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Eiditorial in photos...



The dinning room and kitchen were fixed with trash, food and roaches.



All four bedrooms were filled with trash, food and roaches.

Editorial By Jon A. Brake

They say a photo is worth a thousand words, so we will not have much to say about getting rid of Slum-Landlords.

A few years ago the City wanted to get rid of all the slum Landlords in town They passed

an ordnance that would make China envious.

But something unexpected happened and the cards came tumbling down. Four A-1 students were given jail sentences for trashing an apartment. Students or Renters were not to be judged. The City

Commission repealed the law.

This 4-bedroom apartment housed 5 children, the Riley County Police would not remove the children, SRS would not remove the children.

It took \$9 Thousand Dollars to put the apartment back in renting condition.

Leaders Offer Kansas School Funding Plan

By JOHN MILBURN
Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas House Republican leaders produced a new plan late Monday for satisfying a state Supreme Court ruling that's similar to one rejected last week but lacks the changes to state charter school laws.

House Speaker Ray Merrick said the plan would increase school spending by about \$129 million to address two deficiencies deemed unconstitutional by the court in its March 7 ruling.

"It's a start," the Stilwell Republican said. "There's going to be a lot of changes."

But the plan still contained several policy changes to education laws, including modifying the way teachers are certified and creating a commission to determine if total school funding was adequate as it pertains to seven criteria in Kansas law.

Merrick said the House Appropriations Committee is likely to begin reviewing the proposal Tuesday.

Rep. Jerry Henry, a

Cummins Democrat and ranking minority on House Appropriations, said the GOP plan looked similar to the original plan, absent the charter school expansion. Henry and Merrick both said they expect charter school expansion to be offered as an amendment during House debate.

"There's lots of moving parts here that need to be determined," Henry said.

Merrick has been negotiating with Senate President Susan Wagle, a Wichita Republican, and Gov. Sam Brownback on a solution that would be agreeable to both chambers and that the governor would sign. The parties must fix the funding issues by July, per the state Supreme Court, and send other questions back to a lower court to review.

Brownback spokeswoman Sara Belfry declined to say if the governor liked the new House plan, saying only that he was standing by seven guiding principles that any legislation must abide, including addressing all issues of funding equity.

"He is waiting to see what

the final legislation is and he will consider that once it hits his desk," Belfry said.

Senate GOP leaders said earlier Monday they hope to finish the framework of a school spending bill soon, but don't have a timeframe yet for introducing a measure.

Sen. Ty Masterson, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, said many "different, conflicting conversations" were taking place in the Statehouse and it was unclear what a Senate plan may look like.

"I'm a little nervous about opening it wide open for everybody without having some semblance of where you might want to go," the Andover Republican said.

In addition to the July deadline set by the court, legislators are working under a more pressing April 4 deadline, when the main portion of the 2014 session concludes and they take a three-week break. Legislative leaders have said they hoped to have the school issue resolved by then, but time was short.

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Kansas House Approves Joining Health Care Compact

By JOHN MILBURN
Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The future is murky for a House-passed bill that would allow Kansas to join a compact of states seeking an exemption from the federal health care overhaul.

The measure, approved 74-48 by the House on Monday, seeks to add Kansas to a list of states, including Missouri and Texas, that have approved forming the compact. But a key Senate leader said that there may not be enough time to consider the bill before the session ends.

Legislators adjourn April 4 for a three-week spring break and return later that month to consider any unfinished business.

The Senate committee that would traditionally hear the bill isn't scheduled to meet for the rest of the year, Senate Majority Leader Terry Bruce, a Nickerson Republican, said. He didn't know where the measure would end up in the coming days.

The compact would allow member states to set their own health care policies while retaining federal health care dollars, but only if Congress approves. The compact would

allow participating states to exempt themselves from other federal rules in addition to the health overhaul's regulations.

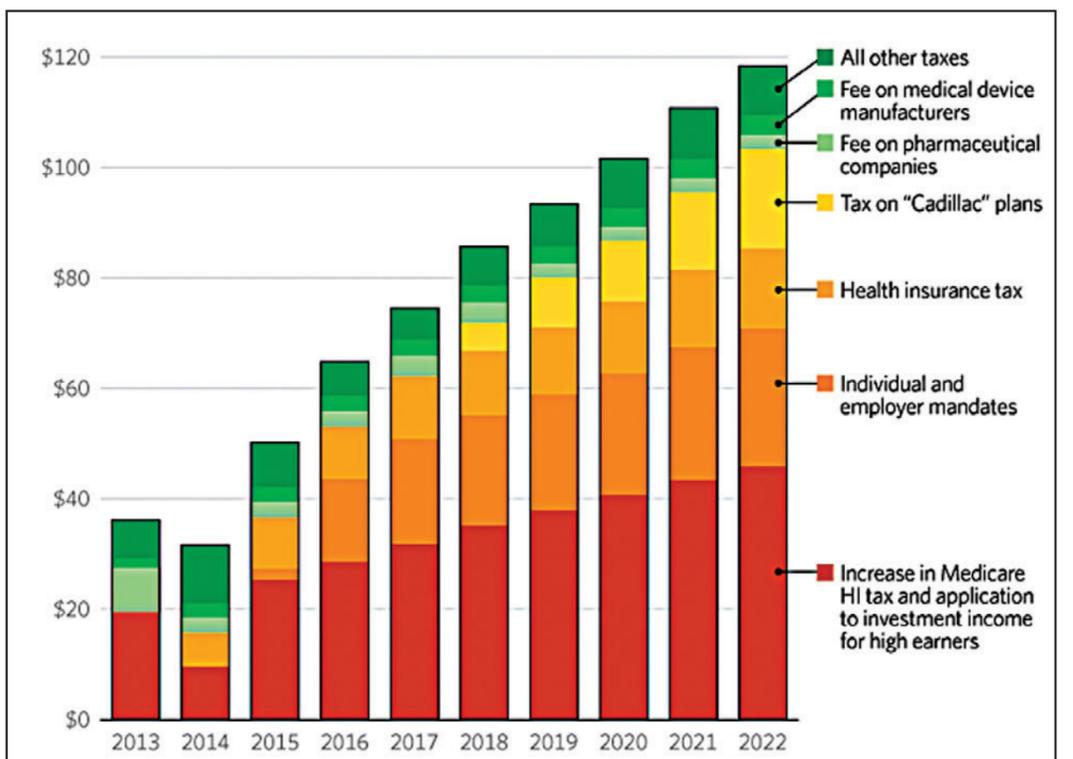
Joining the compact could have implications for some 450,000 Kansas residents who participate in the federal Medicare program if benefits would be cut and increase their out-of-pocket expenses. It also could increase the cost to Kansas taxpayers, warned one GOP House member.

"These programs would significantly increase the size and scope of state government," said Rep. Don Schroeder, a Hesston Republican.

Supporters say giving Kansas more control over Medicare would ultimately help senior citizens. However, critics of the compact say residents could lose benefits and pay higher costs.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley said the measure would largely be symbolic since the compact is unlikely to win approval in the U.S. Senate, which is controlled by Democrats who have staunchly defended the health care overhaul.

"It seems like an exercise in futility," said Hensley, a Topeka Democrat.



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Courthouse News

Manhattan Free Press

Thursday, March 27, 2014

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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 March 20, 2014 with the following members present: Robert Boyd, Chair; Ron Wells, Vice Chair; Dave Lewis, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

9:00 Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment, Commission Comments, & Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Brady Bauman, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; Steve Springer, S&K Contracting; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Hobson said expenses have been incurred for Courthouse security and asked which fund these expenses should be paid from.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed by consensus the funds should be paid from the County Building Fund.

Springer discussed the county property adjacent to land he owns and wants to develop south of Manhattan. Springer stated he is interested in purchasing the land or Riley County dedicating a travel easement through its property.

Holeman said he has ordered a title search on the property.

The Board asked Springer to let the development process work.

9:15 Debbie Regester, Register of Deeds

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Brady Bauman, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Regester presented a 2014 Register of Deeds' revenue report.

Lewis moved to approve a Purchase Authorization for a Land Pride Model RC5610 heavy-duty offset rotary mower for the Noxious Weed Department in the amount of \$13,991.25. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve a Purchase Authorization for a 2012 New Holland T6020 tractor for the Noxious Weed Department in the amount of \$57,300.00. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to sign a thank you letter to Mariah Boller for serving on the Park Board. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to appoint Kenneth Carroll to the Park Board as City of Ogden representative. Wells seconded.

Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to appoint Adam Bowen to Riley County Public Health Advisory Council, term expiration December 31, 2015. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve "Resolution No. 032014-20, A Resolution appointing representatives to Riley County Boards" – Kenneth Carroll to Park Board and Adam Bowen – Riley County Public Health Advisory Council. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve a CIP Project Funding Form for KnowInk Electronic Poll Books for the Clerk/Election Department in the amount of \$25,788.55. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the 2014 Contract for Services with Pawnee Mental Health Services. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$278,185.03 and the following warrant vouchers for March 21, 2014:

2014 Budget	County General	\$310,920.19
Health Department		73,945.14
Riley Co Juvenile Service		6,554.26
Motor Vehicle Operations		6,515.95
21st Jud Dist Teen Court		1,291.94
Riley Co Adult Services		8,937.12
Capital Improvements Fund		42,143.55
Emergency 911		3,897.85
Solid Waste		122,410.39
County Building		9,769.20
Road & Bridge Cap Project		28,026.46
RCPD Levy/Op		1,229.12
Landfill Closure		531.63
Riley Co Fire Dist #1		4,851.65
Riley Co Fire Dist CapOut		2,527.60
University Park W&S		4,097.40
Hunters Island Water Dist		244.94
Carson Sewer Benefit Dist		144.68
Deep Creek Sewer		219.04
Moehlman Bottoms		98.17
Valleywood Operations		65.76
Terra Heights Sewer		632.59
Terra Heights Sinking		2,592.26
Konza Water Operations		785.42
Lakeside Heights Sewer		2.88
TOTAL		\$632,435.19

Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the minutes of March 17, 2014 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:30 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of

Administrative Services
Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Brady Bauman, Manhattan Mercury; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN; attended.

Holeman discussed state legislation.

10:00 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director and John Jobe, 4-H & Youth Development Agent Brady Bauman, Manhattan Mercury; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN; attended.

Wilson presented a Riley County Extension staff report.

Jobe discussed youth development.

10:15 Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director; Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Brady Bauman, Manhattan Mercury; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN; attended.

Schoen presented a Riley County Police Department update.

10:37 Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director; Brady Bauman, Manhattan Mercury; Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN; attended.

P. Collins recommended renewing the annual service contract agreement with Ka-Comm, Inc. for the maintenance of Riley County 911 radio backbone equipment for 2014 and renewing the annual service contract with Voice Products Service, LLC for the maintenance of the Nicelog Recorder for 2014.

Lewis moved to approve the annual service contract with Ka-Comm, Inc. for the maintenance of Riley County 911 radio backbone equipment in the amount of \$14,616.00 to be paid from the Riley County 911 fund. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Lewis moved to approve the annual service contract with Voice Products Service, LLC for the maintenance of the Nicelog Recorder in the amount of \$14,400.00 to be paid from the Riley County 911 fund. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

P. Collins recommended the purchase of Voice Products Service, LLC Inform server upgrade.

Lewis moved to approve the upgrade of the Inform server and channel licenses with Voice Products Service, LLC for 2014 in the amount of \$13,785.00 to be paid from the Riley County 911 fund. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:45 Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Leon Hobson, Public Works

Director/County Engineer; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Butler presented a Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce update.

10:58 Anne Smith, aTa Bus Director and Eric Kientz, Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Kientz reviewed the aTa Bus audit report.

Smith presented the aTa Bus annual report.

11:30 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Bob Isaac, Planner; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Lyndal Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Hobson discussed presenting to neighbors the proposed Riley County Police Department firing range location and phases.

The Board agreed Planning and Development should present to the neighbors the Riley County Police Department firing range proposal.

11:36 Executive session for department head evaluation follow-up and first quarter progress

11:36 Lewis moved that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a performance matter involving a county employee (Leon Hobson) and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 12:00 (noon). Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

12:00 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

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12:20 Lewis moved to go out of executive session. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

Lewis moved to approve the Purchase Authorization for a NICE Inform Recorder Professional System upgrade for server license and channel licenses in the amount of \$13,785.00 to be paid from the Riley County 911 fund. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

12:22 Lewis moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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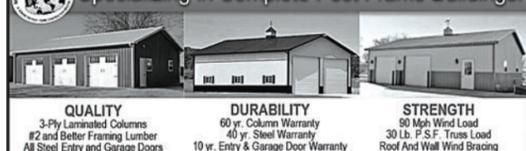


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- Nikita Khrushchev, 1959

Salaries Of The Top Fifty State Employees

Agency	First Name	Last Name	Position	Total Pay Year Rank
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Barbara F	Atkinson	Executive Vice Chancellor	\$789,927.94 2012 1
University of Kansas	Sheahon J	Zenger	Director Major Division/School	\$499,999.94 2012 2
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Doug A	Girod	Professor-Chairperson	\$434,047.51 2012 3
University of Kansas	Bernadette G	Gray-Little	Chancellor	\$433,949.88 2012 4
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Kapil N	Bhalla	Assistant Professor	\$421,032.05 2012 5
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Buddhadeb	Dawn	Professor	\$404,576.51 2012 6
Kansas State University	Kirk H	Schulz	President	\$400,050.04 2012 7
University of Kansas	Jeffrey S	Vitter	Exec. Vice Chancellor/Provost	\$396,500.00 2012 8
Kansas State University	John A	Currie	Director	\$394,230.88 2012 9
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Steven W	Stites	Professor-Chairperson	\$374,012.38 2012 10
Wichita State University	John S	Tomblin	Administrative Officer	\$361,844.61 2012 11
Univ of Ks Medical Center	John E	Sutphin	Professor-Chairperson	\$356,529.94 2012 12
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Carl P	Weiner	Professor-Chairperson	\$356,356.96 2012 13
University of Kansas	Neelima M	Bendapudi	Dean-Professor	\$356,199.97 2012 14
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Terance T	Tsue	Professor	\$351,675.65 2012 15
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Chet D	Johnson	Professor-Chairperson	\$346,559.98 2012 16
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Alan S	Yu	Professor	\$335,600.07 2012 17
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Parvesh	Kumar	Professor-Chairperson	\$335,503.48 2012 18
Kansas State University	Ali R	Malekzadeh	Dean-Professor	\$334,354.80 2012 19
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Roy A	Jensen	Professor	\$332,180.08 2012 20
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Karen L	Miller	Vice Chancellor	\$331,915.48 2012 21
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Jeffrey C	Reene	Chief of Operations	\$329,663.88 2012 22
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Raymond P	Perez	Professor	\$325,000.00 2012 23
University of Kansas	Sivaprasad	Gogineni	Director Professor	\$324,250.41 2012 24
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Garold O	Minns	Dean	\$323,988.72 2012 25
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Harry D	Wilson	Dean	\$319,741.59 2012 26
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Paul F	Terranova	Vice Chancellor	\$318,856.46 2012 27
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Matthew S	Mayo	Professor-Chairperson	\$316,555.07 2012 28
Kansas State University	April C	Mason	Provost/Professor	\$313,854.84 2012 29
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Peter G	Smith	Director Professor	\$305,679.53 2012 30
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Dale R	Abrahamson	Distinguished Professor	\$305,113.12 2012 31
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Joseph E	Donnelly	Professor	\$299,999.96 2012 32
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Jon P	Schrage	Professor-Chairperson	\$299,821.08 2012 33
University of Kansas	Rakesh K	Bhala	Distinguished Prof/Assoc Dean	\$295,363.05 2012 34
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Curtis	Klaassen	Distinguished Professor	\$294,046.08 2012 35
University of Kansas	Steve F.	Warren	Vice Provost/Professor	\$293,424.95 2012 36
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Richard J	Barohn	Professor-Chairperson	\$285,963.08 2012 37
University of Kansas	George	Bittlingmayer	Distinguished Professor	\$285,782.70 2012 38
Wichita State University	Donald L	Beggs	Administrative Officer	\$282,149.92 2012 39
University of Kansas	Surendra N.	Singh	Professor	\$279,769.87 2012 40
University of Kansas	Barbara N	Timmermann	Dist Prof/Chair	\$279,416.23 2012 41
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Dennis P	Valenzeno	Associate Dean	\$274,999.92 2012 42
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Danny R	Welch	Professor	\$274,999.92 2012 43
University of Kansas	Danny Joe	Anderson	Dean-Professor	\$274,224.93 2012 44
University of Kansas	John T	Sweeney	Professor	\$274,021.65 2012 45
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Andrew K	Godwin	Director Professor	\$273,955.82 2012 46
Wichita State University	Ravindra	Pendse	Vice President	\$273,028.95 2012 47
University of Kansas	Mabel Lyddon	Rice	Director Professor	\$270,889.65 2012 48
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Ross L	Stein	Executive Director	\$269,201.12 2012 49
Univ of Ks Medical Center	Hartmut W	Jaeschke	Professor-Chairperson	\$267,296.24 2012 50

Religious Freedom Is Everyone's Business

By Derrick Morgan
Heritage Foundation

Across social media last week, some in the Twittersphere claimed family businesses fighting for a fundamental freedom want to impose their religious and moral beliefs on their employees.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The distortion is part of a fierce national argument into which the Supreme Court is about to wade. One side insists government must force all to agree with them. The other wishes simply to be left alone to pursue their own occupations in accord with their conscience.

In a reversal of commonly held stereotypes, many so-called progressives now seek government-enforced conformity. The left used to argue that we should be free to live without fear of government sanction. Today they insist everyone agree with them — or else.

President Barack Obama's health care law includes a mandate that employers must provide coverage of drugs that can cause an early abortion — without cost to the employee. Some object on religious grounds and on March 25, two family-owned businesses — one is evangelical, the other Mennonite — will get their day before the Supreme Court.

The Constitution and a law called the Religious Freedom and Restoration Act provide a check against unreasonable government coercion. Before imposing a substantial burden on those with sincerely held religious beliefs, the government must show a compelling interest, pursued through the least restrictive means.

This fair balance ensures that government properly respects all people, including religious minorities. It also makes sense for the law to apply at our workplaces. As first lady Michelle Obama has said, "Our faith journey isn't just about showing up on Sunday . . . it's about what we do Monday through Saturday as well."

For Hobby Lobby and

Conestoga Wood, the two family businesses making arguments before the Supreme Court this month, their faith journey includes paying fair wages and providing health care to their employees. It also means not paying for abortion-inducing drugs.

Under the Obamacare regulation imposed by the Department of Health and Human Services, the two businesses face fines of \$36,500 per year, per employee if they don't provide coverage of those drugs. Even if they drop health care coverage altogether to avoid the mandate, they would still face government penalties. The Green family, which owns the Hobby Lobby chain, and the Hahn family, which owns Conestoga Wood, simply seek relief from the court so they can continue to provide insurance for their employees.

The issue in these cases gets at the heart of what religious freedom is and who will get to determine where one's faith is lived out. Throughout the creation and implementation of the mandate, the Obama administration essentially has argued that faith should remain a private affair: You can practice your beliefs in the four walls of your home or house of worship, but your religious freedom ends when you go into business.

But, as Cato Institute's Ilya Shapiro points out, that's not a view in line with the Constitution's protection of religious freedom. He writes:

"These individuals don't check their religious values at the office door. . . The government can't force individuals to forfeit their free exercise rights when they incorporate a business — just as it can't force them to forsake these liberties when they enter the workforce, attend school, or engage in any other secular pursuit."

You don't need to agree with the Greens or Hahns about abortion to recognize that government shouldn't coerce these families into paying for coverage of potentially life-ending drugs and devices.

Solar Industry Could Face Disaster As Lawmakers Seek End To Tax Credits

By Bruce Parker and Tori Richards | Watchdog.org

A pair of U.S. House bills ask for an end to tax credits responsible for creating and propping up the American solar energy industry.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp, a Michigan Republican, proposes an end to the federal giveaways. Fellow GOP Congressman Mike Pompeo of Kansas has introduced a similar bill.

"For years we had worked on building consensus among our caucus against tax credits for energy companies — oil, gas, wind, solar — because profitable corporations shouldn't rely on taxpayer support. They should rely on customers," Pompeo said in a written statement.

California-based SolarCity, one of the nation's largest solar system contractors, has admitted

in Securities and Exchange Commission filings that any curtailment of tax dollars would spell doom. Nearly a third of the cost of its equipment has been paid for by the taxpayer.

The company, which has received more than \$422 million tax dollars, is \$166 million in the red and has never turned a profit, according to its latest financial report.

The \$30.2 billion given away by the government for green energy had its start in September 2008 in the midst of the sub-prime mortgage bank bailout mess. Solar Investment Tax Credits had bipartisan support that included such GOP stalwarts as U.S. Sens. Chuck Grassley of Iowa and Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

The law allowed a solar utility firm purchasing \$1 million in solar energy-related equipment to claim a \$300,000 tax

credit deducted directly from taxes owed. The massive tax rebate made it possible for some solar businesses to operate tax-free.

A year later, the U.S. Treasury Department made it even easier for solar businesses issuing checks to companies that didn't want to utilize the tax credit. Dan Kish, senior vice president of policy at the Institute for Energy Research, said front-loading cash grants rather than back-loaded credits allowed unprofitable companies to get a free lunch.

"The tax credit took new life in '09 with the economic stimulus," Kish said. "Initially, it was a 30 percent credit, but what happened is people said that in order to have a credit that's worth something you have to make a profit, and we're not making a profit. So what about a grant program instead. And that's what they

ultimately went forward with."

Despite intense lobbying by the solar industry, the incentives ended in 2012 when Congress didn't vote to renew the incentives.

"The (cash grant) money is gone now, because that provision is expired from the books largely because of some of the big stories we're all familiar with, like Solyndra," Kish said.

Now the solar grants have reverted back to a tax break, which stands at 30 percent and will decrease to 10 percent in 2017.

Camp has tucked his cost cutting into the Tax Reform Act of 2014. While he isn't going to touch the systems that are up and running through the end of this year, the act repeals tax breaks starting in 2015.

Like Camp's legislation, Pompeo's ends future tax credits in a standalone bill.

The recent solar subsidies

like SolarCity's trace their origins back to the Investment Tax Credit the U.S. government began providing to targeted industries in 1962. These federal tax credits, which offer businesses a direct dollar-for-dollar reduction in income taxes owed to the government, provide powerful incentive for business investment.

Over the years, investment tax credits have been used for everything from low-income housing to employer provided child care. Congress first extended ITCs to solar initiatives by way of the Energy Tax Act of 1978.

The Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005, a Bush-era initiative, first delivered a 30 percent tax credit for individuals who purchased solar installations. The subsidy, though generous, was capped at \$2,000 and wasn't available to utility companies.

It was the Emergency

Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 that opened the floodgates by removing the \$2,000 cap and tying the 30 percent tax rebate to purchase and installation costs. The new Solar Investment Tax Credit was a dollar-for-dollar reduction in taxes owed, not a mere reduction in taxable income.

Some solar companies have still found ways to make good on the solar investment tax credit by partnering with investors — primarily top U.S. banks — that have large tax liabilities. The solar tax credit gets passed on to the investors by way of the "tax equity market."

However, this source of funding for the solar industry could collapse as well if Congress fails to renew the solar ITC in 2016. Without it, the future of the U.S. solar energy is in grave doubt.

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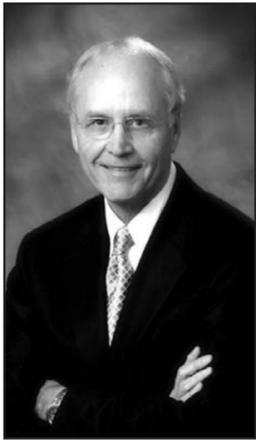
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Over Easy...

By Bob Strawn,
Mayor emeritus

"The Riley County Police Department reduced its proposed 2015 budget by \$119,000 in an effort to meet suggestions from (the) Riley County Law Board. RCPD director Brad Schoen presented the numbers at a budget workshop meeting on Monday. The biggest changes in this year's proposal of the \$18,945,000 budget include the addition of two dispatchers, an information tech, a 1.4 percent cost of living (COLA) raise and the movement of a crime analyst position to a contract."



Bob Strawn

So reported The Manhattan Mercury in recapping last week's Riley County Law Board meeting. With a county population totaling 71 thousand, the cost per citizen for our consolidated police department is currently \$259. That's derived using 2014 budget numbers.

For comparison, a cursory review of Douglas County and the City of Lawrence's 2014 sheriff and police department budgets show \$4.6 million and \$16.8 million respectively, for a combined \$21.4 million. The county population over there is 111 thousand. Which means it costs \$193 per county citizen for their police protection.

The difference is mind-numbing. Douglas County citizens pay a whopping 34% less for police protection than Riley's. Yet our bobble-head Law Board, composed mostly of self-described "conservative" Republicans, never ques-

tions the fundamental issue of why our consolidated department is so expensive by comparison.

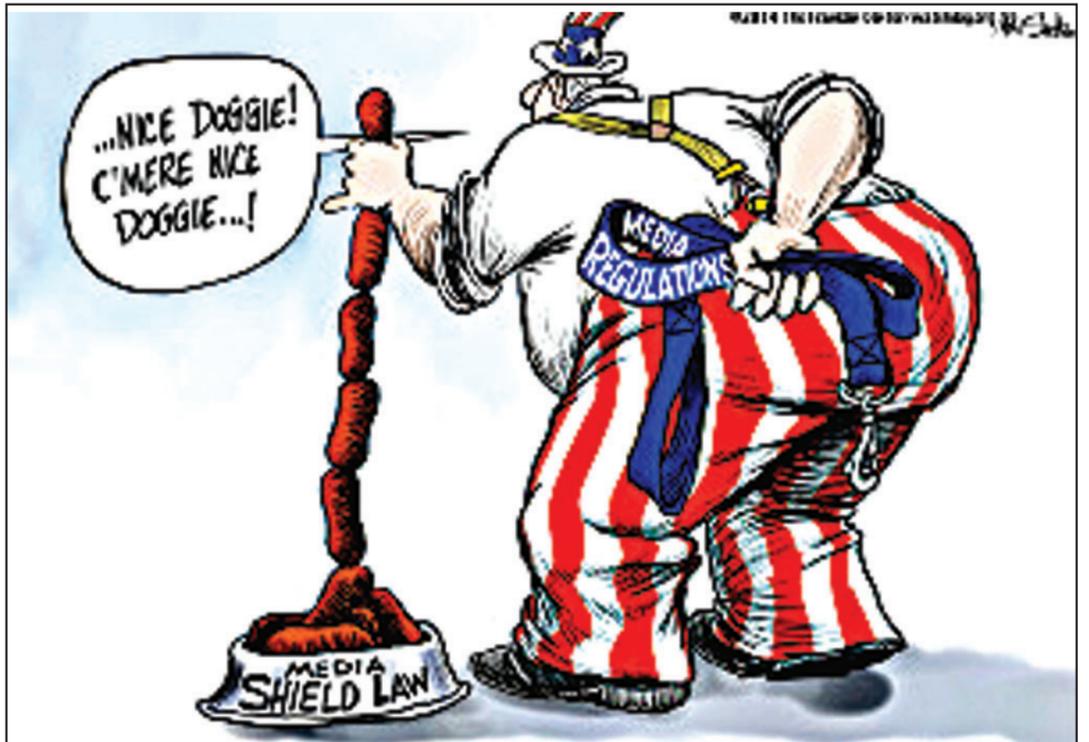
Wasn't the promise of consolidation higher quality policing at lower costs? If so, what's going on here, commissioners? Are Lawrence, Douglas County and Kansas University so much different than Manhattan, Riley County and Kansas State University that it costs 34% more to provide police protection here than down river? Or do we have a fundamental law-flaw on the Kaw? (Sorry.)

Last week's brouhaha over citizens calling for the RCPD Director to be an elected position gave us pause, as we've never thought that election would solve much of anything. However, the law board's dismissive approach to the initiative was troubling because it suggested a stubbornly insular attitude toward citizens who, after all, are footing the bill and living the results.

County Attorney Barry Wilkerson was quoted as saying: "That there's no place for people to turn and voice concerns, that's just not true" Well Mr. County Attorney, perhaps your law board should hold a public hearing - give folks a chance to speak - rather than dismissing their concerns out of hand.

County Commissioner Dave

The Conservative Side...



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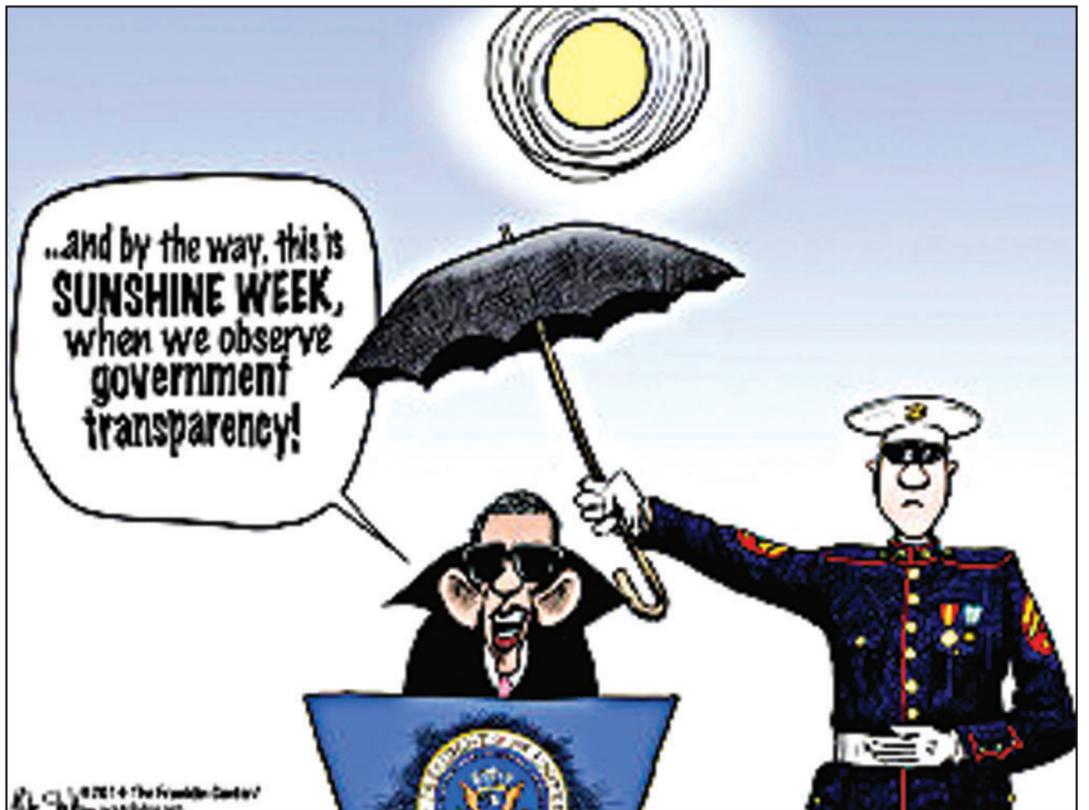
Lewis chimed-in: "If there's a compromising situation where the director is involved in, he's held accountable by the law board." Really commissioner? Are you holding him account-

able for an operation costing Riley County citizens 34% more than our often used Lawrence benchmark; or didn't you just favor the director receiving another "merit"

increase?

In our view, it's unfair to put Director Brad Schoen in this box. It is not his fault the Law Board is not giving proper oversight. Rather, the board

itself needs to take a serious look in the mirror - at its composition, purpose and overall performance. All of which are rightly being questioned today by many citizens.



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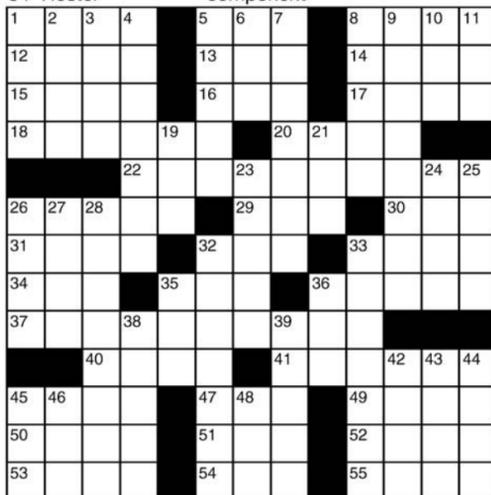
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Servings 6

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1/4 cup butter or margarine

1 container (18 or 20 ounces) refrigerated original barbecue sauce with shredded beef

1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (6 ounces)

1 cup (from 2.8-ounce can) French-fried onions

Directions

1 Heat oven to 350°F. Spray rectangular baking dish, 11x7x1 1/2 inches, with cooking spray.

2 Make potatoes as directed on package for 8 servings, using 2 pouches Potatoes and Seasoning, hot

water, milk and butter. Spread half of the potatoes over bottom of baking dish. Layer with beef, 1 cup of the cheese and remaining potatoes.

3 Cover with aluminum foil and bake about 30 minutes or until hot. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Sprinkle onions around edges of baking dish. Bake uncovered 3 to 4 minutes longer or until cheese is melted and onions are brown.

Expert Tips

As well as barbecue beef, cooked barbeque chicken and barbecue pork can be used in this recipe if you'd like to try something different.

This casserole can easily be cut into squares; serve it with a spatula rather than with a spoon.

The mashed potatoes can be made ahead and refrigerated until you're ready to make dinner.

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Kansas State Introduces Coach Jeff Mittie

**K-State Athletic Director
John Currie
Opening Statement...**

"Good afternoon and welcome to K-State. As we began our quest to find the next coach at K-State, we did so as K-State services, under the framework of the K-State pledge, and our vision of a modern intercollegiate athletics program with our five goals of a world-class student-athlete experience, values of our university, community, and state, integrity and transparency in regard to our athletes following NCAA compliance, championship athletic performances, and the best fan experience in the Big 12 Conference. We were very pleased with the interest in our position and the national respect for K-State Women's Basketball. As we talked about before, we have a tremendous championship tradition—currently ranking 15th all-time in NCAA Division I wins with 853, which is second among Big 12 schools. We have a strong operating and recruiting budget, our facilities are among the nation's best with our beautiful Basketball Training Facility which is just not an equitable facility, but it is an equal facility for both women and men student-athletes. We have traditionally strong fan support, ranking in the top-35 in attendance each of our last six seasons—and again I want to thank the fans that are here today. While I am thanking folks, I want to thank Jill Shields, Dr. Be Stoney, and Clint Dowdle, who comprised the search committee, they all have tremendous experience in basketball—specifically women's basketball for Dr. Stoney and Jill (Shields), they were valuable in this process. I want to recognize all of our staff who participated in their assistance and support—including our operations and facility staff for putting this event together today. Daniel Parker and Laurie Wilder from Parker Executive Search did a great job for us in accelerating the pace of this process. As an institution we know that we are accelerating towards the K-State 2025 mission of ranking among America's top-50 public research universities. Again, I want to say what a privilege and pleasure it is to work with the leadership of our President Kirk Schulz.

In a few moments I'll ask Dr. Noel Schulz, the serving

Dean of Engineering, to come forward with a purple coat for Coach Mittie. We are thrilled to recognize Coach Mittie and his family—Shanna, Logan, Madison, and Jordan to the K-State family. We believe that Coach Mittie epitomizes our commitment to those five K-State goals and our vision. He is a proven winner. His 22 seasons as a head coach featured nine conference championships in four different leagues, 454 total wins, and 15 postseason appearances with a 16th to come next year. He is a five-time coach of the year in those conferences and he has great Midwest roots as a Blue Springs native, and of course his wife Shanna is a Junction City native and a Chapman High School graduate. He comes highly recommended by coaches and administrators throughout college basketball. He is a person of great integrity with a strong demonstrated commitment to the academic success of his student-athletes."

**K-State Women's
Basketball Head Coach Jeff
Mittie**

Opening statement...

"I appreciate Athletic Director (John) Currie. I appreciate President (Kirk) Schulz. Noel reached out to my wife, and Kirk reached out to my wife. The entire search committee was fantastic in the process of coming here. It feels like I have been here already since I have been here a week now and got to work. It is exciting to be here. It is one of the things that drew Shanna (Mittie) and I to have interest in this position was getting back to this area of the country at a fine institution like Kansas State University. We just feel like there are so many things to do here. This fits our family very well. I felt like, from watching from afar and scouting the young ladies that play here, this was a basketball team that I would really enjoy coaching and really enjoy teaching. I love to teach. I love to get on the floor. We got the group on the floor yesterday. That was the most fun of the process. It was great to get them out there, great to start working on basketball, and great to see them come back from spring break excited about this next challenge that we have. It is going to be a challenge. I appreciate the postseason shout out for next year. That is absolutely the



K-State's Jeff Mittie answers questions from the media during his introduction as the new women's basketball head coach at the West Stadium Center in Manhattan, Kansas on March 25, 2014. (Scott D. Weaver/K-State Athletics)



K-State women's basketball coach Jeff Mittie poses with his family in Bramalge Coliseum. Left to right: Logan Mittie, Jordan Mittie, Shanna Mittie, Jeff Mittie and Madison Mittie. (Photo by Scott D. Weaver/K-State Athletics)

goal, and I would not have it any other way. That is why I am here. I want to walk out there where 8,000 people, 10,000 people care about Kansas State women's basketball. That is important to me and that has happened here before, and we are going to get people excited about this team next year. I have a good idea of what I want to do with this team already because of coming from the league. I already have a good idea where I see this team is going and the direction that we are going to go forward. I am excited about it. My wife and kids were up here last week. They were amazed at the Manhattan hospitality. If I had a nickel for every time someone said, 'Welcome to Manhattan Coach,' I would have a lot of nickels. We went out to grab a bite to eat before we flew back and the hospitality was amazing. They talk about family, and you can feel how genuine it is. Our family sensed that from the start through the process. We certainly sensed it walking around Manhattan. Many people hollered at us and welcomed us, and we are excited to be here."

On reasons for coming to

K-State from another team in the conference...

"From a standpoint of historically the tradition of this basketball program, and Athletic Director Currie talked about it, being the 15th winningest program in women's basketball. It is a place with tremendous passion for women's basketball and those are unique across the country. There are not too many of those so that was a unique situation. As I researched it, I was very impressed with vision 2025. That is something that I think is very important as I go out and recruit the young ladies that we want to play basketball for Kansas State. The fact that watching the team from the outside, I felt like it was a close basketball team. I felt like it was a team that fit my personality, and that is from the outside looking in. You try to look at those things. I liked the young players in the program, and I liked the veterans in the program so I feel like we can do things quickly. I did not come here to rebuild and have it be a long process. All those things tied in. We talked about the family things and coming back home. That was a factor as well, but also that I want to get to the Final Four and win

championships. I think the commitment is here to do those things. It takes everybody to do those things. It takes the fans. We are going to have to have you guys because when I go talk to recruits, they want to play in those types of environments and those are unique. It is going to take all of us to get it done."

On being able to coach at a school close to home...

"It is a factor in that it is unique that there is a place close enough to do those things and accomplish your career goals at a place that you feel strongly about and tugs at you when you drive through. My wife really is excited about being back in the area. My father and brother are here today at the press conference. I have seen them more in the last two weeks than I have seen them in the last three, four months. Those things are real exciting and it was certainly a factor."

On the challenges that he sees...

"At TCU we were coming from the Mountain West to the Big 12. I had my youngest team a year ago. Kansas State was the youngest team in the Big 12 last year. I see the growth of this basketball team occurring very quickly. There are some similarities there. It is a tough basketball league. It is a great basketball league. This is a great part of the country that appreciates great basketball, both men's and women's. So those things are very exciting. I have already been out on the road recruiting. That is a big part of it right now being in a contact period. There is a lot of excitement across the state of Kansas. I expect that to help us in recruiting. There is some great talent across the state and I think they are excited about what we can do at Kansas State."

On regions to target in recruiting...

"We're going to be national. I don't see any reason why any player across the country — or across the world — wouldn't want to come to Kansas State. There is no excuse when you walk into that Basketball Training Facility, I've been in a bunch of them, but I had not been in that facility prior to accepting the job here, so I was excited to go into that facility. We're going to recruit across

the country, but I think you have to start inside out. I think you have to start with the state of Kansas, and then go outwards. Certainly, the area of Chicago — I have good contacts in Chicago, and I have good contacts in Milwaukee. Those areas are going to be strong as well. We'll recruit anywhere and everywhere. I think you can build rosters a lot of different ways. We're going to be looking at every avenue to build this roster."

About recruiting connections in Texas...

"Texas is always a big part of the recruiting process. You have a lot of players that come out of the Texas area. There are a ton of [high schools in Texas] that are recruited. It's obviously in the Big 12 footprint. There's no doubt I'm going to utilize all those recruiting contacts that we have. Texas is going to be a big part of our recruiting here [at Kansas State]. It's going to be the state of Kansas, Kansas City and Texas — those are going to be some big [recruiting] areas for us."

On assembling the new coaching staff at K-State...

"Part of my [TCU] staff could come here, although those decisions have not been made yet. I expect to clear that up in the next week to 10 days. My associate head coach at TCU [and current interim head coach Brian Ostermann] is a potential candidate for the [head coach] job at TCU. That is slowing the process a little bit here with us. I think that process will clear up in the next 7 to 10 days."

On who he will retain from the former coaching staff...

"Claire Coggins will be retained, and Tasha Dickey will be retained. I reached out to Shalee Lehning, and I talked to Shalee [about being retained]. That was one of my first phone calls; I recruited Shalee. I know how important she is to Kansas State women's basketball. Shalee feels like she is going to go and maybe do some different things. We had a good conversation. I told her to come back any time. I loved the way [Shalee] played the game. I got to know her a little bit on the sidelines coaching at events. I'll build a staff, hopefully, in the next 7 to 10 days."

On current priorities at K-State...

"Priorities right now are the [current K-State women's basketball team], who are the number one priority. Our number two priority is recruiting some players to potentially add to that group, and then the number three priority is putting together a staff for those young ladies."

On what student-athletes he would like to add right away to the K-State roster...

"I would like to get a little better size. I think we need some more depth along with size. I think [size] is a concern for every coach in the Big 12. It is such a physical league, and you must have depth across the front line. I think we have to get a little better depth in every area, though, because one thing that can impact a season is foul trouble and injuries — and we got some young ladies bouncing back from injuries right now. I would like to just improve our depth here in the spring. We may sign a player or two to do that. I'll tell you what, though: I sure like the way our group worked [on Monday] in our workouts. We did the radio show [interview], and you could probably tell I was ready to get on the basketball floor and go get that team out there. We had a good hour workout [on Monday], two 30-minute segments, and I was very pleased with that group."

Comeback Bid Falls Short to Kentucky, 56-49

ST. LOUIS — Marcus Foster had 15 points, Shane Southwell scored 11 and Thomas Gipson 10 for Kansas State but the Wildcats' late charge wasn't enough as No. 8 seed Kentucky held on for a 56-49 win on Friday night to earn a date with top-seeded Wichita State in the NCAA tournament. Julius Randle had 19 points and 15 rebounds, Aaron Harrison finished with 18 points for Kentucky (25-10). Kansas State (20-13), which

started in a 1-0 hole after a technical for a dunk in pregame warm-ups, struggled to hit from the perimeter against Kentucky's tall lineup as the Cats hit just 5 of 21 from 3-point range.

Sophomore walk-on Brian Rohleder, who played only 31 minutes all season, earned a technical foul for that pre-game dunk. NCAA rules prohibit dunking with less than 20 minutes until tip, and Rohleder's dunk came with 19:58 showing

on the clock.

Andrew Harrison made one of two free throws while fans from both schools showered the officials with derision, and Kentucky led 1-0 when the game finally started.

The SEC tournament runner-up built on its advantage through the opening minutes, the Harrison twins each knocking down a series of outside shots. Kentucky pushed the lead to 29-17 with 2:23 to go on Randle's basket, but Kansas

State answered with six straight points to end the half.

Bruce Weber's team trimmed the lead to 35-33, only for Kentucky to regain control when Southwell was hit with a technical for arguing a no-call on a drive to the basket.

Kentucky stretched its lead to 44-36 midway through the second half, and whenever its rival Wildcats threatened to get closer, Randle was there to answer the call.

The bruising forward stuck

back a miss to make it 46-38 with 8:02 remaining, converted a three-point play a few minutes later, and then scored again at the rim for a 51-40 advantage.

Kansas State closed to 55-49 on Foster's off-balance 3-pointer with 24 seconds to go. But a team that replaced most of its key players from a season ago and defied expectations all year eventually ran out of time on its comeback bid.

Kansas Run Ends With Stanford 60-57

The worst sound wasn't the opposing crowd or even the clanging of the rim of second-seeded Kansas' missed shots. Although both debilitating, the worst was a whistle blown with 5:25 to play, forcing the game's leading scorer — senior Tarik Black — to the bench for his last time as a Jayhawk. Even with freshman guard Conner Frankamp's heroics following his exit, 10th-seeded Stanford ended KU's season, 60-57, Sunday morning inside the Scottrade Center. Kansas (25-10) and Stanford

(23-12) certainly looked like a pair of teams unaccustomed to early tip times in the Third Round South Regional game. The 11:15 a.m. start marked just the third time in 35 games that the Jayhawks started before 1 p.m., while the Cardinal took the floor to what equated to 9:15 a.m. in its usual time zone. Though start time had little to do with the outcome, what ensued was the Jayhawks' second-lowest field goal total of the season (19) and its lowest scoring output in the NCAA Tournament since

falling to UCLA 68-55 in the 2007 Elite Eight.

Sentenced to play the NCAA Second and Third Round games without Joel Embiid, the Big 12 Conference's Defensive Player of the Year, Black proudly wore the leadership role as the young team's only starting senior. He led the floor with 18 points on 75 percent shooting, and had his team within two before his forced departure. KU would never lead again.

Freshman guard Conner Frankamp joined Black in dou-

ble-figures with 12 points, and even more so as a spark for Kansas. One game after scoring a personal-best 10 points in KU's second round contest against Eastern Kentucky, head coach Bill Self used the rookie guard as a source of offensive fire power against the Cardinal, as well. He hit a career-high four three-pointers to set a new personal-best with 12 points.

Frankamp, too, gave a valiant effort. The last five seconds of the first half ticked away when the six-foot shooting specialist knocked the ball

away from Stanford's Anthony Brown. Time was running out and Frankamp refused to waste it. He pulled up from behind the arc and drilled his second three. After waiting nearly a game and a half for their first three-pointer in St. Louis, Frankamp made two of them in the last four minutes to send the Jayhawks to the lockerroom with a 24-22 lead. For the 25th time this season, Kansas led at the half. Stanford was the third, and last, team of the year to turnaround the outcome.

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