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This Is Not a Ranking We Should Be Proud Of

Amy Payne
Heritage Foundation
Would you want to live in a country that is losing freedom? How about a country that has lost ground in property rights and become more corrupt? If you're an American, you're living there.

The 20th anniversary edition of the Index of Economic Freedom reveals that the United States has dropped out of the top 10 freest economies in the world.

When President Obama took office, the U.S. was ranked 6th. Now it is 12th.

According to the Index, which is published jointly by The Heritage Foundation and The Wall Street Journal:

Over the 20-year history of the Index, the U.S.'s economic freedom has fluctuated significantly. During the first 10 years, its score rose gradually, and it joined the ranks of the economically "free" in 2006. Since then, it has suffered a dramatic decline of almost 6 points, with particularly large losses in property rights, freedom from corruption, and control of government spending. The U.S. is the only country to have recorded a loss of economic freedom each of the past seven years.

Which country is #1? Check out the new Index to find out >>>

The Index grades each country in 10 areas of economic freedom. The area where the U.S. ranks the worst: government spending. America's



out-of-control government spending is having a major impact on our economic freedoms—which isn't too surprising when you see that total public debt has grown bigger than the size of the entire U.S. economy.

And in case you were wondering whether Obamacare has had real economic effects, the authors note that the law "appears to be significantly hurting job creation and full-time employment."

That's part of a bigger trend: "Substantial expansion in the size and scope of government, including through new and costly regulations in areas like finance and health care, has contributed significantly to the erosion of U.S. economic freedom."

This is a trend that needs reversing. Derrick Morgan, Heritage's vice president for domestic and economic policy, urges:

The 2014 Index of Economic Freedom rankings should act as a wake-up call to U.S. policymakers and citizens alike. Freedom leads to prosperity, and our founders put us on that path of freedom. As we fight for just government, we must also fight for a government that lives within its means and does not spend the next generation's money.

The Index's release is well-timed as Congress prepares to spend a possible \$1 trillion in the next week or so.

NBAF Funded In Omnibus Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. —U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), a member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations, today announced the Omnibus appropriations bill includes \$404 million for construction of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, Kan.

"For those who have questioned whether NBAF will be built in Kansas, the passage of this funding bill will provide a clear answer: yes," Sen. Moran said. "This investment means Kansas will become a research epicenter, and the construction of this modern, world-class facility will ultimately create jobs for Kansans in the fields of engineering, science and technology. The talented young men and women who grow up here will have more opportunities to work and live in Kansas."

"With a federal appropriation of \$404 million this year, there is no doubt that NBAF will be built in Manhattan, Kansas," said Governor Sam Brownback. "Many members of the Kansas Congressional delegation have worked tirelessly on this for many years, and I congratulate Senator Moran for helping to get it across the finish line."

"As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I have worked to make certain NBAF remains a top priority for the Department of Homeland Security, the Administration and among Congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle," Sen. Moran continued. "Thanks to Governor Brownback, the Kansas legislature and Kansas State University President Kirk Schulz for their leadership and support as this process continues."

NBAF, a state-of-the-art biosecurity lab, is to be built adjacent to Kansas

State University. A January 2012 economic impact report found the NBAF will employ approximately 326 permanent employees and support some 757 construction jobs. The state of Kansas showed its commitment to this project by contributing \$202 million. The facility is expected to have a \$3.5 billion economic impact on Kansas in the first 20 years alone.

In addition to creating an economic boom for Kansas, NBAF will protect our national economy by researching foreign animal disease threats, which are very real with devastating impacts. The cost of an outbreak far outweighs the NBAF construction cost, not only in the loss of human life but also its damage to the animal and agricultural industry.

The main laboratory will boast safety and security features recommended by the National Academies of Sciences. It will include specialized air and water decontamination systems, new technologies for handling solid waste onsite, and structural components to strengthen the laboratory against hazardous weather conditions. A funding commitment was also made to provide infrastructure repairs at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center to research from Plum Island, N.Y., to Manhattan, Kan.

Over the past month, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have worked to allocate the budget set by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, which provides funding for government agencies and discretionary programs for fiscal year 2014. The Omnibus appropriations bill is expected to be voted on in the U.S. House and Senate this week.

Doctor Outraged After Medicaid Provider Denies Children Medication Coverage

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE, Kan. — A Topeka doctor is up in arms after a decision by KanCare provider Sunflower State Health resulted in children being denied medication coverage.

James Casey, a pediatric endocrinologist at Cotton-O'Neil Clinic, charges the Medicaid managed care organization with making a blanket decision that has revoked growth hormone therapy coverage for numerous people who seek treatment at the clinic.

Casey told Kansas Watchdog that Sunflower requested his patient's medical charts in November and said he was greeted with the denial notices after returning from Christmas break.

"The denials just started coming this week," Casey said Tuesday. "This week we've gotten 10."

But officials with Sunflower State Health say the decisions were made in accordance with Medicaid guidelines set forth by the Kansas Drug Utilization Review program in 2007.

At issue is the use of growth hormone therapy to treat youths whose bodies are either not growing at the expected rate with no obvious cause—referred to as Idiopathic Short Stature—or who have been diagnosed with a pituitary disorder preventing them from naturally producing the hormone. While state Medicaid DUR guidelines permit the use of growth hormone therapy to treat pituitary disorders, it does not cover treatment for

an idiopathic diagnosis.

The problem, Casey said, is that no matter the diagnosis, both conditions would result in a child's medical chart describing them as having "short stature" because of their physical size. In turn, he said, Sunflower has made overly broad decisions in denying what he considers necessary medical treatment. Clinic RN Chris Hammer said of the 10 denial notices the clinic has received, only one patient was given an idiopathic diagnosis, while the rest had a documented growth hormone deficiency.

"This is what I do, as a pediatric endocrinologist," Casey said. "There aren't very many of us, and those of us in Kansas have a real vested interest in these kids, and we don't want anything bad to happen because somebody in KanCare or Sunflower doesn't understand enough about the diagnosis to know we wouldn't give anybody growth hormone without having a reason for it. I haven't done anything like that in my entire life."

Katherine Friedebach, medical director for Sunflower State Health, told Kansas Watchdog the MCO in no way intends to prevent patients from receiving medically necessary care, but she said Sunflower plans to adhere to state guidelines.

"If a member has just strictly short stature without a growth hormone deficiency, we won't continue to approve that medication," Friedebach said. "If there is evidence of a growth hormone deficiency, then we will be

sure those members get the treatment that they need."

Friedebach was unable to specify how many denials had been appealed but said all were upheld by the state. She said Sunflower plans to take a closer look at the patients in question to ensure no mistakes were made.

"I think there could be a miscommunication in what he (Casey) is seeing and what we have received," Friedebach said. "I'm anxious to look at the charts"

According to figures provided by Casey, the cost for growth hormone therapy ranges between \$1,500 and \$12,750 per month, meaning, without coverage, individuals who qualify for Medicaid would probably be unable to afford the cost.

"Yes, it's very expensive, but it's lifesaving," Casey said.

"They're doing our patients a disservice," he added.

Todd Lutz, director of managed care for Stormont Vail Healthcare, which oversees the Cotton-O'Neil Clinic, said Friday that initial media inquiries by Kansas Watchdog had already spurred Sunflower to take action on Casey's concerns. Lutz said Stormont Vail is taking internal steps to make sure that children don't miss a medication dose because of bureaucratic red tape.

"I think just by (Casey) maybe mentioning that to you, it certainly got their attention," Lutz said.



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Local TV Coming To Manhattan, Wamego

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

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CITYLINKTV.com has more than 420 cities in the midwest which provides local real time broadcasts of high school sporting events, school plays, debate tournaments, or any event that a local school district want to display for everyone to see in real time and archived.

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Names of the sites will be the Manhattan Free Press Local TV; Blue Rapids Free Press Local TV; The Wamego Free Press Local TV and the Marysville Free Press Local TV.

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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 January 9, 2014 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; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

Boyd moved to approve an Agreement for Professional Planning Services with Spencer Fane Britt & Brown for the preparation of digital sign regulations in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve an Agreement for Professional Services with Alfred Benesch & Company for engineering design of phase services for Daniels Drive bridge replacement project in the amount of \$27,680.00. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Fayeze Hussein Trust (212-10-0-20-01-001.07-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$2803.46. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Michael T. Heigert (263-07-0-20-07-006.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1177.72. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Apostolos Evangelidis Et ux (212-03-0-30-02-006.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$848.24. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Kevin W. Howard (111-12-0-10-07-028.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$552.16. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Donald S. & Hazel J. Sargent Trust (261-11-0-00-00-010.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$583.14. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement with Joseph Roth for the Appraiser's Office. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Wells moved to sign the Real Estate Tax Roll Correction for Robert L. Boyd Jr. Et ux (172-04-0-00-00-003.01-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$372.66. Lewis seconded. Carried 2-0. Boyd abstained.

Boyd moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$291,069.02 and the following warrant vouchers for January 10, 2014:

2014 Budget	County General	\$438,162.87
Health Department		53,141.21
Riley Co Juvenile Service		6,649.96
Motor Vehicle Operations		6,478.03
21st Jud Dist Teen Court		1,362.51
Riley Co Adult Services		12,327.59
Economic Development		14,127.26
Emergency 911		1,200.00
Solid Waste		4,708.80
Road & Bridge Cap Project		60.00
RCPD Levy/Op		12,509.81
Riley Co Fire Dist #1		3,232.15
TOTAL . . .	\$553,960.19	

2013 Budget

County General	\$43,345.76
Health Department	1,777.66
Riley Co Juvenile Service	47.72
Motor Vehicle Operations	49.14
21st Jud Dist Teen Court	

11:32 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Fire District portable radio bids

Scott Fischer, KaComm President; Mark Grabar, Topeka TBS Electronics; Jon Martin, Topeka Motorola Solutions, Inc.; David Vance, Riley County EMS; RJ Meierhoff, KaCamm, Inc.; Doug Schmitt, Assistant Fire Chief; and Michelle Rutherford, EMS, attended.

P. Collins reviewed the radio bid process.

P. Collins presented the following alternatives:

Agree to the bid award as previously awarded.

Reject all bids and rebid.

Reject only the portable radio bid award and leave the mobile radio bid award alone.

Agree to move forward with the TBS bid award modified.

P. Collins recommended moving forward with the TBS bid award modified as offered in the Motorola Solutions letter.

Martin stated the Motorola radio bids will be P-25 trunking ready as discussed.

Fischer stated he feels the original portable bid, which was rejected should have been awarded to Ka-Comm.

11:50 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

11:50 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 9:12 a.m. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:12 Boyd moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Holeman discussed pending county projects.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2014. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:30 Press Conference

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Eileen King, Treasurer; Shilo Heger, Tax & Accounting Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer; Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator; Linda Redding, Nursing Supervisor; Kelly Williamson, HIV-AIDS Case Manager; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kevin Stille; and Brenda Nickel, Health Department Director, attended.

C. Collins said a celebration of the 200th anniversary of Isaac Goodnow's birth will be held Friday, January 17, 2014 at the Riley County Historical Museum from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The birthday party will feature birthday cake, presents, and tours of Isaac Goodnow's home.

King discussed the new commercial licensing and registration motor vehicle system.

Redding discussed the Health Department's open access scheduling changes.

Williamson announced the Riley County Health Department did receive \$500 from the Junction City Teddy Bears for the Ryan White Food Pantry.

Nickel discussed the widespread influenza activity in Kansas.

10:00 Ron Fehr, Manhattan City Manager

Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Fehr discussed the City of Manhattan projects.

10:30 Eileen King, Treasurer

Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

King presented the Treasurer's Office 2013 accomplishments and 2014 goals.

11:29 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2014. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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

Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Corene Brisendine, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Holeman presented an update on pending county projects.

9:30 Eileen King, Treasurer

Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Corene Brisendine, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

King presented monthly financial reports.

9:45 Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Corene Brisendine, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Butler presented an economic development update.

10:04 Budget and Planning Committee – Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Corene Brisendine, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Shepek presented a CIP, county building, economic development, and ½ cent sales tax update.

10:13 Brenda Nickel, Health Department Director

Shelly Hayes, Administrative Analyst; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Corene Brisendine, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Boyd moved to recess as the Riley County Commission and convene as the Riley County Board of Health. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Nickel presented a Riley County Health Department monthly report.

Boyd moved to recess as the Riley County Board of Health and reconvene as the Riley County Commission. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:50 Gail Urban

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Jon Brake, Free Press; Greg Lund, Parks Manager; and Corene Brisendine, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Urban provided an update on the Fieldhouse project.

Urban requested that Riley County work with the City of Manhattan, Geary County, and Pottawatomie County on the Fieldhouse project and fund the \$10,000 request for the Fieldhouse project in the spring of 2014. The Board asked Urban to return at a later date to continue discussion on the Fieldhouse project.

Boyd moved to approve the Portable Communication Device Allowance Forms for

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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

Kansas Trails Surrounding States In economic Freedom

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE, Kan. — The Sunflower State scored middle of the pack in a recent study of economic freedom in North America, and while policy analysts say Kansas is trending in the right direction, the state still has some ground to cover.

Breaking down the data released last month by the Canada-based Fraser Institute, an independent, nonpartisan research and educational organization, Dave Trabert, president of the conservative Kansas Policy Institute, said the state's black eye is starkly presented in the numbers.

"In terms of what Kansas

needs to do to improve, it's pretty clear, you start from the bottom," Trabert said. "The biggest thing it can do is deal with the fact that we have a lot more government in Kansas than we need, and this is just one of the latest (studies) to point that out."

The Fraser report looked at things such as how much the

government contributes to the overall state economy and workforce, levels of tax revenue, minimum wage laws and labor union density, among other factors.

Kansas ranked in the second-highest quartile in terms of economic freedom based on data collected from 2011. While

that's encouraging, the fact loses some of its luster when you consider that the only surrounding state to rank lower was Missouri. Oklahoma ranked 17th out of all states, compared to Kansas' 23rd place ranking. Nebraska and Colorado joined Delaware, Texas, Nevada, Wyoming, South Dakota, Georgia, Utah and Illinois to be named the 10 "most free" states.

Kansas' figures are five times the national average.

While the study knocks Kansas for its 2011 tax rates, Gov. Sam Brownback's tax plan signed into law the following year, which decreases income tax rates, will likely improve the state's placement in future studies.

Still, the rankings of surrounding states give Trabert cause for concern.

"People have been voting with their feet for a long time, and that's going to continue to happen," he told Kansas Watchdog.

It's a trend that was revealed in even greater clarity last year, when an analysis of IRS and U.S. Census Bureau data revealed that Texas, Florida, Colorado and other low-tax states were veritable magnets for cash exiting Kansas.

"It all comes down to how much you spend," Trabert said. "The more government you have, the more government you spend, the more you have to tax people."

The least free states, according to the Fraser Institute study, are Vermont, New Mexico, West Virginia, Mississippi, Maine, Kentucky, Montana, Arkansas, Hawaii and Rhode Island.

3 Things You Don't Need Robert Gates's Book to Know

Amy Payne
Heritage Foundation

Excerpts from a new tell-all book made quite a splash in Washington yesterday. Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates apparently blasts President Obama on foreign policy and the U.S. military in his upcoming book, *Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary at War*. But as Heritage's James Jay Carafano said, "You don't need

a book from the former Secretary of Defense to know that many of the decisions Obama made during Gates's watch were a disaster."

Gates started as Secretary of Defense during President George W. Bush's second term, and Obama asked him to stay on during his first term.

The revelations from Gates's book come as no surprise to Heritage experts, who have

been warning that Obama has made decisions based on his personal preference for domestic policy—at the expense of America's standing in the world and our men and women in uniform.

Here are three things you don't need to read the book to know.

1. President Obama is reaping what he has sown on foreign policy.

"The President has never had a coherent approach to foreign policy," explained Heritage's Ted Bromund. "Instead, he entered office with a string of liberal platitudes about the world and a deep desire to focus on domestic policy."

Obama's style? "Instead of leading from the front, the President emphasized multilateral institutions (such as the U.N.), international law, and engagement with hostile regimes," Bromund said. The essence of the Obama Doctrine—the President's foreign policy approach—is that Obama has "placed hope above reality" when dealing with countries like Russia, Iran, China, and North Korea, said Heritage's Luke Coffey.

2. Lessons learned in conflict are costly.

Fighting terrorism and state-sponsored enemies is a deadly business. As the focus of 2014 turns to the Administration's promise to pull out of Afghanistan, the specter of Iraq looms large.

"The withdrawal from Iraq was a colossal failure," says Carafano, Heritage's E. W. Richardson Fellow. "Violence is higher today than when Obama took office. The country is near civil war."

And our enemies haven't taken a break.

"We are already seeing the Taliban and al-Qaeda staging a comeback following Obama's mishandling of the surge in Afghanistan and the drawdown

of forces planned in 2014," Carafano said. He wrote yesterday that "what we need from the White House is leadership that reestablishes America's ability to influence outcomes in the region for the good—rather than trumpeting easy 'fixes' while doing as little as possible."

3. The state of the U.S. military matters.

During Gates's tenure, the military began to shed war-fighting capabilities, canceled missile defense programs, and compromised on readiness. Again, this reflected the place of defense among the President's priorities. But this directly impacts America's ability to respond to a crisis.

"Throughout his Administration, the President has sought—successfully—to cut the defense budget. But, inevitably, there came a time when he thought it was right to use force," Bromund said. "His successors will, at some point, be in exactly the same position, perhaps when action really is in America's vital national interest—but by that point, his cuts will have made successful action difficult or even impossible."

America has to be ready to defend itself—and reducing the military's capabilities carries the risk that the country may not be ready when action is needed.

Decisions have consequences. Heritage's Carafano and Distinguished Fellow Kim Holmes predicted years ago that Obama's approach to foreign policy would prove to be bad for America and the world.

"Ultimately, the Obama Doctrine will force friendly nations to look elsewhere, not to Washington, for arrangements that bring them greater security. And that will make this a far more dangerous world indeed."

CBOC To Be Named After General

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Last night, the Senate has passed legislation offered by U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) to honor WWII Veteran and Kansas Lieutenant General Richard "Dick" Seitz. The legislation designates the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic as the "Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic."

"Our country lost a great man, a dedicated soldier, and an American hero when Lieutenant General Dick Seitz passed away," Sen. Moran said. "Dick was a mentor, a friend, and someone I hold in extremely high regard. As a native Kansan who settled in Junction City following his military retirement, he never retired from serving. I'm grateful for Lieutenant General Seitz's commitment to serving Junction City and am delighted that his country is naming this clinic in his honor."

"It is fitting that the nation is recognizing the service of General Seitz by naming this veterans outpatient facility in his honor," Sen. Roberts said. "Dick Seitz received a Bronze Star, a Silver Star, a Purple Heart, a Legion of Merit and a Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters during World War II. This says

all there is to say about his record of valor. After this career of courageous service in the U.S. Army, his retirement was spent in service to the nation's men and women in uniform. We are grateful for his life and his commitment."

The U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs facility provides primary care, behavioral health, personal care, laboratory, prescriptions and psychiatry services for veterans.

Lt. Gen. Seitz is a WWII Veteran who successfully led his battalion through the Battle of the Bulge. During his Army career, which included nearly 37 years of active duty, Lt. Gen. Seitz received numerous awards including the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. Following his military retirement, Lt. Gen. Seitz settled in Junction City, where he frequently visited Ft. Riley to greet deploying and returning units from Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as mentor young and noncommissioned officers. He was also involved with the Coronado Council of the Boy Scouts, served on the Board of the Eisenhower Presidential Library, and was named an Outstanding Citizen of Kansas. In 2012, the General Richard J. Seitz Elementary School at Ft. Riley was named in his honor.



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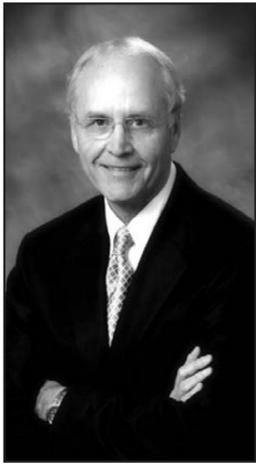
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Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus

"The blood is on the hands of the #NRA. Next time, let it be YOUR sons and daughters. Shame on you. May God damn you." Kansas University Associate Professor David Guth wrote that after news broke of the Washington Navy Yard shooting last September that killed a dozen people. His comments were directed at the National Rifle Association and its members.



Bob Strawn

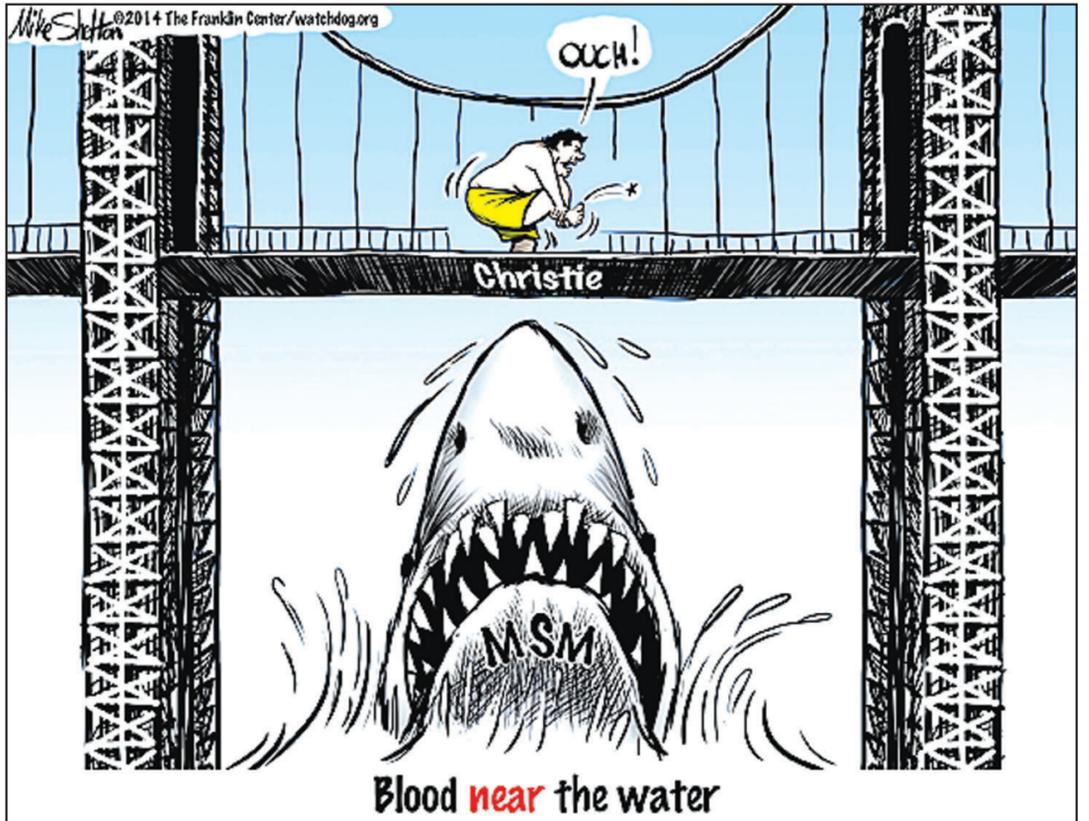
And from that bit of commentary springs today's column about a controversial Kansas Board of Regents policy that universities can let faculty go if they use social media in a way that is "contrary to the best interest of the university." This type of policy is common in the private sector - say something that negatively impacts the company's bottom line and you may find yourself out on the street. Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt's office reviewed the regents' policy and found it to be constitutional.

The regents govern the state universities, supervise the community colleges, technical colleges like the one here in Manhattan, and coordinate all postsecondary education in the state. The system includes 6 state universities, 19 community colleges, 6 technical colleges and Washburn University. The board is comprised of nine members, each of whom is

appointed by the governor, who as you know is quite conservative and often at odds with liberal academics around the state and nation, for that matter.

Not surprisingly, there are those who agree with this idea that speech should be limited. Take for instance Stanley Fish, a noted law professor who has roundly criticized political speech by faculty when outside their area of expertise. "Academic freedom is a bad idea, a dubious principle that confuses eccentricity with genius and elevates pettiness, boorishness, and irresponsibility to the status of virtue. (It) evacuates morality by making all assertions equivalent and, because equivalent, inconsequential." We can relate to that around Manhattan.

But then there's the flip side. Faculty often point to 19th Century philosopher John Stewart Mill who championed free speech. Concerned with protecting minority rights, he argued that even if an opinion was false, the truth was better served by refuting it. And as most opinions are neither completely true nor completely false - we know that by watching both Fox and MSNBC - he believed that free expression preserved the partial truth



The Conservative Side...

found within each and was therefore worthy. That makes perfect sense to us as well.

Certainly, juxtaposing our views with The Manhattan Mercury, one can find enor-

mous differences in what is truth - the weed museum or the Flint Hills Discovery Center? So it's not only at the university that we seek truth through free speech.

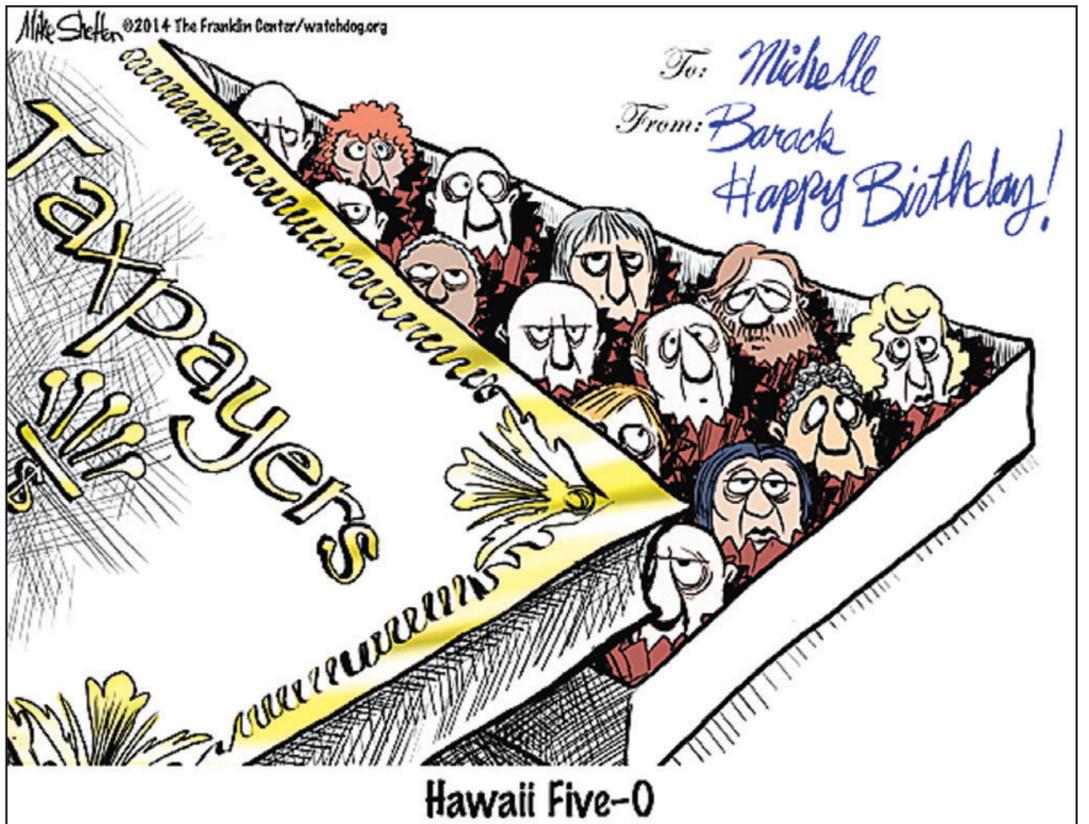
So yes, we come down on

the side of academia here. In our view speech should be limited only when it limits the freedom of others. And like tenure, it should never be used as a way to marginalize or restrict another. But we also

understand the term "nutty professor" easily applies whenever the David Guths of the world use free speech to wrongly damn and shame. Thus, our regents should revisit the question.

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Answers
Solution time: 24 mins.

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CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

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- Heat oven to 425°F. Divide dough in half. Knead 1 half until softened and no longer crumbly. Flatten into a round; place between 2 sheets of cooking parchment or waxed paper. Roll into a round 1 1/2 inches larger than top of 9 1/2-inch deep-dish pie plate.
- Carefully peel off top sheet of paper. Replace paper to cover loosely; carefully turn dough over and remove second sheet of paper. Use paper to carefully turn dough over into ungreased pie plate; remove paper. Press dough firmly against bottom and up side of plate.
- Spoon pie filling into shell. Repeat kneading and rolling of second half of dough; carefully turn dough over on filling. Trim and fold edges together. Flatten edge with fork or crimp for decorative edge. Cover edge with strips of foil.
- Bake 30 minutes; remove foil. Bake 10 to 20 minutes longer or until crust is golden brown. Cool 1 hour before serving.
- Meanwhile, in 1-cup microwavable measuring cup, mix topping and pecans. Microwave on High 30 to 60 seconds or until warm; stir. Cut pie into 8 servings; place on individual plates. Top each with 1/4 cup ice cream; spoon caramel mixture over top.

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12 Excursion	47 Monkey (with)	21 Swell
14 Impede	49 Put a — on (deaden)	23 Terrific
15 RV	51 Sound system	25 Prompt
16 Scepter topper	52 Lubricate	27 Wapiti
17 Cleavage-hiding scarf	53 Decorate	29 Kidney component
19 Shell game need	54 Dadaist Max	31 Skewers
20 "So be it"	DOWN	32 Mistakes in print
22 "You've got mail" co.	1 Sleazy	33 Abounded
23 Bacterium	2 Lithe	34 Seek restitution
24 Suitable for singing	3 Jungfrau, for one	36 South American plains
26 Nobility member	4 Complaint	37 Mass figure nation
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30 Hearty quaff	6 Coiled part of the inner ear	41 18-Down's emblem
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KU Dominates K-State In Lawrence

By Tonya Ricklifs
Manhattan Free Press

While Kansas State pulled away to dominate TCU in their first road game, Bruce Weber admitted that the road environment rattled the Wildcats and caused them to start out slow against Kansas Saturday afternoon. With only a bit over 4,000 fans in Ft. Worth for that game, it made people wonder how the Cats would handle the environment at Allen Field House for the road game on Saturday. Kansas State started Southwell, Foster, Iwundu, Gipson, and Spradling.

Three of these five starters have already played in Lawrence. As a fan, you hope that the seniors offered support and insight to the young players, but there is really no way to completely understand the atmosphere at KU for basketball. Thomas Gipson following the game stating reinforced this, "they really didn't know what the atmosphere will be like".

Kansas set the tone of the game with a quick two points, and then blocking Marcus Foster shot early in the game. Kansas State tied the score early three times, and Gipson did start getting to the basket, but KU quickly had an answer for him. One thing that gets overlooked is that Kansas State shot 44% from the field in the first half, better than they have been averaging this season. The problem was that the

defense, that had been so effective during their 10 game winning streak could not stop the Jayhawks. The Hawks shot an amazing 65% during the first half.

Kansas State did try to stick with their offense that has worked for them, the problem was that while shooting from the field was ok, the three point shots would not drain for the Cats while it seemed KU could not miss.

After the gap started to widen, the Cats would occasionally rush to try to start making plays. Spradling would make some quick plays under the basket; he would struggle with the three point shot throughout the game. In the second half, the game quickly got out of control and ended with KU 86 - KSU 60. What is the best option for the Wildcats at this point? It will be very important to see how they can recover from this loss. They are lucky to have their next game at home January 14, unlucky that the game is against Oklahoma. OU handed Iowa State their first loss this weekend and took Kansas State's ranked spot at #25. At this point in the season, OU is shooting better than the Cats in every category. They are averaging more turnovers per game, so K-State needs to return their defensive game and force turnovers that can turn into points for the Cats.



Thomas Gipson (42) works to stop Perry Ellis (34) but Ellis ended the game with 12 points.



Nino Williams (11) takes the ball to the side for a bounce pass into the post.



Shane Southwell (1) gets his hand on a Perry Ellis shot.

No. 25 K-State routed by No. 18 Kansas 86-60

By GEOFFREY CALVERT
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — After watching San Diego State use the post trap to frustrate Kansas last Sunday, Kansas State coach Bruce Weber thought maybe his team could find success using that same game plan.

The problem was the Jayhawks' guards and bench players made enough shots to keep the 25th-ranked Wildcats from sagging in the paint all afternoon. The result was an 86-60 victory for the No. 18 Jayhawks, the last in a series of blowouts of their biggest rival.

"San Diego State did a great job. They probably have a little more length than us," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "You try to take away something and you've got to give them something. They made shots."

Andrew Wiggins scored 22 points, fellow freshman Wayne Selden added 20, and Joel Embiid had 11 points and

nine rebounds. Perry Ellis finished with 12 points for Kansas (11-4, 2-0), which shot 56 percent from the field and committed just seven turnovers.

Nino Williams had 12 points and Thomas Gipson scored 10 to lead Kansas State (12-4, 2-1), but top scorer Marcus Foster was held to just seven points on 3-of-12 shooting.

The defeat ended the Wildcats' 10-game winning streak.

"I didn't think we were very efficient offensively," Weber said. "When you get open shots, you go 1 of 11 from 3 and that's not going to do it when they go 8 of 18. That's the difference."

Just about the only thing that didn't go right for Kansas came late in the game, when Embiid threw an elbow that clipped Williams in the face. Embiid got a technical foul and was ejected, but a Big 12 official said he would not be suspended for Monday night's game at Iowa State.

"Regardless of what took prior, you

have to be tough enough to think, 'Next play.'" Kansas coach Bill Self said. "That's frustrating to me that it would happen, even if it was a situation where it was retaliatory, and I have no idea if it was."

Kansas State actually hung tough through the first 10 minutes of the game, finding a basket every time the frenzied crowd inside Allen Fieldhouse reached a throaty roar. But a couple of foul shots by Selden and a 3-pointer by Conner Frankamp set the Jayhawks off and running.

Tarik Black's basket in the paint finished off a 9-2 surge, and a put-back by Ellis off his own miss a few minutes later wrapped up another 9-2 run and gave Kansas a 33-18 lead.

"Our main focus was to try and post trap," Gipson said. "We only had two days to try and do that so we weren't really prepared for it. At the end of the day we just didn't play hard enough."

Selden, coming off a career-best 24 points at Oklahoma, knocked down a 3-pointer just before the halftime buzzer to send the Jayhawks into the locker room with a 45-28 cushion.

"Early the crowd got us rattled," Williams said. "People can say how hard it is to play here but when you're on the court and when you're in the game it's different."

Suddenly, the 278th meeting between the schools looked like so many before it.

How impressive was the first half for Kansas? The Wildcats had been holding opponents to just 53 points per game during their 10-game win streak, yet allowed the Jayhawks to pile up 14 assists without a turnover and shoot 65.5 percent from the field.

"It was really frustrating because like coach said we're a really good first half defensive team," Williams said. "We might be one of the best in the country."

As if things weren't going perfectly

enough for Kansas, Embiid knocked down a 3 from the top of the key to open the second half he'd missed the first two tries of his career.

The Jayhawks partied hard the rest of the game.

There was the alley-oop dunk by Wiggins off a feed from Selden, and a nimble post move by Embiid that resulted in another dunk. And even when Wiggins threw the ball away for the Jayhawks' first turnover, he atoned for it with back-to-back 3-pointers for a 58-34 lead.

Then came Wiggins' biggest highlight, a one-handed slam that went through the rim with such force that the ball bounced the entire length of the floor the other direction.

"It was an offensive game and we're not really a good offensive team yet," Williams said. "We're still working on that. We're a defensive team. We let offense dictate our defense."

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