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John Skipper



Kirk Schulz



DeLoss Dodds



Bob Bowsby

## Sports Leaders To Give Next Landon Lecture April 2

Kansas State University's first Landon Lecture of 2014 will feature John Skipper, president of ESPN Inc. and co-chairman of Disney Media Networks, as well as three prominent figures in collegiate athletics.

The lecture will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, in McCain Auditorium. It will be in a Q-and-A format with Skipper; Bob Bowsby, Big 12 Conference commissioner; DeLoss Dodds, retired athletic director of the University of Texas; and Kirk Schulz, Kansas State University president and a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Executive Committee and its board of directors.

John Currie, Kansas State University's athletic director, will moderate the lecture.

"The Landon Lecture Series has a rich history of spotlighting some of the most influential leaders from diverse fields," said Jackie Hartman, the university's chief of staff and director of community relations. "One of the thematic goals of K-State 2025 is strengthening the interconnectivity between intercollegiate athletics and the campus community. The panel will

undoubtedly bring insight that will benefit the university in accomplishing this goal."

Skipper has served as ESPN president and co-chairman of Disney Media Networks since January 2012. In the position, he led ESPN to securing agreements with major rights holders as well as increasing ESPN's profile in the digital media landscape. Since 2005, he has been executive vice president of content for the sports network. He joined ESPN in June 1997, where he oversaw the launch of ESPN The Magazine in March 1998.

Before joining ESPN, Skipper served for nearly three years as senior vice president of the Disney Publishing Group, where he oversaw all of Disney's magazines, book and licensed publishing operations in the U.S. He also spent 10 years at Straight Arrow Publishing and a year as president and publishing director for Spin magazine. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in English literature from the University of North Carolina and Columbia University, respectively.

Bowsby began as commissioner of the Big 12 Conference in 2012. In his first year, he secured one of the conference's most lucrative television deals, finalized the

Champions Bowl and saw three national championships added to the Big 12 trophy case and 12 individuals earn NCAA crowns.

Bowsby has served as the athletic director at the University of Northern Iowa, University of Iowa and Stanford University. In 2006, he was selected as the NCAA Basketball Selection Committee head and also was part of the United States Olympic Committee for the 2008 Summer Olympics. He earned his bachelor's degree from Moorhead State University and his master's degree from the University of Iowa.

Dodds began as athletic director for the University of Texas, Austin in fall 1981, retiring in November 2013. In that time he saw the university win 13 national championships and 103 conference titles. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1959 with a degree in physical education. He went on to build a rich legacy at the university.

In 1961, Dodds joined Kansas State University as the assistant track coach and served as head track coach from 1963-1976. During that time he guided the university to six Big Eight Conference championships. He served as

Kansas State University's athletic director from 1978-1981. In 2006, he was inducted into the U.S. Track Coaches Hall of Fame for his accomplishments with Kansas State University. His honors also include being named the 2011 Athletic Director of the Year.

Schulz was selected as the 13th president of Kansas State University in 2009. In his first three years he initiated K-State 2025, a campuswide goal moving Kansas State University forward as a Top 50 public research university by 2025. He has seen annual records in fundraising, enrollment and diversity.

In 2013, Schulz was appointed to the NCAA Executive Committee — the highest governance body in the NCAA — in addition to representing the Big 12 Conference on the NCAA Division I board of directors. In these positions, he helps oversee that each NCAA division follows the association's core values, policies and principles. He received his bachelor's degree and doctorate in chemical engineering from Virginia Tech.

## City Manager Receives Pay Raise

The Manhattan City Commission this week passed a pay raise for City Manager Ron Fehr with discussing it in public. The item was on the Consent Agenda where the commissioners pass many items without discussion.

Here is a memo given to the Commission along with the new agreement showing that Fehr receives much more than the \$135,000 stated in the memo:

**CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO**  
February 24, 2014  
**FROM:** John E. Matta, Mayor

**MEETING:** March 4, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Employment Agreement for City Manager

**PRESENTER:** John E. Matta, Mayor  
**BACKGROUND**

Annually, the City Commission evaluates the performance of the City Manager and also considers adjustments to the contract based on a variety of factors with an emphasis on the performance of the City Manager in achievement of goals, other accomplishments, etc. The City Manager's last review was on March 26, 2013, and on April 2, 2013, the City Commission approved adjustments to the Employment Agreement consisting of a salary increase of 3.9%. The City Commission performed the current review at the City Commission Meeting on February 18, 2014.

**DISCUSSION**

The evaluation of the City Manager's performance has concluded and a copy of the modified Employment Agreement is attached for consideration. It is recommended that the base salary of the City Manager be increased by 3.9% (1.7% cost of living adjustment and 2.2% for merit pay). These adjustments will increase the current annual base salary of \$130,561.39 to a new annual base salary of \$135,653.28 for 2014. In addition, the City Commission agrees to review the salary range of the City Manager in conjunction with the overall compensation review of City of Manhattan employees by McGrath and Associates. There are no other adjustments to the compensation package and all other terms of the agreement remain in place.

**ALTERNATIVES**

It appears the Commission has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand.

The Commission may:

1. Approve the Modified Employment Agreement with Ronald R. Fehr for the position of City Manager.
2. Deny the Modified Employment Agreement with Ronald R. Fehr for the position of City Manager.
3. Make further modifications to the Agreement to meet the needs of the City Commission and that are acceptable to the City Manager.
4. Table the issue.

**RECOMMENDATION**

As Mayor, I recommend approval of the modifications to the Employment Agreement based on the evaluation discussions during the City Manager's annual performance review on February 18, 2014, retroactive to the first



Ron Fehr

pay period of 2014.

**Things The Memo Did Not Say... from the agreement:**

**SECTION 7. AUTOMOBILE**

Employee's duties require travel within and outside the Manhattan city limits. For travel within the city limits of Manhattan, Kansas, as well as the Riley, Pottawatomie, and Geary County, Kansas region, the Employee shall receive a vehicle allowance in the amount of Two Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$290.00) per pay period. All City required travel outside the above region using Employee's personal vehicle will be reimbursed at the current City rate per mile.

**(Editor's Note: The car allowance would be \$7,540.00 per year.)**

**SECTION 8. DISABILITY, HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE**

Employee shall receive, at the City's expense including payment by the City of the employee's share of such benefits, all disability, health benefits, and life insurance as provided to all exempt City of Manhattan employees as enumerated in the City Personnel Manual.

Additionally, Employer shall provide up to \$1,200 in annual premium for a \$100,000 term life insurance policy for the benefit of the employee during the life of this contract. Employee shall be responsible for providing documentation of the expense.

**SECTION 9. RETIREMENT**

Employer agrees to execute all necessary agreements provided by the International City Management Association - Retirement Corporation

(ICMA-RC) for Employee's continued participation in said ICMA-RC retirement plan and, in addition to the base salary paid by Employer to Employee, Employer agrees to pay an amount equal to eight percent (8.0%) per annum into ICMA-RC on Employee's behalf and to transfer ownership to succeeding employers upon Employee's resignation or discharge. Additionally, Employer will make such contributions in Employee's name into the Kansas Personnel Retirement System (KPRS) as required by law.

**(Editor's Note... We do not know the amount that the City pays into KPRS but the 8% being paid to ICMA-RC would be over \$10,848.)**

## Flint Hills Festival of Wines

The Homecare & Hospice Foundation has announced that tickets are on sale now for their largest fundraiser of the year, The Flint Hills Festival of Wines.

This year, Homecare & Hospice is celebrating the 15th Anniversary of The Festival of Wines, and has planned some new twists for the Festival events.

For the first time in Festival history, the Wine Dinner event will be presented as a dueling wine dinner. Guests of the event will have the chance to select from a New World vs. Old World wine pairing with each course. The Wine Dinner & Live Auction will be held on Friday, March 7th at Colbert's Restaurant at Colbert Hills.

The dinner leads into the Saturday Festival events, the Grand Tasting & Silent Auction and the Private Tasting Room, which will both be held on Saturday, March 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Grand Tasting participants can sample from a variety of over 200 wines and spirits from all around the world and taste gourmet hors d'oeuvres from

local restaurants. The Grand Tasting also features a large Silent Auction with a wide variety of auction lots. The Grand Tasting event is held from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. The Private Tasting Room features 10 exceptional, hard to find wines and a special appearance from a well-aged single malt

Scotch. The Private Tasting room is catered by 4 Olives and sponsored by Nespors Wine & Spirits.

The Flint Hills Festival of Wines is a guaranteed good time for novices and exceptional wine enthusiasts alike and most importantly; all proceeds

from the Festival directly support Homecare & Hospice and the charitable care they provide. Last year alone, Homecare & Hospice provided more than \$52,000 of charitable care in private residences and at The Good Shepherd Hospice House.



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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 February 24, 2014 with the following members present: Robert Boyd, Chair; Ron Wells, Vice Chair; Dave Lewis, 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; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Becky Brooks, Administrative Assistant II; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

The Board discussed the Wildcat Creek Working Group.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

Jerry Sextro, a new hire, as a High School Trainee, in the Appraiser's Office, at a step 1, at \$9.51 per hour.

Nicole Setter, an Administrative Clerk I, in the Public Works Department, for Separation from County Service, effective February 27, 2014.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Administrative Clerk I, in the Public Works Department, at a grade H.

Lewis moved to approve a Real Estate Sales Data Search Service Agreement with Gerald Heller for the Appraiser's Office. Wells seconded.

Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve a KDOT Authority to Award Contract/ Commitment of County Funds for the purchase of qualified asphalt paving and edging device (two Safety Edge Shoes) for County installation to new or existing pavers in the low bid amount of \$4,320.00 from Carlson Paving (\$432.00 in county funds, 10% participating costs). Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the FY14 State Block Grant Supplemental Application for the Community Corrections Department. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 PBC Discussion

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer, attended.

The Board discussed public building commissions.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2014 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:30 Press Conference

Eileen King, Treasurer; Greg McHenry, Appraiser; Gregg Eyestone, County Extension Agent; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; and Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters, attended.

King said commercial vehicles have until Friday, February 28 to renew their plates.

However, because of the processing time required, the Treasurer's Office is requesting anyone with more than 10 vehi-

cles to be put in the commercial system have them in their office by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25. It is best if you drop off the information, then they will call you when everything is completed. You don't have to wait.

McHenry said the Riley County Appraiser's Office has completed mailing of the 2014 Real Estate Change of Value Notices (CVNs) for each of the approximately 24,000 real estate parcels in the county. The CVNs, which were mailed February 14th, reflect changes in property values due to our local real estate market. The CVNs provide both the current and previous year's value, a brief explanation of the valuation process, and explanations of the appeal process. The CVNs also include a form that can be sent to the Appraiser's Office for purposes of scheduling an informal appeal.

Eyestone said about 1,200 people attended the Garden Show and fruit programs.

Boyd announced this evening at 7:00 p.m. the Riley County Board of Health will convene the first inaugural Board of Health Public Meeting.

10:10 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; and Curt Friedrich, attended.

The Board of County Commissioners watched the KAC legislative update video.

Holeman discussed State legislation.

10:30 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County

Engineer and Sam Johnson, BG Consultants

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Kristina Jackson, Manhattan Mercury; Joan Strickler, League of Women Voters; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Dan Fischer, USDA; Gary Rosewicz, Assistant County Engineer; Robert Vathauer, University Park Board; Curt Friedrich, University Park Board; Don and Susan Turner, University Park residents; Mike Closson, University Park resident; Richard Seaton, University Park resident; and Lori Muir, Real Estate Specialist, attended.

Johnson presented the University Park sewer renovation project PowerPoint.

Fischer, USDA, stated special assessment collection is allowed to make annual debt payments.

Lewis moved to proceed with the University Park sewer renovation project environment report, engineering report, and funding application. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Hobson said staff recently met to begin the process of developing Riley County's 2014 Asphalt Overlay Project. During past meetings discussions have occurred relating to who should be placing the asphalt, the County or a Contractor.

Hobson said before they can put the overlay project out to bid they will need to know who will be placing the asphalt or the Commission may want to bid the project with both options.

Hobson said the bid can be structured to where there is a bid item for the asphalt being delivered with the County placing the asphalt and another bid item for the entire project being done by a Contractor.

Hobson said the County already pays their employees to perform whatever work is assigned. The County already

has the equipment necessary for this type of work with the exception of the rollers. If the County performs the placement of the asphalt, labor and equipment are considered soft costs, which are already budgeted.

Hobson said if a Contractor is hired, Riley County not only pays the costs for a Contractor's labor and equipment (out of pocket costs), they also will be paying our employees (soft costs). These additional costs were not budgeted and will have a negative impact on their budget.

Hobson said to establish

what this increase cost will be, they recommend the Commission bid the project both ways and then select the bid with the lowest impact to the Public Works Budget.

The Board discussed asphalt overlays.

Lewis moved the commission bid the project both ways and then select the best bid including all facets and risk. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to adjourn after the Intergovernmental Luncheon. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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## Kansas Lawmakers Cop Out

By Travis Perry | Kansas Watchdog  
OSAWATOMIE, Kan. — Legislation that would have enacted actual punishments for drugged-up state lawmakers is officially dead.

For the moment, elected officials in the Kansas Legislature can test positive for an illegal substance without fear of repercussion or public exposure.

SB 391, sponsored by Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, would have closed a monumental oversight pointed out last December by Legislative Administrative Services Director Jeff Russell. While new rules allow for welfare benefits to be revoked if a recipient tests positive for narcotics, no punitive actions were enshrined in law for an elected official who fails a drug test.

"If we're going to pass a bill of that nature, then the Legislature should be included," Hensley said. "We should practice what we preach. If we're going to apply that kind of law to other citizens of Kansas, then we should apply it to ourselves."

Hensley's proposed legislation would have revoked lawmakers' legislative pay for varying periods contingent upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program.

But with last Friday's turnaround deadline having come and gone, bills that are still languishing in their house of origin — and haven't received special "blessing" from leadership — are no longer up for consideration.

So why wasn't this bill considered earlier?

Nobody asked — not even Hensley, said Senate Vice President Jeff King, R-Independence, who chairs the Judiciary Committee.

"No one ever asked me to bless 391. Nobody ever asked me to work 391," King told Kansas Watchdog. "Until you reminded me who sponsored it, I didn't remember it was Hensley's bill."

While Hensley said he feels

very strongly about the issue, he said he let time slip away before he could address it. Hensley submitted the legislation on Feb. 13, barely two weeks before the deadline.

"I just got so tied up with other issues that I never had an opportunity to (request a hearing), but I would question whether there was any interest in the legislation to begin with," Hensley said.

King said it's common for individuals sponsoring a piece of legislation to bend his ear in an attempt to land a committee hearing. In the absence of such vocal support, King suggested the bill was more about political posturing than actually solving the problem.

"There are times bills are introduced just to make a statement, and nobody wants a hearing on them," he said.

Though King voted against a similarly worded amendment submitted by Hensley last year, he said it was because the

proposition didn't include language allowing for "reasonable suspicion" prior to administering a drug test.

A subsequent amendment submitted by Hensley and approved by the Senate, including King, included the provision but lacked any penalties for state lawmakers. Hensley said the exclusion was a result of an error by the Kansas Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

Revisor Gordon Self didn't return a request for comment from Kansas Watchdog on Tuesday morning.

Rather than stripping elected officials of pay, King said he would instead support public disclosure of legislative drug test results.

"I think the most punitive action on an elected official regarding a positive drug test is disclosure," King said. "Disclosing a positive drug test by an elected official is effectively job termination."

## KSU Fans Sets Record

With season tickets for the 2014 football season being available for 24-plus hours, K-State fans stepped up in record fashion for the third straight season by shattering last year's first-day numbers and purchasing approximately 4,330 tickets on Monday, 1,900 more than were sold last season on the first day, department officials have announced.

Also included in the first-day figures were more than 1,700 new ticket purchases. Fans interested in season tickets are

encouraged to contact the ticket office before the priority deadline of April 25. Fans can purchase view level tickets at \$200 each, while sideline and south end zone seating in the lower bowl is priced at \$320 each. A Young Alumni ticket package is also available at only \$200 for K-Staters who received their undergraduate degree since December 2009, while faculty and staff are eligible to purchase tickets at a discounted rate of \$255 each.

## Bus Drivers

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



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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](http://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

## Change Your Clocks, Batteries

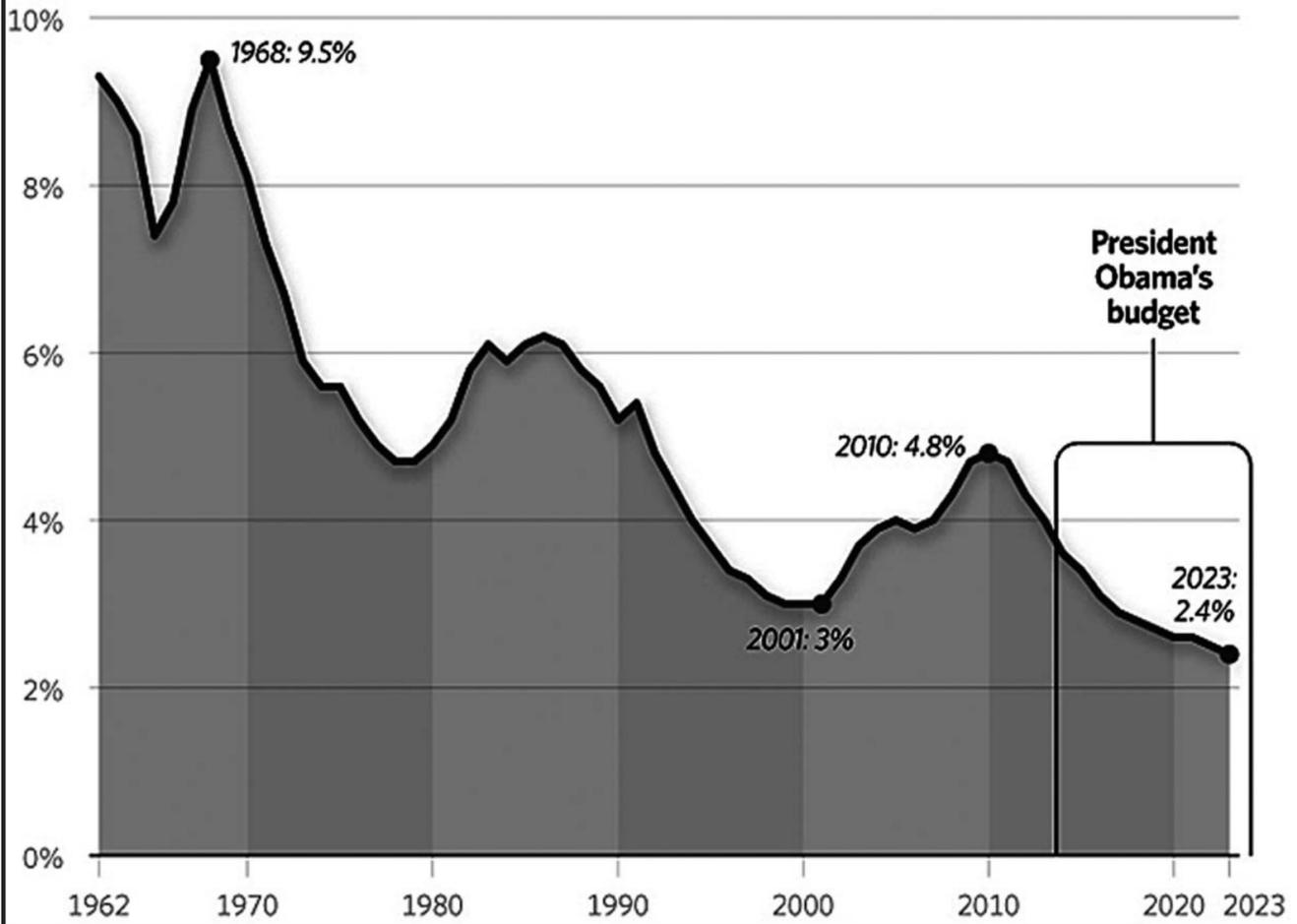
Daylight Savings Time begins March 9, and as communities prepare to “spring ahead” one hour, the Office of the Kansas State Fire Marshal urges residents to practice fire safety by testing their smoke alarms and changing the batteries. Alkaline batteries should be replaced at least once a year, and a good rule of thumb is to change the batteries when you change your clocks.

“Ensuring you have working smoke alarms in your home is the single most important step you can take to increase your family’s safety from a home fire,” explains Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshal. “Your risk of dying in a fire is greatly reduced when your home is equipped with working smoke alarms,” he continues.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

## National Defense Spending Would Plummet Under Obama's Budget

Defense spending is on the decline under President Obama and is on track to fall to its lowest level as share of gross domestic product in 50 years. Maintaining U.S. global security commitments at such low levels is impossible.



## Russia, The West, And Ukraine: Time For A Strategy—Not Hope

By Steven P. Bucci, Ph.D., Nile Gardiner, Ph.D. and Luke Coffey  
Heritage Foundation

On February 28, Russian troops, aided by pro-Russian local militia, began violating Ukraine’s territorial integrity by occupying important sites across the Crimean Peninsula. Under the pretext of “protecting Russian people,” the deployment of Russian troops into Crimea demonstrates a blatant disregard of Ukraine’s national sovereignty.

Russia’s anachronistic irredentist behavior has no place in the 21st century. Understandably, Moscow’s behavior has made many NATO partners nervous. Ukraine does not enjoy the security guarantees afforded to America’s NATO allies, nor should the U.S. give any impression that it does. However, there are steps that can be taken to keep America’s NATO allies safe while demonstrating to Russia that its behavior is unacceptable.

### Ukrainian People Speak, Russia Reacts

After three months of mass street demonstrations, the Ukrainian people have succeeded in ousting their corrupt and incompetent president, the Kremlin-backed Viktor Yanukovich. On February 22, the Ukrainian parliament acted in favor of the people it represents: It granted amnesty to all political prisoners, brought back the constitution of 2004 (which reduces the powers of the president), and announced an early presidential election in May.

Not content with the Ukrainian people looking West, Putin has indicated that he will protect ethnic Russians living in Crimea and Ukraine’s other

eastern provinces. In the past week, bellicose rhetoric on his part has been combined with major military training events in the region. This has culminated into what can only be described as an incremental military intervention by Russia into the Crimean Peninsula. Russia’s parliament has even authorized the use of military force in Ukraine.

Early reports indicate that Moscow has reinforced its military installations in Crimea with thousands of personnel. These troops are backed by Crimean nationalists posing as local militia. Under a 2010 basing agreement, Russia can station up to 25,000 military personnel, 388 naval vessels, and 161 aircraft in Crimea. All of this means that Putin will attempt to do what he pleases in Crimea and claim that it is all legitimate. It is, however, a clear violation of Ukraine’s national sovereignty.

### The Failure of the Russian Reset and the Collapse of the Obama Doctrine

Russians respect strength and consistency, neither of which has been displayed by President Obama or his European counterparts. Russian behavior in Crimea was made possible by the failure of the Russian “reset,” the disarming of Europe by European politicians, and the reduction and disengagement of U.S. military forces in Europe.

From almost the beginning, President Obama’s foreign policy has been an empty shell masking a spectacular lack of American leadership on the world stage. This flawed approach, with a fundamental rejection of the notion of American exceptionalism, is

amply on display in the Ukrainian crisis, where America’s voice has barely been heard. As the latest developments over Crimea have shown, the Russian reset has spectacularly backfired, resulting in staggering complacency in Washington over Moscow’s ambitions.

The Obama Doctrine has been a monumental failure because it fails to protect and advance U.S. interests. It is the antithesis of Ronald Reagan’s bold approach, which was based on powerful American leadership on the world stage, including a willingness to firmly stand up to America’s adversaries. Perhaps even worse, many of America’s traditional allies are questioning America’s resolve to transatlantic relations and NATO’s security guarantee.

### Time for a Real Strategy

The U.S. should do the following to send a clear message to Moscow:

Show U.S. commitment to NATO. First and foremost, the U.S. should be reassuring those NATO members in Central and Eastern Europe that their defense is guaranteed and that spillover from any possible conflict will be contained. This could mean temporarily deploying assets to the region required to defend the territori-

al integrity of NATO countries near Russia. More importantly, it should be made crystal clear to Russia that any armed aggression toward a NATO member will immediately cause the U.S. to call for NATO to invoke Article 5 of the Washington Treaty.

### Enact sanctions on Russia.

This is a moment for strong U.S. leadership, with Washington implementing targeted sanctions aimed directly at Russian officials responsible for violating Ukrainian sovereignty, including freezing financial assets and imposing visa bans. The White House should make it clear that any Russian military intervention in Ukraine would pose a threat to the free world, not least in a country that sits right on NATO’s border.

Enforce the Magnitsky Act. The Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act was passed by Congress in 2012 and denies U.S. visas to, and places financial sanctions on, Russian officials and individuals guilty of human rights violations. It should be swiftly enforced against any Russian officials involved in the incursions into Crimea and any human rights violations in Ukraine.

Work with European partners. The President himself

should take the lead in urging European allies to adopt a robust stance against Russian expansionism and join the U.S. in a tough sanctions regime that will directly impact those in Russia’s government involved in any aggression in Ukraine. Working with the EU would be hopeless. Instead, the U.S. should work bilaterally and multilaterally with key European countries, bypassing the Brussels bureaucracy when possible.

Improve and deepen relations with Eastern Europe beyond defense. In addition to showing a renewed commitment to NATO, the U.S. should look at other means to demonstrate its support, such as creating new opportunities for liquefied natural gas exports to its European partners, many of whom rely on Russia for 100 percent of their energy needs.

Withdraw immediately from New START. New START is a fundamentally flawed treaty that dramatically undercuts the security of the U.S. and its allies. It is an extraordinarily good deal for the Russians, as it significantly limits Washington’s ability to deploy an effective global missile defense system. It does nothing at all to advance U.S. security while handing Moscow a significant strategic edge.

### Advance American Interests

Recent events have confirmed what many already knew: The so-called Russian reset is dead. Furthermore, it is looking increasingly likely that part of Ukraine is now under de facto Russian control.

America’s leaders today should follow the example of President Reagan three decades ago: demonstrate American commitment to Europe, guarantee unparalleled American strength, and confront tyranny when it threatens American interests. With strength and consistency, Russia’s recent actions could have been prevented or at least mitigated. It might be too late for Crimea, but the U.S. cannot allow the contagion to spread.

—Steven P. Bucci, PhD, is Director of the Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign and National Security Policy, a department of the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies; Nile Gardiner, PhD, is Director of the Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, a department of the Davis Institute; and Luke Coffey is Margaret Thatcher Fellow in the Thatcher Center at The Heritage Foundation.

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## Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,  
Mayor emeritus

A Straw Man fallacy or argument is committed when a person simply ignores another's actual position and substitutes a distorted, exaggerated or misrepresented version.

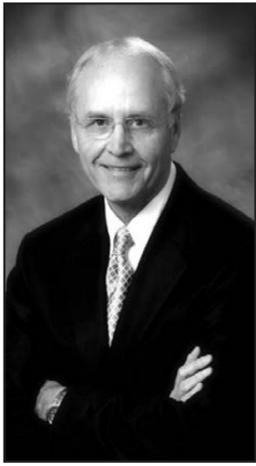
Rush Limbaugh types often invoke a straw man when they put forth an opposing view which they know does not represent their opponent's stance. They use this technique because the straw man is easy to knock down and discredit. It's a way of misrepresenting an opponent – a lie, actually.

And studies have shown the technique can be annoyingly effective because the aggrieved party is often lured into refuting the lie instead of talking about their actual position. And when a lie is repeated, even when refuting it, that repetition only serves to reinforce the lie in the minds of many.

Now, you're surely wondering where we're headed with this - The Manhattan Mercury.

Last week this column was dedicated to explaining the City – University Fund, a tax revenue and spending partnership between Manhattan and Kansas State University that resulted from the school being annexed by the city some twenty years ago.

The city has since collected taxes and fees from university activities, mostly athletics. The two entities then spend the money – now about \$600,000 annually - on projects that are



Bob Strawn

supposed to be mutually beneficial but often are not. Our recommendation was to amend the existing Fund agreement, so that the parties would be assured an equal split. Over the term of the present agreement, the University has received 20% more Fund revenue for their projects than the city.

Anyway, the Seaton family, owners of The Mercury, obviously read our column and obliquely responded after City Commissioner Wynn Butler made similar comments at last week's commission meeting. And they did so fallaciously with this classic straw man argument:

“Yes, the annexation contract can be amended (and) the city can even terminate the contract – if it is willing to de-annex the university. Doing so, however, would be an insult to the spirit of the partnership ... financially, it would be foolish in the extreme.”

Well, neither this column nor Commissioner Butler ever suggested any such thing as a “divorce.” And therein stands The Mercury straw man, otherwise known less tactfully but more truthfully as an editorial lie - misinformation intended solely to discredit our idea that the Fund should actually be

## The Conservative Side...



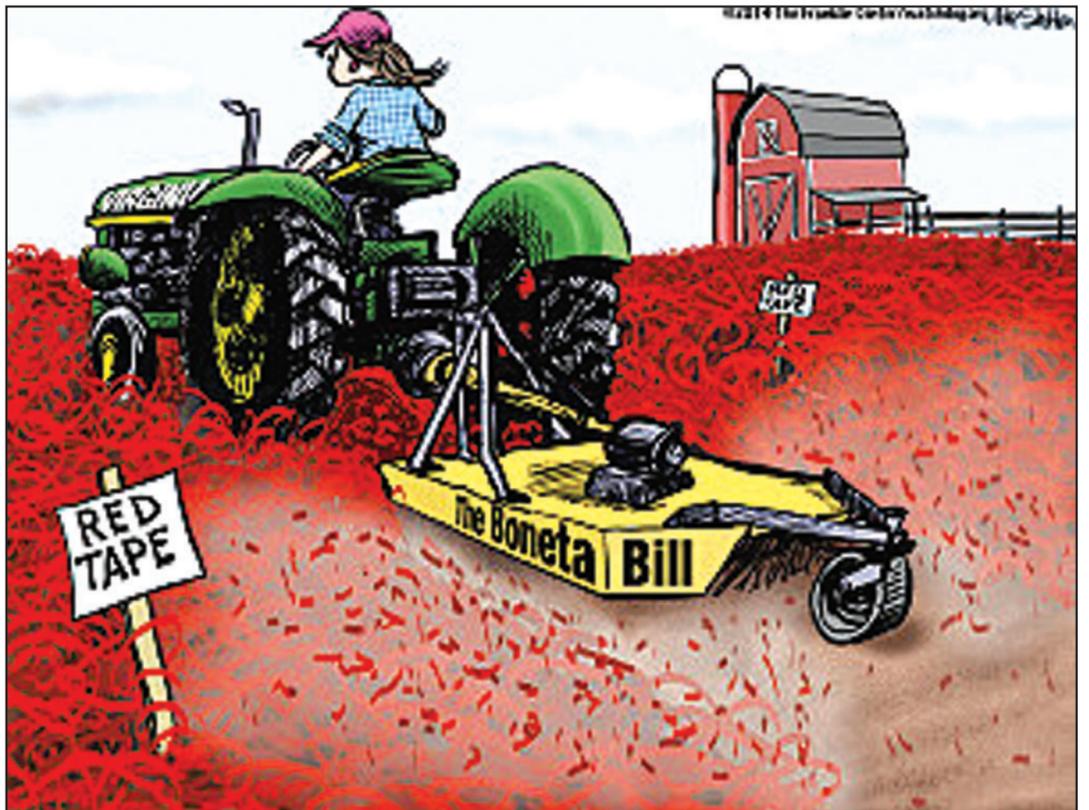
shared as intended by the enabling law.

The City-University Fund is a classic example of how government works best. Two insti-

tutions came together in annexation for the mutual benefit of both parties. For whatever reason, over the years, way more money has been spent on college projects than for those

benefiting Manhattan taxpayers. It's logical, therefore, to see if the ordinance might be amended so as to bring it into compliance with the framers' original intent – mutual benefit.

As for the Mercury, its pettiness and misinformation in this matter serves no good purpose. Rush is fine on KMAN, Mr. Seaton, but not on your editorial page, please.



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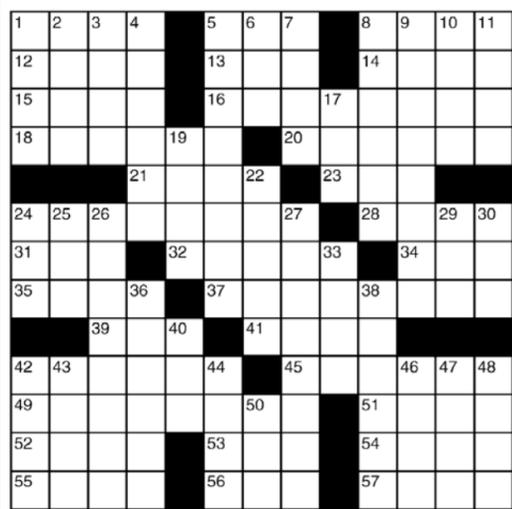
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  - 18 Gobi or Mojave
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  - 21 Thy
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  - 24 Comedian
  - 25 Guitar’s smaller cousin
  - 26 Like the superintendent’s apartment
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  - 29 “Norma —”
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### Answers On Page 4



### Gluten-Free Marble Cake

#### Ingredients

#### Yellow Cake

1 box (15 oz) Betty Crocker® Gluten Free yellow cake mix

1/2 cup butter, softened

2/3 cup water

2 teaspoons gluten-free vanilla

3 eggs

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3 eggs

#### Chocolate Frosting

3 cups powdered sugar

1/3 cup butter, softened

2 teaspoons gluten-free vanilla

3 oz unsweetened baking chocolate, melted, cooled

3 to 4 tablespoons milk

#### Directions

1 Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottoms only of 2 (8- or 9-inch) round cake pans with shortening or cooking spray.

2 In large bowl, beat yellow cake ingredients with electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. Set aside.

3 In another large bowl, beat devil's food cake ingredients on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally.

4 Spoon yellow and devil's food batters alternately into pans, dividing evenly. Cut through batters with table knife in zigzag pattern for marbled design.

5 Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans on cooling racks 15 minutes. Remove from pans. Cool completely, top sides up, about 1 hour.

6 In medium bowl, beat powdered sugar and 1/3 cup butter with spoon or electric mixer on low speed until blended. Stir in 2 teaspoons vanilla and the chocolate. Gradually beat in just enough milk to make frosting smooth and spreadable.

7 On serving plate, place 1 cake, rounded side down (trim rounded side if necessary so cake rests flat). Spread with 1/4 cup frosting. Top with second cake, rounded side up. Frost side and top of cake with remaining frosting.

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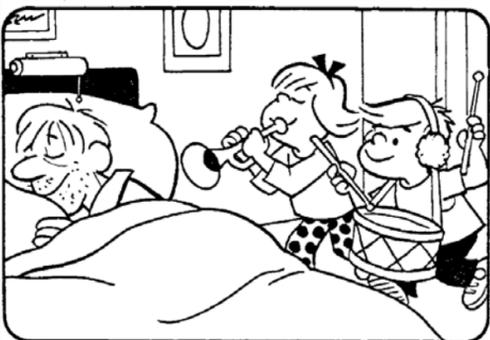
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### GIRLS RANKINGS

#### 6A Girls

- 1- Wichita South
- 2 - Olathe South
- 3 - Manhattan
- 4 - Blue Valley North
- 5 - Maize
- 6 - Washburn Rural
- 7 - SM Northwest
- 8 - Olathe East
- 9 - SM West
- 10 - Topeka High

#### 4A D1-Girls

1. Wamego
2. Bishop Miege
3. Topeka Hayden
4. Paola
5. Andover Central
6. McPherson
7. Fort Scott
8. KC Piper
9. Coffeyville
10. Loutsburg

#### 3A Girls

1. Hesston
2. Riley Co.
3. Holcomb
4. Cimarron
5. Cheney
6. Caney Valley
7. Cherryvale
8. Marysville
9. Nemaha Valley
10. Douglass

#### 1A-Div 1-Girls

1. Hoxie
2. Valley Hls
3. Thunder Ridge
4. MDCV-Melvorn
5. Osborne
6. Centre
7. Linn
8. St. Paul
9. Waverly
10. Caldwell

#### 5A Girls

1. Salina Central
2. Leavenworth
3. Aquinas
4. Kapaun
5. Great Bend
6. Seaman
7. Andover
8. Newton
9. St. James
10. Eisenhower

#### 4A D2-Girls

1. Burlington
2. Hugoton
3. Santa Fe Trail
4. Frontenac
5. Clearwater
6. Prall
7. Holton
8. Columbus
9. Goodland
10. Wichita Trinity

#### 2A Girls

1. Jeff County North
2. Central Plains
3. Sterling
4. Moundridge
5. Olpe
6. Washington Co.
7. Ellinwood
8. Ellis
9. Hillsboro
10. Remington

#### 1A-Div 2- Girls

- 1 B&B Baileyville
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- 5 Ingalls
- 6 Bucklin
- 7 Moscow
- 8 South Barber
- 9 Wallace County
- 10 Cunningham

### BOYS RANKINGS

#### 6A Boys

1. Blue Valley NW
2. Wichita East
3. Shawnee Mission NW
4. Lawrence
5. Shawnee Mission South
6. Blue Valley North
7. Wichita Southeast
8. Olathe East
9. Derby
10. Maize

#### 4A-Div 1-Boys

1. McPherson
2. Basch-Linwood
3. KC Piper
4. Baldwin
5. Independence
6. Coffeyville
7. Ottawa
8. Labette County
9. Augusta
10. Abilene

#### 3A Boys

1. Hesston
2. Eurcka
3. Sabetha
4. Council Grove
5. Beloit
6. Nemaha Valley
7. Holcomb
8. Rock Creek
9. Humboldt
10. Wellsville

#### 1A-Div 1-Boys

1. MDCV-Melvorn
2. Hoxie
3. Hanover
4. Valley Heights
5. Centralia
6. Stockton
7. Fairfield
8. Udall
9. Macksville
10. Spearville

#### 5A Boys

1. Lansing
2. Hays
3. Highland park
4. Goddard Eisenhower
5. Wichita heights
6. Shawnee heights
7. Mill valley
8. Maize south
9. KC Washington
10. Andover

#### 4A-Div 2-Boys

- 1 Andale
- 2 Scott City
- 3 Eudora
- 4 Holton
- 5 Concordia
- 6 Wichita Trinity
- 7 Burlington
- 8 Larned
- 9 Osawatamie
- 10 Hugoton

#### 2A Boys

1. St. John
2. West Fik
3. Valley Falls
4. Central Plains
5. Pill Colgan
6. Hillsboro
7. Berean Academy
8. Plainville
9. South Gray
10. Olpe

#### 1A-Div 2-Boys

1. St. Johns-Tipton
2. South Barber
3. Fowler
4. Wallace Co
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## Big 12 Mens Standings

Team	Big12							Overall						
	Record	Pct	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak	Record	Pct	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak		
<u>Kansas</u>	13-7	.667	8-0	5-7	0-0	W4	77-6	.786	14-1	5-4	3-1	W4		
Iowa State	9-5	.643	6-1	3-4	0-0	W3	21-5	.808	13-1	4-4	4-0	W3		
<u>Texas</u>	9-5	.643	6-1	3-4	0-0	L2	20-7	.741	14-2	5-4	1-1	L2		
Oklahoma	9-8	.600	5-2	4-4	0-0	L1	20-9	.714	12-3	4-4	4-1	L1		
<u>Kansas State</u>	9-6	.600	7-0	2-6	0-0	W1	19-9	.679	14-1	2-6	3-2	W1		
West Virginia	7-7	.500	4-3	3-4	0-0	L2	15-12	.556	10-5	3-8	2-1	L2		
<u>Baylor</u>	6-8	.429	3-4	3-4	0-0	W4	18-9	.667	11-4	3-4	4-1	W4		
Oklahoma State	6-9	.400	4-3	2-6	0-0	W2	16-10	.613	11-3	3-8	4-1	W2		
Texas Tech	5-10	.333	3-5	2-5	0-0	L4	13-15	.464	10-6	2-8	1-1	L4		
TCU	0-15	.000	0-8	0-7	0-0	L15	9-18	.333	5-9	3-7	1-2	L15		

## Big 12 Womens Standings

Team	Big12							Overall						
	Record	Pct	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak	Record	Pct	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak		
<u>Baylor</u>	15-1	.938	8-0	7-1	0-0	W11	75-3	.893	18-1	7-1	0-1	W11		
West Virginia	13-2	.867	6-1	7-1	0-0	W7	24-3	.889	10-2	10-1	4-0	W7		
<u>Oklahoma State</u>	10-5	.667	5-2	5-3	0-0	W1	21-5	.808	13-2	5-3	3-0	W1		
Texas	9-7	.563	7-1	2-6	0-0	W1	18-10	.643	13-2	3-7	2-1	W1		
Oklahoma	8-8	.500	5-3	3-5	0-0	L1	17-12	.586	13-5	4-7	0-0	L1		
Iowa State	7-8	.467	4-4	3-4	0-0	W1	18-8	.692	11-4	5-4	2-0	W1		
TCU	6-10	.375	4-4	2-6	0-0	L2	15-13	.536	12-4	2-6	1-3	L2		
Kansas	5-10	.333	3-4	2-6	0-0	L2	12-15	.444	9-8	2-7	1-2	L2		
<u>Kansas State</u>	4-11	.267	3-5	1-6	0-0	L2	10-16	.385	7-6	1-8	2-2	L2		
Texas Tech	0-15	.000	0-8	0-7	0-0	L15	6-20	.231	6-12	0-8	0-0	L18		



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## TCU Takes Out Lady Cats At Home 51-45

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State and TCU went back-and-forth in the second half, but a late turnover in the closing seconds by the Wildcats allowed the Horned Frogs to walk away with a 51-46 win Monday night at Bramlage Coliseum. Freshman Kindred Wesemann led K-State with 13 points.

K-State (11-18, 5-13 Big 12) fell behind early after five quick points by TCU (17-12, 8-10 Big 12). Wesemann however answered back, scoring K-State's first eight points to give them an 8-7 lead with 12:49 left in the half.

Both teams would trade baskets, as they exchanged the lead nine times in the half. After a Wesemann layup, Leti Romero drained a three-pointer to give the Wildcats their biggest lead at 20-16. K-State would extend that lead to six points on a couple of occasions and head into halftime with a 30-26 advantage.

The Wildcats had a good shooting half, going 12-of-28 (42.9%) from the floor. K-State also out-rebounded the Horned Frogs, 17-12, including seven offensive boards.

The second half was a different story, with both teams struggling to score a basket early. Latricia Lovings knocked down a free throw to score the first point of the half for either team after four minutes of play. Two free-throws brought TCU within one point until a layup

from Romero ended the Wildcats scoring drought with 14:38 remaining in the second stanza.

The Horned Frogs would grab the lead after Zahna Medley put in a three-pointer with just over 13 minutes left in the game. After a TCU layup gave the visitors a 46-42 lead, Katya Leick brought K-State back within one with a three-point play.

K-State however would be unable to tie or take the lead, as the team was unable to convert a field goal after Leick's play. With the score at 49-46 in TCU's favor with 13 seconds remaining, Ashlynn Knoll's three-pointer hit the front of the rim but was rebounded by Romero in the lane. A pass attempt to Wesemann in front of the K-State bench was errant and TCU connected on two free throws for the final deficit.

Romero led K-State with eight rebounds and nine assists while chipping in five points. The Horned Frogs had three players finish in double figures, with Medley leading all scorers with 18 points.

Kansas State will now travel to Oklahoma City, Okla., for the 2014 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championships. The Wildcats will face Kansas in the third meeting of the Sunflower Showdown this season on Friday, March 7 at the Chesapeake Energy Arena. The game will be broadcast by FOX College Sports.



Freshman Guard Kindred Wesemann (24) drives for the basket against TCU. (Photo by Tonya Ricklifs)

## Smart Leads Oklahoma St. Past No. 5 Kansas

By CLIFF BRUNT  
AP Sports Writer

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Marcus Smart scored 20 of his 21 points in the second half to help Oklahoma State defeat No. 5 Kansas 72-65 on Saturday night and give a major boost to the Cowboys' once-fading NCAA tournament hopes.

Oklahoma State (19-10, 7-9 Big 12) overcame a 10-point deficit in the second half. The Cowboys improved to 3-0 since Smart returned from a three-game suspension for

shoving a Texas Tech fan.

Andrew Wiggins scored 15 points for Kansas (22-7, 13-3), which already had clinched the Big 12 title outright before tipoff because Texas and Iowa State lost earlier.

The student section was filled nearly an hour before the opening tip. The crowd included Oklahoma City Thunder players Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook and their coach, Scott Brooks.

Wiggins' three-point play tied the game at 64 with just over 2 minutes to play.

Kamari Murphy's layup gave Oklahoma State a 66-64 lead with 1:37 remaining. Kansas' Naadir Tharpe missed a jumper, and Murphy pulled in the rebound.

Smart made a layup with 46.1 seconds left to push Oklahoma State's lead to four, then he broke the press and hit another layup with 23.8 seconds to go to put the game out of reach.

The Jayhawks led 26-25 at halftime despite 35 percent shooting.

Oklahoma State shot just 24

percent in the first half but forced 11 turnovers. Le'Bryan Nash and Markel Brown scored nine points each to keep the Cowboys in the game. Smart had one point on 0-for-7 shooting.

Wiggins scored five points in the half but committed two fouls.

Brown hit a 3-pointer in the opening seconds of the second half to give Oklahoma State a 28-26 lead, but Kansas answered with a 3-pointer by Wayne Selden.

Smart made his first field

goal, a 3-pointer, with 17:46 to play.

He drew the third foul on Joel Embiid with 14:19 to go and the Jayhawks up 38-36. Wiggins picked up his third foul 11 seconds later.

Kansas responded with a run. With both freshman stars on the bench, Tharpe and Selden drained 3-pointers that put the Jayhawks up 46-38. A three-point play by Perry Ellis pushed Kansas' lead to nine, and a pair of free throws by Wiggins extended the margin to 10 for the first time. Oklahoma State muscled its

way back into the game with a three-point play by Nash and a long lob by Smart to Brown that cut Kansas' lead to five and got the crowd back into the game. The Cowboys moved into the double bonus with 5:50 remaining, and Brown made two free throws to give Oklahoma State a 60-59 lead.

Nash picked up his fourth foul with 4:35 remaining, but Smart calmed him down after Nash disagreed with the call.

Wiggins picked up his fourth foul with 4:09 to play. Smart's 3-pointer with 3:44 left put Oklahoma State up 63-61.

## Wiggins Brothers Ready To Put Stamp On March

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WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Nick Wiggins stood on the court at Koch Arena with one arm around mom, the other around dad, his second-ranked Shockers having just finished a 31-0 regular season.

For once, it was the older brother of Kansas star Andrew Wiggins getting all the attention.

Now, with the NCAA tournament right around the corner, the two brothers — and their teams — are ready to become the story of March.

Wichita State heads into the Missouri Valley Conference tournament this week riding the best start since UNLV in 1991, while the fifth-ranked Jayhawks have wrapped up the outright Big 12 title — the 10th

straight championship for the storied program.

If things transpire as most bracketologists believe, Wichita State will be a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament and Kansas a No. 2 seed, quite possibly in the same region.

And if everything went according to script, they would meet for a spot in the Final Four.

"Believe me, they'd want to face each other," said their father, former NBA first-round draft pick Mitchell Wiggins, "but I think they'd rather play each other in the final. And Nick would probably be Andrew's matchup, so I don't know who would come out on top."

"Don't ask me," chirped their mother, Marita Payne-Wiggins, wearing a broad

smile.

The brothers are about as close as could be, constantly texting each other about everything from video games to school to social life. Nick and several of his Wichita State teammates made the 2-hour trip north earlier this season to watch Andrew lead the Jayhawks against Baylor, and more than once, Andrew has made the trip back south to hang out with his biggest fan.

It's gotten harder as the spotlight has intensified.

The Shockers are the biggest thing going in Wichita these days, which means Nick and his teammates are besieged by well-wishers hoping for a photo and a handshake. Andrew is a sure-fire lottery pick who hasn't been able to

step outside his dorm room since arriving at Kansas without autograph hounds tracking him down.

They have relied on each other, along with their parents, to stay grounded during this memorable season. Not even the pressure of the NCAA tournament can tear apart those family bonds.

"We were always together," Andrew Wiggins told The Associated Press earlier this season. "We'd always watch TV together. We were always together at dinner times. That's what made us so close."

In fact, one of the reasons Andrew chose Kansas over just about every other major program in the country was that Nick was just down the road at Wichita State.

"I feel like that was the best decision for him," Nick said.

It turned out to be good for their parents. Mitchell and Marita were able to watch Nick and the Shockers dispatch Missouri State on Saturday to finish off a perfect regular season, a victory capped by a senior day ceremony in which Nick received a framed version of his No. 15 jersey.

The Shockers' sixth man even gave them a memorable highlight, throwing down a dunk off an alley-oop pass in transition that left another sell-out crowd roaring in approval.

On Wednesday night, they will continue their trip by visiting senior day in Lawrence, where the Jayhawks will face Texas Tech. Even though Andrew is only a freshman,

he's already made clear his intention of heading to the NBA, so it will be his last chance to play in Allen Fieldhouse.

"Nick has done so much for Andrew. He's Andrew's hero," Mitchell said. "He really helped Andrew's game when he was younger, just talking to him, talking about basketball, different things. They like each other almost too much, and they're very proud of each other."

Their parents are proud of them, too, and intend to follow the brothers throughout the NCAA tournament. It would be easier if they were paired in the same region, but that's no guarantee, so Mitchell and Marita are anxiously awaiting Selection Sunday.

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## Kansas St Bench Keys Win Over No. 15 Iowa St

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Finding effective substitution patterns has been a source of frustration for Kansas State coach Bruce Weber and his assistants. A few heated discussions have taken place, but they might have found their answer against No. 15 Iowa State.

Behind a 38-2 advantage in bench scoring and Will Spradling's tiebreaking 3-pointer with 1:38 left, the Wildcats overcame a huge game by Cyclones star Melvin Ejim in an 80-73 victory Saturday night.

Kansas State (20-9, 10-6 Big 12) had five players in double figures and seven with at least seven points.

"We're not skipping a heartbeat when the second group comes in," Thomas Gipson said. "D.J. (Johnson) plays extremely hard and sometimes he plays harder than me. It gives our team a boost of energy and people want to play harder."

Shane Southwell had 13 points for the Wildcats, who moved into a four-way tie for second place in the conference with Iowa State, Oklahoma and Texas. Trying to earn the No. 2 seed in the league tournament, they play at Oklahoma State on Monday and then host Baylor on Saturday to end the regular season.

Kansas State has beaten the three teams it is tied with, which could help if tiebreakers become necessary. The Wildcats also have won 15 straight games at Bramlage Coliseum, their longest home winning streak since the 1981-82 season.

Ejim had 30 points and 16 rebounds, and DeAndre Kane

added 24 points and eight rebounds to pace the Cyclones (22-6, 10-6).

A 12-point first half from Southwell was a welcomed sight for the senior as he broke out of a monthlong slump. His 13 points were his most since scoring 14 at Iowa State on Jan. 25.

Behind a 16-0 run, the Wildcats opened a 20-9 lead with 10:44 left in the first half.

Ejim, the Big 12's active leader in career double-doubles, got his 31st by halftime with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

"He really struggled in his last game and only played 20 minutes," Cyclones coach Fred Hoiberg said. "But we stepped up in his absence and got a big win despite him being on the bench for half of the game. His energy was off the charts tonight. To go out and have 30 and 16 on the road is a pretty big-time performance."

Ejim and Kane answered the Kansas State run with 28 first-half points while cutting the deficit to 39-34 at the break.

As the "Big Three" for the Cyclones, Ejim, Kane and Georges Niang all came in with scoring averages above 17 points in conference play.

Although two of the three lit up the Wildcats' defense, Weber was happy with his team's effort.

"They had two special players in that arena with Ejim and Kane," Weber said. "Both of them are up for being the top players in the league. They've had the big three all year and we did the job on Niang. Some of it was getting him in foul trouble, which helped."

Foul trouble plagued the

Wildcats, too, as Spradling and leading scorer Marcus Foster sat out much of the first half with two fouls.

"We had some unconventional lineups in there," Weber said. "But they didn't go down. They kept battling."

Foster ended the first half with two points on the opening basket of the game and finished with 11. Gipson and Johnson both scored 12 for Kansas State.

Ejim, the Big 12's leading scorer with an average of 18.4 points, opened the second half with a three-point play.

Kansas State pushed its advantage to five before the Cyclones rallied to take their first lead in nearly 23 minutes. But the Wildcats answered in the closing minutes, and Spradling's 3-pointer with 1:38 remaining gave them a 72-69 edge they did not relinquish.

"Their two shooters made big shots when they needed them," Hoiberg said.

"Spradling came off after struggling and knocks a big one down. Foster did the same thing the next time down. That's what great players do, a four-year player in Spradling and one of the best freshmen I've seen in a long time in Foster."

Kansas State closed it out with six free throws in the final 1:23.

"They came right back and hit some big shots," Ejim said. "We played hard, guys came in, stepped up and made some big shots, but truly they were able to make some big shots down the stretch and make some stops."



Kansas State's Thomas Gipson (42) slams home two points against Iowa State. (Photo by Ben Brake)

## Rejuvenated Marcus Smart Ends Oklahoma St Skid

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Marcus Smart has calmed down, perhaps in time to save Oklahoma State's season.

The dynamic point guard has been dominant since returning from a three-game suspension for shoving a fan at Texas Tech. In wins over the Red Raiders and TCU, he displayed a new sense of calm while averaging 16.5 points, 8.5 assists, 5.5 rebounds and 5.5 steals. The Cowboys (18-10, 6-9 Big 12) have bounced back from a seven-game losing streak and can strengthen their once-fading NCAA tournament hopes with a win Saturday at home against No. 5 Kansas.

At times before his suspension, Smart pressed to score while he was in a slump, and his misses led to frustration that boiled over and cost his team. He has learned that his demeanor affects his teammates.

"The more fun and relaxed I can be, the more fun and relaxed this team's going to be," he said.

Coach Travis Ford said the Cowboys are playing their best team ball in a long time, and Smart's new approach and renewed focus are the main reasons.

"I think the last two games, he's played the way that's made him one of the best players in America, and that's as far as if you look across the stat sheet, there's a lot of big numbers," Ford said. "When he's doing that, obviously, that makes him great and it makes our team a lot better."

The Jayhawks (22-6, 13-2) already have clinched a share of the Big 12 title and can claim it outright on Saturday. Their success makes Saturday's game an ideal test for the Cowboys to see if they truly are back on track.

The Cowboys have the Jayhawks' attention. Last season, they ended Kansas' 33-game home win streak, and

Smart celebrated by doing a backflip. This season, in Lawrence, Kansas led by 17 at halftime, then held on to win 80-78 in a game that featured pushing, shoving and numerous technical fouls.

"I think the motivation is it's Oklahoma State, and we've kind of developed a pretty good rivalry with them," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "The last three games have been really close, last-possession-type games."

Kansas features Joel Embiid

and Andrew Wiggins, freshmen who could be top picks in this year's NBA draft. Wiggins averages 16.3 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. Embiid averages 11.1 points, 7.9 rebounds and 2.6 blocks.

Embiid, a 7-foot, 250-pound center from Cameroon, had 13 points, 11 rebounds and eight blocks in the first meeting.

"He made some nice blocks, and he's got great timing," Ford said of Embiid's play in the first meeting. "You know he's in there. You know he's in

there."

Oklahoma State counters with Smart, a preseason All-American who averages 17.4 points and 5.6 rebounds. Markel Brown averages 16.8 points and 5.5 rebounds and Le'Bryan Nash averages 14.4 points and 5.8 rebounds.

Oklahoma State has moved guard Phil Forte into the starting lineup, and the sophomore has flourished since Smart's return. In the past two games, he's averaged 21.5 points and made half of his 18 3-point

shots. In the first game against Kansas, Forte came off the bench and scored 21 points.

"One reason why they're playing better is because he's played well, and he plays better whenever Marcus is in the game with him," Self said. "I do think that he's (Forte) tough to guard. He stretches the defense and really allows driving opportunities for some of the other guys because you can't leave him."

Now that the Cowboys have put their distractions behind

them and have returned to their winning ways, they feel the vibe has returned to the way it was when they won 15 of their first 17 games.

"You can tell that everybody's enjoying themselves a little bit better now," Smart said.

"Everybody's lightened up. We're not putting as much stress on each other. We're just going out there and having fun."



KSU's Defense worked well against Iowa State, here Shane Southwell (1) and D. J. Johnson stop the play. (Photo by Ben Brake)

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