



Wildcat's Take The Wild Wings

TEMPE, Ariz. — Kansas State coach Bill Snyder saw what was coming and tried to avoid it, racing 20 yards down the sideline and out onto the field.

Spry as he might be, the 74-year-old coach was no match for players young enough to be his grandchildren, turning just in time to take the full icy brunt of defensive end Ryan Mueller dumping a water bucket over his head. "I did (see it), but I'm too old to get out of the way," Snyder said.

He's certainly not too old to win bowl games.

The architect of one of college football's biggest turnarounds during his first stint at Kansas State, Snyder and his Wildcats won their first bowl game in 11 years by rolling over Michigan 31-14 in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl on Saturday night.

Jake Waters threw for 271 yards and connected with record-breaking receiver Tyler Lockett on three scores, helping Kansas State (8-5) end a five-game bowl losing streak.

"Nobody on the team won a bowl game," Lockett said. "It has been 11 years, (like) 4,018 games. We wanted to send the seniors out with a great win in a Kansas State uniform."

The Wildcats surged at the end of the season and were unstoppable early against Michigan (7-6), scoring on their first three possessions behind Lockett and Waters.

Lockett set a school record with 10 catches for 116 yards and tied the Kansas State bowl record with his three TDs. Waters was efficient in leading Kansas State's offense, completing 21 of 27 passes and running for 42 yards.

The Wildcats' defense dominated most of the night, holding Michigan to 261 total yards — 82 of that on a final scoring drive in the fourth quarter with the game out of reach.

"To win the way we did it put a nice little cap to our season," Waters said. "The journey we have been through, to end like this is special."

Freshman quarterback Shane



Kansas State Running Back John Hubert (33) scores a touchdown in the 4th quarter. Hubert set a goal of running for more than 1,000 yards this year and went over the mark in the 1st quarter of the Buffalo Wild Wing Bowl game with Michigan. (Photos by Ben Brake)

Morris was steady in place of injured starter Devin Gardner, leading Michigan on two early scoring drives. The Wolverines settled for field goals on both and did little the rest of the way.

Morris threw for 196 yards on 24-of-38 passing with an interception. Michigan's run game didn't give him much support, particularly early, and finished with 65 yards on 15 carries.

Michigan's defense also had trouble stopping Kansas State most of the night, giving up 420 total yards in the Wolverines' second straight bowl loss.

"We didn't play well enough in a lot of areas," coach Brady Hoke said.

Kansas State finished the season strong after some early difficulties — starting with a home loss to FCS opponent North Dakota State. The Wildcats won five of their final six games while

scoring at least 31 points in each.

Michigan limped to the finish after a 5-0 start, losing five of its final seven games and Gardner along the way. The redshirt junior injured his toe in the regular-season finale against Ohio State and didn't recover in time for the bowl game, leaving the Wolverines in the hands of Morris.

The freshman hasn't played much over the past year, limited to four

games as a high school senior due to mononucleosis and to nine pass attempts as Gardner's backup this season.

Morris didn't seem to mind being thrust into the spotlight as the first Michigan quarterback to make his first career start in a bowl game. He was helped by a conservative game plan filled with short throws early and started unleashing his big left arm by Michigan's second drive, completing 15 of 19 passes for 121 yards in the first half.

"You would have thought he was doing it five years now," Michigan offensive lineman Taylor Lewan said.

The problem for the Wolverines was they couldn't finish off drives, settling for field goals of 22 and 26 yards by Matt Wile.

That was good for Wile, who made one field goal all season, but not for Michigan because its defense couldn't stop the Wildcats — particularly the Waters-to-Lockett combination.

Kansas State set the tone on its opening drive, grinding out 75 yards in 15 plays and 7:51 off the clock. Lockett capped it with a 6-yard touchdown catch after the Wildcats' line gave Waters just enough time to get the throw off against Michigan's blitz.

Lockett set up the next drive with a 40-yard kickoff return and capped it with a 29-yard touchdown catch, set up by Waters' pump fake that gave him separation behind Michigan's defense.

Kansas State raced down the field again on its next drive, setting up Lockett's third touchdown, an 8-yarder from Waters that put the Wildcats up 21-6 at halftime.

"We wanted to get a fast start and we did," Lockett said. "We got on top of them early and that helped us out."

The Wildcats bogged down in the second half, but so did the Wolverines.

Michigan had 23 total yards in the third quarter and failed to capitalize on the game's first turnover — a fumble by Daniel Sams — by going three-and-out.

Kansas State's Ian Anderson hit a 22-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, John Hubert scored on a 1-yard run after Morris' interception and the Wildcats celebrated Snyder's seventh bowl victory by chasing him down the sideline for the water-bucket dump.



If you think Kansas State University Coach Bill Snyder looks like he was mad in this photo early in the game, you should have seen him after Jr. Defensive End Ryan Mueller dumped the traditional water bucket on him with three minutes to go in the game. Cold...

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Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building December 23, 2013 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Chair; Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment, Commission Comments, & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/ Deputy Clerk; Debbie Register, Register of Deeds; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Keirsten Cragg, Records Assistant II, attended.

Register requested to close the Register of Deeds' Office on December 31, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. to the public.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed by consensus to allow the Register of Deeds' Office to close on December 31, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. to the public.

Boyd moved to appoint Wallace Pope to the Riley County Road and Bridge Advisory Board and approve "Resolution No. 122313-85, A Resolution appointing a representative to the Road and Bridge Advisory Board", term expiration December 31, 2016. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Kansas State University (203-07-2-30-01-003.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$42,092.44. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for KSU Real Estate Fund, LLC (211-12-0-40-20-003.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$14,360.60. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for MJC Properties, LLC (203-06-2-80-13-006.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$138.88. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Dale R Haug (203-07-2-70-22-004.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$263.90. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Gibran M. Suleiman (111-12-0-40-01-030.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$103.90. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Benjamin J & Tamara S. Burton (203-07-2-80-09-009.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$652.38. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the 2014 We Deliver Courier Agreement with the Public Works Department, Noxious Weed Department, and Riley County Health Department. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve an Agreement for Professional Services with SMH Consultants for the culvert replacement projects at W. 54th Street in the amount of \$25,132.50, N. 52nd Street in the amount of \$24,526.10, and Green Randolph Road in the amount of \$29,582.88. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Keirsten Cragg, Records Assistant II; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Holeman presented the Indigent Defense Panel contracts for 2014.

Boyd moved to approve an Agreement with Grant Bannister for the Indigent Defense Panel in the amount of \$4,645.00 per month for the designated Administrative Attorney, and \$4,325.00 per month for other attorneys, for 2014. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:10 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session on potential litigation for the purpose of consultation with an attorney for the County Commission which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 9:20 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:20 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved for Holeman to proceed as discussed in executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:30 Press Conference

Officer Matthew Droge, Riley County Police Department; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Keirsten Cragg, Records Assistant II; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Droge discussed Holiday/New Year's safety.

Lewis announced the following Riley County holiday office hours:

- County offices will close at noon, Tuesday, December 24th and will be closed all day Wednesday, December 25th

- Transfer Station will be open until 12:00 (noon) on Tuesday, December 24th, closed Wednesday, December 25th, and re-open at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 26th.

- Treasurer's Office will close on Tuesday, December 31st at 12:00 (noon).

- Register of Deeds' Office will close on Tuesday, December 31st at 3:00 p.m.

- All county offices will be

closed Wednesday, January 1st.

10:00 Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director

Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Keirsten Cragg, Records Assistant II; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Nall discussed the 2014 aerial photography solution by Pictometry for 'oblique' and 'ortho' imagery.

The Board of County Commissioners expressed concern with the 2013 aerial photography, from a different vendor, not being delivered at this point. Boyd suggested terminating the 2013 aerial photography contract.

The Board agreed by consensus for staff to pursue terminating the 2013 aerial photography contract or reducing the fees based on inappropriate delivery of receivables.

Boyd moved to allow the Information Technology Department to move forward with the Aerial Photography project in the 2014 IT/GIS budget. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:25 Executive Sessions to discuss department head evaluations

10:25 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Pat Collins) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 10:35 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:35 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

10:36 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Pat Collins) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:05 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:06 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:07 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county

employee (Pat Collins) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to

resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:15 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:17 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:25 Boyd moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Pat Collins) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:30 p.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:30 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

11:36 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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John R. Graham

John R. Graham, age 68, died peacefully with family by his side on December 20, 2013 in Manhattan, Kansas. A native Kansan, John was born in Liberal, Kansas on August 14, 1945 to John Alfred and Doris Fay (Bozarth) Graham. He was raised in Great Bend, Kansas, where he graduated from Great Bend High School in 1963. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1967 with a degree in Accounting. While at K-State he was a varsity letterman in golf, a sport he learned from his father, taught his sons and grandchildren, and played until his death. He was also an active member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, an organization he remained active with as an alumnus and served as a House Corporation Board member until his death. After K-State, John continued his academic pursuits at the Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, where he earned his MBA in 1969 and his PhD in Accounting and Finance in 1971.

On January 27, 1968 John married his college sweetheart, Mary Lee Barley, in Shreveport, Louisiana. They are the parents of two sons, John Jeffrey Graham and Christopher Nichols Graham. All four members of the Graham family are graduates and avid supporters of K-State.

In 1970 John began his professional career in the College of Business Administration at K-State. He advanced through the ranks and became Associate Dean and Director of Graduate Studies in 1975. His academic career included more than 30 professional papers and publications including a co-authored book, with longtime friend and attorney Terry Arthur, Keeping What's Yours: Estate Planning after Tax Reform. In 1979 John's leadership skills led him to accept the position of CEO and Executive Vice President of the Kansas Farm Bureau and affiliated companies. He

remained in this position until his retirement in 1999. During his tenure at Kansas Farm Bureau John's passion for teaching continued as an Adjunct Full Professor for the College of Business Administration. From 2000 until his death John served part-time as Executive in Residence and Professor of Finance for the College of Business Administration.

In addition to his duties at K-State and Kansas Farm Bureau, John served as Chairman and CEO of Graham Capital Management, Inc., an entity he formed in 1997 as a business services, investment management, real estate, venture capital and family holding company.

Among his numerous honors were many that recognized his contributions to his career in the insurance industry and academia as well as his commitment to helping others. He was inducted into the Kansas Insurance Hall of Fame in 1987, served as chairman of the National Association of Independent Insurers in 1993, was selected as Rotarian of the Year by the Manhattan Rotary Club in 1988 and was honored by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the year in 1989. John was named the K-State Alumni Fellow for the College of Business Administration in 1991, was selected as the Finance Executive of the Year and Hall of Fame inductee by the K-State Finance Advisory Board in 1998 and was an inaugural inductee into the K-State CBA Hall of Fame in 2001. In the Manhattan community John welcomed the opportunity to give his time and talent to a variety of not for profit and civic organizations including becoming a founder of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. He was actively involved with St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center where he was Chairman of the

Newman Foundation and enjoyed serving as a member of the Diocese of Salina Finance Council.

John served on the Board of Directors for several public and private companies including Tortoise Investment Companies, Kansas State Bank, The Trust Company, Erie Indemnity Co. and CorEnergy Infrastructure Trust, as well as a member of Merrill Companies, LLC and its affiliated investment funds.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Lee. Additional survivors include their two sons, Jeff and his wife Kristen of Raymore, MO and Nick and his wife Amy of Dallas, TX; two grandchildren John Myles Graham and Elizabeth Ann Graham; his identical twin brother James J. Graham and his wife Celinda of Wichita, KS and his sister Marsha Ann Protinsky and her husband Howard "Bud" of Hardy, VA. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 3, 2014 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church 2900 Kimball Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas with Father Keith Weber as celebrant. Interment will follow in Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan, Kansas.

A Visitation will be held from 6-7 p.m. with a Vigil at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 2, 2014 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

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

Suggested memorials include St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center, The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation Founders Trust or The Good Shepherd Hospice House. Contributions may be left in care of Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502

The Next Riley County General Election Will Be November 4, 2014



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Riley County Commissioner Ron Wells 785-565-6213

Readers...

The Riley County Commissioners are marching to takeover the financing of all major projects in Manhattan and Riley County. The City of Manhattan is \$278 million in Debt. The State of Kansas has a law that limits the amount of Debt a City or County can have. Manhattan is within \$50 million of reaching the limit. \$50 million sounds like a lot of money but the City and the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce have been working for the past year with a "Private" Group to takeover the City Parks and spend \$52 million. In doing so they would destroy about everything build in the last 20 years. That one project would put Manhattan above the State Debt Limit so they need help.

Any project financed by the Public Building Commission would not count against the Total City Debt. It gives them a way to go around the State Law. There will be no stopping the Cities ability to take City Debt to new heights.

There is an old joke.. "How can you tell if a politician is lying? Their lips are moving." Well the Riley County Commission's lips have been moving but we do not want to call them liars, they have just been telling Citizens one thing and doing another.

For months the Free Press has been asking Citizens to call the Commissioners about the Public Building Commission but the Commissioner have been responding by saying that any Public Building Commission will only be used for Riley County Projects. But look at the December 19th issue of the Manhattan Free Press at manhattanfreepress.com.

We print the new Bylaws and look at what the Commission is going to pass: "ARTICLE VII

Projects Excluded - The PBC shall not have authority to approve financing for any public building project of a unified school district, university or college."

They are not "Excluding" the City of Manhattan or the State of Kansas.

Jon A. Brake
Publisher Manhattan Free Press and
the Blue Rapids Free Press

Top 10 Examples Of Government Waste

Booze, Pole Dancing, and Luxurious Hotels: Top 10 Examples of Government Waste in 2013

The latest budget deal, passed by a bipartisan majority in both the House and the Senate, suggests that Washington agrees with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) when she said that “the

cupboard is bare. There’s no more cuts to make.”

The cupboard, however, is overflowing with liquor, crystal glassware, and more.

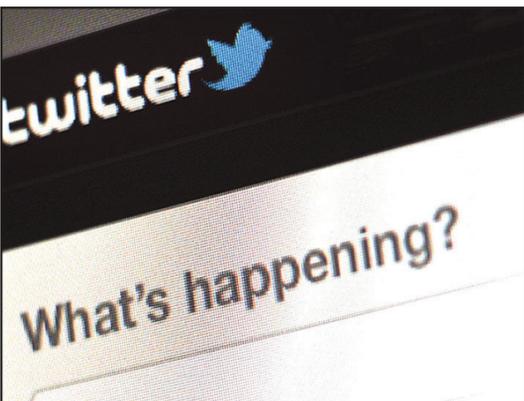
Here is our list of the top 10 examples of wasteful government spending this year, serving as a reminder that there is no shortage of excessive spending in Washington.



8. Grant for a pole dancing performance: \$10,000. Utility poles, that is. The National Endowment for the Arts provided a grant to PowerUP for Austin Energy employees to perform an artsy dance with 20 utility poles, accompanied by a live orchestra.



5. Booze and crystal for the State Department: \$5.4 million. The State Department went on a bender the week before the government shutdown, purchasing \$5 million of “exquisite” crystal glassware to presumably drink the \$400,000 in booze they purchased in 2013.



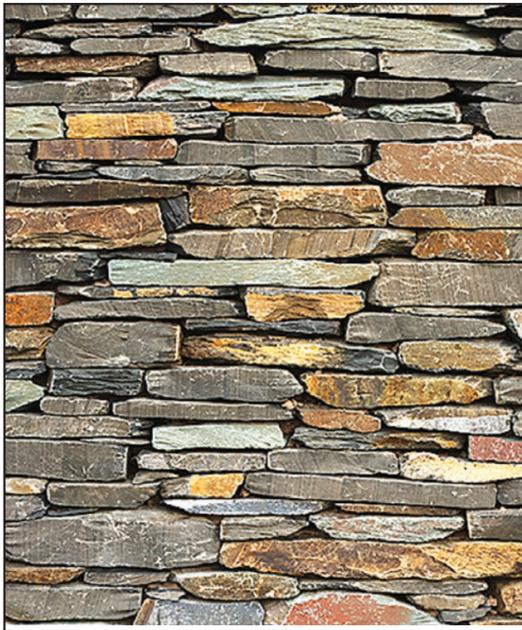
4. Monitoring depression on Twitter: \$82,000. The National Institutes of Health is funding a study “to use Twitter for surveillance on depressed people,” according to the Free Beacon.



10. Outhouse in Alaska: \$98,670. The Interior Department spent nearly \$100,000 to install an outhouse on an Alaskan trail, which includes a single toilet with no internal plumbing.



6. Study to find out if couples are happier when the woman calms down after argument: \$335,525. “[M]arriages that were the happiest were the ones in which the wives were able to calm down quickly during marital conflict,” found a study of 81 couples funded by the National Institutes of Health.



3. Seven-figure stack of rocks at the London Embassy: \$1 million. The American Embassy in London will be receiving a granite sculpture from an artist “whose work resembles stacked piles of paving stones,” according to the Daily Mail.



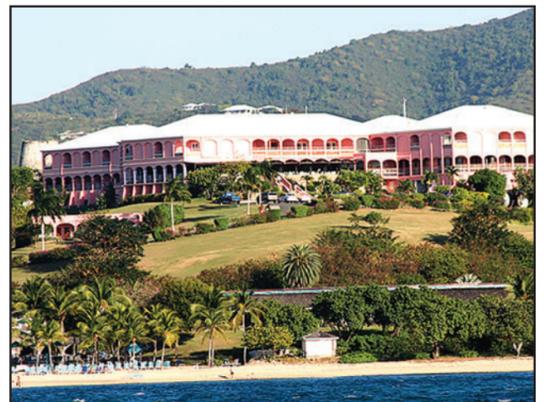
9. A bus stop with heated pavement for the Washington area: \$1 million. A lavish bus stop with heated pavement was built in Arlington, VA, but it has failed to keep commuters warm or dry.



7. Pizza — from a printer: \$124,995. NASA gave a six-figure grant to a company that aspires to make pizza from a 3-D printer.



2. Artwork for Veterans Affairs offices: \$562,000. The Department of Veterans Affairs went on a spending spree during “use it or lose it” season, purchasing over half a million in artwork and millions in furniture in a



1. Government employee trip to luxury hotel in the Caribbean: priceless. Federal employees took a taxpayer-funded trip to the Buccaneer Hotel in St. Croix—the same hotel made famous on TV’s “The Bachelor.” The bill was divided among a number of agencies, making a final tally difficult to come by.

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Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus

The bonded debt limit for cities across Kansas is 30% of their assessed valuation. You know where we're headed here already, don't you. Manhattan's current valuation, the value of all the "taxable" properties in town including vehicles, is a tad over \$500 million. So, the city's debt limit is 30% of that or about \$150 million.

Now, we often hear Manhattan's debt is around \$275 million and wonder how it can be twice the state's statutory limit? Well, it's because there are all sorts of exemptions including much of the debt incurred as part of the north and south redevelopment areas. Those were largely financed with bonds secured mostly by sales taxes, through what you'll remember as tax increment financing (TIF) and STAR bonds. The latter were secured by the state's 6.15% share of the 8.9% sales tax collected within the two districts. The state rebates their sales tax share to the city for those bonds. Thus, a lot of the redevelopment debt is exempt from the city's limit.

We're told that exceptions also include bonds issued for storm sewers, municipal utilities, and improvements to intersections of streets and alleys that are immediately in front of city or school district property. We're not sure why that part is exempt, but hey, it's the government, folks. And to compli-



Bob Strawn

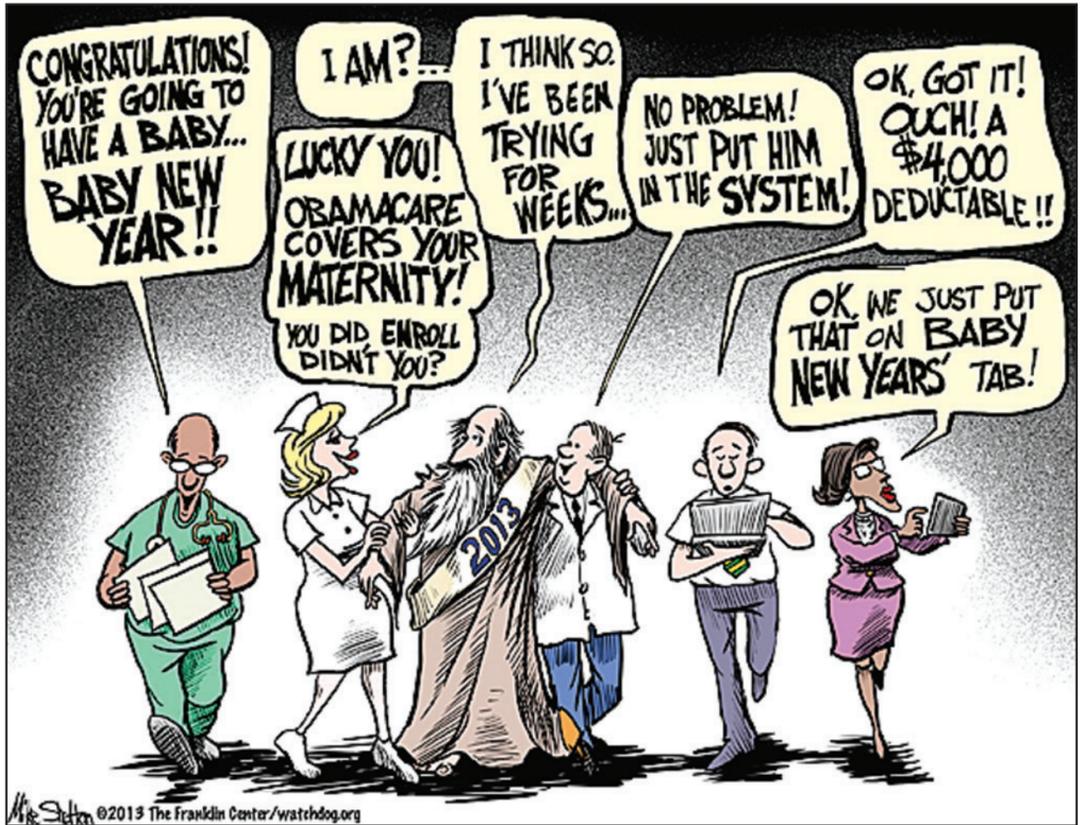
cate the matter even further, there are about 70 other statutes that contain specific exemptions.

And not surprisingly, some cities have higher limits than the statute allows. Junction City, for example, has a 37% limit because, presumably like Detroit recently, they would have had to declare bankruptcy if held to 30%. Junction's relatively massive debt came when city central planners approved too much land development in preparation for the Big Red One's return from Germany. And then their developer friends reneged on paying the city's special taxes that financed their city streets and sewers. Thankfully, we've had little of that horseplay here.

So, Manhattan actually has about \$100 million in general obligation debt that applies to its \$150 million statutory limit. The debt is made up of temporary notes, general obligation bonds and special assessment bonds. Specials finance streets and sewers like those in Junction, which are intended to be paid by the associated land owners as part of their property taxes.

Temporary notes, on the other hand, provide short term cash to finance these and other city projects. The notes are later converted to long term

The Conservative Side...



bonds. But for the past several years, temp notes have carried lower interest rates than bonds. So, the city has used them to their fullest.

Obviously, we were more

than a little fortunate that TIF and STAR bonds were available for downtown redevelopment financing. And in the case of STAR's, the city was able to justify - with the Flint

Hills Discovery Center - the state contributing \$50 million to the overall cost. However, the statutory limit remains with projects looming like the \$54 million Fieldhouse Project,

which we have addressed before and will again.

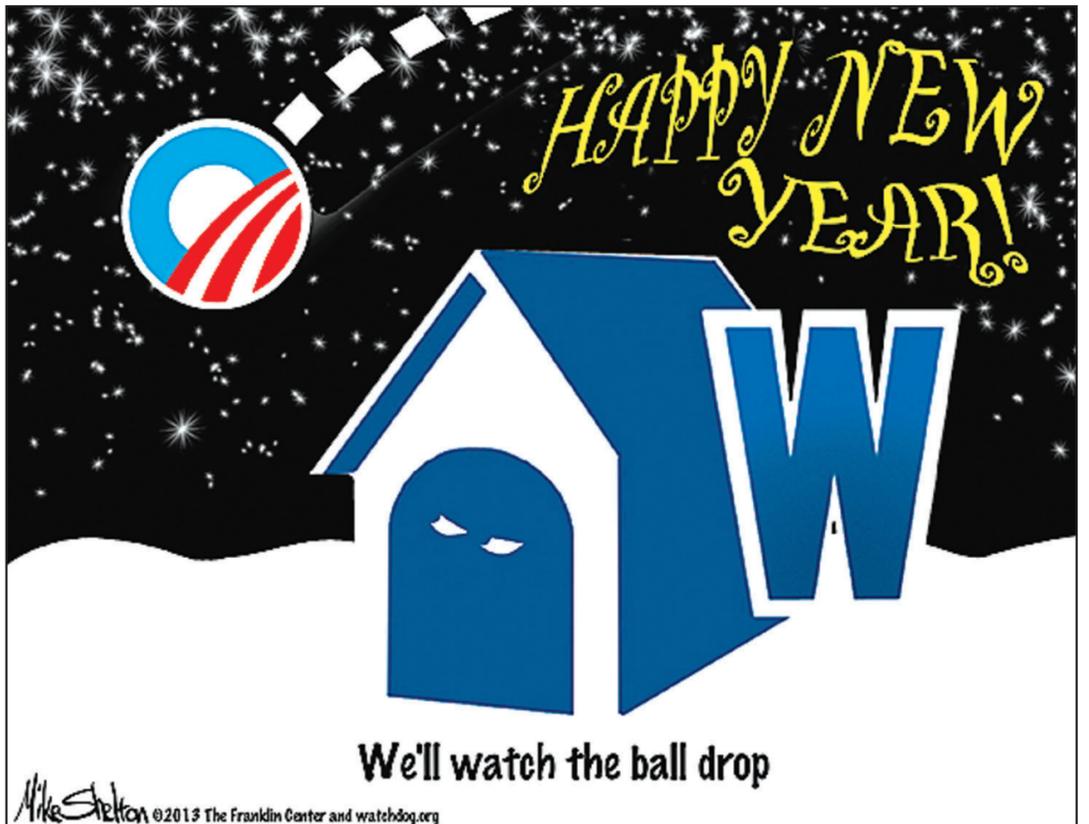
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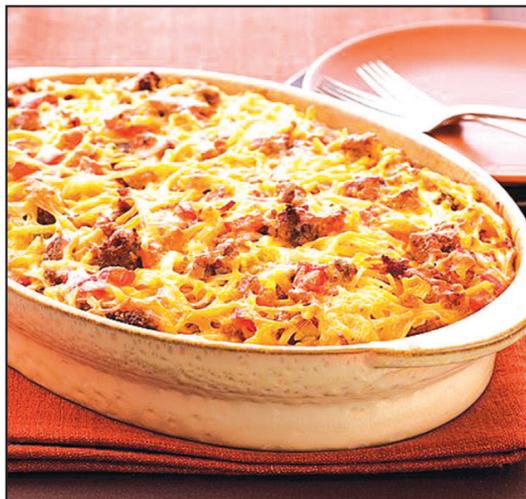
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Ingredients

- 2 boxes Betty Crocker® Seasoned Skillet® hash brown potatoes
- 1 1/2 lb bulk spicy pork sausage
- 2 medium red bell peppers, chopped (2 cups)
- 8 medium green onions, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 oz)
- 1cup shredded pepper Jack cheese (4 oz)
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 6 eggs
- Chopped fresh cilantro, if desired

Directions

- Spray 3-quart casserole dish with cooking spray. In 4-quart bowl, cover potatoes with 10 cups boiling water. Let stand 3 minutes. Drain well; return potatoes to bowl.
- In 12-inch skillet, cook sausage over medium heat 5 minutes. Add bell peppers; cook 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until sausage is no longer pink and peppers are tender. Drain. Add sausage mixture to potatoes in bowl; stir in onions and 1/2 cup of each of the cheeses. Spread in baking dish.
- In medium bowl, beat milk, salt, pepper and eggs until blended. Pour over sausage-potato mixture; sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup of each cheese. Cover; refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.
- Heat oven to 375°F. Uncover baking dish.

Bake 50 minutes or until light golden brown and cheese is melted. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with cilantro.

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13 Regret	52 Gospel writer	25 Khan title
14 Logical	53 Help a hood	26 Ensued
15 Deserve	54 Periodical, for short	28 Preceding
16 Table scrap	55 Eye part	29 Inn offerings
17 Differently	56 Fashion	30 Work unit
18 Guiding principles	57 Type measures	31 Rotation duration
20 Grown-ups	58 Fender bender	36 Official emissary
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27 Roared	2 Frost	42 "The King and I" locale
32 Id counter-part	3 Farm fraction	43 Timber wolf
33 Acapulco gold	4 Sincere	44 Iditarod terminus
34 Geological period	5 Medieval weapon	46 Remedy
35 Delighted (in)	6 "- Town"	47 Similar
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Southwell's Career Night Carries K-State Past GW

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Senior Shane Southwell scored a career-high 21 points to help K-State conclude its non-conference schedule with a 72-55 win over George Washington on New Year's Eve.

The Harlem, N.Y., native scored 14 of his 21 points in the first half, as the Wildcats (10-3) climbed out of an early deficit against the Colonials to post its eighth consecutive win and finish off the month of December with a perfect 7-0 mark. The loss snapped George Washington's (11-2) six-game winning streak, which had included wins over nationally-ranked Creighton and Maryland.

"We had given the guys a goal when we left Puerto Rico to go unbeaten in December," said Weber. "It was our opportunity to play ourselves back in the conversation for postseason play, so it was great to get it done. As we got closer to it, our players got more excited about it. Our goal was to go 1-0 each time out. We knew George Washington was a good team, an NCAA Tournament team, and we let them get into their sweet spots early. However, we picked it back up. Our defense, during that stretch where they didn't score, did a great job and that kind of knocked their spirit out."

The eight-game winning streak ties for the longest of head coach Bruce Weber's tenure, matching another eight-game streak from Dec. 18, 2012 to Jan. 9, 2013, while the team finished perfect in December for the fifth time in school history and the first time since 2009.

Southwell, who matched his career-high for the third time on Saturday with 19 points against Tulane, went 9-of-17 from the field, including 3-of-6 from 3-point range, against the Colonials. It was his first 20-point game, as he also added five assists, four rebounds, three blocks and three steals in 31 minutes.

Freshman Marcus Foster and

junior Thomas Gipson joined Southwell in double-figure scoring with 15 and 12 points, respectively. Foster has now scored in double figures 11 times in the last 12 games, while Gipson was a force on the inside, pulling down a team-high eight rebounds.

After falling behind 16-5 in the opening five minutes of the game, Southwell scored eight straight points to spark a 20-0 run for the Wildcats capped off by an Omari Lawrence jumper. K-State's defense did not allow a George Washington field goal for nearly eight minutes from the 15:25 to the 8:00 mark of the first half. The run gave K-State a 26-15 lead and got the home crowd into the action.

The Colonials would cut the lead to 32-25 after a pair of Joe McDonald free throws with 3:42 left in the opening half. However, the Wildcats responded by ending the first half on a 9-5 run to go into half-time with a 43-30 lead. Southwell led all scorers with 14, but seven Wildcats had at least one field goal.

Freshman Jevon Thomas made his Bramlage Coliseum debut and gave the Wildcats energy off of the bench. The freshman from Queens, N.Y., was tenacious on defense and showed great court vision, dishing five assists in 11 minutes during the first half. He finished the game with a team-best six assists on zero turnovers in 23 minutes of action.

K-State started the second half off strong with Foster scoring five quick points to extend the lead to 48-30 just 47 seconds into the frame. The Colonials would close to within 15 points on a number of occasions but the Wildcats seem to always find an answer as they extended the lead to 20 points with 10:17 to play in the eventual 17-point win.

Kethan Savage (14) and Maurice Creek (13) each scored in double figures to lead George Washington, while Isaiah Armwood posted a game-high 10 rebounds.



Senior Shane Southwell had a big game shooting but he also did other things like saving the ball from going out of bounds.

The defense was again stellar for K-State, as it held the potent Colonials to nearly 22 points under their scoring average with a season-low 55 points on 34 percent shooting. George Washington managed to shoot just 20 percent (5-of-25) from the field in the second half. The Wildcats have now

held 11 of their last 12 opponent to their season low in points.

The Wildcats also won the rebounding battle for the ninth consecutive game with a 37-33 margin and now are 29-2 under Weber when out-rebounding their opponent.

The K-State offense was

again efficient, as the squad connected on 48.3 percent (28-of-58) from the field and tallied 20 assists on 28 made field goals. The team also had 36 points in the paint, the second-most this season, and got 15 points from its bench, including nine from Nino Williams.

The team finishes non-con-

ference play with at least 10 wins for the eighth consecutive season, as the Wildcats have collected an 81-18 record in non-conference play since 2006-07. The squad has now won 35 consecutive home games in the month of December dating back to 2004.



Junior Forward Nino Williams (11) goes for the dunk.



Shane Southwell (1) moves past the defenders for two points.



Forward D.J. Johnson (50) lays one in.

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KSU's Goal Was The First Bowl Victory Since '02

By Tonya Ricklefs
Manhattan Free Press

The pep rally for Kansas State was set in an old western town complete with staged gunfights and the set from the show Rawhide. A showdown was set to happen in Arizona, and while Michigan was the official challenger, it was soon made it clear to the cheering crowd that beating Michigan was just a step towards the ultimate goal: the first bowl victory for Kansas State since 2002.

Both Michigan and Kansas State entered the game with a record of 7 and 5, Kansas State gaining wins at the end of the season while Michigan skidded into the end of the season losing five of its final seven games. The quarterback for Michigan was injured in the final game of their regular season and Gardner's absence was a key reason that Kansas State was predicted to win by 3.5 points.

Coach Snyder made sure to emphasize during press conferences leading up to the bowl that he has two quarterbacks that will be playing. During the end of the season, Daniel Sams saw less and less playing time. Jake Waters started the game for the Wildcats and on the opening drive the Cats ate up over 7 minutes of the first quarter and moved the ball 75 yards. Tyler Lockett made the reception to score the first touchdown of the game and the Wildcats never looked back. The question about the effectiveness of the Cats defense was soon answered because they only allowed field goals the first half of the game, and allowed Michigan its first touchdown in the last five minutes of the game. The Wolverines' backup quarterback Shane Morris may not have been as effective as

the Michigan fans would have liked, but he kept his composure and kept the ball moving. Morris had one more rushing yard than K-State's own quarterback Waters, and was only sacked once. Morris completed 196 passing yards to Jake Waters' 271 passing yards. Michigan fans can look forward to a solid future with Morris at the helm. Kansas State's defensive put the final nail in the Wolverine coffin with an interception by Dante Barnett that was ran back 51 yards. At the end of the game, the two Tulsa, Oklahoma natives Barnett and Lockett were named Defensive and Offensive players of the game respectively. The Wildcats celebrated their victory on the field following the game in front of over 6,000 K-State fans.

Any Kansas State fan knows that Coach Snyder most likely started thinking about next season on the trip home from the bowl game. The season ended with the burning question still out there, "who will be K-State's quarterback next year?" I have mentioned before that I am not a fan of the two-quarterback system, but I think it got us through some difficult challenges this season. Sams and Waters both offered strength to the position that the Cats needed. Reflecting on the season, as well as the bowl game, next year we need to focus on utilizing the talent we have in Waters and Lockett's ability to catch and gain record-breaking yardage. The argument that Waters cannot run the ball should be done. While it may not be his strength, but he has become more confident throughout this season and managed to get 42 rushing yards in the bowl game, putting



Buffalo Wild Wings Offensive Player of the game was Tyler Lockett (16) and the Buffalo Wild Wings Defensive Player of the Game was Dante Barnett (22). (Photos by Tonya Ricklefs.)

him second behind John Hubert in rushing yards.

There has been a bit of end-of-year controversy because it has been reported in multiple media sources that Daniel Sams is interested changing

positions if it gets him more playing time. Daniel Sams stated on Twitter that he is frustrated that the media misquoted him. While he was not specific about what he was misquoted about, the story about a posi-

tion change has been the most widely reported one focused on Sams. Regardless of what has been reported, both Sams and Waters have played this year in a professional way. It will be nine months before we get to

see the answer to the quarterback question, but I guess I will have to cast my vote to see an amazing passing game next year that can quite frankly continue to be a record-setting year.



Buffalo Wild Wings Defensive Player of the Game was Dante Barnett (22) intercepts a Michigan pass.



Buffalo Wild Wings Offensive Player of the game was Tyler Lockett (16) with one of three TD passes.

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K-State Handles Michigan To Win BWW Bowl

KSU Sports Information

TEMPE, Ariz. — Jake Waters threw for 271 yards and connected with Tyler Lockett on three touchdowns, leading Kansas State to its first bowl victory in 11 years, 31-14 over Michigan in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl on Saturday night.

Kansas State (8-5) scored on its first three possessions, all touchdown passes from Waters to Lockett, and its defense dominated Michigan to end a five-game bowl losing streak.

Lockett set a school record with 10 catches for 116 yards and Waters completed 21 of 27 passes, sending the Wildcats to their first bowl victory since the 2002 Holiday Bowl.

Freshman Shane Morris was steady in place of injured starter Devin Gardner, leading Michigan (7-6) on two early scoring drives. The Wolverines settled for field goals on both and did little the rest of the way, finishing with 261 total yards.

Morris threw for 196 yards on 24-of-38 passing with an interception before leading Michigan on a late scoring drive with the game out of reach.

Michigan's defense also had trouble stopping Kansas State most of the night, giving up 420 total yards.

Kansas State finished the season strong after some early difficulties — starting with a home loss to FCS North Dakota State — winning five of its final six games while scoring at least 31 points in each.

Michigan limped to the finish after a 5-0 start, losing five of its final seven games and Gardner along the way. The senior injured his toe in the regular-season finale against Ohio State and didn't recover in time

for the bowl game, leaving the Wolverines in the hands of Morris.

The freshman hasn't played much over the past year, limited to four games as a high school senior due to mononucleosis and to nine pass attempts as Gardner's backup this season.

Morris didn't seem to mind being thrust into the spotlight as the first Michigan quarterback to make his first career start in a bowl game. He was helped by a conservative game plan filled with short throws early and started unleashing his big left arm by Michigan's second drive, completing 15 of 19 passes for 121 yards in the first half.

The problem for the Wolverines was they couldn't finish off drives, settling for field goals of 22 and 26 yards by Matt Wile.

That was good for Wile, who made one field goal all season, but not for Michigan since its defense couldn't seem to stop the Wildcats — particularly the Waters-to-Lockett combination.

Kansas State set the tone on its opening drive, grinding out 75 yards in 15 plays and 7:51 off the clock. Lockett capped it with a 6-yard touchdown catch after the Wildcats' line gave Waters just enough time to get the throw off against Michigan's blitz. Lockett set up the next drive with a 40-yard kickoff return and capped with a 29-yard touchdown catch, set up by Waters' pump fake that gave him separation behind Michigan's defense.

Kansas State raced down the field again on its next drive, setting up Lockett's third touchdown, an 8-yarder from



K-State's Jake Waters (15) pitches to John Hubert just before he was hit. (Photo by Ben Brake)

Waters that put the Wildcats up 21-6 at halftime.

The Wildcats bogged down in the second half, but so did the Wolverines. Michigan had

23 total yards in the third quarter and failed to capitalize on the game's first turnover — a fumble by Daniel Sams — by going three-and-out.

Kansas State's Ian Patterson hit a 22-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, John Hubert scored on a 1-yard run after Morris' interception and the

Wildcats celebrated Bill Snyder's seventh bowl victory by chasing the 74-year-old coach down the sideline for a water-bucket dump.



K-State's Offensive Player of the Game Tyler Lockett (16) had 3 touchdowns. He could have had 4 if he could have handled this pass in the end zone by QB Daniel Sams.



Defensive Player of the Game Dante Barnett (22) intercepts the ball and gets good yardage before being taken out of bounds.

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