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Road Destruction...



Construction look at the damage caused by heavy rains Saturday.



Highway K-63 Bridge under construction was taken out.

Flash Flooding Hit Large Area

Flash flooding along K-63 heavily damages bridge falsework in Nemaha County

On Saturday, June 7, 2014, approximately 4.10 inches of total rain fell along K-63 highway in Nemaha County. As a result of the heavy rains, significant flash flooding occurred along K-63 washing out completed falsework on the bridge

replacement project taking place over Wildcat Creek. This rain amount was registered at the rain gauge located on the bridge project construction site.

The project contractor has estimated that it will take approximately one month, weather permitting, to replace and repair all falsework destroyed by the flash flooding, resulting in a delay for the overall bridge completion. The

original bridge replacement project completion was scheduled for early September 2014.

This bridge replacement project is located just eight miles south of Bern, Kansas in Nemaha County where the June 3 tornado closed the 5-mile stretch of K-71 highway for cleanup efforts. K-71 was reopened to all traffic the next day.

Kansas Teachers Due Process?

By Travis Perry
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE, Kan. — Kansas' largest teachers union is suggesting a recent North Carolina court ruling supports a legal challenge against recent changes to due process rights for educators in the Sunflower State.

There's just one problem. It's not the same thing.

Last month, North Carolina Judge Robert Hobgood ordered a permanent injunction against legislation that completely upended the contract and negotiation process for Tar Heel State teachers. During the 2013 legislative session, officials in Raleigh enacted laws that completely abolished due process rights — where educators are granted a hearing before being fired — in favor of a new system where teachers were awarded one-, two- or four-

year temporary contracts, among other changes.

It's hardly comparable to shifts enacted by lawmakers in Topeka earlier this year.

In conjunction with a court-ordered school funding fix, Kansas elected officials eliminated a state-level requirement of due process for teachers. Lawmakers didn't forbid or eliminate the process, but rather left the decision of whether to include due process measures up to local school boards.

But to listen to the Kansas National Education Association, you'd think the matter of due process was practically dead. Marcus Baltzell, KNEA director of communications, told Kansas Watchdog that according to a union survey of local UniServ directors — individuals who negotiate KNEA member contracts —

only about 10 percent of Kansas' 293 school districts have due process language at the local level.

The Kansas Association of School Boards, however, has slightly different figures on the issue.

Mark Tallman, KASB associate executive director, said more than 100 school districts already have some kind of due process measure in master agreements with faculty. But there is a caveat.

"That does not mean it would provide the same protection as the due process system repealed by the 2014 Legislature," Tallman told Kansas Watchdog. "For example, the agreement might say simply that the district will follow state law (whatever it is) without specifying a particular system in law."

Walmart In This Tiny Town Beats Seattle's New Minimum Wage

By Dustin Hurst
Northwest Watchdog

A tiny town in the midst of North Dakota's oil boom raised local wages without forcing the issue through city ordinances or state laws — looking at you, Seattle.

In fact, the evidence of the salary spike comes from the much-demonized Walmart, a corporation under fire from leftists who believe the company doesn't pay enough.

Take a look at this picture shared on Twitter this weekend:

North Dakota is experiencing an incredible rush thanks to fracking, a new drilling technology unlocks that shale oil pockets deep in the Earth.

Just how profitable is the oil boom? Consider that North Dakota enjoyed a 2.6 unemployment rate last month, compared with the 6.3 percent national average.

In Williams County, North Dakota, the epicenter of the oil boom, the unemployment rate is an astounding 0.9 percent.

Watchdog.org's Rob Port noted earlier this month the state now has more job openings than workers to fill the positions.

What's the takeaway here? "The energy sector is the



Despite what some say Walmart does pay well.

strongest sector of the US economy, and is bringing wealth, prosperity, and high-paying jobs to places like western North Dakota and south-central and western Texas," wrote Mark J. Perry, a senior

analyst with the American Enterprise Institute.

Seattle, which just enacted a plan to raise its local minimum wage to \$15 an hour, could learn a lesson from North Dakota.

Brownback Relies On Obama

By JOHN HANNA
AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is already playing off his preferred political foil at the start of his campaign for re-election — Barack Obama.

The Democratic president's administration gave the conservative Republican governor openings with last week's proposed rule for curbing carbon emissions from power plants and its earlier listing of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species. The federal government's actions have stirred up business and agriculture constituencies that lean toward the GOP but aren't considered as rock solid as abortion opponents or gun-rights enthusiasts.

Brownback and his allies are building a narrative designed to aid the governor's re-election in his GOP-leaning state. Kansas Republican Party Chairman Kelly Arnold acknowledged that it starts with the premise that early in the campaign, many voters still don't know much about Davis, including that the Kansas House minority leader was an Obama delegate to the 2008 and 2012 Democratic National Conventions.

"It's easy to compare Davis and Obama," Arnold said. "We associate the two together."

Democrats argue the tactic is designed to distract voters from questions about Brownback's record, particularly whether personal income tax cuts he championed provided their biggest benefits to the wealthy and are starving public schools and social services of necessary dollars.

They intensified their criticism of Brownback after tax

collections in May fell \$217 million short of expectations.

The governor and his critics debated whether the shortfall came in the wake of investors' uncertainty about federal tax policy or showed that Brownback underestimated the generosity of his tax breaks for professionals, business owners and other top earners.

"Campaigning against Obama is the only strategy he's got," said state Democratic Party Chairwoman Joan Wagnon.

Of course, the new rule for power plants, the lesser prairie chicken's listing and Brownback's responses have significant implications beyond politics, both for the environment and Kansas businesses and landowners.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said last week that its new rule would require Kansas to cut power plants' emissions of greenhouse gases linked to global warming by 23 percent by 2030. The rule gives states the flexibility to devise their own plans, but Kansas has resisted such regulations — and the rule was announced three days after Brownback's administration gave the regulatory go-ahead to a new, \$2.8 billion coal-fired power plant in southwest Kansas.

Brownback contends allowing the new plant will help develop "clean coal technologies" to cut emissions and that the development of wind farms is moving Kansas toward lower reductions without formal regulations.

As for the lesser prairie chicken, state officials contend the threatened bird's population will rebound as drought condi-

tions ease in western Kansas. Brownback argues the federal government's listing threatens to restrict the activities of farmers, ranchers and oil and natural gas producers and stick them with costly conservation fees.

Leaders of state and national environmental groups have disputed Brownback's arguments, but the governor considers both the EPA rule and the bird's listing as examples of federal overreach. Last week, he crafted an argument touching on themes that appeal to farmers, ranchers and business operators who also might be worried about future funding for their public schools after his tax cuts.

"Instead of going with a market-based approach where people will work with you, we're going to go and drop the hammer," Brownback said. "People don't react well to that."

Arnold said both the EPA rule and the prairie chicken listing are legitimate issues for the governor's race because Davis wouldn't push back as much as Brownback. Arnold contends Davis would be "in lockstep" with the administration.

Davis, the Kansas House minority leader, scoffs at the argument. He said that on both issues, he'd educate federal officials about the state's needs and the problems caused by their policies, then push for accommodations. He said he understands that as governor, he would be accountable to the state's voters, not the president.

"The governor's style has typically been to try to score political points rather than to try to meaningfully engage the federal government and try to make some legitimate progress," Davis said.

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Riley County Commission Minutes

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Riley County Commission Minutes June 5, 2014 8:00 AM
Call to Order
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Tom Hawk
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 Tom Phillips
 Representative 67th District

Sydney Carlin
 Representative 66th District
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Cheryl Collins
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 Barry Wilkerson

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 Flint Hills Veterans Coalition
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 Judge Meryl Wilson
 District Court
 Anne Smith
 aTa Bus Director
 Riley County Legislative Delegation Breakfast Meeting
 1. Riley County Legislative

Breakfast
 Hawk discussed making local healthy foods more readily available, the Ash Grove appraisal legislation, revenue concerns, local units of government being allowed to lobby, concerned with Medicaid, school funding/court case, health academics and increasing agri-bio funding.

Carlin discussed budget work and revenues falling, Medicaid expansion, Department of Agriculture, concern with schools increasing the LOB without the public vote, voter registration deadlines, Ash Grove legislation, public and mental health cuts, courts funding bill and legislation to prevent people from posting inappropriate pictures of others to harm them.

Phillips discussed tax policy, revenue and budget cuts, long term challenges of the State-tax policy and KPERS, debt ratio, education funding and adequately educating our children, next highway plan, state legislative bill sponsorship, assisting military families transition after service and early childhood development.

The Board discussed concern with road and bridge infrastructure funding, flooding in the Dix Addition/flood insurance cost, Manhattan Area Technical College, and reduced revenues for local government.

Hawk suggested legislation to allow organizations like aTa Bus to be allowed to be included in the bulk fuel purchasing with the State.

Pledge of Allegiance
 Public Comment
 Commission Comments
 Lewis suggested a work session to discuss flood insurance cost with federal legislators, Fort Riley, and Pottawatomie County.

Business Meeting
 2. Sign a Tax Roll Correction Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Capitol Federal Savings Bank (204-18-2-60-10-001.00-0) for tax year 2013. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$3,933.36.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis

3. Action on the NACo 2014 Credentials (Voting) Form
 Move to appoint Robert Boyd, Chairman, as Riley County's voting delegate for the 2014 National Association of Counties (NACo) 79th Annual Conference.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis

4. Discuss CALFEX Fort Riley Military Exercises Wednesday, June 11, 2014
 Review Minutes
 5. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Jun 2, 2014 8:30 AM
 Move to approve the minutes.
 RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis

6. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Special Meeting - Jun 3, 2014 8:30 AM
 Move to approve the minutes.
 RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis

Review Tentative Agenda
 7. Tentative Agenda
 10:30 AM
 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director
 8. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the 2014 Riley County Solid Waste Management Plan
 Boyd opened the public hearing.
 No public comment.
 Boyd closed the public hearing.
 Move to adopt the 2014 Riley County Solid Waste Management Plan as presented.
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Ronald Wells, Dave Lewis
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis

10:45 AM
 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director
 9. Planning & Development Staff Update
 11:00 AM
 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services
 10. Administrative Work Session
 11:30 AM
 Lunch
 1:30 PM
 Johnette Shepek, Budget

and Finance Officer
 11. 2105 Budget Request Presentations
 Greg McHenry - Appraiser's 2015 Budget Request
 Robbin Cole - Pawnee Mental Health Services 2015 Appropriation Request
 Lori Feldkamp - Big Lakes Developmental Center 2015 Appropriation Request
 Gina Scroggs - Downtown Manhattan, Inc. 2015 Appropriation Request
 Hillary Badger and Eddie Eastes - Russell T. Reitz Animal Shelter 2015 Appropriation Request
 Aubrey Evans - Riley County Soil Conservation District 2015 Appropriation Request
 Mike Kearns & Dave Ekart

- Flint Hills Veterans Coalition 2015 Appropriation Request
 Kearns and Ekart presented a plaque to the Board honoring the Commissions support of the Veteran's Coalition.
 Dawn Shoffner - Information Technology Department/GIS 2015 Budget Request
 Lanna Nichols and Judge Meryl Wilson - District Court 2015 Appropriation Request
 Anne Smith - aTa Bus 2015 Appropriation Request
 3:50 PM
 Adjournment
 Move to adjourn.
 RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
 MOVER: Dave Lewis, County Commissioner
 SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner
 AYES: Boyd, Wells, Lewis

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Report: Social Security Judges Rubber-Stamp Claims

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Amid complaints about lengthy waits for Social Security disability benefits, congressional investigators say nearly 200 administrative judges have been rubber-stamping claims, approving billions of dollars in lifetime payments from the cash-strapped program.

Four of the judges defended their work at a combative congressional hearing Tuesday. They said they follow the law.

"I've seen their ailments, I've seen their pain, right in front of me," Judge Gerald I. Krafzur of Kingsport Tennessee told the House Oversight Committee.

Krafzur approved 99 percent of the cases he decided from 2005 to 2013, according to a new report by the Republican staff of the Oversight Committee.

Lifetime benefits average about \$300,000, according to the report, so Krafzur's cases will lead to nearly \$1.8 billion in benefits.

By the time disability cases reach an administrative law judge, the claims have been rejected at least once and often twice by workers in state offices.

House Oversight Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif., was incredulous that so many judges would rule that initial rejections were so often wrong.

"Are the people below you always wrong?" Issa asked Judge Charles Bridges of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

"I would say they are not legally trained," replied Bridges, who approved 95 percent of the cases he decided.

When pressed further about his approval rate, Bridges said: "I don't pay attention to those figures. All I do is concentrate on each case, one at a time."

Issa: "You don't notice that you're essentially saying 'approved, approved, approved,' almost all the time?"

Bridges: "I don't want to be influenced by that."

The committee's report found that 191 judges approved more than 85 percent of the

cases they decided from 2005 to 2013. All told, those judges approved \$153 billion in lifetime benefits, the report said.

Social Security employs a little more than 1,400 administrative law judges.

"In essence, these judges rubber stamped nearly every claimant before them for a lifetime of benefits at taxpayer expense," the report said.

The report said some judges approved claims at alarmingly high rates as part of an agency effort to reduce case backlogs and processing times. It is often easier for a judge to approve a claim than to deny it, the report said.

Denials can be appealed, so judges must meticulously document their reasons, the report said. Approvals are generally accepted, ending the judge's role in the case.

In 2007, the average processing time for a hearing was 512 days. It was reduced to less than a year in 2012, but has since crept back up above 400 days.

There are 937,600 cases pending before administrative law judges, according to agency statistics.

Acting Social Security Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin blamed budget cuts for the recent increase in wait times.

The House Oversight Committee is holding two hearings this week on the disability program. On Wednesday, Colvin is scheduled to testify.

In written testimony, Colvin says the agency has improved training and oversight for administrative law judges, but is limited in what it can do because of budget constraints.

"Since instituting all of the enhanced quality review initiatives that I just outlined, we have observed that the number of judges with extremely high and low allowance rates has dropped," Colvin says in her testimony.

Nationwide, approval rates among judges have declined in recent years. In 2013, judges approved 56 percent of the cases they decided, down from 72 percent in 2005.

Tuesday's hearing comes as

Social Security's disability program edges toward the brink of insolvency. The trust fund that supports the disability program is projected to run out of money in 2016. At that point, the system will collect only enough money in payroll taxes to pay 80 percent of benefits, triggering an automatic 20 percent cut in benefits.

Congress could redirect money from Social Security's much bigger retirement program to shore up the disability

program, as it did in 1994. But that would worsen the finances of the retirement program, which is facing its own long-term financial problems.

Nearly 11 million disabled workers, spouses and children get Social Security disability benefits. That's a 45 percent increase from a decade ago. The average monthly benefit for a disabled worker is \$1,146.

An additional 8.4 million people get Supplemental Security Income, a separately

funded disability program for low-income people.

In order to qualify, people are supposed to have disabilities that prevent them from working and are expected to last at least a year or result in death.

"I am concerned about Americans who work hard and earn disability coverage," Judge James A. Burke of Albuquerque, New Mexico, told the Oversight Committee.

"When they become dis-

abled, they wait three years to get the coverage they earned.

Lives and families are destroyed," Burke said. "I see their medical records and hear their testimony. I am trained to make legal and factual decisions. I am confident that I make the right decisions."

Burke approved 96 percent of the cases he decided from 2005 to 2013, according to the committee's report.

Wamego Looking For Parade Entries Sought

The Wamego Area Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking parade entries for the 143rd Annual Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2014 at 6pm. Entry is free, and entry forms for the parade can be found at www.visitwamego.com, by e-mailing chamberstaff@wamego.net or by calling the chamber office at (785) 456-7849. Entries should include some patriotic or theme-related decoration.

Businesses and organizations are encouraged to enter the Fourth of July float contest. The theme for the contest this

year is "Long May She Wave—Beautiful and Brave." Trophies will be awarded in three categories: Best Portrayal or Display Related to the Theme, Greatest Display of Patriotism, and Most Unique Idea or Clever Use of Materials.

The parade will run its traditional route, north to south from 8th Street to 4th Street on Lincoln Avenue. Betsy Riblett, 2013 Citizen of the Year, will be Grand Marshall. Learn more about how to celebrate freedom in Wamego at visitwamego.com.

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Protect Workers Rights

By Ilya Shapiro
CATO Institute

Those who support the power of unions and governments over the rights of workers are scared of the Supreme Court's imminent ruling in *Harris v. Quinn*, in which a group of home health aides challenge an Illinois law that compels them to join a union and pay dues.

For example, Prof. John Logan in *The Hill's Contributors* blog on May 29 began his analysis of *Harris* by attacking the workers' lawyers as "extremist" and warned that "a sweeping ruling against agency fee agreements in the public sector in *Harris v. Quinn* would be an extreme and blatantly political act."

What's going on here? Are these personal-care assistants, most of whom tend to their own disabled family members, possessed of a false consciousness, selling out their comrades on behalf of some corporate exploiter?

Not quite. All they want is to be free from having to subsidize the speech and activities of the Service Employees International Union. Indeed, there's no business or corporate interest here at all: The workers who brought the lawsuit are independent contractors whose "boss" is the person they're caring for. But don't take my word for it; under Illinois law, the disability program participant, or "customer," is "the employer of the PA [personal assistant]" and "is responsible for controlling all aspects of the employment relationship between the customer and the PA, including, without limitation, locating and hiring the PA, training the PA, directing, evaluating and otherwise supervising the work performed by the PA, imposing ... disciplinary action against the PA, and terminating the employment relationship between the customer and the PA."

Nonetheless, while expressly preserving customers' rights to hire and fire their aides, the Illinois legislature in 2003 labeled PAs as "public employees ... [s]olely for the purposes of coverage under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act," which provides for collective bargaining. The state then designated SEIU as their exclusive representative and entered into a collective-bargaining agreement requiring all aides to remit union fees.

The Supreme Court did uphold, in the 1977 case of *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education*, the constitutionality of compulsory dues to finance a public-sector union, finding that the government interest in "labor peace"—preventing massive unrest caused by workers' differing views—jus-

tified the infringement of dissenters' associational and expressive freedoms. But the Court's acceptance of "labor peace" as such a strong interest rests on compound legal fictions, akin to what the Court said in its most recent labor case, *Knox v. SEIU* (2012)—striking down another forced-union-support law—"appears to have come about more as a historical accident than through the careful application of First Amendment principles." *Abood* assumed that precedents had already recognized "labor peace" as a First Amendment "compelling interest." Those older cases saw "labor peace" as justifying only Congress's exercise of its Commerce Clause power to regulate labor relations—because strikes, riots, and other violence disrupt interstate commerce—not as a basis for overriding workers' First Amendment rights.

Moreover, the ruling under-reviews in *Harris* carries *Abood* far beyond its holding, absolving Illinois of the burden of showing any justification for the abrogation of the rights of workers who aren't hired or supervised by the state, who don't work in state facilities, and whom the state doesn't consider to be its employees for any other purpose. All this when there's no risk that home healthcare aides are going to war with the state or otherwise create massive unrest. If affirmed, the lower court's decision would enable politicians and labor leaders to conspire in circumventing the First Amendment's limitations on compelled speech and association to bolster the ranks and finances of organized labor.

Indeed, as *Abood* recognized, the very purpose of forcing workers to associate with a union is to facilitate its speech on their behalf, while suppressing their individual views, and thereby to achieve that mythical "labor peace." But the First Amendment doesn't allow the government to "substitute its judgment as to how best to speak for that of speakers and listeners," the Court held in *Riley v. National Federation of the Blind* (1988). Illinois's scheme to compel aides to subsidize a union absent any legitimate state interest is the predictable result of *Abood*'s casual disregard of public employees' rights.

And the Illinois law here is leading a national movement to organize homecare workers—including medical assistants and even family child-care providers—in a last-ditch attempt to revive declining union rolls. More than a dozen states have implemented similar schemes, with no limiting principle to prevent the misap-

The Conservative Side...



plication of *Abood*'s "labor peace" rationale to curtail the rights of any recipient of government subsidies or fees, including doctors and nurses participating in Medicaid programs, attorneys for the indigent, foster parents, and employees of businesses receiving tax credits.

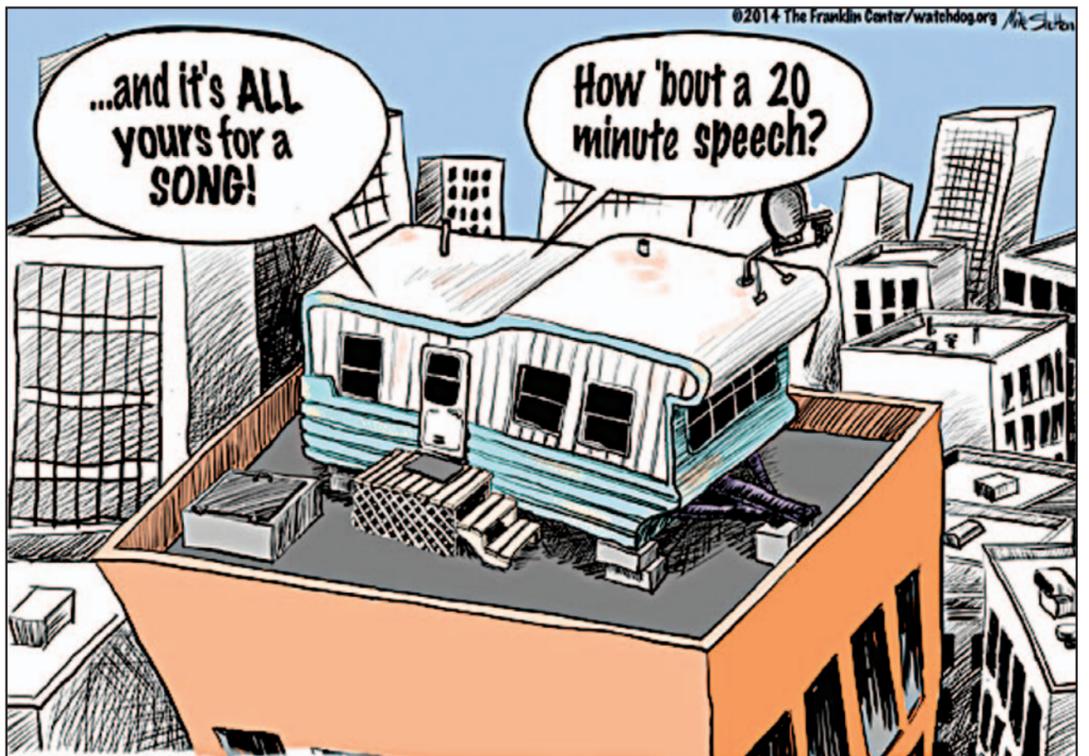
Abood was thus wrong when

it was decided and still can't be reconciled with cases recognizing, as the Court said in *Knox*, "the close connection between our Nation's commitment to self-government and the rights protected by the First Amendment." But even if the Court is unwilling to recognize that "labor peace" was never a persuasive justification for vio-

lating workers' rights, it should still reject the Illinois ploy because it's unsupported by any compelling state interest.

Prof. Logan called *Harris* "perhaps the most important labor case to come before [the Supreme Court] in several decades," one that "could inflict a major blow against unions that represent public

employees." He's absolutely right: In light of states' growing collusion with unions to create sham employment relationships that circumvent First Amendment protections, the Court should act now to protect workers' associational and expressive rights before this phenomenon takes greater root in labor law.



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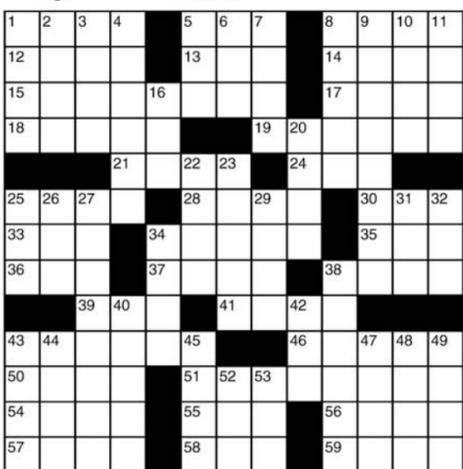
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- 1 cup Original Bisquick™ mix
- 3 eggs

Directions

1 Heat oven to 400°F. Cook beef in 10-inch ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat 5 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until brown; drain. Stir in salsa and corn; heat over medium-high heat until hot.

2 Reserve 2 tablespoons of the cheese. Stir Bisquick mix, eggs and remaining cheese in medium bowl until blended. Spoon batter around edge of beef mixture, leaving center uncovered. Sprinkle with reserved cheese.

3 Bake uncovered about 20 minutes or until golden brown and toothpick inserted in topping

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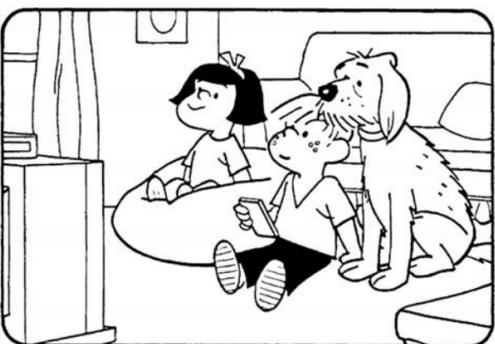
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Three KSU Wildcats Earn Preseason All-America Honors

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State wide receiver Tyler Lockett, defensive end Ryan Mueller and offensive lineman B.J. Finney each garnered preseason accolades as several national publications have released their preseason All-America teams.

Lockett, a senior from Tulsa, Okla., was named to the first team by Sporting News and USA Today Sports as a wide receiver, while Athlon put Lockett on its first team as an all-purpose player. Lindy's and

Phil Steele each placed Lockett on the second team as a wide receiver.

Mueller also earned second-team honors from Phil Steele and was placed on the third team by Athlon, while both publications selected Finney for the third team.

On the brink of becoming K-State's record holder in all three major receiving categories, Lockett hauled in 81 receptions for 1,262 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2013 as he sits 75 receptions, 838 yards and nine touchdowns shy of holding

those school career records. He is also one of the best all-purpose players in the nation, ranking 12th nationally in 2013 with 154.92 all-purpose yards per game. The average was given a late-season boost by totaling 440 all-purpose yards against Oklahoma, a mark that ranked as the fifth most in FBS history.

Lockett was a second team All-American by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) in 2013 to go along with honorable mention accolades from Sports Illustrated.

A product of Leawood, Kan., Mueller tied the school's single-season record with 11.5 sacks in 2013 to go along with 18.5 tackles for loss. The senior, who is 1.5 sacks away from entering the school's career top-10 list, earned 2013 second team All-America by the FWAA.

Finney, a native of Andale, Kan., has started each of his 39 career games, including the previous 38 at center. A three-time Rimington Trophy candidate and All-Big 12 performer,

the senior was a freshman All-American in 2011 by Rivals.

Kansas State opens the 2014 campaign on Saturday, August 30, with a 6:10 p.m., tilt with Stephen F. Austin, a contest that will be shown globally on K-StateHD.TV. K-State Athletics officials announced Thursday that season tickets for the 2014 season are sold out, and information regarding single-game tickets would be released on Tuesday, June 10.

Three Named To Kansas Sports Hall of Fame

KSU Sports Information
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Former Kansas State track student-athlete/head coach/administrator DeLoss Dodds and men's basketball players Ed Nealy and Chuckie Williams were among 10 individuals selected to the Class of 2014 for the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 5 at the Wichita Boathouse.

The trio was joined in the Class of 2014 by Smith Center football coach Roger Barta, eight-time state championship-winning football coach and Leroy native Bill Freeman, four-sport Kansas star Charlie Hoag, Stanford swimmer and Wichita native Caroline Bruce McAndrew, Wichita State baseball coach Gene Stephenson, Emporia State distance runner and Kiowa native Bill Tidwell and Kansas basketball player Walt Wesley.

Known for his stint as one of the most influential athletic directors in the country at the University of Texas, Dodds grew up near Manhattan in the town of Riley and became a 440-meter conference champion at K-State before becoming the Wildcats' head track and cross country coach in 1963. During his 13-year stint as head coach (1963-76), his teams won six Big Eight Conference titles (four men's cross country and two in men's indoor track) and finished among the Top 10 at the NCAA Championships on eight occasions. He coached 10 NCAA champions, 27 All-Americans and 51 conference champions. He would also serve as K-State's athletic director from 1977-81 before taking the same post at Texas.

Under Dodds' leadership, Longhorn teams won 14 NCAA Championships and 108 conference titles from 1981 until his retirement in 2013. He was named the 2002 and 2005 Under Armor Athletic Director of the Year and was the 2011 Sports Business Journal



Athletic Director of the Year. He was inducted into the Kansas State Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995 and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

A native of Bonner Springs, Kansas, Nealy remains the only basketball player in school history to post both 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in a career. A four-year letterman for head coach Jack Hartman from 1978-82, he helped the Wildcats to an 85-38 (.691) overall record, including three NCAA Tournament appearances, the 1981 NCAA Elite Eight and the 1980 Big Eight Tournament title. His 85 career wins still rank among the school's Top 10.

Nealy's 1,069 rebounds remain the most in school history and stand as the third-most in Big Eight history. He ranks first in career double-digit rebounding games (45) and second in career double-doubles (36), while he is the only player to lead the team in rebounding four consecutive seasons. His 1,304 points rank 11th on the career scoring list.

Nealy was named to the All-Big Eight First Team and honorable mention All-America team as a senior en route to helping the Wildcats to 23-8 overall record and a trip to the

Sweet 16 in 1981-82. He was also selected as the Big Eight's Newcomer of the Year as a freshman in 1979 after averaging 10.2 points and 8.2 rebounds per game.

Nealy's success was not limited to the basketball court, as he was twice named an Academic All-American in 1981 and 1982 and three times was selected to the Big Eight's All-Academic Team while earning an engineering degree.

Nealy played 10 seasons in the NBA for five different teams, posting 1,451 points on 49.8 percent shooting with 1,799 rebounds. He was a member of the Chicago Bulls' NBA Championship Teams in 1991 and 1993.

One of the school's most potent long-range shooters, Williams was a four-year letterman for Hartman from 1972-76. He helped the Wildcats to an 82-30 (.732) overall record, including two NCAA Elite Eight appearances and the 1973 Big Eight regular season title. He ranks ninth on the all-time scoring chart with 1,364 points.

After averaging just 5.3 points as a sophomore in 1973-74, Williams made one of the biggest scoring jumps in school history as a junior, as he paced the Wildcats in scoring at 22.1

points per game en route to guiding the school to the 1975 Elite Eight. He was selected All-Big Eight First Team and to the Helms Foundation All-America team. As a senior in 1975-76, he guided the squad to its second straight 20-win season en route to earning second team All-America honors from The Sporting News, Converse Yearbook and Basketball Weekly.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Williams still ranks among the school's Top 10 in 24 single-game, season and/or career categories, including tops in field goals made (22) and attempted (42) in a game and season field goals attempted (594). He held the school single-game scoring mark for 19 years with 47 points against Holy Cross in 1975 before it was broken by Askia Jones (62) in 1994 and shared the record for most points in an NCAA Tournament game with 35 against Syracuse in 1975 before Jacob Pullen (38) eclipsed that mark in 2011.

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