burial with military honors will follow at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery. The family will greet friends on Wednesday, at the church, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A rosary prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. They suggest memorial contributions to St. Columbkille's Catholic Church or American Legion Post 1081, and those may be sent in care of Kufahl Funeral Home in Wheaton. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

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The Fairy Tale On Spending

By Michael D. Tanner
CATO Institute

"The sequester is coming, the sequester is coming," cries Chicken Little, speaking of the across-the-board spending reductions set to kick in next Friday. As a result, much of the Washington establishment, politicians of both parties, and the media are bracing for the apocalypse.

Henny Penny worries about poisoned meat going un-inspected, the air traffic control system shutting down, and schools being forced to close. Meanwhile Turkey Lurkey is afraid that national security is threatened because our military will be gutted. And Foxy Loxy is concerned there will be massive job losses and our economy will crash.

The reality, though, is that most of what we are being told about the sequester is just a fairy tale. Here's why:

The sequester imposes sav-

age spending cuts

Actually, the sequester doesn't cut federal spending at all, or rather it cuts it only in the Washington sense of any reduction from projected baseline increases is a cut. In reality, even if the sequester goes through, the federal government will spend more every single year. In fact, in 2023 it will be spending \$2.39 trillion more than it does today.

OK, but at least the reductions in projected spending are big, right?

Hardly. This year, the sequester would slow the growth in federal spending by just \$85 billion, from an expected, pre-sequester budget of \$3.64 trillion — less than a 2.3% reduction. To put that in perspective, the federal government borrows \$85 billion every 28 days. In fact, this actually overstates the size of this year's cuts. Because of ongoing contracts and the Byzantine

labyrinth of federal budgeting, only \$44 billion of that \$85 billion will actually be cut from this year's budget. The rest will be cut in future years, but attributed to this year's budget. So, the real reduction in federal spending this year is just 1.2%. If the federal government can't reduce spending by less than a penny-and-a-half on the dollar without throwing us into the dark ages, something is truly wrong.

But aren't the cuts larger for domestic discretionary spending?

It is true that the cuts are not spread equally across all types of federal spending. Entitlement programs, such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are generally exempt — Grandma's Social Security check won't be cut — meaning that discretionary spending takes a disproportionately larger hit. Still, we are talking about a reduction of less than

9%. That would leave domestic discretionary spending, after adjusting for inflation, at roughly the same level as 2009. You recall 2009, don't you? The starvation, the mass closure of our schools, the shut-down of the transportation system, the burning cities?

What about defense? Surely, the sequester guts defense

Defense does take the biggest cut under sequester, nearly 13% of planned spending. In fact, defense spending would really be cut, in the sense of actually spending less, over the next two years. Still, it would never fall below the level of spending we had as recently as 2007, a year we managed to survive without al Qaeda wading ashore in Long Beach. Beginning in 2015, defense spending would start rising again, in real terms, and would exceed current levels by 2019. Keeping all this in per-

spective, over the entire 10-year period covered by the sequester, defense spending would average roughly \$100 billion more each year (after adjusting for inflation) than we spent at the height of the cold war.

I'm still worried about the impact on the economy. Some economists believe that the sequester will cost thousands of jobs and throw us into another recession. True or not?

The proposed spending reductions amount to less than 0.03% of our gross domestic product. If our economy can't survive spending cuts of that size, we truly are Greece. Of course, in the short term, there will be some layoffs and furloughs. This will be hard on some communities that depend heavily on government spending, and even harder on those workers directly affected. However, most of the numbers

cited about the numbers of jobs at risk come from industry groups with a vested interest in making the cuts look as bad as possible.

This entire argument buys into the Keynesian conceit that government spending creates jobs over the long term. But the resources necessary to create those jobs have to be extracted from the private economy either through taxes or borrowing. That means the private sector then has fewer resources to invest in job creation. Given that the private sector generally puts those resources to a more productive use, it is likely that government spending destroys more jobs over the long run than it creates.

We can and should have a legitimate debate about the best way to cut spending. But let's not be distracted by fairy tales about how the sky is falling.

In accordance with the Kansas Petroleum Education & Marketing Act, the Kansas Oil & Gas Resources Board does hereby promulgate the refund opportunity for assessments levied on gross revenues of oil and gas produced in Kansas which was withheld from distributions or billed on invoices dated from January 2012 through December 2012. The refund opportunity is for working interest owners who do not wish to participate in the industry-funded energy education effort. Refund requests must be made during the first quarter of the calendar year following the assessment year on properly executed refund application forms. Applications cannot be accepted after March 31, 2013. Refund application forms can be obtained by request from the Kansas Oil & Gas Resources Board, P.O. Box 757, Wichita, Kansas 67201-0757. For more information, please contact the Kansas Oil & Gas Resources Board at 316-771-7167.

Kansas Parks To Hold Open House

Free entrance at all Kansas state parks, along with special events for the family

On Saturday, March 9, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWP) will host a free entrance day and open houses at all state parks. Visitors also will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of events at most parks.

During the open houses, park users can take advantage of low off-season camping permit prices. March 31 is the last day annual camping permits are priced at off-season discounts. On April 1, the prices increase to their regular prime-season levels. Visitors can purchase annual camping permits and make cabin or campsite reservations during the open houses, as well. For pricing information and to purchase permits online, go to the KDWP website, ksoutdoors.com. For online permit purchases, click the License/Permits icon. For

campsite and cabin reservations, click the Reservations icon.

Kansas motor vehicle owners can now buy an annual park vehicle permit as part of their vehicle registration process.

The permit — called a Kansas State Parks Passport — will cost \$15.00 (county treasurers can elect to add a \$0.50 service fee). This lower-price, non-transferable permit will be available only during the vehicle registration process at a motor vehicle registration office, through the online vehicle registration site (www.kswebtags.org), or when registering by mail. The Kansas State Parks Passport will expire when the vehicle registration expires a year later.

Park entry is free on March 9, but persons who would like to buy an annual park permit before they register their vehicles can do so at any KDWP office, Kansas license vendor

or through the KDWP website, and then request a prorated refund for the difference in cost after purchasing their Kansas State Parks Passport.

Some of the state parks and their special events are listed below:

Cheney
Office open: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for permit sales and to answer questions
Cabin tours

Glen Elder
Park office and cabin open: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kanopolis
Park office open: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Cabin open house: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Milford
Park office open: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Courtesy boat inspections at

the office
Cabin open for tours upon request and availability
Coffee and cookies

Perry
Coffee and cookies at park office: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cabin open
Car show: 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at office parking lot

Tuttle Creek
Park office open: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Courtesy boat inspections, park office: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Cabin open: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Instructional archery shooting, Nihart Range: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Skins/skulls/trapping, Nihart Range: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Coffee and cookies
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Kansas State Men's Basketball Schedule / Results

| Date | Opponent / Event | Location | Time / Result |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 10/30/12 | vs. Washburn #14 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 81-61 |
| 11/04/12 | vs. Emporia State #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 81-51 |
| 11/09/12 | vs. North Dakota #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 85-52 |
| NIT Season Tip-Off Manhattan Regional | | | |
| 11/12/12 | vs. Lamar #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 79-55 |
| | Alabama-Huntsville vs. North Texas | Bramlage Coliseum | |
| 11/13/12 | vs. Alabama-Huntsville #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 87-26 |
| 11/13/12 | Lamar vs. North Texas | Bramlage Coliseum | |
| 11/18/12 | vs. North Florida | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 74-55 |
| NIT Season Tip-Off | | | |
| 11/21/12 | vs. Delaware #1 | Madison Square Garden | W, 66-63 |
| 11/23/12 | vs. Michigan #1 | Madison Square Garden | L, 57-71 |
| 12/02/12 | vs. USC Upstate | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 72-53 |
| 12/08/12 | at George Washington #1 | Charles E. Smith Center | W, 65-62 |
| State Farm Battle in Seattle | | | |
| 12/15/12 | vs. Gonzaga #1 | KeyArena | L, 52-68 |
| 12/18/12 | vs. Texas Southern | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 78-69 |
| Hy-Vee Wildcat Classic | | | |
| 12/22/12 | vs. Florida #1 | Sprint Center | W, 67-61 |
| 12/29/12 | vs. UMKC | Bramlage Coliseum | W 52-44 |
| 12/31/12 | vs. South Dakota | Bramlage Coliseum | W 70-50 |
| 01/05/13 | vs. Oklahoma State #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W 73-67 |
| 01/12/13 | at West Virginia #1 | WVU Coliseum | W 65-64 |
| 01/16/13 | at TCU #1 | Daniel-Meyer Coliseum | W 65-64 |
| 01/19/13 | vs. Oklahoma #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W 67-54 |
| 01/22/13 | vs. Kansas #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W 69-60 |
| 01/26/13 | at Iowa State #1 | Hilton Coliseum | L 59-55 |
| 01/30/13 | vs. Texas #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | L 73-69 |
| 02/02/13 | at Oklahoma #1 | Lloyd Noble Center | W 83-57 |
| 02/05/13 | at Texas Tech #1 | United Spirit Arena | W 52-50 |
| 02/09/13 | vs. Iowa State #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W 68-59 |
| 02/11/13 | at Kansas #1 | Allen Fieldhouse | W 79-70 |
| 02/16/13 | vs. Baylor #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | L 83-62 |
| 02/18/13 | vs. West Virginia #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W 81-61 |
| 02/23/13 | at Texas #1 | Erwin Center | W 71-61 |
| 02/25/13 | vs. Texas Tech #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W 81-69 |
| 02/25/13 | vs. Texas Tech #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W 75-55 |
| 03/02/13 | at Baylor #1 | Ferrell Center | W 65-61 |
| 03/05/13 | vs. TCU #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W 79-68 |
| 03/09/13 | at Oklahoma State #1 | Gallagher-Iba Arena | 12:30 PM CT |

Kansas State Women's Basketball Schedule / Results

| Date | Opponent / Event | Location | Time / Result |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 11/01/12 | vs. Fort Hays State #10 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 68-57 |
| 11/05/12 | vs. Washburn #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 75-42 |
| 11/09/12 | vs. Idaho State #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 62-54 |
| 11/11/12 | vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 89-55 |
| 11/20/12 | at Tennessee State | Nashville, Tenn. | W, 62-47 |
| 11/24/12 | at Charlotte | Charlotte, N.C. | W, 67-63 |
| 11/30/12 | vs. Mississippi Valley State #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 64-57 |
| 12/04/12 | at Wichita State | Wichita, Kan. | W, 48-43 |
| 12/09/12 | vs. South Dakota #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 68-54 |
| 12/16/12 | vs. UTEP #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | L, 50-52 |
| World Vision Classic | | | |
| 12/19/12 | vs. Texas A&M | Las Vegas, Nev. | L, 83-60 |
| 12/20/12 | vs. Notre Dame | Las Vegas, Nev. | L, 87-57 |
| 12/21/12 | at UNLV | Las Vegas, Nev. | W, 80-54 |
| 12/29/12 | at UC Santa Barbara | Santa Barbara, Calif. | W, 60-45 |
| 01/02/13 | at Kansas #1 | Lawrence, Kan. | L, 72-63 |
| 01/05/13 | vs. TCU #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 59-58 |
| 01/09/13 | at Texas Tech #1 | Lubbock, Texas | L, 59-50 |
| 01/12/13 | vs. West Virginia #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | L, 66-52 |
| 01/16/13 | vs. Baylor #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | L, 90-69 |
| 01/19/13 | at TCU #1 | Fort Worth, Texas | W, 57-54 |
| 01/23/13 | vs. Oklahoma State #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W, 76-70 |
| 01/26/13 | at Texas #1 | Austin, Texas | L, 59-40 |
| 02/02/13 | vs. Kansas #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | L 89-80 2ot |
| 02/06/13 | vs. Oklahoma #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | L 74-68 |
| 02/09/13 | at Iowa State #1 | Ames, Iowa | L 87-71 |
| 02/13/13 | vs. Texas #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W 68-47 |
| 02/16/13 | at Oklahoma State #1 | Stillwater, Okla. | L 80-45 |
| 02/20/13 | at Oklahoma #1 | Norman, Okla. | L 72-57 |
| 02/23/13 | vs. Iowa State #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | L 69-50 |
| 02/26/13 | at West Virginia #1 | Morgantown, W.V. | L 60-57 |
| 03/02/13 | vs. Texas Tech #1 | Bramlage Coliseum | W 68-62 |
| 03/04/13 | at Baylor #1 | Waco, Texas | L 90-68 |
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Big 12 Men's Standings

| Team | Big 12 | Overall |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| Kansas | 14-3 | 26-4 |
| Kansas State | 14-3 | 25-5 |
| Oklahoma State | 12-4 | 22-6 |
| Oklahoma | 10-6 | 19-10 |
| Iowa State | 9-7 | 19-10 |
| Baylor | 8-9 | 17-13 |
| West Virginia | 6-10 | 13-16 |
| Texas | 6-11 | 14-16 |
| Texas Tech | 3-14 | 10-18 |
| TCU | 1-16 | 10-20 |

Big 12 Women's Standings

| Team | Big 12 | Overall |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| Baylor | 18-0 | 29-1 |
| Iowa State | 12-6 | 21-7 |
| Oklahoma | 11-7 | 21-9 |
| Texas Tech | 11-7 | 21-9 |
| Oklahoma State | 9-9 | 20-9 |
| West Virginia | 9-9 | 17-12 |
| Kansas | 8-10 | 17-12 |
| Kansas State | 5-13 | 14-16 |
| Texas | 5-13 | 12-17 |
| TCU | 2-16 | 9-20 |

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K-State Wildcats Win Home Finale, 79-68

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State's winningest senior class added one more Tuesday night, as the Wildcats earned a decisive 79-68 victory over TCU. Angel Rodriguez recorded his second career double-double with a team-high 21 points and tied a career-high of 10 assists.

Big 12) one game away from a Big 12 Conference championship. Rodriguez was joined in double digit scoring by Rodney McGruder (13), Shane Southwell (15), Martavious Irving (15) and Thomas Gipson (11). It was the second time this season the Wildcats have had five players reach double digits.

It was a balanced attack that left the Wildcats (25-5, 14-3

The Wildcats pounced on the Horned Frogs (10-20, 1-16 Big 12) early, quickly jumping out

to a 17-5 lead in the opening eight minutes of the first half. K-State was impressive early, smothering TCU's offense and forcing eight turnovers. McGruder had a pair of dunks, highlighted by a thunderous one-handed slam after a Rodriguez steal. The Wildcats kept TCU at bay and went into the break holding a 42-27 lead.

That lead was created thanks to K-State shooting 63 percent in

the first stanza on 17-of-27 shooting. Those 17 made baskets also were joined by 17 assists, a rarity in the game and a testament to the efficiency of K-State's offense early in the contest.

That 15-point lead did not last long, as the Horned Frogs came out firing to start the second half, using a 12-2 run to cut the lead to 44-39. Gipson answered back with five straight points to get the

Wildcats back on track. TCU would get as close as four points, but the Wildcats used a combination of defense and 3-point shooting to push the lead back to 15 and seal the game for good.

With their 14th win in Big 12 play, the Wildcats tie the most ever in conference play dating back to the first season of the Big Eight Conference. In 1958-59, the Wildcats went a perfect 14-0 in league action.

K-State finishes the regular season on the road this Saturday, as the Wildcats travel to Stillwater, Okla., for a Big 12 showdown with Oklahoma State. The Big 12 regular season title will be on the line as the Wildcats enter the game tied with Kansas atop the conference standings and one game ahead of Oklahoma State. The game can be seen live at 12:30 p.m. on the Big 12 Network.

Chambers Named Big 12 Player Of The Week

WACO, Texas — With her stellar two games last week, Kansas State senior Brittany Chambers was named Phillips 66 Big 12 Player of the Week by the league office on Monday. This was the 26th time that a Wildcat has earned the weekly Big 12 honor and the fourth time Chambers has

earned the distinction in her career.

Chambers became the first player in the 45-year history of K-State women's basketball to record consecutive 30-point games, as she led K-State to a win in its regular season home finale on Saturday against Texas Tech and recorded a

career-high performance at West Virginia on Tuesday.

In K-State's 68-62 win over Texas Tech on Saturday, Chambers tallied 31 points on 12-of-19 shooting including 5-of-7 from beyond the arc. The product of Jordan, Minn., also pulled in nine rebounds, dished out one assist and pocketed one

steal.

In Tuesday's 66-57 K-State loss at West Virginia, Chambers registered a career-high 36 points on 14-of-25 shooting, including a 6-of-10 effort from beyond the arc. She also hauled in eight rebounds and dished out three assists. This was the highest point total

against a conference opponent in school history.

The two efforts were the 32nd and 33rd career games of 20 or more points for Chambers and her 14th and 15th this season. These were her fourth and fifth career 30-point games and the 43rd and 44th in school history. She is tied for the school record with five games of 30 or more points in a career and joins Shawnda DeCamp (1993-94) and Ashley Sweat (2006-10).

The 15 games with 20 or

more points are the most by a Wildcat since the 2003-04 season when Kendra Wecker tallied 16 games with 20 or more points.

For the season, Chambers is the only player in the Big 12 this season and the seventh player in the history of the league to achieve 500 points (585), 200 rebounds (218) and 80 assists (88). Chambers has achieved season career-highs in all three categories.

Rodney McGruder's Buzzer Beater Gives K-State 64-61 Win

KSU Sports Information
WACO, Texas (AP) — Rodney McGruder and 13th-ranked Kansas State took full advantage of an extra last-second chance to maintain a share of the Big 12 lead.

McGruder hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer, after the Wildcats got the ball back following Baylor's failed desperation inbound pass, for a 64-61 victory Saturday night.

The Bears had the ball back with 1 second left after K-State's Shane Southwell missed badly on a shot that went out of bounds.

Instead of settling for overtime, the Bears brought seldom-used Jacob Neubert off the bench to try a length-of-the-court inbound pass.

But Neubert's baseball-style pass went out of bounds without being touched. So the Wildcats got the ball under their own basket with still a second on the clock.

Kansas State (24-5, 13-3 Big 12) used a timeout and called a play called quick.

And it worked, with Angel Rodriguez inbounding to McGruder on the right wing for the game-ending shot.

McGruder had 18 points to

lead Kansas State, which won its fifth straight to maintain a share of the Big 12 lead with sixth-ranked Kansas with two regular season games left. The Jayhawks got their 13th league victory earlier Saturday, 91-65 over West Virginia.

Rodriguez had 13 points, with a late go-ahead 3-pointer, and Martavious Irving 11 for the Wildcats.

Pierre Jackson had 18 points and seven assists for Baylor (17-12, 8-8), which has lost seven of its past 10 games. Cory Jefferson had 14 points while Isaiah Austin, the Bears' 7-foot-1 freshman standout, had 11 points and 12 rebounds for his 10th double-double this season.

Baylor had its first lead in the second half when Jefferson got a bounce pass from Brady Heslip and made a layup while being fouled by Southwell.

After the media timeout that immediately followed with 3:58 left, Jefferson made the free throw to put the Bears up 56-54.

Southwell then had a shot blocked by Austin, but the ball went out of bounds, and Rodriguez hit a 3-pointer to put the Wildcats back ahead.

Then Jackson missed a layup that was rebounded by Jordan Henriquez, who had a dunk at the other end with 2:48 left for a 59-56 lead.

Rodriguez had a bad pass that Jackson came up with, before driving, being fouled and making the second free throw. Jackson had another chance after a miss by Rodriguez, driving all the way and being fouled McGruder. Those two free throws tied the game at 59 with 1:23 left.

McGruder made a jumper with 1:03 left, but Jackson was fouled again on a drive and again made both free throws with 35 seconds left.

Kansas State brought the ball up the court and made a few passes before coach Bruce Weber called timeout with 7.7 seconds left, setting up the play that led to Southwell's miss.

The Wildcats, who have won nine of their past 10 games, have regular-season games left at home against TCU and at Oklahoma State. They are 9-0 against teams from Texas, including a 20-point win at home over Baylor two weeks earlier.

Baylor played a ranked team at home for the first time this

season. The Bears play Monday night at Texas and come home next Saturday for a regular-season finale against Kansas.

Down 34-33 at the half, Kansas State opened the second half with a quick 7-0 spurt, and led until Jefferson's three-point play.

Southwell made a half-opening jumper before McGruder followed with a floater. After a bad pass from Baylor's A.J. Walton, directly to Rodriguez, McGruder had a dunk while being fouled and added the free throw for a 40-34 lead only 91 seconds into the second half.

Baylor wore its special neon yellow uniforms unveiled earlier this week by Adidas, including camouflage-patterned shorts in the same bright color. The Bears were one of six teams to get special uniforms for anticipated tournament appearances.

On top of that Saturday, Baylor gave out 10,000 T-shirts to the fans in the highlighter color, brightening up the Ferrell Center.

Until the gloomy finish.

First Football Game Is Aug 30

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State will open the 2013 football season with a special Friday night kickoff as its opener against North Dakota State has been selected to help debut FOX Sports 1 in a national primetime telecast on Friday, August 30, athletics officials announced today.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will highlight a night full of activities on the fifth annual K-State Family Reunion as K-State celebrates the grand-opening of the new West Stadium Center at Bill Snyder Family Stadium and honors the 2012 Big 12 Championship season with the raising of a new championship flag in the stadium. The evening will conclude with the fan favorite postgame fireworks show.

FOX Sports 1, FOX's new 24/7 all-sports channel which

will be carried in at least 90 million homes nationwide, will debut in August with the matchup between the defending Big 12 Champs and two-time defending FCS National Champion Bison serving as a feature piece of the launch.

"This is an exciting opportunity for K-State, especially as we showcase the grand-opening of the new West Stadium Center," Athletics Director John Currie said. "There is significant TV interest in this matchup against North Dakota State, which owns wins against FBS football teams Minnesota, Colorado State and KU in each of the last three seasons. After consulting with and gaining the unified support of Coach Snyder, President Schulz's cabinet, the Ahearn Fund Advisory Board and our staff we are excited to feature K-State, Manhattan and the state of

Kansas on FOX Sports 1 to a full national television audience."

The game will mark the first time in school history that the Wildcats have played a regular season game on a Friday, while the last non-Saturday contest was back in 2010 when K-State faced KU and Nebraska on Thursday.

Fans again have a variety of choices for season and single-game tickets in 2013 for a slate that includes eight games in Bill Snyder Family Stadium, including five against Big 12 opponents. The Wildcats' 12-game schedule includes nine opponents which were bowl eligible in 2012, six of which will visit Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Public season bench seating in Bill Snyder Family Stadium

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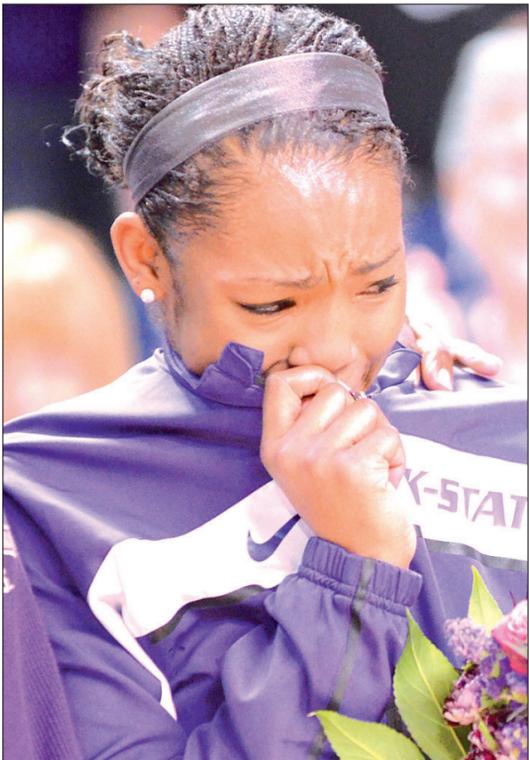
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Two K-State Seniors Play Last Game At Bramlage



It was a big night for Senior Mariah White Last Saturday.



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Brittany Chambers took to the floor and had a big game.

K-State Upset Bid Falls Short At No. 1/1 Baylor

WACO, Texas — Kansas State used a strong shooting performance early in the second half to make the Ferrell Center crowd nervous of an upset, but No. 1/1 Baylor used a 25-2 run to distance themselves from the Wildcats and win, 90-68. K-State has dropped six consecutive road games.

Kansas State (14-16, 5-13 Big 12) had all five starters in double figures led by Brittany Chambers with 22 points and seven rebounds. This was Chambers' 28th game this season in double figures and the 102nd of her career. The effort was her 34th career game of 20

or more points and her 16th this season. The 16 games with 20 or more points are the most by a Wildcat since the 2003-04 season when Kendra Wecker tallied 16 games with 20 or more points and ties for the most in the Deb Patterson era.

With her point total on Monday night, Chambers became the fourth player in school history and the seventh occasion overall to reach 600 points in a season. Her point total stands at 607 for the 2012-13 season and ranks sixth in school history.

Joining Chambers in double digits were Haley Texada, Bri Craig, Chantay Caron and

Mariah White. Texada carded 13 points, while Craig notched 12, Caron 11 and White 10. It is the third straight game Caron has reached double digits.

Baylor (29-1, 18-0), the Big 12 regular season champions, was paced by senior Brittney Griner with a Big 12 single-game record 50 points on 21-of-29 shooting and six rebounds. The 50 points were a single game record for a K-State opponent.

Kansas State stunned the sold-out crowd early, as the Wildcats dashed out to an 11-6 lead with 15:55 to play. The Wildcats knocked down 3-of-4 from three-point range to regis-

ter the early lead. The five-point lead for the Wildcats tied for the largest deficit for Baylor this season in league play.

The Lady Bears answered with an 8-0 run to secure a 14-11 lead with 13:11 to play. The Wildcats retook the lead, 17-16, on a Chambers three-pointer with 11:40 to play. Baylor would then use a 19-6 run to secure a 35-23 lead with 3:28 to play in the first half.

Baylor would take a 45-34 lead into the locker room at halftime. The Lady Bears shot a season-high for a half by a K-State opponent by shooting .750 (18-of-24) from the floor in the first stanza. The Wildcats were 8-of-21 from beyond the

arc in the first half and have now made five or more three-point field goals in a game 28 times this season, including a current streak of 24 straight games.

K-State used sharpshooting from three-point range to open the second half to cut Baylor's lead to four, 54-50, with 15:27 to play. The Wildcats made four consecutive three-pointers from four different players to cut into the deficit.

Baylor would take control of the second half with a 25-2 run. Griner scored 10 points during the run. For the game, Baylor shot .698 from the floor, which set a K-State opponent record for field goal percentage.

For the night, K-State was 15-of-35 from beyond the 3-point line. The 35 attempts improved K-State's season total and school record to 852 and set a new Big 12 record for attempts, blowing past the previous mark of 835 by Iowa State in the 2008-09 season.

Kansas State will return to the state of Texas later this week, as the Wildcats start the 2013 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championships on Friday night at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. K-State will face Texas at 6 p.m., on Friday night in the first round. The game will be available on the Big 12 Digital Network and the K-State Sports Network.

Strong Senior Showing Downs TCU 79-68

By Tonya Ricklefs
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Senior night for men's basketball was Monday night at Bramlage Coliseum. Kansas State men hosted Texas Christian University with a fired up crowd expecting to observe the men reach their 25th win this year. This would be the final game for seniors Rodney McGruder, Jordan

Henriquez, and Martavious Irving who have made history as Kansas State's winningest senior class. Rodney McGruder was recently named one of the thirty candidates for the 2013 Naismith Men's College Player of the Year Award.

Before the game even started, a video highlighted Martavious Irving's first tunnel dance that he started before a

game in the 2010 NCAA tournament when Kansas State played Xavier and won in double overtime. The starters for Kansas State against TCU included Martavious Irving in the place of Will Spradling who was still recovering from a bruised sternum, Shane Southwell, Angel Rodriguez, Rodney McGruder, and Jordan Henriquez.

Kansas State started off with an early 10-4 lead after 4 minutes of play in the 1st half. Rodney McGruder electrified the crowd with a dunk with 8 minutes to go in the half to give the Cats a ten point advantage of 24 to 14. Soon Martavious Irving was found open for a three point shot extending Kansas State's lead by 13. By halftime K-State was up 42 to 27 over TCU.

The Horned Frogs out rebounded Wildcats 13 to 10 in the first half, however, K-State only turned over the ball three times to TCU's 10. Kansas State scored 14 points off of their turnovers. Kansas State shot 63% from the field in the first half and 46.2% from the three point line.

K-State struggled early in the second half and allowed the Horned Frogs to hop back in the game when they cut the Cat's lead to four. Coach Weber quickly called a time out and the Wildcats were able to swiftly bring the lead back up to ten again.

With 34 seconds to go in the game, K-State was up 77 to 66 and Coach Weber called a time out to allow the three seniors to exit the court in front of the fans. Martavious Irving walked to the center of the court, knelt down, and kissed the Powercat before exiting the court for his last game at the coliseum.

The seniors addressed the home crowd after the game, "I couldn't ask for a better place to play and a better place to call home ... Go Cats!" — Rodney McGruder, "I'm going to miss the Octagon of Doom. K-State is going to be in my heart for-

ever." — Jordan Henriquez. Angel Rodriguez led the team with 21pts and tied his career-high in assists with 10. Saturday's game at Oklahoma

State is for the Big 12 championship. "We're playing to win a championship," Bruce Weber said. "That's why you do it."



Jordan Henriquez, Martavious Irving and Rodney McGruder before the game.



Rodney McGruder get a big dunk when the Cats needed it.

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