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The Five Most Troubling Things In Congress' New Spending Bill

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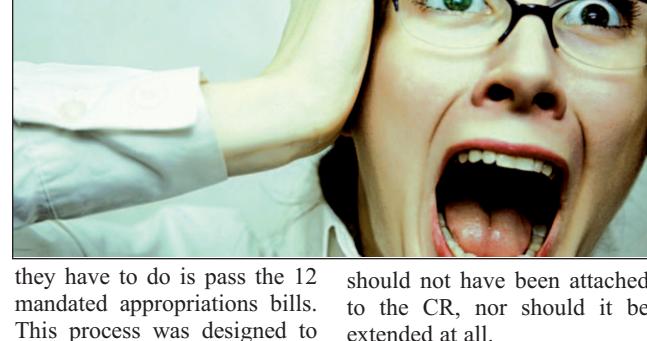
Yesterday evening, the House of Representatives released its stopgap spending measure which blindly continues the bloated spending in the January omnibus bill that included special-interest handouts, wasteful and unnecessary energy spending, and transportation boondoggles.

Instead of debating and voting on the 12 appropriations bills separately as lawmakers are supposed to do, Congress again will rely on a temporary continuing resolution to fund the government at current levels through Dec. 11. This means no hard decisions have to be made, and wasteful spending continues as ineffective and duplicative programs and those outside the proper scope of the federal government are left on the books.

This continuing resolution funds federal government agencies and programs past the Sept. 30 funding expiration, thereby avoiding a government shutdown. "People realize it's something we have to do, keep the lights on, keep the government going," said Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

In the words of George P. Shultz, former Secretary of State, Treasury and Labor, and former director of the Office of Management and Budget: "Continuing resolutions are a total cop-out."

Passing an all-inclusive fall-back measure that maintains the status quo is not what lawmakers "have to do." What



they have to do is pass the 12 mandated appropriations bills. This process was designed to foster debate and force lawmakers to make tough decisions on spending. Instead, CRs let lawmakers tell their constituents that they avoided a (self-imposed) government shutdown.

The measure would authorize spending through Dec. 11 at the current fiscal year level of \$1.012 trillion plus \$98 billion in emergency and disaster-related spending—loopholes which are exempt from the Budget Control Act cap. This timeframe invites trouble for the upcoming lame duck session, a time when special-interest spending is at the top of many outgoing lawmakers' minds.

There are also a number of troubling provisions in this CR, including:

- Extends the charter of the Export-Import Bank until June 2015. Expiration of the charter would have ended this Depression-era relic that primarily benefits multinational corporations by subsidizing the purchases of their foreign customers. This charter extension

should not have been attached to the CR, nor should it be extended at all.

- Overseas Contingency Operations funding would be \$26 billion too much. The CR would extend last year's OCO budget of \$85 billion into FY2015. But with military operations in Afghanistan drawing down, the administration had requested a smaller amount of \$59 billion for FY 2015. Barring a revised request from the administration based on changes in military strategy and operations, this additional funding level is inappropriate. Given that OCO funding is exempt from the discretionary caps outlined in current legislation, this higher amount ostensibly will increase the deficit for no reason.

- Increases commitments for general business loans authorized under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act by \$1 billion. The SBA's lending programs benefit a select number of businesses at the expense of taxpayers and the vast majority of businesses that do not receive government support. Congress should stop engaging in corporate welfare in the

name of "helping" small businesses.

- Renews Congress' long-standing moratorium on state Internet taxation only temporarily. Its expiration would have allowed states and local governments to tax online access and other Web services enjoyed by Americans. Although the short-term extension is better than allowing the moratorium to expire, Congress should make the moratorium a permanent ban instead. By including the moratorium debate in the lame duck session, the House sets itself up for a Senate proposal to expand state sales tax authority over Internet sales. This unnecessarily jeopardizes the broader tax ban.

- Reserves funding for Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships. It's bad that the bill continues funding for Head Start, which, as even an administration study showed, has failed to improve academic outcomes for the children it was designed to help. But it also specifically reserves funding for early head start programs which also failed to have statistically measurable effects on measures of child academic outcomes, including reading, vocabulary and math skills. Congress should stop funding social programs.

Congress' main job is to budget. It should do so by following the budget process and debating spending measures on their constitutional merits, not passing expensive stopgap measures that push the problem down the road.

Pictures Sought Of Kansans Killed

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Two days after his 21st birthday—which made him old enough to vote—Marine Pfc. Patrick M. Berwert, of Topeka, was killed on March 25, 1968, in the Vietnam War.

Today, 46 years after his death, Berwert is one of 17 Topekans whose photograph the Kansas Press Association is seeking.

Photographs collected by the KPA will be submitted to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation project called "Faces Never Forgotten."

The pictures will be added to the Wall of Faces in the new education center at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

In an online version of the Wall of Faces, you can read details about the individual, including date of birth, date of death, his branch of service, rank, home and county of record, and the province where he was killed. The Topeka Capital-Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/1IPIHzE>).

Readers also can submit online remembrances of the serviceman.

Compiling photographs of Kansas servicemen killed in the war started several months ago when the Kansas Press Association received a letter from another press association suggesting the KPA help with the project. Doug Anstaett, KPA executive director, said this week.

"We took it on as a labor of love," Anstaett said.

But finding the photographs has been a challenge.

Of 265 photographs of

Kansans sought in the project, 42 have been submitted to the KPA as of Sept. 3.

A total of 627 Kansas service members were killed in the Vietnam War. When the project began, photographs for 362 Kansas servicemen already were accounted for.

"We found it is a more difficult process than we (first) thought," Anstaett said. "We have found family members who said they didn't have a picture."

Anstaett credited Rich Gannon, KPA director of governmental affairs, with his dogged efforts to track down survivors of the dead servicemen to get a photograph of each.

In one instance, Gannon traced a soldier's family to a sister and called her phone number only to get a recording saying her voicemail was full.

It appeared to be a dead end. But Gannon made a blind call to someone in the soldier's hometown. That someone knew the soldier, Gannon got a fresh lead, and he got a photograph, Anstaett said.

About one-third of the dead servicemen don't have photographs, Anstaett said.

"That's why we're having to kind of enlist people to become reporters" to track down photographs, Anstaett said.

One relative showed up at the KPA office bearing information about his relative, including the soldier's Distinguished Service Cross. But he didn't have a photograph.

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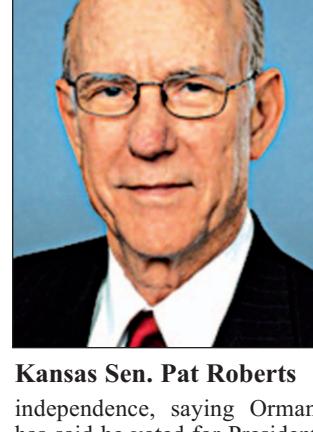
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Pat Roberts, Greg Orman Display Their Differences In First Debate



Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts

independence, saying Orman has said he voted for President Obama in 2008 and donated money to Democrats, including Hillary Clinton and Reid.

"He is not (independent), he is liberal Democrat by philosophy," Roberts said.

Orman shot back that he has donated to politicians in both parties and has been a Republican, a Democrat and an independent.

The pair met in front of a raucous crowd of about 2,500 at the State Fair's Bretz and Young Injury Lawyers Arena. Roberts frequently went past the scheduled time limit on answers, prompting Orman supporters to try to shout him down each time it happened.

The candidate who wasn't there played almost as big a role as the two who were.

The debate took place against the backdrop of a chaotic week that saw the Democrat in the race, Shawnee County District Attorney Chad Taylor, attempt to take his

name off the ballot to give Orman—who has been surging in polls and fund raising—a clear shot at Roberts.

Republican Secretary of State Kris Kobach ruled Taylor couldn't get off the ballot; Taylor is challenging that decision, saying that Kobach's own election director told him he had taken all the proper steps to withdraw.

Roberts noted that Taylor consulted with Missouri Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill before dropping out of the race and said it was the first time he'd ever seen Democrats working hard to get a Democrat off the ballot.

"You know something fishy is going on," Roberts said, saying McCaskill's intervention was reminiscent of the pro-slavery Missourians who battled free-state Kansans before and during the Civil War.

Orman replied that it was "the first time I've heard a Republican complaining about disenfranchising Democratic

voters," a key GOP argument for keeping Taylor on the ballot against his and his party's wishes.

The debate came two days after Roberts sidelined his campaign manager and longtime political confidant Leroy Towns and put his campaign in the hands of Corry Bliss and Chris LaCivita, national consultants with a reputation for scorched-earth campaigns.

Gun control

On the issues, possibly the biggest clash was over gun control.

Orman said he is a gun owner and Second Amendment supporter. But he came out in favor of closing the so-called gun show loophole, which allows people to buy guns while bypassing the background check they'd need to pass if they bought a gun from a licensed dealer.

"I don't think that having a loophole that allows people who couldn't get guns at a legitimate gun dealer to get them otherwise is sound policy," Orman said. "I just don't think it makes sense to make it easy for a convicted felon or someone who's under a restraining order for domestic abuse to be able to walk into a gun show and easily get a gun."

Roberts' response: "Well, there you have it. He's for the Second Amendment, but more federal controls, more federal requirements. I'm for the Second Amendment; I've always stood for the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms."

The two also jabbed at each

other over national defense.

"The first thing we do is exempt the military from the sequester," said Roberts, referring to the automatic spending cuts that took effect when Congress was unable to reach accord on a budget.

"That means more money for our troops," Roberts said. "We are now at lower levels than we've ever been since World War II."

Roberts said the Obama administration hasn't made an effective response to the growth of the brutal Islamic State known as ISIS that has taken over some war-torn areas of Iraq and Syria.

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Orman said the federal government's war on drugs has been going on since the Nixon administration and "doesn't seem to be working."

"As the senator has mentioned, we do have states that have started to work with different policies as it relates to legalization, and I think it would be prudent for us to take a step back and watch what happens in those states before we determine how we want to change federal policy," he said.

Residency issue

Roberts' residency, the issue that dominated physician Milton Wolf's Republican primary challenge to Roberts, came up briefly in the debate.

Wolf had pounded the senator during the primary season as out of touch with Kansas and too tied to the home he owns in the Washington D.C. suburb of Alexandria, Va.

He said he's the only candidate who can "make a Republican majority, put Harry Reid out to pasture and get things done."

And he disputed Orman's

Obama slow jams courts to stall deportations

By Kenric Ward | Watchdog.org

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. immigration courts are backlogged with nearly 400,000 cases, and experts say the Obama administration is to blame.

The 396,552 cases are a 22 percent increase over last year, according to Syracuse University researchers.

Not surprisingly, waiting times are up, too. The average case in Imperial, Calif., currently lingers 857 days before resolution.

BIG 10: View the 10 states with the largest back-

logs

Richard Kelsey, assistant dean at the George Mason University School of Law and a longtime observer of immigration issues, said the problem starts at the White House.

"The president has telegraphed that he is going to take some kind of action (on immigration), so neither the courts nor the prosecutors are killing themselves to get things done," Kelsey told Watchdog.org in an interview.

"Anyone who thinks there's no correlation has

their head buried so deep in sand they're not getting enough air."

Bob Dane, spokesman for the enforcement-oriented Federation for American Immigration Reform, sees other bad actors, as well.

"One reason the backlogs are building is that while illegal aliens who are caught crossing the border can accept a swift, no-fuss voluntary departure, most don't opt for it. And why would they? They're egged on to buy time by their immigration attorneys, local amnesty groups, the ACLU,

the Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund and La Raza," Dane told Watchdog.

Kelsey and Dane agree politics has gummed up the U.S. legal system.

"The process is rife with politics," Kelsey said. "If you got a minor nuisance ticket, you wouldn't wait 857 days for adjudication."

In the interest of justice, Kelsey said backlogged cases could be moved to courts that could handle them in a more timely fashion. Yet they're not moving.

"This is a deliberate politi-

cal effort to slow down deportations," the former prosecutor charged.

Dane said the large and growing case backlog proves "that a massive amnesty requiring background checks on 5 to 6 million illegal aliens is sheer folly."

"It would be a rubber-

stamped fiasco ridden with loopholes and national security threats because there are simply not enough bureaucrats from here to Pluto to manage the task," he said.

Making the backlogged system even more dysfunctional, defendants often fail to appear for their court hearings.

Kansas Task Force Unable To Pinpoint Cause Of Earthquakes

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — There's not enough data to make any determinations about why there has been an increase in the number of earthquakes in Kansas, a three-member task force appointed by Gov. Sam Brownback has concluded.

The state has experienced 49 earthquakes this year through late August, an unusually high increase over previous years, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Fingers frequently have pointed at the gas and oil industry and a practice called hydraulic fracturing, a drilling method also known as fracking,

which uses a mixture of sand, water and chemicals under high pressure to release oil and gas from rock.

The industry has seen a steady increase in production since 2004, particularly over the past 18 months in south-central Kansas, The Wichita Eagle (<http://bit.ly/1ICb7Nw>) reported. There has been speculation that injection creates pressure on faults and triggers earthquakes or induced seismic activity.

But the task force Brownback appointed eight months ago hasn't been able to draw that conclusion.

"I don't know that anybody thought we were going to be able to come out of this with a definitive answer in such a limited amount of time to something so complex," Rex Buchanan, chairman of the task force and interim director of the Kansas Geological Survey, told The Eagle.

Most of the 49 Kansas earthquakes this year were in Sumner and Harper counties, Buchanan said, with magnitudes ranging from less than 2.0 to 3.7.

The task force is calling for installation of six permanent monitors to help improve the research. Since 1989, the state has relied on information from two monitors operated by the Geological Survey, including one near Manhattan that doesn't work very well.

Kansas also relies on information from about 30 monitors in Oklahoma.

It would cost about \$200,000 to purchase and install the six monitors, according to the task force's report. Annual operating costs would be about \$80,000, including the ability to electronically transmit the data in real time to the Kansas Geological Survey headquarters in Lawrence.

Statewide Kansas Festival To Choose From Two Town

The Kansas Sampler Foundation will visit the cities of El Dorado and Winfield on September 22 in the final step of selecting the host for the 2016 and 2017 Kansas Sampler Festival.

Committees from both cities have already been successful with a preliminary and final

application. Foundation director Marci Penner said, "The final application is rigorous and takes a great deal of time and effort to complete. We believe that the application and interview process makes it clear which city is most ready to host the festival and should give confidence to that city that they

are ready to host. The city not chosen is often first in line for the next round. It's a competition."

The celebratory event of what there is to see and do in Kansas is held the first full weekend of each May. In 2014, more than 11,500 people attended the two-day festival in Wamego and more than 140 communities represented what there is to see, do, hear, taste,

buy, and learn in Kansas. Wamego will host the 26th annual festival one more time in 2015 on May 2-3.

Two staff members and several Foundation board members will come to El Dorado and Winfield on September 22 for an interview and a site visit. The next festival host will be announced the following day.

State, Landowners Make Case On Keystone XL

By Deena Winter
Nebraska Watchdog

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Nebraska Supreme Court heard arguments Friday on the case the Obama administration is waiting on before deciding whether to approve construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada across America.

Three Nebraska landowners whose property was in the original proposed path of the pipeline sued the state, challenging the constitutionality of a law passed two years ago to change the pipeline route approval process. That marked the first time Nebraska opponents successfully delayed federal approval of the proposed oil pipeline by claiming it should be rerouted around the state's environmentally fragile Sandhills.

The state appealed a ruling by a Lancaster County District judge that under the state constitution, the state Public Service Commission has regulatory control over the routing of "common carriers" such as oil pipelines. The bill moved that authority to the governor and state environmental regulators.

The state contends the PSC's powers don't extend to regulation of interstate common carriers and oil pipelines.

If the process used to approve the route through Nebraska is struck down as unconstitutional, TransCanada would likely be back at square one with the siting process. The company has already revised its route through the state once.

Nebraska has been a hotbed of resistance to the Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry tar sands oil from Alberta, Canada, to Gulf Coast refineries. Opponents have peppered the state with anti-pipeline signs and held rallies and protests for years, from the governor's mansion to the

White House.

The state Supreme Court heard 15 minutes of testimony from each side, with the landowners represented by Dave Domina, who is also running for U.S. Senate. A large group of pipeline fighters showed up for the hearing, and many of them had to watch the proceedings on a video in an overflow room.

The state argues the lower court ruling should be reversed because the landowners lack legal standing to bring the suit and claims the court erred in categorizing an oil pipeline as an intrastate (in Nebraska only) common carrier rather than interstate (meaning it goes through other states, too).

Supreme Court Justice William Connolly questioned Deputy Attorney General Katherine Spohn about the standing issue, citing an exception for matters of great concern.

Spohn said there must also be no other entity to challenge the constitutionality, and there are other individuals better suited to challenge the law, such as pipeline carriers.

After the hearing, Domina said the justices "quickly disposed of" the standing argument and the state will have "tough sledding" on that issue, which was no surprise to him.

After the hearing, Attorney General Jon Bruning said the standing issue is not the big issue, although the justices spent a lot of time talking about it. The real crux of the case is whether lawmakers had the authority under the constitution to shift pipeline approval from the PSC to the governor.

Domina contends the law doesn't provide enough due process, whereas the PSC process requires discovery, evidence, a hearing, sworn testimony and proof, with judicial review to ensure it's not a political decision.

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Source Says... Rice Video Sent To NFL

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) -- A law enforcement official says he sent a video of Ray Rice punching his then-fiancee to an NFL executive five months ago, while league executives have insisted they didn't see the violent images until this week.

The person played The Associated Press a 12-second voicemail from an NFL office number on April 9 confirming the video arrived. A female voice expresses thanks and says: "You're right. It's terrible."

The law enforcement offi-

cial, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation, says he had no further communication with any NFL employee and can't confirm anyone watched the video. The person said he was unauthorized to release the video but shared it unsolicited, because he wanted the NFL to have it before deciding on Rice's punishment.

The NFL has repeatedly said it asked for but could not obtain the video of Rice hitting Janay Palmer - who is now his wife - at an

Atlantic City casino in February.

The league says it has no record of the video, and no one in the league office had seen it until it was released by TMZ Monday. When asked about the voicemail Wednesday, NFL officials repeated their assertion that no league official had seen the video before Monday.

"We have no knowledge of this," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said Wednesday. "We are not aware of anyone in our office who possessed or saw the video before it was made

public on Monday. We will look into it."

The person said he sent a DVD copy of the security camera video to an NFL office and included his contact information. He asked the AP not to release the name of the NFL executive, for fear that the information would identify the law enforcement official as the source.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell initially suspended Rice for two games following the February incident, but the Ravens released Rice on Monday

and the NFL suspended him indefinitely after the website TMZ released the video.

Goodell told CBS on Tuesday that "no one in the NFL, to my knowledge" had seen a new video of what happened on the elevator until it was posted online.

"We assumed that there was a video. We asked for video. But we were never granted that opportunity," Goodell said.

In a memo to the NFL's 32 teams on Wednesday, Goodell said that the league asked law enforcement for the video, but not the league. "In the context of a criminal investigation, information obtained outside of law enforcement that has not been tested by prosecutors or by the court system is not necessarily a reliable basis for imposing league discipline," he wrote.

Hours after portions of the video were made public by TMZ, Goodell suspended Rice indefinitely and Baltimore terminated his contract. He had originally been suspended for two games, and team officials had praised him for his apologies and actions after his arrest for aggravated assault.

Rice and Janay Palmer - now Janay Rice - can be heard shouting obscenities at each other, and she

appears to spit at Rice right before he throws a brutal punch. After she collapses, he drags her out of the elevator and is met by some hotel staff. One of them can be heard saying, "She's drunk, right?" And then, "No cops."

Rice had been charged with felony aggravated assault in the case, but in May he was accepted into a pretrial intervention program that allowed him to avoid jail time and could lead to the charge being purged from his record. A prominent New Jersey lawmaker called Tuesday for that decision to be reviewed.

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The video, shown to the AP on Monday, is slightly longer than the TMZ version, and includes some audio.

Goodell and team officials said they were taking more severe action because of the violence in the video.

Obama To Deepen America's Military Role

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a major reversal, President Barack Obama is moving to deepen the U.S. military role in the volatile Middle East, including training and arming Syrian rebels to fight Islamic State militants and potentially expanding airstrikes across the Iraqi border into Syria.

Obama was to outline his plans for battling the Islamic State group in a high-stakes address to the nation Wednesday night. Ahead of his remarks, congressional leaders grappled with whether to support his request to arm the Syrian opposition and if so, how to get such a measure through the fractured legislature.

Obama's plans amount to a striking shift for a president who has steadfastly sought to wind down American military campaigns in the Middle East and avoid new wars. That stance has been notable in Syria, where Islamic State militants have taken advantage of the instability created by a three-year civil war and now operate freely in areas near and across the Iraqi border.

Closer to home, U.S. officials fear that Westerners who have joined the militant group could return to their own coun-

tries and launch attacks. However, officials said Wednesday they were not aware of a credible threat of a potential attack in the United States by the Islamic State.

Earlier this summer, Iraq's government asked the U.S. for help in confronting the militants, and Obama approved airstrikes within Iraq's borders. He may now authorize strikes in Syria as well and has told people briefed on the White House plans in recent days that the U.S. must view the Islamic State as one group, not two separate entities split by a border.

Separately, the White House announced Wednesday that it was providing \$25 million in immediate military assistance to the Iraqi government as part of efforts to combat the Islamic State.

Adamantly opposed to putting American combat troops on the ground, Obama will call for increased training of Iraqi security forces and the provision of arms shipments to vetted Syrian opposition fighters in order to help both groups in their fight against the militants.

Some of Obama's own advisers, including former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, pressed him to arm the rebels early in their

fight against Syrian President Bashar Assad. But Obama resisted, arguing that there was too much uncertainty about the composition of the rebel forces. He also expressed concern about adding more firepower to an already bloody civil war.

The president eventually approved a small CIA-run program to arm the rebels, but the effort he now seeks is broader and would be run by the Pentagon in countries near Syria's borders. Obama asked Congress for approval of such a program earlier this year, but the plan stalled on Capitol Hill.

In the hours before the president's remarks, the Treasury Department said that Obama's strategy would include stepped-up efforts to undermine the Islamic State group's finances. David Cohen, Treasury's undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, wrote in a blog post that the U.S. would be working with other countries, especially Gulf states, to cut off the group's external funding networks and its access to the global financial system.

Meanwhile, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden called lawmakers to press them to include authorization for the program in temporary funding legislation. Lisa Monaco, Obama's top counterterrorism adviser, was also briefing lawmakers on Capitol Hill about the train-and-equip measure, administration officials said.

House Republicans put up a potential roadblock by not including the measure in the funding legislation. But it was unclear whether Republicans were rejecting the request completely or would leave open another avenue.

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid

said the Nevada Democrat might opt to seek separate legislation to authorize the president's request.

For Obama, Wednesday's address was also a chance to show critics who accuse him of being too hesitant in the face of overseas crises that he has a robust plan for defeating the militants. Republicans have accused him of ignoring months of warnings about the threat posed by the Islamic State, and even Democratic allies have grumbled in recent days that Obama has been slow in striking back after the militants released videos of the beheadings of two American journalists in Syria.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell called Obama "a rather reluctant commander in chief" and urged him to outline a military strategy to defeat the terrorists and to specify any funding and authorization he needs.

"It's pretty clear to me at least that the American people fully appreciate the nature of this threat," McConnell said. "After the beheadings of two American citizens, they don't want an explanation of what's happening. They want a plan. They want some presidential leadership."

In a shift for a war-weary nation, new polls suggest the American people would support a sustained air campaign in the Middle East. A Washington Post-ABC News poll released Monday showed 71 percent of Americans support airstrikes in Iraq, up from 54 percent just three weeks ago. And 65 percent say they support extending airstrikes into Syria.

The U.S. has also been pressing allies in Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere to help.

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The U.N. Is Releasing Scary Videos of Climate Change's Effect in 2050. Why You Should Be Skeptical.

By Scott Blakeman
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Warmer?

Global temperatures have not been cooperating with multiple climate models that predicted a drastic rise in global temperature. As Heritage's David Kreutzer points out, "Far from increasing at an accelerating rate, the best measures of world average temperatures indicate there has been no significant warming for the past 15 years—something that the IPCC's climate models are unable to explain." So, to claim drastic warming is a bit far-fetched.

Wetter?

According to the IPCC,

"There continues to be a lack of evidence and thus low confidence regarding [trends] in the magnitude and/or frequency of floods on a global scale."

Kreutzer says it's the same for the United States. "Some places will always be drier and some wetter in comparison to an earlier period. However, for the U.S. overall, there has been no trend."

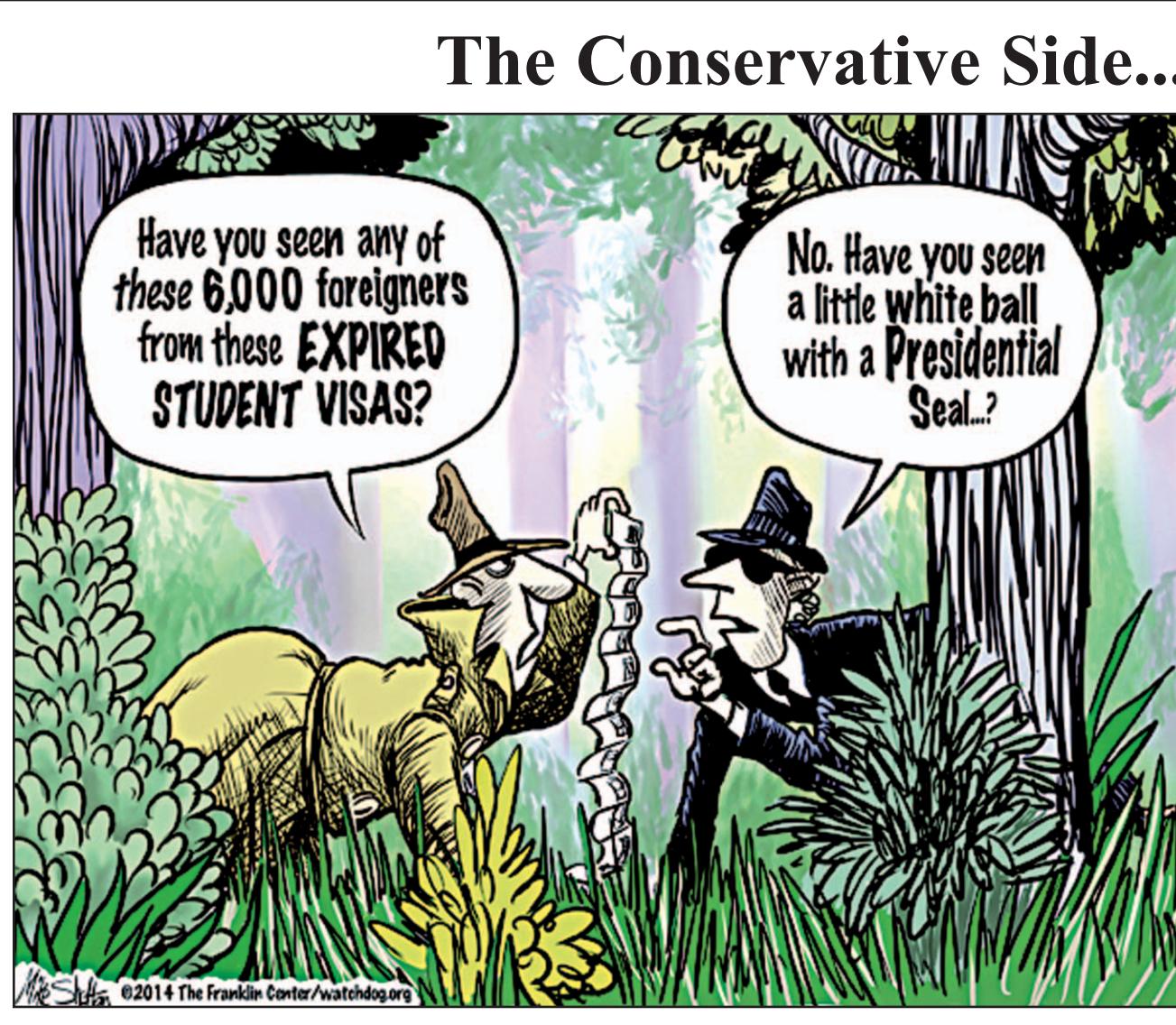
Wilder?

This claim doesn't appear to be factual either. Here's more from Kreutzer:

"The latest report on the science

from The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and analysis provided by the [Obama]

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Climatic Data Center conclude that there isn't a case for extreme weather increases – no significant trends for floods, droughts, hurricanes or tornadoes."

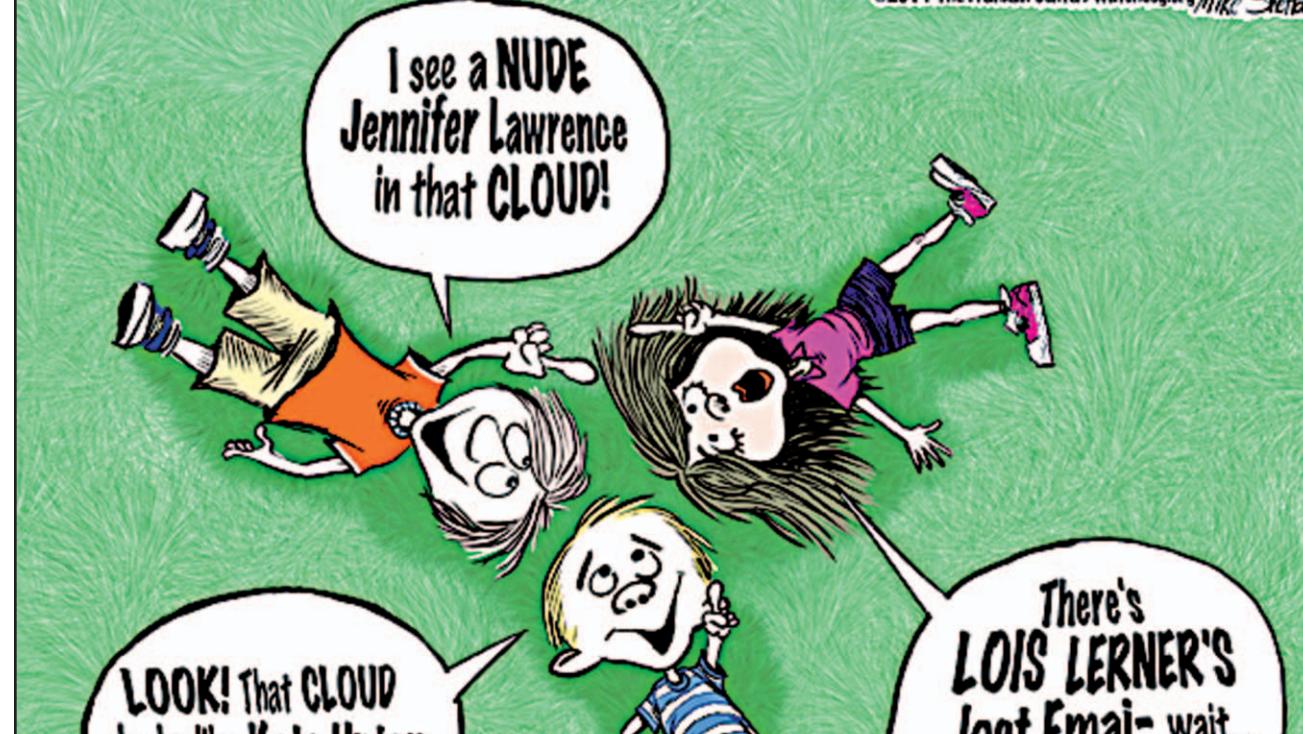
There's still more than 35 years until 2050 comes around,

but the data available today doesn't lead one to the conclusions of the UN's catastrophic weather report.

Perhaps a video should be made of what 2050 will look like if the left's environmental

and climate change agenda proceeds unchecked. So far, it seems the drastic regulatory schemes implemented to fight climate change would hardly affect the climate, but the economic ramifications would be

dire and extremely costly in jobs, economic activity, the standard of living and human flourishing overall. Sadly, the UN's video seems to miss that important point.



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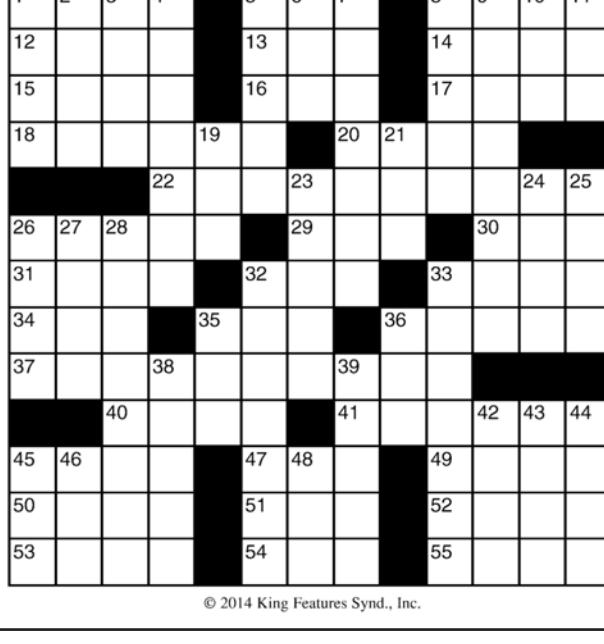
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**Savory Meat Loaf**

Let's get to the meat of the matter—meat loaf made with lean ground turkey lowers the fat. Adding just-right spices and a fresh bread-crumb crust makes the recipe perfect.

Prep Time 20 min

Total Time 1 hr 40 min

Servings 6

Ingredients

3 slices white bread, lightly toasted
1 1/2 lb lean ground turkey
1 cup buttermilk
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon chopped fresh or 1/4 teaspoon dried sage leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground mustard
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 clove garlic, finely chopped, or 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 cup fat-free egg product
1 small onion, chopped (1/4 cup)
1/4 cup finely chopped green bell pepper
1/4 cup ketchup, chili sauce or barbecue sauce
Thin slices green bell pepper, if desired

Directions

1 Heat oven to 350°F. Into food processor or blender, tear toasted bread into pieces. Cover; process with on-and-off pulses until bread is crumbly and evenly chopped.

2 In large bowl, mix bread crumbs and remaining ingredients except ketchup and bell pepper slices. Spread mixture in ungreased 8x4- or 9x5-inch loaf pan. Spread ketchup over top.

3 Baked 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes or until meat thermometer

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2014-2015 SCHEDULE

| Date | Overall 2-0 Opponent / Event | Conf. 1-0 Location | Home 1-0 Time | Away 1-0 Record |
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| 08/30/14 | vs. Stephen F. Austin | | 55-16 | 1-0 |
| 09/06/14 | at Iowa State * TV | Ames, Iowa | 32-28 | 2-0 |
| 09/18/14 | vs. Auburn TV | Manhattan, Kan. | 6:30 PM | |
| 09/27/14 | vs. UTEP | Manhattan, Kan. | TBA | |
| 10/04/14 | vs. Texas Tech * | Manhattan, Kan. | TBA | |
| 10/18/14 | at Oklahoma Norman, Okla. | | TBA | |
| 10/25/14 | vs. Texas * | Manhattan, Kan. | TBA | |
| 11/01/14 | vs. Oklahoma State * | Manhattan, Kan. | TBA | |
| 11/08/14 | at TCU * | Fort Worth, Texas | TBA | |
| 11/20/14 | at West Virginia * TV | Morgantown | 6:00 PM | |
| 11/29/14 | vs. Kansas * | Manhattan, Kan. | TBA | |
| 12/06/14 | at Baylor * | Waco, Texas | TBA | |

Big 12 Standings

| Team | Big 12 Record | Over All Record |
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| Kansas State | 1-0 | 2-0 |
| Baylor | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Texas Tech | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Oklahoma | 0-0 | 2-0 |
| Kansas | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| TCU | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Oklahoma State | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Texas | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| West Virginia | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Iowa State | 0-0 | 0-2 |

Kansas 2013-2014 SCHEDULE

| Overall 1-0 | Conf. 0-0 | Home 1-0 | Away 0-0 | Record |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Sat. Sept 6th | Southeast Missouri | Lawrence, Kan. | 34-28 | 1-0 |
| Sat. Sept 13th | Duke | Durham, N.C. | TV: ACC-RSN | 2:30 p.m. |
| Sat. Sept 20th | Central Michigan | Lawrence, Kan. | | TBA |
| Sat. Sept 27th | Texas | Lawrence, Kan. | | TBA |
| Sat. Oct 4th | West Virginia | Morgantown, W.Va. | | TBA |
| Sat. Oct 11th | Oklahoma State | Lawrence, Kan. | | TBA |
| Sat. Oct 18th | Texas Tech | Lubbock, Texas | | TBA |
| Sat. Nov. 1 | Baylor | Waco, Texas | | TBA |
| Sat. Nov. 7th | Iowa State | Lawrence, Kan. | | TBA |
| Sat. Nov. 15th | TCU | Lawrence, Kan. | | TBA |
| Sat. Nov. 22nd | Oklahoma | Norman, Okla. | | TBA |
| Sat. Nov. 29th | Kansas State | Manhattan, Kan. | | TBA |

Big 12 Conference Schedule

| Date | Home Team | Location | Time (CT) |
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| Fri, Sep 12 | Buffalo | Baylor | |
| Buffalo, N.Y. | 7:00 p.m. | ESPN | |
| Sat, Sep 13 | Maryland | West Virginia | |
| College Park, Md. | 11:00 a.m. | BTN | |
| Sat, Sep 13 | Iowa | Iowa State | |
| Iowa City, Iowa | 2:30 p.m. | ABC/ESPN/ESPN2 | |
| Sat, Sep 13 | Duke | Kansas | |
| Durham, N.C. | 2:30 p.m. | ACC | |
| Sat, Sep 13 | Texas Tech | Arkansas | |
| Lubbock, Texas | 2:30 p.m. | ABC/ESPN/ESPN2 | |
| Sat, Sep 13 | TCU | Minnesota | |
| Fort Worth, Texas | 3:00 p.m. | FS1 | |
| Sat, Sep 13 | Oklahoma State | UTSA | |
| Stillwater, Okla. | 6:00 p.m. | FSN | |
| Sat, Sep 13 | Texas | UCLA | Arlington, Texas |
| 7:00 p.m. | FOXLive Stats | | |
| Sat, Sep 13 | Oklahoma | Tennessee | |
| Norman, Okla. | 7:00 p.m. | ABC/ESPN/ESPN2 | |
| Thu, Sep 18 | Kansas State | Auburn | |
| Manhattan, Kan. | 6:30 p.m. | ESPN Live | |
| * Sat, Sep 20 | West Virginia | Oklahoma | |
| Morgantown, W.Va. | TBA | Live | |
| Sat, Sep 20 | Kansas | Central Michigan | |
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| * Thu, Sep 25 | Oklahoma State | Texas Tech | |
| Stillwater, Okla. | 6:30 p.m. | ESPN | |

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Kansas State Slides Past Iowa State 32-28

By Tonya Rickliffs
Manhattan Free Press

Most Iowa State fans you asked seemed a little wary about how they may perform Saturday against Kansas State. While Iowa State still leads the series overall against Kansas State, you could see why ISU fans may be concerned. Kansas State has won the last six meetings against the Cyclones. While the victory over Iowa State last year in Manhattan was a 41 to 7 routing, most Wildcat victories over the Cyclones have been 10 points or less. Playing in Ames is challenging, their fans are passionate.

Jake Waters was raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa and grew up going to Iowa State football games. This was the first time some of his family could watch him as the starting quarterback. He had a great game against Stephen F. Austin at home, but those are the games that coaches and fans expect a solid performance in. Kansas State was ready, but big questions about performance loomed.

In the first two minutes of the game, Kansas State fans were thrilled and Iowa State fans were worried when the Cats scored on a five play, 78-yard drive. K-State looked confident and Iowa State looked like they did not have an answer for the Cats offense. Quickly though, the Cats offense showed signs of trouble when K-State could not get into the end zone on the next two possessions. As Coach Snyder commented in the post-game interview, "we should have been up 21-0 instead of 13-0". That low score quickly became a problem when Iowa State began to bring together their offense.

Kansas State began its troubles during first quarter with false start penalties. Two false starts penalties Kansas State had killed momentum in one drive, and defensive confusion and trouble tackling, allowed Iowa State to score with 13 seconds left in the first quarter. While Waters had looked good on his feet and was scrambling well, in the second quarter he was sacked on back-to-back plays. The Cats offensive line just could not keep Iowa State held back. Kansas State had opportunities to try to get some defensive plan back. They had an important 3rd down play with 11 minutes left in the 2nd quarter, but couldn't keep the Cyclones from advancing. The timing and pressure just had not returned since the early part of the game. The wheels felt like they were coming off on both sides of the ball for K-State, and the whole stadium could sense it. As Iowa State racks up 28 unanswered points in the first half, Wildcat fans were looking for anything to be a sign of hope that this game was not spiraling out of control. The offensive hope came with 16 seconds left in the first half after Waters passed to Lockett, and then carried the ball 1 yard into the end zone for a touchdown. After a good extra point kick by Cantele, the Cats went into the half only down by 8 points. Lockett's catch was not without controversy, with the crowd and media announcers wondering if Lockett was actually out of bounds. The play was not reviewed, and may have been too close to call. Lockett's catch was very close to the same time he touched the pylon, and if a player touches a

pylon, they are considered out of bounds. With Iowa State fans upset, and K-State fans feeling a momentum shift, it could still be anyone's game in the second half.

The 3rd quarter mostly resulted in a standoff between both teams with no scoring going on for either. Positive plays and good tackling, would then result in lack of execution in the next play or a penalty. Kansas State had a great defensive stand on a 3rd down with 11 minutes left in the 3rd quarter, only to let Iowa State's punt roll to the 3rd yard line, leaving a struggling offense to face a 97 yard drive. But, this began some signs of life for the Cats when they manage to keep the offensive drive going for nearly 8 and a half minutes. While the drive did not end in a touchdown for the Cats, it began a successful ground game for Waters and Charles Jones. The huge advantage for Kansas State happened when Randall Evans stripped the ball from Jarvis West for the interception. The Cats were able to score following the interception to get within 2 points of Iowa State. Kansas State attempted a 2-point conversion and failed, no 2-point attempt during the game for the Cats was successful. With 1:30 left in the game, following a successful defensive stand by the Wildcats Waters ran in for a 8 yard touchdown.

I am sure Coach Snyder has lots of concerns that the Cats will be working on during the next 12 days. There is much to worry about when they face #5 Auburn at home Sept 18th. The defense is going to have to get better at their tackling and defensive plays. Kansas State did not seem to call the plays that put the pressure on Iowa State that we needed to, and when we did pressure, their quarterback could easily escape nearly three or four Kansas State players. Kansas State showed the have what it takes to put the teams away it will face this year. The Cats need to work with consistency. This was a key game where Waters did establish himself as a team leader. While he led the team with 143 rushing yards, he also led in morale and spirit all the way to the end of the game. If Waters can continue to excel in that leadership position, he may be able to keep the Cats focused on an upset when they face Auburn.



Kansas State Quarterback Jake Waters (15) gets hit as he picks hits the line. (Photo by Tonya Rickliffs)



All Big-12 Defensive End Ryan Mueller (44) takes down the Iowa State Quarterback. (Photo by Ben Brake)



Deante Burton (6) lays out for one of his 6 pass receptions. He had a total of 19 yards receiving. (Photo by Ben Brake)

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No. 20 Kansas State Rallies Past Iowa State 32-28

The Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Jake Waters ran for an 8-yard touchdown with 1:30 left to push 20th-ranked Kansas State past host Iowa State 32-28 on Saturday.

Waters threw for 239 yards and ran for a career-high 138 yards for the Wildcats (2-0, 1-0 Big 12). They trailed by as much as 28-13 late in the first half before Waters rescued them on a game-winning drive.

Waters followed a key 23-yard completion to Tyler Lockett with a 25-yard run with just under two minutes left. Waters then capped an 80-yard drive that took just 1:31 with his second touchdown run of the day.

Jarvis West caught and threw touchdown passes and ran a punt back for a third TD for Iowa State (0-2, 0-1), which was held scoreless in the second half.

It was a tough loss for the Cyclones: They nearly knocked off a ranked opponent just a week after losing by 20 to FCS school North Dakota State.

Kansas State's Randall Evans ripped the ball away from West for an interception with 9:15 left. The Wildcats went 54 yards in 74 seconds, moving within 28-26 on a 4-yard TD run by Charles Jones.

Waters looked like he had more than enough space to tie the game on a 2-point conversion run. But Kamari Cotton-Moya — who was ejected from last week's loss for targeting — sprinted to the hole, turned Waters sideways at the goal line and preserved Iowa State's lead.

That seemed like it would be the game's key play. But Lockett's crucial reception, which held up upon review, set the athletic Waters up to close the game out with his feet.

Jones added 75 yards rushing for the Wildcats.

Iowa State was in need of a decent showing after allowing 506 yards and getting shut out for the final 44 minutes last week.

The Wildcats made it look way too easy way too soon.

Lockett went 57 yards off a short catch just four plays in, and Jones walked in untouched from four yards out for a quick 7-0 lead.

The Wildcats tacked on a pair of field goals before Iowa State finally woke up.

The Cyclones flipped things around by relying on West's versatility.

West kicked off his career day with a leaping 17-yard TD catch. He then took a punt 82 yards for a touchdown and a 14-13 lead early in the second quarter.

West capped a brilliant first half with a perfectly thrown 29-yard TD pass to Allen Lazard off a double reverse. That made it 28-13 Iowa State, thrilling a capacity crowd that once seemed resigned to defeat.

West is just the fourth player since 1996 with a passing, receiving and punt return touchdown in the same game, according to STATS LCC.

But Kansas State pulled within 28-20 just before halftime on a plunge from Waters, and the Wildcats defense stuffed Iowa State on a 4th-down-and-1 to open the second half.

Iowa State answered by stuffing Waters on a 4th and inches early in the fourth quarter, prompting Cyclones coach Paul Rhoads to run onto the field while furiously pumping his fists.

It was a short-lived celebration for Rhoads, who fell to 0-6 against Kansas State.

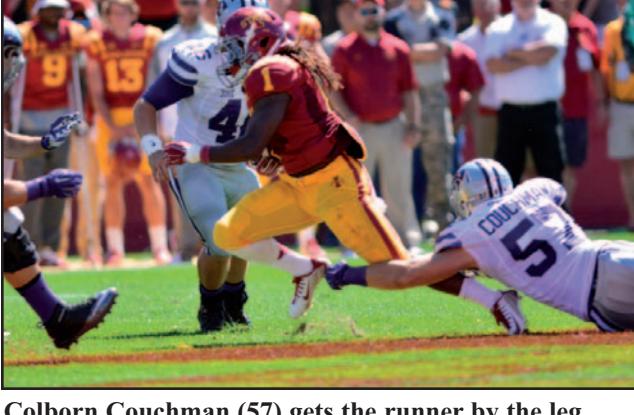


Kansas State Wide Receiver Tyler Lockett (16) takes a pass from Jake Waters for a long gain in the 1st Quarter.

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Defensive End Valentino Coleman (99) takes down the Iowa State runner.



Colborn Couchman (57) gets the runner by the leg.



K-State Quarterback Jake Waters (15) is about to hit the ground after picking up yardage against Iowa State Saturday.