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Genesis Health Clubs expands into Manhattan



One of Genesis' Clubs in Wichita. With the two Manhattan Clubs, Genesis has a total of 21 clubs.

By Carrie Rengers
The Wichita Eagle

Genesis Health Clubs owner Rodney Steven II has finalized his seventh deal in seven months to expand into a new market, this time Manhattan.

"I've been working on coming to Manhattan for a lot of years, to be honest," he says. "I just never could find the right entrance."

Steven says he almost had a deal for a Manhattan club seven years ago.

"I've been pursuing the market ever since."

Genesis, which now has 20 clubs in Kansas and Missouri, is entering Manhattan in two ways.

"We decided to go ahead and build a location in Manhattan," Steven says.

Also, a deal came together for him to acquire the two Max Fitness centers there.

"This acquisition just kind of came at the same time," Steven says.

The Max Fitness sites are at 405 E. Poyntz and 3011 Anderson avenues, the latter of which likely will close when the new Genesis is built at 2704 Allison Ave. and 0000 Fort Riley Blvd.

"We'll look at our options at that time," Steven says.

The new Genesis that he's building, which will feature what Steven calls an "absolutely stunning" all-glass front, will be on a prominent hilltop in

Rodney Steven II has acquired two fitness centers in Manhattan and is building a new one as well.

the city.

"It was actually scheduled to be two hotels, and they ended up going somewhere else," he says.

"It's a unique piece of property in Manhattan," Steven says. "I'm going to build basically a landmark in Manhattan."

He says the 65,000-square-foot club will have indoor pools and tennis courts and a basketball court with a track along with upscale finishes and locker rooms and spacious cardio areas and weight rooms.

"The amenities that the new facility will have are just going to be crazy," Steven says.

Construction is scheduled to start in July, and the club should open about a year after that.

Steven says he's "thrilled to be in the market right now."

"It is a busy, busy town. A lot of

growth there right now."

Steven first branched outside of Wichita with a Hutchinson club in 2004 and has been on an aggressive pace since then, particularly lately. He says part of that is finally getting "the right pieces of the puzzle in place."

"They've just all kind of come to fruition at the same time," he says. "It's interesting."

Steven says Genesis is now in a lot of the major cities across Kansas, though not Kansas City.

"That's a possibility for the future."

Otherwise, he says, "We're not looking to do a lot more growth right now."

Steven says the fitness business is "a tough animal."

"It's definitely a lot of work, and it's challenging."

He says he likes it that way.

"It's provided a lot of growth for our company," Steven says. "Our product is getting better and better."

He says the new clubs are an opportunity for his staff.

"It's been great for them," he says. "They can help us kind of form our future together."

Steven says everything has happened quickly lately.

"It's very rewarding at the same time."

City Approves \$160,000 Parks Feasibility Study

(Editor's Note: The Free Press has told its readers many times that if an item has reached the Manhattan City Commission decision has already been made. The City of Manhattan Staff wants to build three or four "neighborhood" Recreation Centers. Each will cost around \$10 million.

Tuesday night the Commission approved an agenda item to pay \$160,000 for another study. The Free Press has learned in the past that the City Commission and City Staff will ignore the Free Press and the readers will be told that we make things up, so here is the City Memo given to the Commission by the City Staff:)

selected Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, P. A., of Manhattan, Kansas, for recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. At the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on December 7, 2015, the Board approved and moved to recommend Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, P. A., of Manhattan, Kansas, to the City Commission to conduct the Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study.

At the December 15, 2015, City Commission meeting, the Commission approved the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and authorized City Administration to negotiate a scope of services and contract with Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, P.A. of Manhattan, Kansas, for architectural design and park planning services.

DISCUSSION

It is anticipated a majority of the SFIP Steering Committee will be retained to work with Bruce McMillan AIA Architects, P. A. on the Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study.

City Administration contacted the 15 Steering Committee members for their availability for this next stage of the planning process. Two (2) Steering Committee members are not available for this next planning process. Bruce McMillan indicated, in his projected work plan, that a larger Steering Committee would be useful to the planning process.

The Parks and Recreation Department received indication of interest in participating on the Steering Committee from several community members:

- Mike Dillon - retired educator and coach
- Chris McClelland - Senior Director of Mission Integration Via Christi Hospital
- Tracy Anderson - local businessman
- Katrina Alexander - small business owner
- Randy Martin - local businessman
- John Currie - KSU athletics
- Dave Nohls - local businessman

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the list of interested community members for inclusion on the Steering Committee. For a complete list - see the list attached of current members and those also interested.

A preliminary scope of work has been developed by City Administration that builds upon the four (4) priorities identified in the Strategic Facility Improvement plan which are:

- Creation of indoor space geographically located to meet unmet needs of the community
- Improvement to safety and playability of existing field playing surfaces
- Improve availability and condition of community parks, trails, and neighborhood parks
- Development of new indoor aquatic facilities

The scope of work was built around three areas of study that encompasses the four (4) priorities identified in the Strategic Facility Improvement Plan:

Priority 1 - Neighborhood Recreation Center Feasibility Study and requires the consultant to reaffirm and identify stakeholder and community needs and desires for indoor recreation facilities based on the Parks and Recreation Department's mission to build a healthy community, recom-

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CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO
February 8, 2016
FROM: Eddie Eastes, CPRP, Recreation Director of Parks and Recreation
MEETING: February 16, 2016
SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Consultant Agreements Facility Feasibility Study
PRESENTERS: Eddie Eastes, CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation
Karen Davis, AICP, Director of Community Development

BACKGROUND

The Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department recently completed a Strategic Facility Improvement Plan (SFIP; full text available at). The purpose of the SFIP was to identify the community's indoor and outdoor recreational needs and develop a strategy to address short, mid and long-term facility improvements for the benefit of the community. The process involved extensive input from the community through focus groups, public meetings and a statistically valid survey. A 15-member steering committee, along with City Staff, helped guide the process. The SFIP included a demographic review, market analysis, level of service analysis, facility assessment and improvement scenarios for existing parks and recreation facilities. The Plan was accepted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on July 6, 2015, and accepted by the City Commission on August 18, 2015.

Based on the recommendations of the Strategic Facility Improvement Plan, City Administration requested and received authorization at the City Commission Meeting on October 20, 2015, to seek qualifications for professional services to develop a Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study and appointed Commissioner Usha Reddi and Commissioner Mike Dodson to the Selection Committee.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from highly qualified and innovative design teams for architectural design and park planning services to conduct a Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study was advertised on October 21, 2015. Seven (7) consultant submissions of qualifications were received by November 13, 2015. The Selection Committee, comprised of Usha Reddi, City Commissioner; Mike Dodson, City Commissioner; Pat Hudgins, USD 383 Board member and Parks and Recreation

Advisory Board member; David Dzewaltowski, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member; Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager; Karen Davis, Director of Community Development; Rob Ott, Director of Public Works; Wyatt Thompson, Senior Park Planner; and Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation; reviewed submittals and selected four (4) firms to interview.

Interviews were held on December 1, 2015. The Selection Committee



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Riley County Commission Minutes

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Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes February 08, 2016 Commission Chambers 8:30 AM

Public Comments Commission Comments Business Meeting

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for James and Glenda Brenner Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for James and Glenda Brenner (071-11-0-00-006.01-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$239.76.

RESULT: MOVER: SECONDER: AYES: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Highway Use Permit, AT&T Move to approve the Highway Use Permit to grant permission to AT&T to work in the Highway Right of Way to relocate AT&T fiber optic line in conflict with Riley County project D.6-9.0 Bridge Replacement at CR 378 & South Otter Road.

RESULT: MOVER: SECONDER: AYES: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Out of State Travel Request for Public Works

Wilson asked, why should we send two persons instead of one?

Hobson said because there are many concurrent session going on they need to attend.

Move to approve out of state travel request for Gary Rosewicz and Alvin Perez to attend the 2016 NACE Annual Meeting/Management & Technical Conference in Tacoma, WA.

RESULT: MOVER: SECONDER: AYES: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Minutes Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Feb 4, 2016 8:30 AM Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: MOVER: SECONDER: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS] County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Tentative Agenda 7. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics 8. Discuss Press Conference

Aubrey Evans-Soil Conservation Update 9:00 AM Rich Vargo, County Clerk 9. Year to date budget and expenditure reports

9:30 AM Press Conference 10. Prescribed Burning Workshop - February 19, 2016 - Greg

McClure (3 minutes)

McClure discussed the Prescribed Burning Workshop Friday, February 19th 10:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. at Pottorf Hall.

11. Common Garden Pest Program on February 11 - Gregg Eystone (2 minutes)

Eystone said the Home Landscape Design Class still has some openings.

Eystone said the Coffee Shop Horticulture Program on Common Garden Pest, will be this Thursday, 10:30 a.m. at Nelson's Landing in Leonardville.

10:00 AM Break

10:10 AM Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer 12. Project update

Hobson presented a Public Works projects update.

10:25 AM Cheryl Collins, Museum Director 13. Riley County Historical Museum Staff Report

C. Collins presented the Museum staff report.

10:40 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services 14. Administrative Work Session

The Board watched the KAC Legislative Video update. Holeman said the tax lid bill will not be heard this week.

Holeman reviewed testimony on HB 2476, regarding the collection of delinquent property taxes.

The Board agreed by consensus with the presented testimony as amended on HB 2476.

Holeman reviewed testimony on HB 2477 regarding motor vehicle registration and the ability to collect delinquent real property taxes.

The Board agreed by consensus with the presented testimony as presented on HB 2477.

Holeman presented the neutral testimony on HB 2609, regarding the "improvements" to the tax lid legislation.

Boyd and Wells agreed to approve the testimony as amended on HB 2609.

Wilson said he could not sup-

port the "in principle" wording in the testimony on HB 2609.

Holeman presented testimony on SB 316, regarding the tax lid legislation.

Boyd and Wells agreed to approve the testimony as amended on SB 316.

Wilson said he cannot support the "in principle" of the testimony on SB 316.

10:58 AM Move that the County Commission recess into executive session pursuant to the preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss an initial offer of purchase by the county, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 11:08 a.m.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

11:08 AM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

15. Pending County Projects County Counselor

12:00 PM County Officials Luncheon 16. County Officials' Luncheon Agenda

1:15 PM Debbie Register, Register of Deeds 17. 2015 Accomplishments and 2016 Goals

Register presented the Register of Deeds' Office 2015 Accomplishments and 2016 Goals.

1:30 PM Shilo Heger, Treasurer 18. 2015 Accomplishments and 2016 Goals

Heger presented the Treasurer's Office 2015 Accomplishments and 2016 Goals.

1:45 PM Rich Vargo, County Clerk 19. Clerk's Office 2015 Accomplishments and 2016

Goals

Vargo presented the Clerk's Office 2015 Accomplishments and 2016 Goals.

2:00 PM

Executive Sessions to discuss department head evaluations 2:00 PMPat Collins, Emergency Management Director

2:12 PM

Move that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a personnel matter an employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 2:35 p.m.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

2:35 PM

Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

No binding action was taken during the executive session.

2:30 PM Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer 2:37 PM

Move that the Board of County Commissioners recess into executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matters exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act in order to discuss a personnel matter an employee and to protect the privacy of the employee, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 3:05 p.m.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

3:05 PM Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

3:21 PM

Adjournment Move to adjourn.

RESULT: ADOPT-ED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner

SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson



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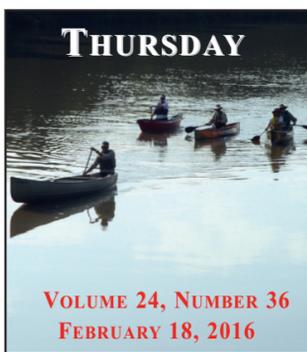
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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



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City To Pay \$160,000 For Study

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Recommendations from the Strategic Facility Improvement Plan, Steering Committee input and stakeholder meetings.

The consultant must develop site evaluation criteria, to include items such as the geographic distribution of sites to provide maximum benefit to the community, site accessibility and connectivity to existing bike-ped-trail networks, site infrastructure capacity, cost to develop, cost to operate, opportunities for partnerships and other criteria as identified by the Steering Committee and stakeholder meetings.

Three (3) locations the consultant will be expected to evaluate are: USD 383 Susan B. Anthony Middle School located at 2501 Browning; USD 383 Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School located at 800 Walters Drive; and Douglass Park located at 900 Yuma Street, near the City's existing Douglass Community Recreation Center.

The two (2) middle school locations offer partnership opportunities while providing needed indoor space to the benefit of the school district, the City's Parks and Recreation programs and the overall community.

City staff identified the Douglass Park site based on its potential eligibility to utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. A separate contract will be uti-

lized for the CDBG aspect of the Douglass Park Southeast Neighborhood Recreation Center Feasibility Study.

Priorities 2 and 3 - Improvements to field playing surfaces, community and neighborhood parks and trails requires the consultant to reaffirm stakeholder and community needs and identify specific City parks for further evaluation and planning based on the Parks and Recreation Department's mission to build a

healthy community, recommendation from the Strategic Facility Improvement Plan, Steering Committee input and stakeholder meetings.

Priority 4 - Indoor Aquatics Feasibility Study requires the consultant to identify stakeholder and community needs and/or desires for indoor aquatic facilities based on the Parks and Recreation Department's mission to build a healthy community, recommendations from the Strategic Facility Improvement Plan, Steering Committee input and stakeholder meetings.

The Parks and Recreation Feasibility Study scope of work deliverables include:

Priority 1 - The consultant will be required to evaluate three (3) site locations, develop building programs, prepare conceptual facility and site layouts, help identify potential capital and/or operational partners, establish capital cost require-

ments, set preliminary facility operational cost recovery and targets, and develop preliminary operational plans for each identified neighborhood recreation center. A detailed analysis of revenues, expenditures, fees, attendance projections and cost recovery scenarios for each facility should be included. The consultant will present preliminary findings at a City Commission Work Session for the purpose of receiving input and gaining concurrence on the direction to proceed with a Final Report that includes a summary of the process and final recommendation(s), concept(s), estimated cost(s) and schematic designs.

Priorities 2 and 3 - The consultant will be required to evaluate and rank park and facility improvements identified in the Strategic Facility Improvement Plan and provide recommendations to the City Commission at a future Work Session for concurrence on which parks, facilities and improvements should be further evaluated in a more detailed planning study. A scope of service for these improvements to field playing surfaces, community and neighborhood parks and trails would be developed based on this feedback and a contract amendment returned to the City Commission for their consideration.

Priority 4 - The consultant will be required to evaluate the feasibility of covering City Park Pool. A new facility, potentially

located in CiCo Park, utilizing existing CiCo Pool infrastructure will also be required as part of the evaluation. The consultant will prepare conceptual facility and site layouts, help identify potential capital and/or operational partners, establish capital cost requirements, set preliminary facility operational cost recovery and targets and develop preliminary operational plans. An analysis of revenues, expenditures, fees, attendance projections and cost recovery scenarios for each facility should be included. The consultant will be expected to provide preliminary recommendations to the City Commission at a future Work Session for concurrence for further evaluation of indoor aquatics. A scope of service for schematic design of indoor aquatics facilities would be developed based on this feedback and a contract amendment returned to the City Commission for their consideration.

It is anticipated that the April 26, 2016, City Commission Work Session will be a joint Work Session with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to receive: preliminary findings on Priority 1 - Neighborhood Recreation Center(s) Feasibility Study and provide direction to proceed with a Final Report; recommendations on Priorities 2 and 3 - Improvements to field playing surfaces, community and neighborhood parks and trails

for direction on which parks, facilities and improvements to be further evaluated; preliminary feasibility analysis on Priority 4 - Indoor aquatics regarding the feasibility of covering City Park Pool as well as preliminary feasibility analysis of a new indoor aquatic facility located at CiCo Park utilizing existing CiCo Pool infrastructure and provide direction to the consultant on the direction to proceed, or not, regarding indoor aquatics.

FINANCING

City Administration anticipates funding this effort from a combination of funding from the Special Parks and Recreation Fund and the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The 2015 Community Development Block Grant has \$35,000 allocated for a Douglass Park Southeast Neighborhood Recreation Center Feasibility Study and Phase I Environmental analysis on the Douglass Center Park grounds.

In order to provide maximum flexibility, the City of Manhattan will require a time and expense agreement, with an established maximum fee. A separate contract will be required for work related to the Douglass Park Southeast Neighborhood Recreation Center Feasibility Study, which will be paid with CDBG funds.

Bruce McMillan Architects, P.A., of Manhattan, Kansas, proposes to complete the first phase of the City of Manhattan Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study for a time-task not to exceed fee of \$120,555 with reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$5,500, for a total of \$126,055 and the Douglass Park Southeast Neighborhood Recreation Center Feasibility Study for a time-task not to exceed fee of \$34,655, with reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$300, for a total of \$34,955, making the combined Parks and Recreation Feasibility Study and the Douglass Park Southeast Neighborhood Recreation Center Feasibility Study a total cost of \$161,010.

ALTERNATIVES

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

Authorize City Administration to finalize and the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$126,055 with Bruce McMillan Architects AIA, P.A., of Manhattan, Kansas, for the Parks and Recreation Facility Feasibility Study and a separate agreement in an amount not to exceed \$34,955 for the Douglass Park

Here are questions that the City needs to be asked

By Joe Knopp

1. HAVE WE PUT THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE?

a. Is there a tentative agreement from the school district to devote 8-20 acres of their land for this purpose? Has the school board approved of this? With a new superintendent of schools, would it not be respectful to ask for their input?

b. By declaring that we are going to build them on school property, are we committing the taxpayers to buy land and build new schools at different locations to accommodate increased student enrollment?

c. If our goal is to provide neighborhood indoor activities, aren't Anthony and Eisenhower Middle Schools in the same "neighborhood"? Do Eisenhower and Anthony Middle Schools serve different neighborhoods? What is the expected geographic area for a neighborhood health club?

d. Anthony and Eisenhower seem to be in the same neighborhood. Could we not reduce

the cost of the feasibility study by having just one north neighborhood study? Couldn't we extrapolate the cost of the second neighborhood health club, after we determine if the cost on one of them is even feasible?

2. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE MANHATTAN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT?

The Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department (MPR) has had a multimillion dollar expansion in the offices at City Hall. Now, the city commission will make some fundamental decisions about the future role of the MPR.

I suggest that the role it should play in our community is to provide outdoor facilities... open space in an urban environment; green space for picnics and family gatherings; sports fields, playgrounds, walking and bicycle trails, volleyball courts, skateboard parks, and tennis courts (even though few still play tennis.)

This "limited" purpose for our parks is ideal. It allows indi-

viduals the ability to determine when, if, and how they want to use the facilities. These parks only require "passive" administration. The MPR job is to simply keep the parks clean, mowed and available for use. MPR has shown the ability to manage this responsibility and can schedule these employees to do these jobs.

However, the role of MPR has grown. Today, some want MPR to provide more "activity management." as compared to "passive" management. As a result MPR schedules leagues for baseball, soccer and other activities. (Historically, these leagues in other cities were organized by civic organizations... Optimist T-Ball is a vestige of that tradition.) MPR provides day care for children. (There are private day care providers in Manhattan.) MPR buys buses so they can sponsor trips to casinos for our retired folks. (Some banks still do that as a promotion for their customers.)

The decision to spend \$161,000 on a feasibility study

presumes that the City Commission wants the city to actively compete with private health clubs and duplicate services that are already readily available in our community... to the tune of \$30 million dollars and 12-15 more staff, along with other operating expenses and 12 - 30 acres of land.

At each meeting, I have asked:

(1) What are we trying to accomplish? Is it for traveling sports clubs so they do not have to rent school gyms? Is it a place for sport tournaments that will create additional hotel occupants?

(2) Whom are we trying to benefit?

(a) Is the purpose to benefit poor people who cannot afford \$40 a month to go to Wildcat Creek (which I am a member) or KSU Rec (open to any person who joins the KSU Alumni Association and can enter for \$40 a month or \$5 a time) or Genesis (I don't know their rates.)

(b) Perhaps the purpose is to provide free health clubs for people who can afford Wildcat Creek, KSU Rec and Genesis?

Changing the mission of MPR from the "passive administration" of the parks to an "aggressive programming" requires that MPR to complete with the existing health clubs and become a big time money-making operation. Managing a money-making operation is a task that the MPR has learned is beyond its primary skill set. For that reason, MPR currently out sources the concession stands to private contractors at our sports facilities.

Remember, the MPR has a difficult time staffing a city pool from August 1st to Labor day. How can we expect them to staff 3 health clubs 16 hours a day for 365 days a year (Christmas and New Years excluded.)

It appears to me that we are making a fundamental change in the scope and nature of our parks and recreation services. We need to determine the fundamental role of MPR before

we even spend \$161,000 getting answers to questions that we know are not feasible or not a direction we want to go.

This feasibility study sets aside \$14,000 to address the staffing and operational expenses. Of all the money spent on this project, this will be the most important part.

3. IF OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE INDOOR ACTIVITIES, WE NEED TO ASK ABOUT ALTERNATIVES:

a. Instead of spending \$10 million on each new neighborhood health club, can we simply rent space in our neighborhood elementary schools for after-school indoor time? Schools can't afford to keep their gyms open after school and staff the supervisors for "free time recreation." Perhaps MPR could spend the same money on staff and exercise equipment (that the schools would use during the day) and the general public will use in the evening? The cost of staff time would be the same whether the MPR person is working at the "Anthony After Hours Health Club" or three new \$10 million dollar MPC Neighborhood Health Clubs located near Anthony Middle School, Eisenhower Middle School and the Douglas Center. In this alternative, we have additional staff time, but not the investment of \$30 million (for 3 new health clubs) and utility and maintenance costs.

b. Can we find other, cheaper non-traditional facilities? For example, instead of a half mile indoor track, can we pay the Mall for any additional cost of liability insurance and the inconvenience of walkers (who are also potential shoppers/customers) walking around the TownCenter Mall?

c. Can we simply subsidize memberships for low income people to use the existing facilities in our community? If the City pays 1/2 of the monthly fee, we could see what the real demand for the services are. For \$250,000 a year, we could provide 1,000 families at \$20 a month match for their health club membership. This would be less than the cost of staff

members and utilities for two of new MPR Health Clubs each year. (My hunch is that there would be few persons who would want to buy a membership, even at a reduced price, from March - October of each year.. so the cost of subsidized health clubs memberships for 1,000 families would be much lower than \$250,000. And if there is not the demand, we then know that it was not a good idea to spend \$40 million on 3 new health clubs.

I don't mean to be negative about improving the quality of life in Manhattan. I agree that our parks are an important part of what makes Manhattan a great place to live. In my value system, I would: (1) complete the linear trail around Manhattan, (2) spend more money on the Sunset Zoo for the "big cats" exhibits (currently over 80,000 visitors a year), (3) enhance and expand the trails in Warner Park and other trails that complement the linear trail around Manhattan and (4) identify other "green space" opportunities with assistance of the Park Board to meet the city expansion into new subdivisions. Other may want to add to this list. Building 4 new health clubs is not on my list.

Joe Knopp

Kansas Bonds Program - APNewsBreak: Hockey part of plan to lure American Royal

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - A new hotel, children's museum and 5,000-seat hockey arena could be part of a project designed to lure the annual American Royal horse and livestock exhibition to the Kansas side of the Kansas City metropolitan area from Missouri.

A report prepared by the Kansas Department of Commerce and obtained by The Associated Press said the proposed development in Wyandotte County "is assumed" to include those projects and 12 other elements. The report also describes retail stores, restaurants and outdoor farming exhibits for children.

But the project's future is uncertain.

Kansas legislators have included a provision in budget legislation to block Republican

Gov. Sam Brownback's administration from using a special economic development program to pay for the proposal. Under the program, the department authorizes bonds for such projects, and sales tax revenues collected in a development district pay off the debt within 20 years.

Legislators in both parties said Kansas would give up \$42 million a year in sales tax revenues to finance the American Royal development - with the state struggling to balance its budget. A few lawmakers were surprised to learn that the project included a hotel, a children's museum - or an arena for a team in a hockey league that grows young players for college and professional play.

"God, we're dead broke," said Sen. Laura Kelly, a Topeka Democrat. "This is beginning

to border on financial malpractice."

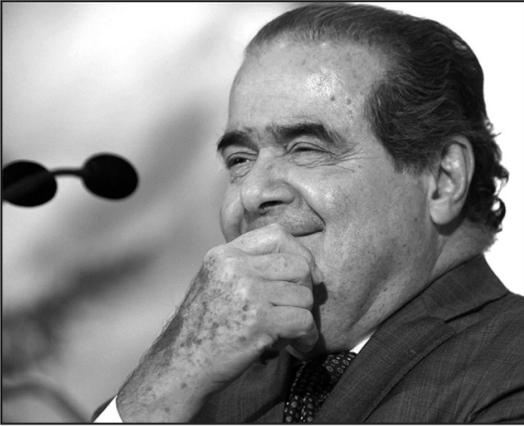
Department of Commerce officials, including Secretary Antonio Soave, were scheduled to appear Tuesday morning before the Senate Commerce Committee to give an annual report on the bonding program. The panel includes two vocal critics of the American Royal development, Republican Sens. Jim Denning, of Overland Park, and Jeff Melcher, of Leawood.

The report obtained by The AP doesn't list a total potential cost for the American Royal development. So-called STAR bonds have been used to finance projects throughout the state, but most notably in the Kansas City area.

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Antonin Gregory Scalia has died. For some, it is the painful loss of a husband or father. For those who knew him, it is the loss of a good friend. For law students, it is the loss of a justice who wrote opinions with rigorous analysis, clarity of expression, and at times an acerbic wit.

For conservatives, it is the loss of a standard-bearer and icon. For liberals, it is the loss of an opponent who always fought hard but fair.

For those who never had the opportunity to know him, it is the loss of one of our greatest legal minds, of a judge and justice who had made, and will continue to make, legal history. And to those who were privileged to know him, it is the loss of a wonderful human being.

>>> Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia Dies, Creating Election Year Vacancy on Court

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More than 100 men and women have been justices of the Supreme Court. All decided the outcome of individual cases and made small changes in the law.

Few changed its course.

Some—such as Joseph Story, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Hugo Black, Earl Warren, William Brennan, and William Rehnquist—will be remem-

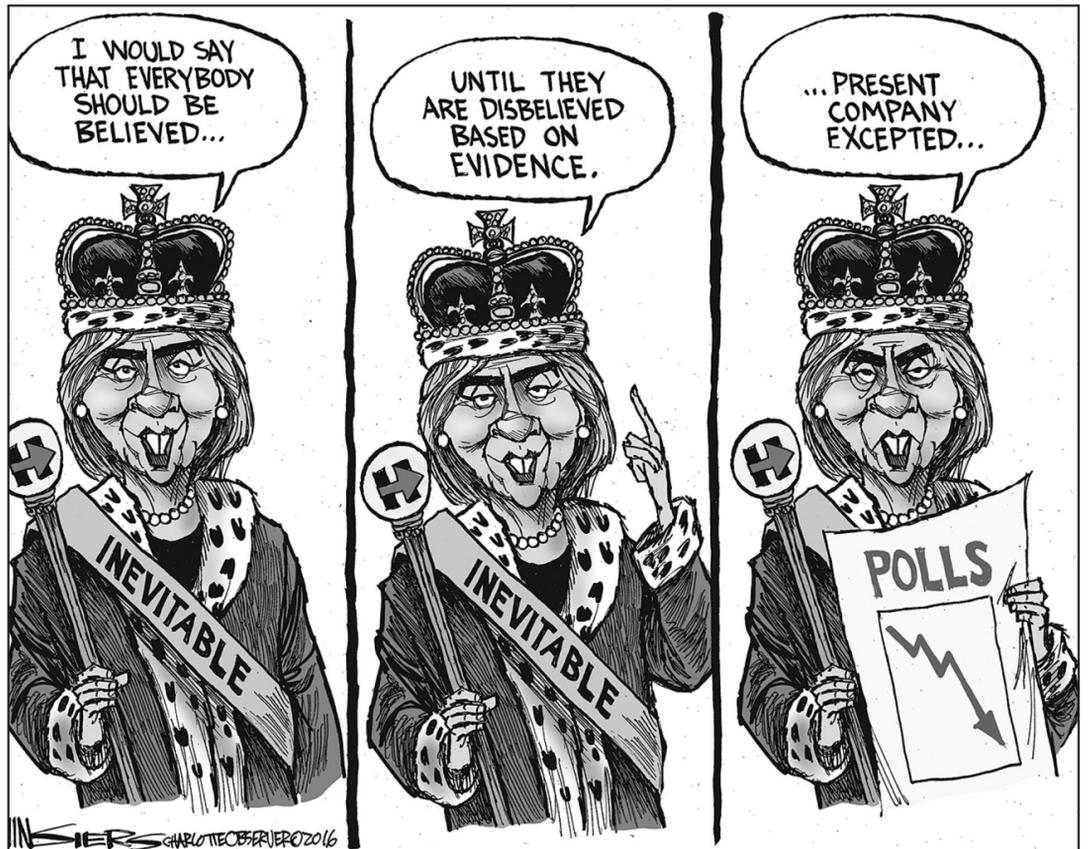
bered for moving the Supreme Court in one direction or another.

They launched the court into its existence as an institution. They addressed some of the most important issues that can arise under our Constitution—issues involving the separation of powers, freedom of speech and religion, the integrity of the criminal justice process, and the relationship between government and the nation. They established the Supreme Court—rightly or wrongly—as one of the most powerful institutions in our nation. Their tenure still has a powerful effect today.

But even fewer justices changed the course of the law. John Marshall was one. Antonin Scalia was another.

Scalia taught us that the law matters, that the law is the written word, and that the written word takes its meaning from how history understands it, not what we wish it might mean.

For him, the law was a tablet whose meaning could be discerned by focusing on the

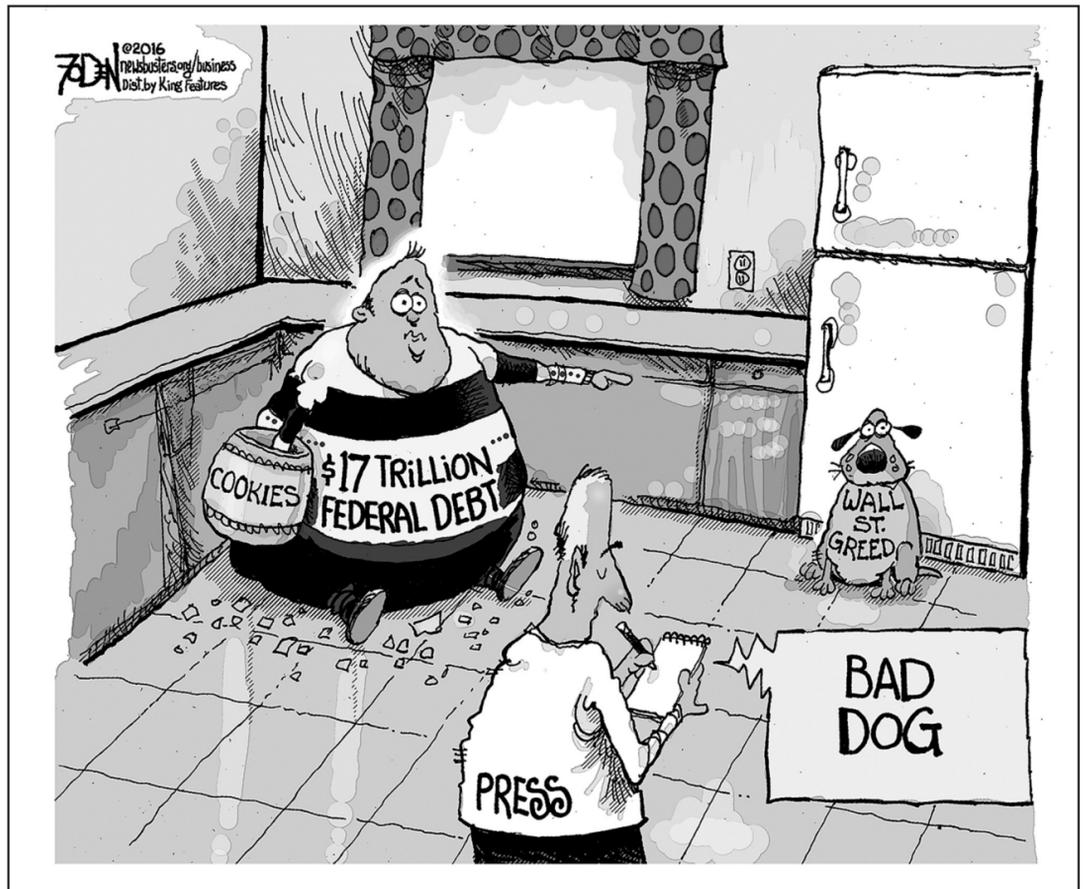


meaning of the words it contained, rather than by asking ourselves what we want it to mean. The latter, he said, was

the stuff of politics, not law, and he drew a line in the sand between the two.

He maintained that view of a judge's role even when it was unfashionable to hold that belief because it may lead to

outcomes we may not like. But he believed that it was his duty to uphold the rule of law, because only that rule separat-



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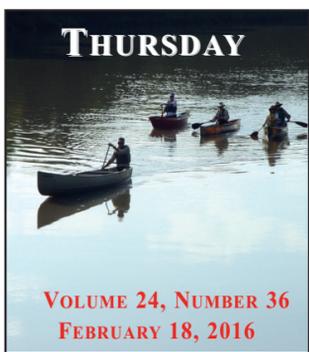
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K-State Radio Broadcasts to Return to 580 WIBW

By Christina Meister
KSU Sports Information
 MANHATTAN, Kan. — Radio broadcasts of K-State athletics events will return to their roots next fall as 580 WIBW will be the Topeka home of Wildcat broadcasts for the next five years, officials of K-State Athletics, Learfield Sports' K-State Sports Properties and Alpha Media announced today.

"From the moment I arrived at K-State in 2009 I heard repeatedly from K-Staters in the Topeka area and across the state how the important relationship with WIBW was to our fans," Athletics Director John Currie said. "I appreciate K-State Sports Properties GM Ben Boyle working diligently for many years to re-establish this historic partnership with K-State Athletics and WIBW which not only dates back half

a century but also provides our teams a tremendous platform on Topeka's top sports station and AM 580's powerful signal."

WIBW first originated K-State football and basketball broadcasts in the 1950s and launched the original Wildcat Sports Network from 1980-2002.

"It feels great to have K-State back on 580 WIBW," said Larry Riggins, Market Manager for Alpha Media Topeka. "We enjoyed a tremendous partnership for many years, and I couldn't be more pleased to bring our two great institutions back together. The tradition of K-State sports and 580 WIBW lives again, in the state of Kansas, and we look forward to celebrating many winning seasons with our K-State fans!"

As K-State's Topeka affiliate

on a statewide network that boasts 34 stations, 580 WIBW will carry complete coverage of the Wildcats from Learfield's K-State Sports Network. The lineup includes broadcasts of live football, men's and women's basketball, plus selected K-State baseball games. WIBW will also carry weekly call-in shows for Bill Snyder, Bruce Weber and Jeff Mittie, along with the Daily Show reports produced by Voice of the Wildcats Wyatt Thompson. In the event of conflicts with the Kansas City Royals and concurrent men's and women's basketball games, selected broadcasts will be moved to 94.5 Country, Alpha Media's top rated, 100,000-watt Country FM station in the Topeka market.

"Many collegiate programs can trace their long-time traditions and their passionate fan base to radio," said Learfield

Sports General Manager Ben Boyle. "At K-State, that link between the teams and the fans for so many decades was 580 WIBW. K-State and 580 WIBW have always been a great fit and we're thrilled to have WIBW back in the family."

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Kansas State beats TCU 63-49 to end league road loss streak

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Kansas State coach Bruce Weber decided accentuating the positive was the best way to finally end a Big 12 road losing streak that lasted 13 months.

Weber showed his struggling Wildcats a highlight film of their top plays before Tuesday night's game at TCU. They went out and beat TCU 63-49 led by Justin Edwards' 17 points.

Kansas State (15-11, 4-9) last won a conference road game on Jan. 10, 2015 at Oklahoma.

"We said, Hey, this is you," Weber said of the self-scouting report. "You can be this good. You can play this way, I don't know if it helped or not. They just kept fighting through."

"The last thing I wrote on the board - 'Do what you do and do it well.' That's what we tried to

show 'em on that tape."

The Wildcats improved their road record this season to 2-7. Their other win came at Georgia on Dec. 4.

Edwards returned to the starting lineup after coming off the bench for three games. Barry Brown added 16 points and Dean Wade 14 for the Wildcats.

Malique Trent led the Horned Frogs (11-15, 2-11) with 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds. TCU squandered a chance to escape the conference cellar and move into a three-way tie for eighth place.

The Wildcats won despite shooting only 38.8 percent, holding the Frogs to 32.7 percent. TCU, last in conference scoring at 60.5 points going into the game, failed to break 50 for the second straight

game. The Frogs lost 73-42 at West Virginia on Saturday.

"It's contagious and it's tough when things aren't going well, but there's no secret to it," Frogs coach Trent Johnson said. "The responsibility's on me to get this thing to where they're playing right. Our fan base deserves better."

TCU's Chauncey Collins was 3-for-13 shooting and finished with nine points after equaling a career-high 20 at West Virginia last Saturday. He said the players aren't on the same page.

"Sometimes we're not ready to compete, not ready to play," Collins said.

The 14-point win was Kansas State's largest since it beat Oklahoma State 89-73 on Jan. 23.

Brown, a freshman, was 4 for 6 from 3-point range. He hit

all four of his field-goal attempts in the first nine minutes, including three 3s, and had 11 first-half points.

"Maybe TCU won't be the biggest game we'll play, but we were pretty hyped for the game," Brown said. "We were yelling in the locker room before the game. I suppose that carries over."

The Wildcats built a 26-11 lead nine minutes in, outshooting the Frogs 61.5 percent to 27.3. To that point, TCU had more field goals made from behind the arc (2 for 6) than inside it (1 for 6).

The Frogs cut a 13-point deficit to nine points with 13:59 left in the second half but got no closer. Kansas State's 17-point lead midway through the second half was its largest of the game.

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Selden leads No. 2 Kansas to 94-67 win over

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas was sluggish at the start of each half against Oklahoma State on Monday night.

The real story, though, was how they finished them.

The second-ranked Jayhawks seized control of the game with a 30-9 run into half-time, then used a 32-11 run to finish the game for a 94-67 victory over a Cowboys team that beat them by 19 just last month.

"I think we play better when we're nervous about it," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "Tonight they kind of had an inner confidence, which is good, and thought that we'd be OK the whole game, which it ended up being. But I don't

think we had the intensity level that we need."

Wayne Selden Jr. led the Jayhawks (22-4, 10-3 Big 12) with 18 points. Landen Lucas had 14 points and 10 rebounds, Perry Ellis shrugged off a slow start to score 15, and Frank Mason III finished with 14 points.

"Offensively, our perimeter was pretty good," Self said. "Interior-wise, Landen played good and I think everyone else kind of pieced it together."

Oklahoma State (12-14, 3-10) led much of the first half, fell behind by 18 early in the second, then trimmed their deficit to 62-56 with about 11 minutes to go. But that's when

the Jayhawks caught fire down the stretch, pulling away for a lopsided victory over Self's alma mater.

"We came out sluggish — some games you're not going to come out like you're supposed to," Selden said, "but it's all about changing it. We were able to change it."

Jeff Newberry scored 19 points and Jeffrey Carroll had 13 for the Cowboys, who again played without leading scorer Jawun Evans. The freshman has been sidelined since hurting his right shoulder Feb. 3.

"We didn't end the first half very well, didn't end the second half very well, and that doesn't spell success for any team coming in here," Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford said.

The Jayhawks looked as if they were still reveling in Saturday's road win over No. 3 Oklahoma in the early minutes Monday, struggling through turnovers and a jumble of poor shots to dig a deep hole.

Oklahoma State made it seem even bigger by sticking to Ford's game plan of slowing the game. Whenever the Cowboys pulled down a rebound, he would stomp on the floor and remind his team to maintain the kind of plodding pace that equals the playing field against a more talented opponent.

Eventually, all that talent on the Kansas bench took over.

With the Cowboys leading 25-17, Selden drove along the baseline and rose up for a dunk between two defenders. The play instantaneously energized the crowd in Allen Fieldhouse, and when Anthony Allen's turnover led to a runout and 3-pointer by Devonte Graham — off a nifty feed from freshman forward Carlton Bragg — the Cowboys were quick to burn a timeout.

It did little good as the Jayhawks pulled ahead a few minutes later on Selden's 3-pointer, and then finished the half with Brannen Green's buzzer-beating 3 for a 47-34 advantage.

"We came out strong, tried to give them the first punch, because we know at home they're a very tough team," said the Cowboys' Tyree Griffin, "but we didn't finish strong enough."

The Jayhawks' lead swelled to 18 points early in the second before Oklahoma State went on a run of its own, trimming its deficit to 61-54 at the under-12 timeout. But the Jayhawks answered with a coldly efficient 10-0 to regain control, and they waltzed the rest of the way to their sixth straight win.

"When I look at the makeup of their team, I don't know there's much missing," Ford said. "They got great guards, great big men. They've got a great bench, experience. I don't really know what they don't have."

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West Virginia's press falters in 85-78 loss to Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas was handling West Virginia's pressure defense with ease and all Mountaineers coach Bob Huggins could do was take note of who wasn't on the court to see the problem.

Guard Jaysean Paige, West Virginia's leading scorer, was on the bench nursing an injured ankle. Guard Dexter Miles didn't even make the trip because of a hamstring injury.

Without them, the 10th-ranked Mountaineers could do little to stop the Longhorns as Isaiah Taylor scored 23 points and Eric Davis added 15 to send No. 24 Texas to an 85-78

victory Tuesday night.

"Pressure is not going to bother many people when two of my guards are out," Huggins said.

Tarik Phillip scored 19 points for West Virginia (20-6, 9-4), which dropped one game behind No. 2 Kansas in the Big 12.

Davis made four 3-pointers in the first half and Texas (17-9, 8-5 Big 12) had 10 in the game in capping a regular-season sweep of the Mountaineers. Texas broke a two-game losing streak.

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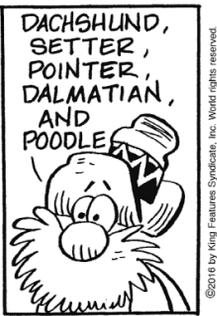
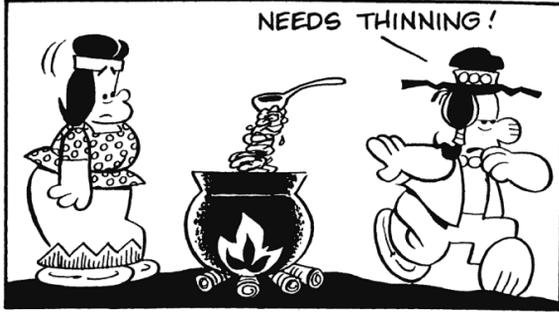
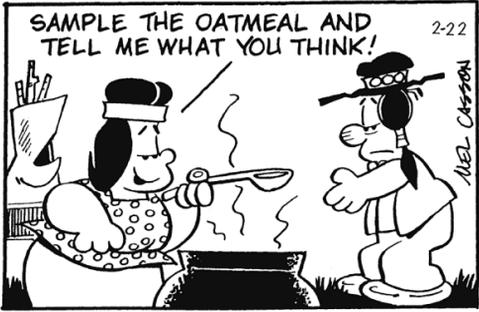
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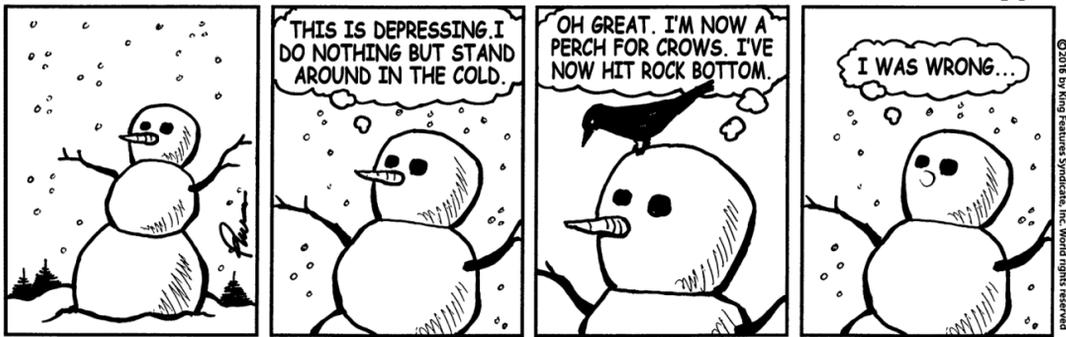
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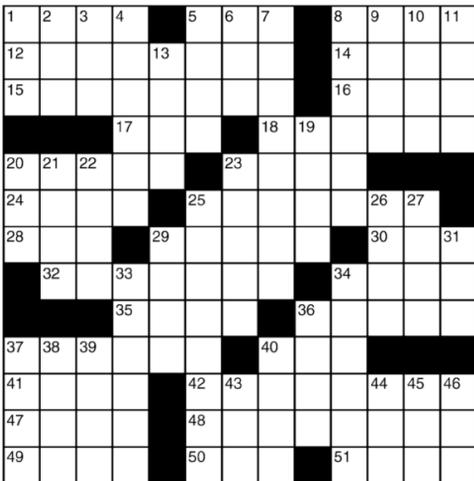
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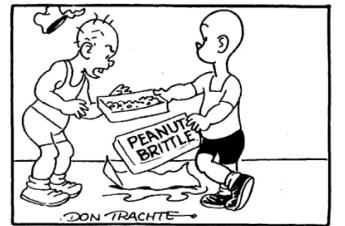
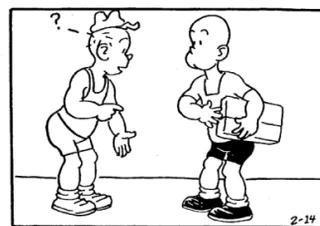
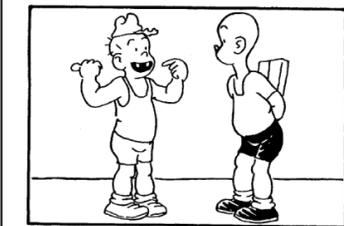
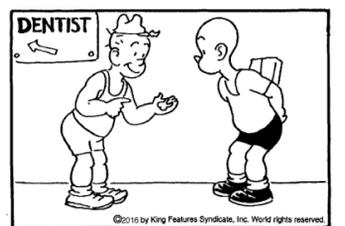
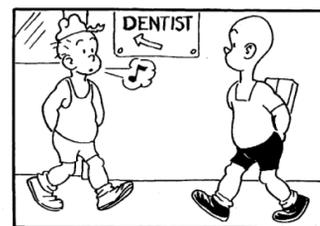
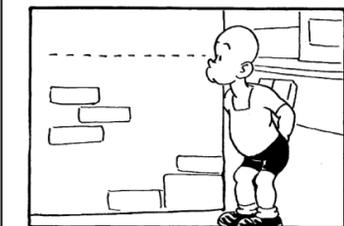
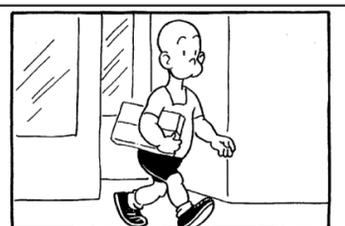
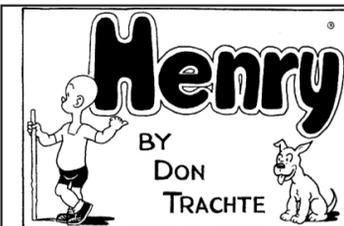
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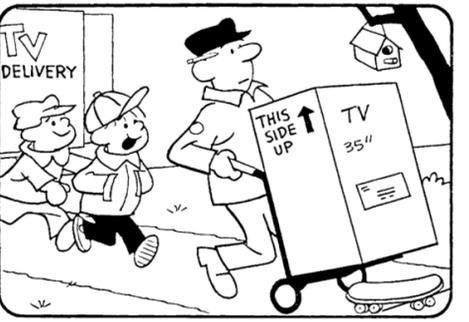


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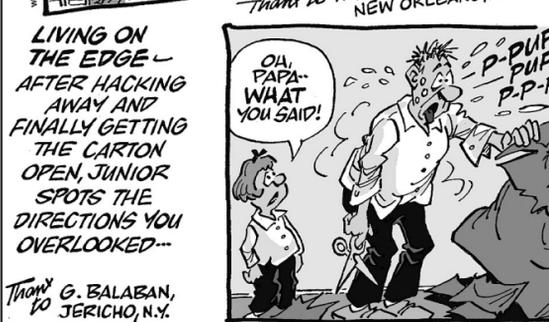


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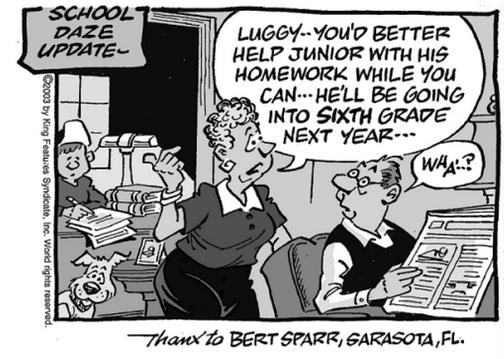


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Oklahoma State outlasts Kansas State 58-55 in overtime

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma State was determined not to let another close game slip away.

After losing three straight and nine of its previous 11, with five of those defeats decided by five points or fewer, the Cowboys found a way to win this time.

Tavarius Shine came off the bench to score 11 points, five in overtime, to lead Oklahoma State to a 58-55 victory over Kansas State on Saturday.

Leyton Hammonds led the Cowboys (12-13, 3-9 Big 12) with 13 points, while adding six rebounds, while Jeff Newberry contributed 10 points and 10 rebounds for his second double-double of the season.

"I'm just really proud of our team's effort, really proud of the fight, the grit we played with," said OSU coach Travis Ford. "We played with a winning attitude."

Ford wasn't sure the team's experience in close games was the difference, but he was happy to see his team win one for a change.

"It helps, there's no doubt you learn out of them, but it doesn't guarantee you anything," Ford said. "We've been through a lot of close games this year, and to be able to pull one out, obviously, our guys are very excited. I'm just really proud of them for sticking together and staying positive."

Justin Edwards scored 14 points and posted 13 rebounds to lead Kansas State (14-11, 3-9), which fell to 0-3 in overtime games this year.

"I don't know where our emotion is right now, it's disappointing," said K-State coach Bruce Weber. "I tried to get them riled up, I was trying to get some fire in them. We've had a lot of bad things happen, but so have they. We didn't play well enough to win."

Oklahoma State nearly won it at the end of regulation, as it appeared that Newberry hit a 3-pointer from half court just as the buzzer sounded. The officials called it good, but a video review showed that Newberry released the ball a split second after the clock expired, overturning the verdict.

"What made a big difference, I didn't think it counted, and even Newberry came over to the huddle and said, 'Coach, it didn't count,'" Ford said. "I think it got our guys back to, 'Okay, let's move on.' Because if you think it did, and all of a sudden they say no, it can be tough, but I was already talking

to our team as if it did not count. I think that helped us a little bit as far as the mental aspect."

In overtime, Shine connected on a 3 from the right corner with 3:06 left, then sank two free throws with 1:10 to go, giving the Cowboys a 57-52 advantage.

After missing three consecutive free throws, K-State pulled to within 57-55 on Edwards' layup with 22.2 seconds remaining, but a free throw from Newberry gave OSU a three-point lead with 21.6 to go.

The Wildcats had three attempts from 3-point range in the final 10 seconds, two by Edwards and one at the buzzer by Stephen Hurt, but none would fall.

"It was very frustrating," Edwards said of the loss. "I feel like we came out slow, and

if we came out with a little more aggression and effort it could have been a different scenario, but I guess it is what it is."

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Kansas State: Junior guard Wesley Iwundu entered the game leading the Wildcats in scoring, averaging 12.7 points per game, but wound up with just five. Iwundu shot 1-for-7 from the floor, and missed a 1-and-1 free throw in overtime, but did contribute seven assists and two steals.

Oklahoma State: After entering the day leading the Big 12 in free throw shooting percentage (75.3), the Cowboys shot just 10 of 17 (58.8 percent) from the line. Tyree Griffin connected on just one of his first five before ending up 4-for-8 and Joe Burton missed two key free throws with 3:44 remaining in regulation.



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Austin Budke (35) goes after a loose ball.



Barry Brown gets a pass off past the defense.



D.J. Johnson puts the ball back in after a rebound.



Wesley Iwundu (25) comes in from the right.



Wesley Iwundu (25) comes in from the left.

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