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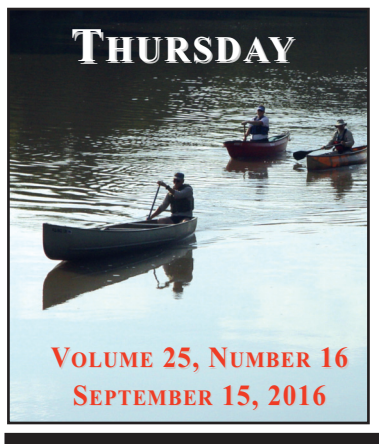

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Oak Ridge Boys Set To Appear At McCain

The Oak Ridge Boys are set to appear at the McCain Auditorium on Friday, September 30. Their high-energy stage show remains the heart and soul of what they do best. This night will feature classic Gospel, Country and Patriotic music.

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â€œI feel like I can do what I do on stage just as good now as I could 20 years ago,â€ says Bonsall.â€œ I plan to be rockin' my tail off out there as long as I'm healthy. The people who come out, who bring their families to see us, deserve everything I've got.â€

Bass singer Richard Sterban comments, â€œI think our stage show is one of the reasons for our continuity. We're still having fun doing this. We love what we do. Getting on stage and bringing our music to people is still what we live for.â€

The Oak Ridge Boys' official website is http://oakridgeboys.com/http://oakridgeboys.com

Zac Brown Band, Train and others rock Wildcat Kickoff

By Timothy Everson
KSU Collegian

"We should come to Manhattan more often," Train lead singer Pat Monahan proclaimed after rocketing through Prince's "Let's Go Crazy" to open up their set.

The San Fransico pop-rock band, 23 years strong now, drew a large response from the crowd which had multiplied several times over from what it had been earlier that day and while many fans were drawn to the concert by Zac Brown Band's name being at the top, there was at least one fan who came for Train.

"My family has gone to a lot of Train concerts," Katy Trupp, a freshman in biology said. "So it's really fun to see them and Phillip Phillips again."

Trupp has been to four Train concerts with her family before Saturday night and said that it's the connection the music has with her family that makes them special.

"Their songs make me happy and they take me home I guess," Trupp said. "It's just the connection that it makes for my family. That's the one band that we can all come around and listen to."

"Meet Virginia", their first hit from 1998, was the first of their multiple hits played along with fellow earworms like "Hey Soul Sister", "Marry Me" and "Drive By".

Train encored with a cover of "Hotel California" before playing the enduring late 90's classic "Drops of Jupiter".

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Headliners Zac Brown Band took the stage last in front a final crowd of approximately 15-18 thousand which settled in for their roughly hour and 45-minute set.

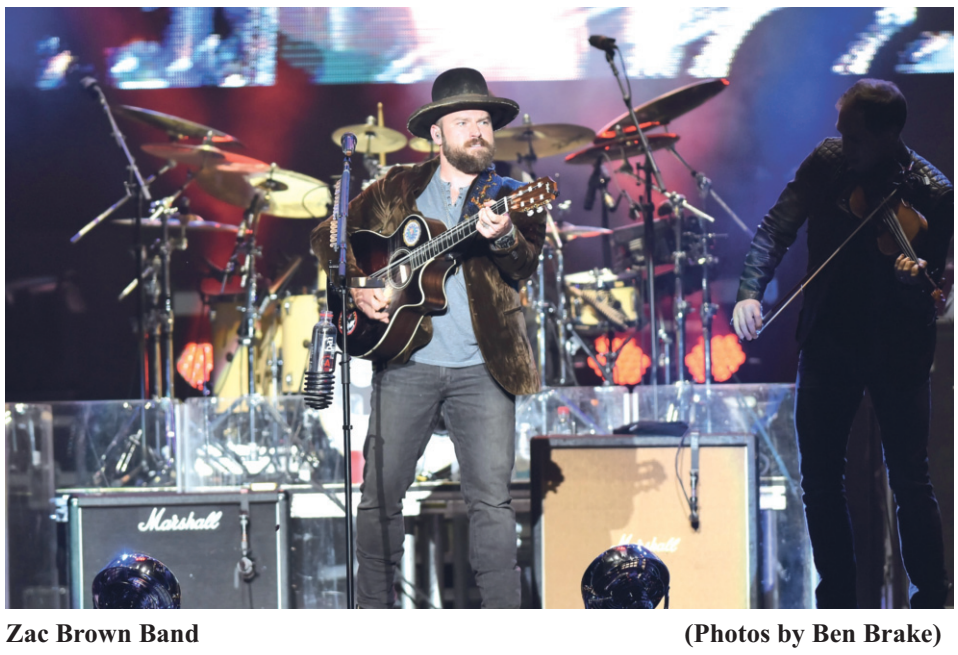
The band worked through songs from all four of their albums including "Beautiful Drug", "Loving You Easy" and "Remedy" off their 2015 album "JEKYLL + HYDE".

Zac Brown Band performs at the Wildcat Kickoff in Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Sept. 10, 2016. Zac Brown Band was one of five different artists to perform. The band also dropped two covers into the mix with Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" and the Who's "Baba O'Riley" in their three song encore.

The band finished the night off, like they always do, with "Free" and "Chicken Fried", two tracks off their debut album "The Foundation".

K-State football returns to Bill Snyder Family Stadium next Saturday to take on Flordia Atlantic at 1:30 p.m.

Train at Snyder Stadium



Zac Brown Band **(Photos by Ben Brake)**

Kansas Profile

Joe Edmunds – Kaw Valley Greenhouses - 2

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

Growing a greenhouse business is not an easy proposition. Today we'll learn about an innovative family which has developed their greenhouse business so that it can sell millions of plants across the Midwest. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Last week we met Terry Olson, owner of Eastside and Westside Markets in Manhattan. Today we'll learn about the greenhouse business started by her father, Dr. Leon Edmunds, who was a K-State plant pathologist that began Kaw Valley Greenhouses near Manhattan in 1967.

For his greenhouse, Dr. Edmunds and his wife Pat had a built-in labor force: Their nine children. Daughter, Terry, eventually opened her own separate retail market. Four of her siblings now own and operate Kaw Valley Greenhouses: Joe, Chris, Pete, and Knute.

The greenhouse began in one small building near their home in the Kansas River valley outside Manhattan. A set of railroad tracks went down the valley directly behind their home. "The train used to stop next to our house and buy tomatoes," Joe said.

Eventually the railroad line was abandoned and the land reverted to the previous property owners which opened up space for the Edmund family to expand their greenhouse operation. Family members continue to grow the business.

"Each of us contributes to the business in different ways," Joe said.

Today, Joe Edmunds is the President of Kaw Valley Greenhouses. He is a self- taught engineer who designed and built all of the greenhouses. He has even built unique equipment that wasn't available on the market. Joe's wife Robin served as office manager for a number of years.

Sister Chris specializes in development of the growing plants themselves. She selects all varieties of plants for the greenhouse, researches trial gardens across the country, and manages the Kaw Valley Greenhouse's own extensive trial garden. To be sold, all plants have to successfully pass through her trial garden first.

Pete Edmunds is known as a "jack of all trades." During the season he manages plant inventories and deliveries to stores, and assists in various ways throughout the year.

Knute Edmunds is the Production Manager. He manages a staff of approximately 80 people during the production season and oversees all phases of production: Seeding, transplanting, growing and finishing. Knute's children are now involved, marking a third generation involved in this remarkable business.

A key factor in the growth of this business has been expanding outlets for their products. Kaw Valley Greenhouses has developed a network of temporary locations called Garden Centers across the Midwest where plants are sold during the April through June season. In addition to Eastside and Westside Markets in Manhattan, these Garden Centers are found in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri.

In Kansas, these outlets are found in larger cities such as Kansas City, Wichita, Topeka and Lawrence; several mid-size towns; and more rural communities such as Concordia, Clay Center, and Marysville, population 3,202 people. Now, that's rural.

Setting up retail outlets in these communities – and taking them down after the season - is like moving a small city. The Garden Centers are typically set up in a convenient parking lot. Big display areas, cash registers, and watering systems are moved in each year for the season.

During the remainder of the year, Chris works on evaluating the plants so only the best are selected, while the crews work on expanding and improving their buildings. For example, Joe has designed and installed a computer-controlled water and precision fertilization system. The company uses industry and university research along with its own trial gardens to select the best varieties acclimated to local conditions.

That single greenhouse in which Dr. Edmunds began in 1967 has grown into more than half-a-million square feet of greenhouse space. Today, Kaw Valley Greenhouses employs some 400 people at peak and sells about 12 million plants every year. Wow.

For more information, go to .Growing a greenhouse business is not an easy proposition. We commend Dr. Leon and Pat Edmunds; Joe, Chris, Pete and Knute; and all those involved with Kaw Valley Greenhouses for making a difference with horticultural entrepreneurship. I hope their business continues to be green and growing.

Lawmakers tangle anew over Clinton's private email server

WASHINGTON (AP) _ A House hearing Thursday on the State Department's record-keeping became a pitched battle over Hillary Clinton's private email server, with Democrats accusing Republicans of using the forum to advance a partisan agenda and undermine her candidacy for president.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, opened the hearing by condemning Clinton for intentionally making a ``mess'' of the system for archiving and retrieving documents at State that has frustrated legitimate requests for information from Congress, the media and the public.

``Since 2009, there have been thousands of congressional inquiries, thousands of FOIA requests, subpoenas, (and) media inquiries," said Chaffetz, the chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. ``And if any of those required Secretary Clinton's federal records, i.e. her emails, there was not a way for those requests to be fulfilled."

Chaffetz noted, for example, that The Associated Press had to go to court to obtain all the detailed planning schedules from Clinton's four-year tenure as the nation's top diplomat.

Patrick Kennedy, undersecretary of state for management, told the committee the department is improving its records management but continues to struggle with the heavy volume of open-records requests it receives. To fulfill them, State must dig through an ever-increasing quantity of records. An estimated one billion emails flow through the department's servers annually.

``We get very complex national security document requests," he said.

Kennedy said the department is currently sorting through thousands of records it received from the FBI following its investigation of Clinton.

FBI Director James Comey in July announced the bureau's recommendation against criminal charges for Clinton and her aides following a yearlong investigation into the potential mishandling of classified information on the private email server she used.

Republicans are focusing on Clinton with a series of hearings on her email practices in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 8 election. Last year, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., credited the House's Benghazi, Libya, investigation with wounding Clinton's public standing. That $7 million, two-year investigation into the deadly 2012 attacks found no wrongdoing by Clinton.

Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, the committee's top Democrat, argued that Clinton's actions were hardly unprecedented. Cummings underscored his argument by releasing a 2009 email exchange in which former Secretary of State Colin Powell advised Clinton on the use of personal email. The exchange occurred two days after Clinton was sworn in as secretary of state.

Powell wrote that he had ``a personal computer that was hooked up to a private phone line ... so I could communicate with a wide range of friends directly without it going through the State Department servers."

He said he ``even used it to do business with some foreign leaders."

Powell also told Clinton ``there is a real danger" if it becomes public the secretary of state is using a smartphone or mobile electronic device, because the information on the device could become an official record and subject to the law.

Cummings said the email exchange, which he released Wednesday night, showed Powell gave Clinton ``a detailed blueprint on how to skirt security rules and bypass requirements to preserve federal records," although he said Clinton has made clear that she did not rely on his advice.

Republicans rejected the comparison with Powell, saying Clinton told the FBI during its investigation that his advice had no bearing on her decision to use a private server.

``It was a very conscious choice," Chaffetz said of Clinton's decision to rely on her own server.

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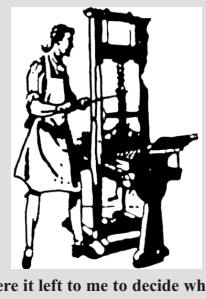

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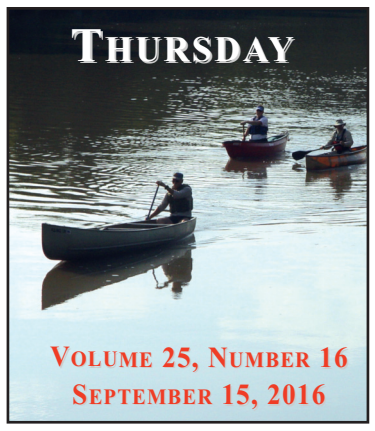

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Pie in the sky? Add gondolas to Austin's list of potential traffic solutions

Watchdog

It seems appropriate in Mayor Steve Adler's curiously named Year of Mobility that an aerial gondola system that has been kicking around for four years would make a big comeback.

The same designers who couldn't get an audience with Austin transportation officials in 2012 on Wednesday charmed members of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority with the outline of a pilot program that would cost taxpayers anywhere between $300 million and $600 million.

Mike Heiligenstein, the Authority's executive director, is asking his board at its Sept. 28 meeting to consider hiring the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to study the proposal.

"I think it's a fabulous idea," board member Charles Heimsath told the Austin Monitor. "I think it's interesting and certainly worth exploring."

Short of firing commuters out of cannons or moving them around in cars deployed by internationally respected ridesharing companies, area transit experts have been open to a wide range of ambitious traffic congestion solutions.

The Austin City Council is asking voters on Nov. 8 to accept responsibility for a $720 million bond to remake the city's major traffic corridors.

Political leaders have worked to generate support for spending billions of dollars to reimagine I-35, including a proposal by Austin's Democratic state senator, Kirk Watson, to bury it.

Bottom of Form

The Mobility Committee of the council has committed itself to a comprehensive review of the city's Strategic Mobility Plan.

Austin, Tx plans to install gondolas to help traffic.

And just to give the mix a less bureaucratic flavor, Richard Garriott, Austin's rather eccentric millionaire, video game designer and, yes, astronaut, is assembling private funding for a personal rapid transit system of driverless electric-powered pods.

Commuters may now ponder gondolas during their daily slow braising on Mopac.

Jared Ficklin, a partner in the Austin design company Argodesign, outlined for the Mobility Authority his plans for Wire One, an eight-mile line running 10-person gondolas over the top of South 1st Street, with 19 stops from downtown south to Slaughter Lane.

If everything worked as planned, Ficklin told board members, he could envision the line providing as many as five million rides a year.

The cost per rider and per route, he said, is much less expensive than the alternatives — a new road, a new train line, or a subway. In a city as congested as Austin, there is no room for more roads, right-of-ways are prohibitively expensive and train routes are slaves to the urban landscape.

A confluence of traffic pressure, the possibilities of new technology and the Summer Olympics broadcasts, with their shots of Rio de Janiero's cable car system, sparked an interest in Austin, Ficklin told Watchdog.

"What you had is a new mayor and a new council and, really, a whole city looking at new ideas," Ficklin said. "Nationally, I think people have begun to pay attention to the expansion of these systems in South America."

When Ficklin first approached transportation officials in late 2012, his idea was brushed off as a novelty. "I think there was and still is a perception that this is a technology for tourism," Ficklin said.

Instead, Ficklin came to Round Rock in February 2013 at the invitation of Mayor Alan McGraw, who was most impressed with the idea of a gondola system for his city.

"I'm still enthusiastic about it," McGraw told Watchdog on Thursday. "The problem we have in Round Rock is not enough population density to support it. Right now we're not ready for it."

Neither are the dozens of American cities of varying population densities that have shown enthusiasm for gondolas. Cost is the biggest deterrent, but potential ridership has also kept cities from taking the plunge.

Ficklin chose the location for the pilot line recognizing the potential to draw from commuters fed up with Mopac or clogging South Lamar Boulevard, South 1st Street or South Congress Avenue every morning.

"Even then you would be dealing with a pretty small subset of people in South Austin who, realistically, are going to use it," Gary Hudder, director of Round Rock's Transportation Department.

Ficklin acknowledged that at its most generous, the 15 mph speed of the cable system would do nothing to improve the commute times of those people getting on at the first stops furthest from downtown.

The response Ficklin has received from Austin city officials has been far more muted than from the Regional Mobility Authority. Some time back, Adler told Ficklin he welcomed all innovative ideas for moving people from place to place in Austin, but has not followed up to ask about his pilot plan.

When he approached council member Ann Kitchen, chairwoman of the Mobility Committee, she told Ficklin her focus was on reworking the Strategic Mobility Plan, presumably without a gondola component.

Ficklin's chief asset is patience. Renewed interest by regional transportation managers is proof his initial visit to Round Rock wasn't wasted.

"There are mayors of 200 American cities, several of whom I've talked to," Ficklin said, "waiting for a city like Austin to pull the trigger on this."

Blue, Kansas River plan available for review and comment

The Big Blue and Kansas Rivers Floodplain Management Plan, developed by a collection of local agencies, is now available for review and comment.

The City of Manhattan, Pottawatomie County and Riley County developed the plan with support from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Kansas Hazard Mitigation Team to provide guidance for managing and reducing flood hazards along the Big Blue and Kansas rivers. The proposed plan is available online at http://cityofmhk.com/blueriver-plan.

"We think we have identified effective strategies for minimizing flood risk along the Big Blue River and the Kansas River, and now we're anxious to hear feedback from the residents affected by the plan and who have been involved from the beginning," said Chad Bunger, senior planner for the City of Manhattan.

Specific areas studied as part of the plan include the protected and unprotected areas surrounding the Manhattan levee; residential areas along Casement Road and Marlatt Avenue; the commercial corridor along U.S. Highway 24 in Pottawatomie County; and the residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural areas in rural areas of both Riley and Pottawatomie counties.

The public provided input on the planâ€™s development starting in 2013. Now, they are invited to comment on the proposed plan by emailing Bunger at bunger@cityofmhk.com by Oct. 12. Comments provided will be reviewed before the plan is considered by city and county planning boards and commissions. That process is anticipated to occur in November and December.

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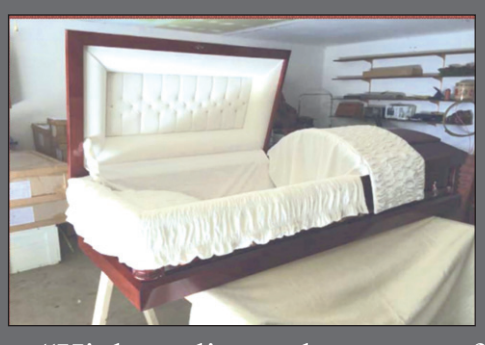

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Editorial

What the Media, Academics Get Wrong When They Blame Crime Rate on Poverty, Discrimination

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Some are puzzled by the dishonesty, lack of character, and sheer stupidity of many people in the media. But seeing as most of them are college graduates, they don't bear the full blame. They are taught by dishonest and irresponsible academics. Let's look at it.

"A Clash of Police Policies," a column written by Thomas Sowell, presents some readily available statistics:

Homicide rates among black males went down by 18 percent in the 1940s and by 22 percent in the 1950s. It was in the 1960s, when the ideas of Chief Justice [Earl] Warren and others triumphed, that this long decline in homicide rates among black males reversed and skyrocketed by 89 percent, wiping out all the progress of the previous 20 years.

Academics and the media blame poverty and discrimination for today's crime. No one bothers to ask why crime was falling in the 1930s, '40s, and '50s, when blacks faced far greater poverty and discrimination.

The 1960s riots were blamed on poverty and discrimination. Poverty and discrimination were worse in the South than in the rest of the country, but riots were not nearly so common there. Detroit's deadliest riot occurred at a time when the median income of black families in Detroit was 95 percent of their white counterparts, plus the black unemployment rate was 3.4 percent and black homeownership was higher than in other major cities.

Academics teach that the breakdown of the black family is the legacy of slavery and discrimination. They ignore the following facts.

In 1950, 72 percent of black men and 81 percent of black women had been married. Also, only 17 percent of black children lived in single-parent households; today it's close to 70 percent. Every census from 1890 to 1950 showed that black labor force participation rates exceeded those of whites. During the late 1940s, the unemployment rate for black 16- and 17-year-olds was less than that for white teens.

According to the 1938 Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, that year 11 percent of black children and 3 percent of white children were born to unwed mothers. Before 1960, the number of teenage pregnancies had been decreasing; both poverty and dependency were declining; and black income was rising in both absolute and relative terms to white income. As late as 1965, 75 percent of black children were born to married women. Today, over 73 percent of black babies are born to unwed mothers. Again, so much for the "legacy of slavery" argument.

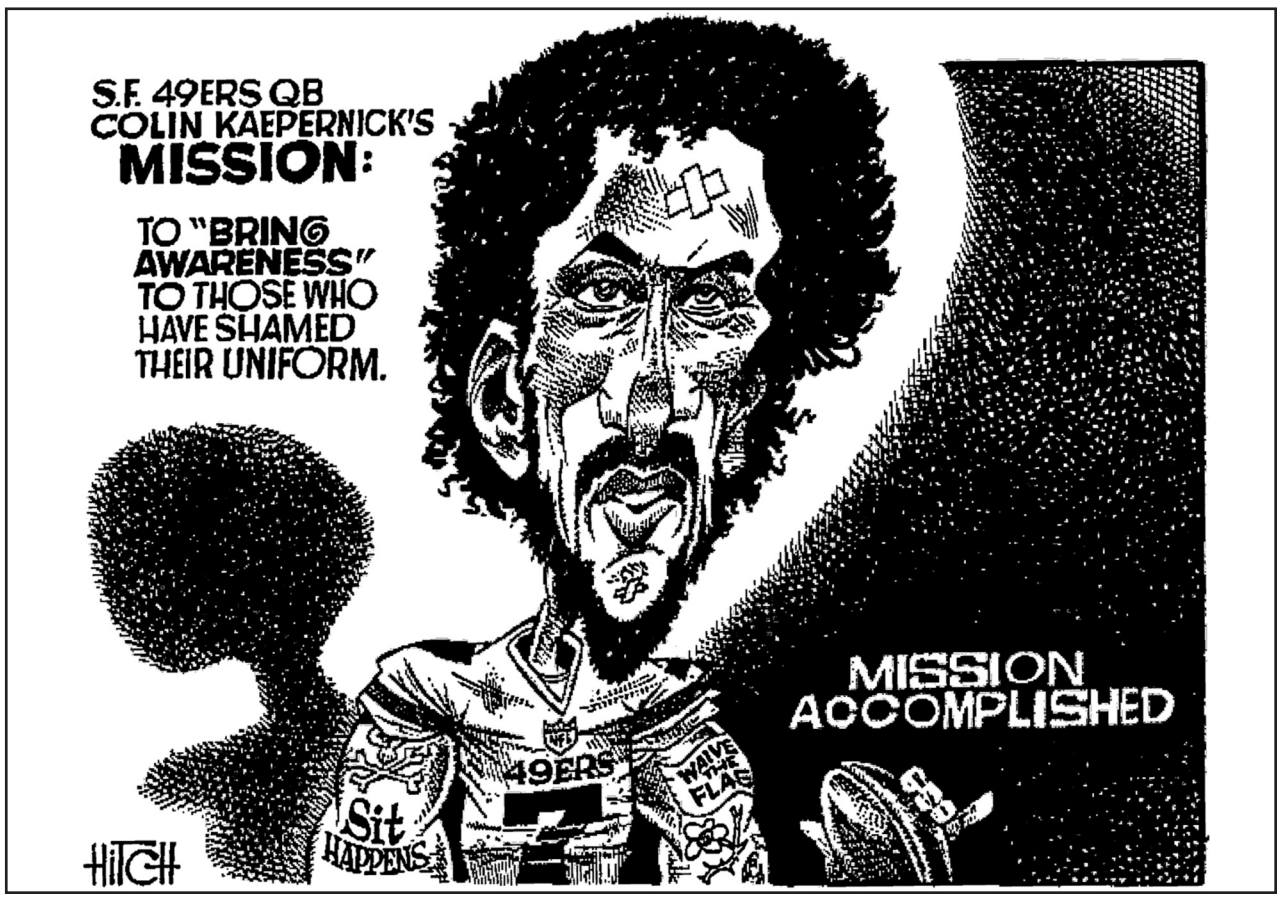
Academics teach that school integration is a necessary condition for black academic excellence. Blacks, their logic implies, cannot achieve academic excellence unless they go out and capture a white kid to sit next to their kids. Public charter schools such as those in the Knowledge Is Power Program, or KIPP, and Success Academy Charter Schools are having some successes without race mixing.

Sowell points out that only 39 percent of students in New York state schools who were tested recently scored at the "proficient" level in math, but 100 percent of the students at the Crown Heights Success Academy scored at that level in math. Blacks and Hispanics are 90 percent of the students in the Crown Heights Success Academy.

More than 43,000 families are on waiting lists to get their children into charter schools. Teachers unions are opposed to any alternative to public education and contribute to politicians who place obstacles and restrictions on the expansion of charter schools. The NAACP, at its 2016 national convention in Cincinnati, voted to support "a moratorium on the proliferation of privately managed charter schools."

It's easy to understand why the NAACP is against any alternative to public schools. Many of its members work in public education. However, many of those people do want alternatives for themselves.

In Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, 25 percent of public school teachers send their children to private schools. In Philadelphia, 44 percent of teachers send their children to private schools. The percentages are similar in several other cities: Cincinnati, 41 percent; Chicago, 39 percent; and Rochester, New York, 38 percent. This demonstrates the dishonesty, hypocrisy, and arrogance of the elite. They effectively say, "One thing for thee and another for me."



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The Astonishing Amount of Taxpayer-Financed Loans That Have Gone to Failed Businesses

Heritage Foundation

Small businesses are America's backbone. They employ more than half of America's workforce, and for every large business (more than 500 employees), there are 1,500 small ones.

Most small business owners—those who risked their own money to start their business—would be shocked to hear that the government's Small Business Administration has written off $17.5 billion dollars of taxpayer-financed loans and loan guarantees to 160,000 failed businesses since 2000.

Starting a small business is costly. There are mountains of rules and regulations that take time and money to comply with, as well as significant physical costs for a building, equipment, and employees. Often those costs can't be recouped if a business fails.

That's why many small business entrepreneurs seek loans. Without them, many small businesses would never get a chance to open their doors.

Banks don't give loans to just any entrepreneur that walks in the door, however. They require a credible business plan, demonstrating how the business will be able to prosper and pay back its loan, and often times, lenders require borrowers have significant financial assets outside the loan.

Some would-be small businesses don't have credible plans or financial assets and they can't get loans from the private sector, at least not at interest rates that they can afford. But they may qualify for an affordable loan or loan guarantee from the Small Business Administration.

The Small Business Administration is tasked with helping small businesses that can't, for whatever reason, get financing from the private sector. But if the private sector won't lend to a business, there's usually a good reason. The lender must think the risk of failure outweighs the potential profit from the loan.

If a private bank had to write off $17.5 billion worth of bad loans, it would almost certainly go out of business, but not the Small Business Administration.

With the government's Small Business Administration loans, there effectively is no risk to the agency because the cost of a failed loan doesn't come out of its operating budget, but is instead passed on to taxpayers.

If a private bank had to write off $17.5 billion worth of bad loans, it would almost certainly go out of business, but not the Small Business Administration. It can just ask Congress for more money when it incurs big loan losses.

That's why many of the loans the Small Business Administration has made seem completely irrational. According to Adam Andrzejewski, CEO of Open the Books:

"SBA bankers didn't even have the foresight to see the coming digital electronic revolution" and lent $412 million to paper and printing businesses.

"The SBA put $25 million into travel agencies and reservation firms while the whole world moved online to Orbitz and Priceline."

From 2002 to 2008, the SBA lent $60 million to video cassette tape businesses and $3.8 million to three Blockbuster Video stores.

Moreover, many of the Small Business Administration's loans don't represent the small-scale, mom-and-pop loans the administration claims to support. According to the Open the Books report:

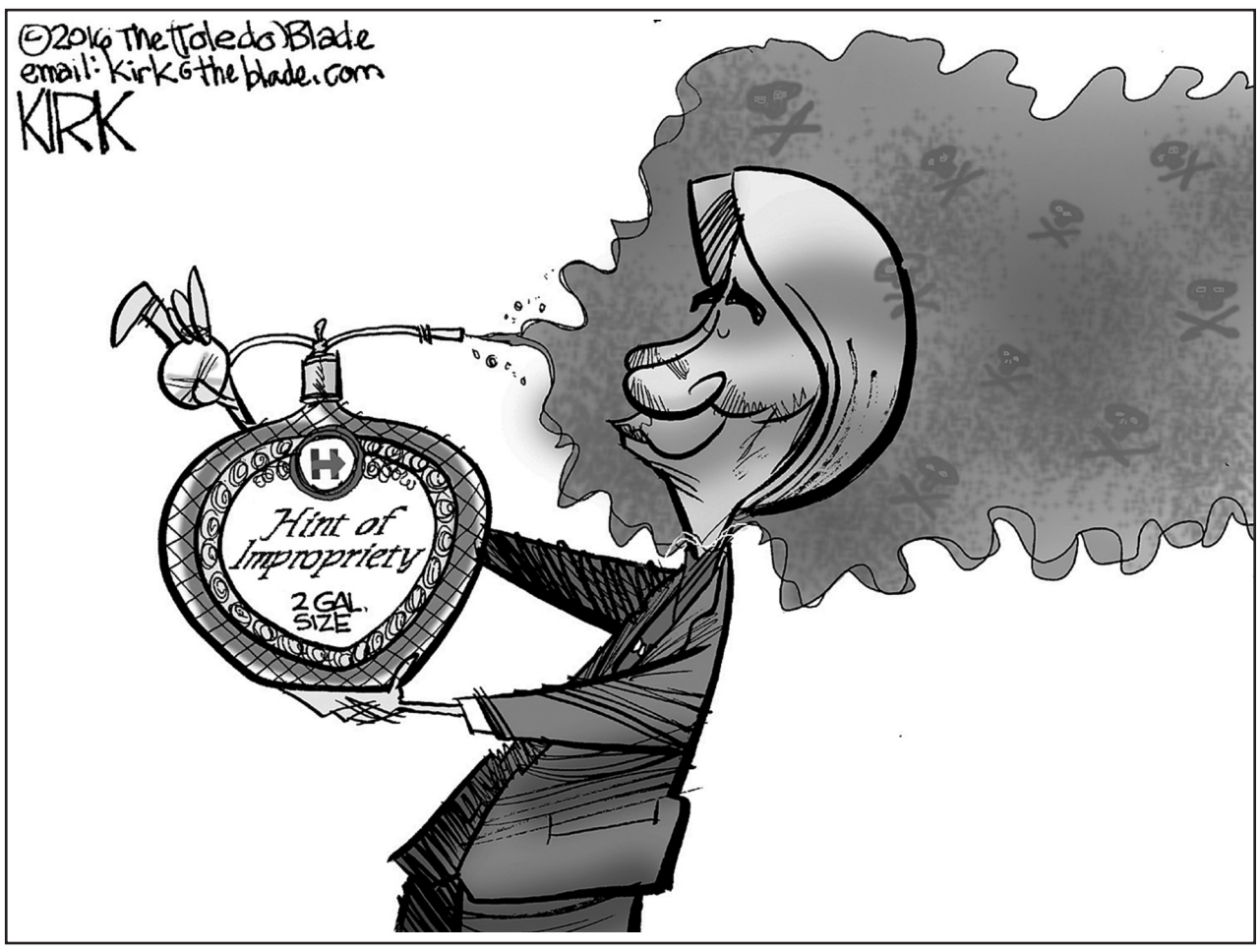
Significant loans went to upscale operations, including: Beverly Hills diamond suppliers, Lamborghini dealerships, private country clubs, luxury limousine companies, and ritzy destination resorts.

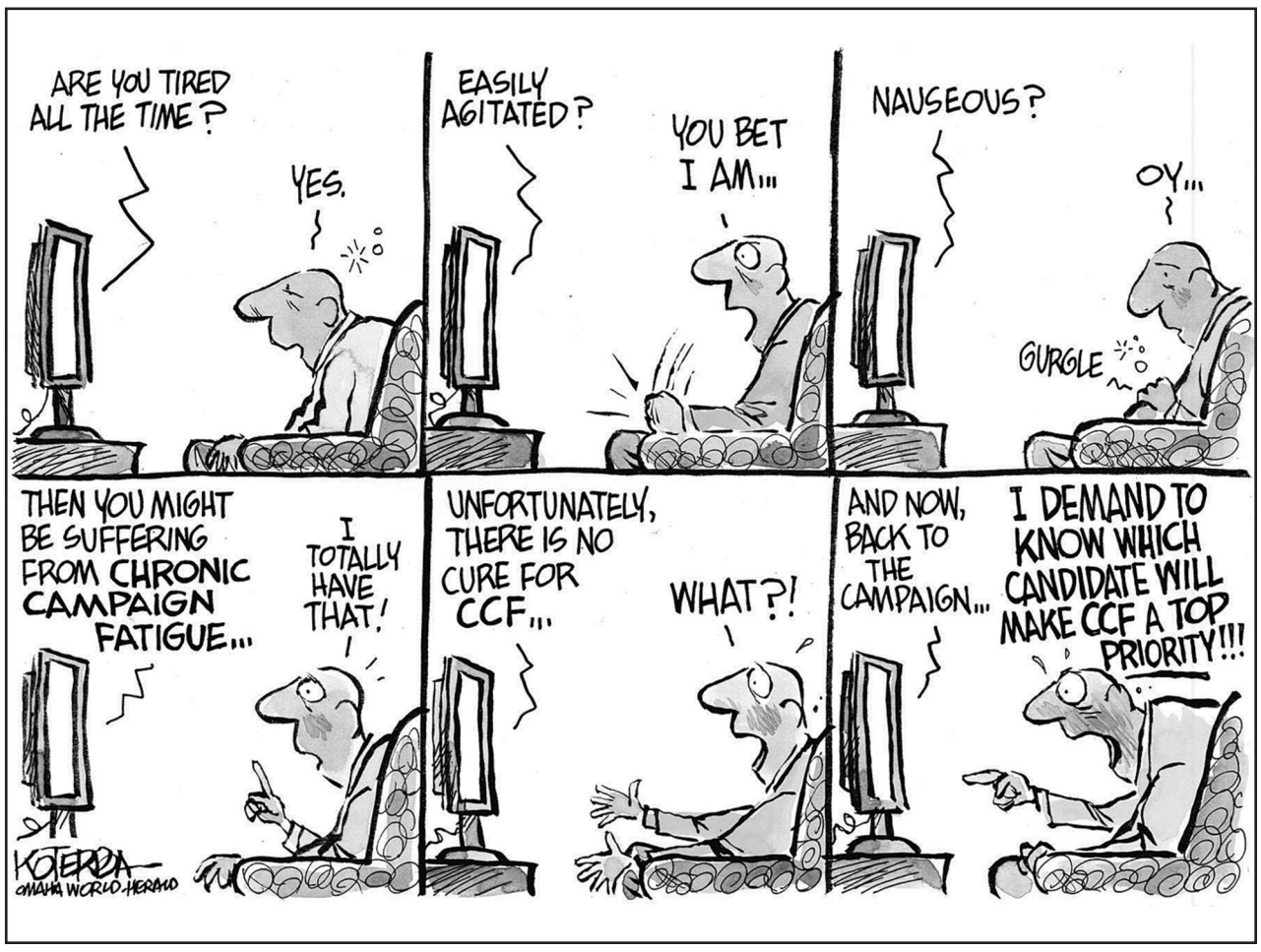
Many large corporations also got in on taxpayer dollars through their franchises. Some of the SBA's significant loan defaults include: Choice Hotels, Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn, Days Inn, Quiznos, and Cold Stone Creamery.

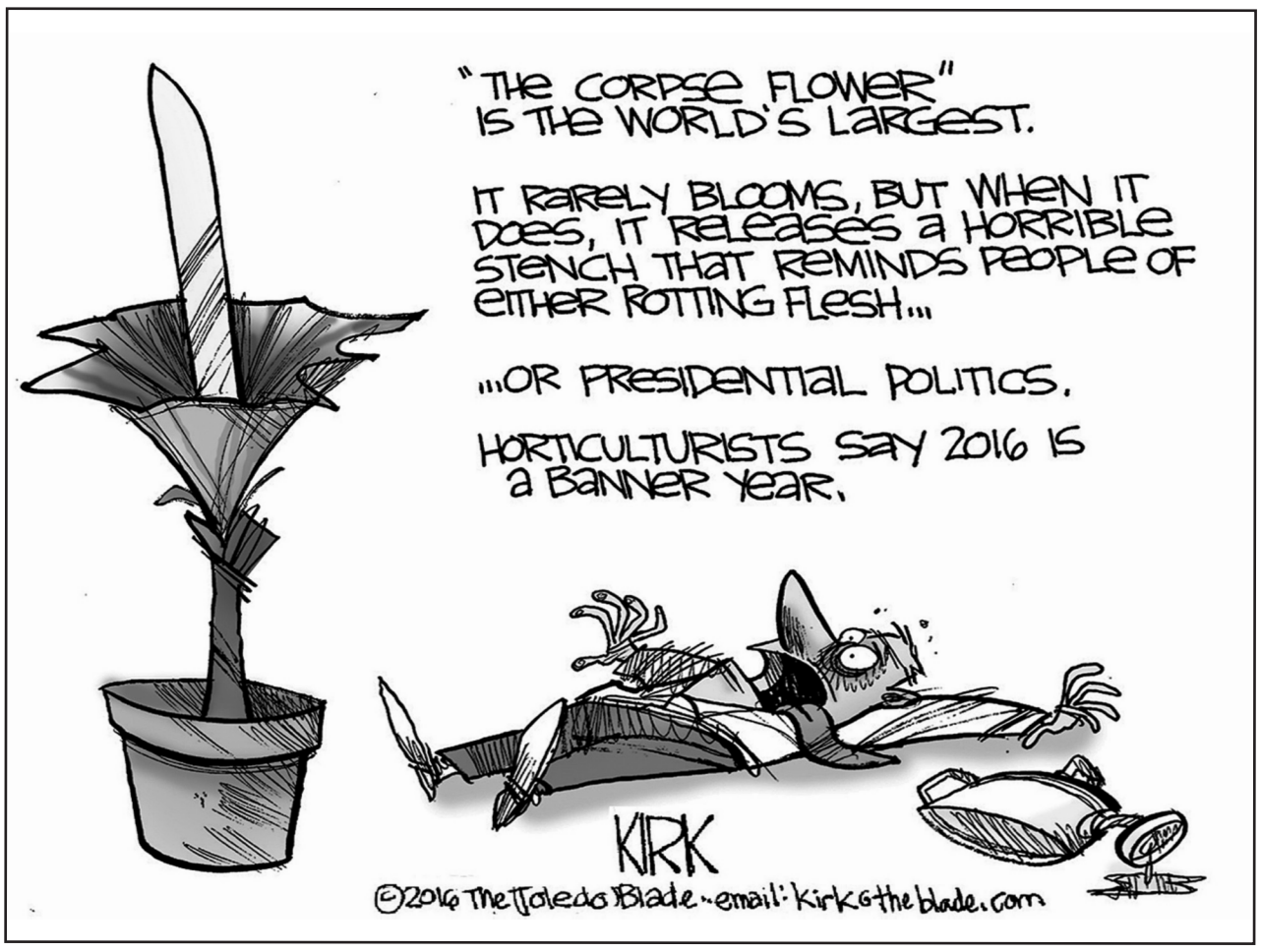
While there's nothing wrong with upscale businesses or well-known franchises, it's hard to believe these businesses couldn't obtain loans from the private sector, without taxpayer subsidies.

The government should not be in the business of picking winners and losers, using taxpayer dollars to finance businesses deemed least likely to succeed by the private sector.

The government should instead encourage small business formation and growth by reducing regulations and costs across the board, creating an equal—and easier—playing field for all businesses.







6 Injured In KC Shooting

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) _ Six people were injured, one critically, after a gunman fired shots at a group of people in Kansas City's Westport entertainment district, police said.

Two people were arrested after the shooting about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, police said.

When officers responded to the shots, two people got into a car and fled, prompting one officer to fire at the vehicle. When the car crashed nearby, the two people were arrested, police spokeswoman Capt. Stacey Graves said. No one was injured by police gunfire.

Greg Gillis, 28, said he and four friends had just left a line of food trucks when they heard sounds they first thought were firecrackers.

``Then we realized there were shooters across from us," Gillis told The Kansas City Star

Gillis and his friends said it appeared two people were holding guns, but they saw only one fire at least eight shots. They didn't hear an argument before the shooting, Gillis said.

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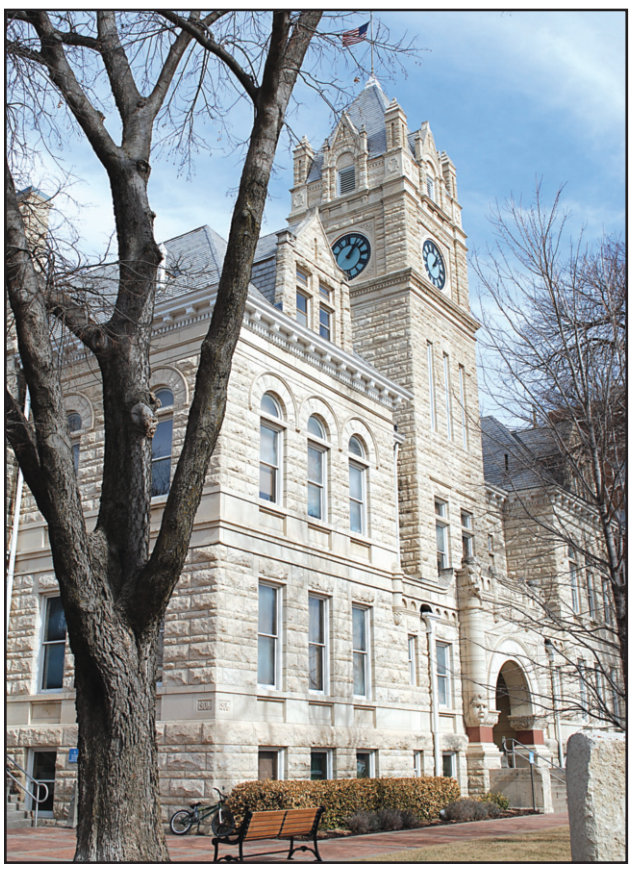

Riley County Minutes
Cost Taxpayers $700 Per Month:
The minutes for years did not cost the county extra. They were produced using Word. A new program now costs $700 per month.

Board of Riley County Commissioners Regular Meeting
Minutes
August 29, 2016

115 North 4th Street Manhattan, KS 66502

8:30 AMCall to Order

Public Comments

Green, new Director of the Health Department, gave the Board an update on the sick students at Manhattan High School. Green reported KDHE is involved in the situation. Green stated the Health Department is in the process of investigating the sickness.

Commission Comments
Wilson's Comments:

The past few days I kept busy with campus ministry beginning of semester events as well as wedding preparations.

Boyd's Comments: Thursday 08.25.2016

-Returned from a family visit to Washington state.

-Worked on correspondence.

Friday

-Met with the KAC Finance Committee to review and recommend to the executive board the expenditures for KAC.

-Attended the KAC executive board meeting in Hays at the Ellis County Emergency Management facility. The Board conducted routine business and updates plus discussed a bylaws amendment to recommend to the KAC body at the November meeting.

Saturday

-Worked around the homestead for the day.

-Studied and prepared for NACo project.

Sunday

-Addressed correspondence after church.

Wells' Comments:

Wells said he visited with members of the community expressing concerns with the Platt House.

Business Meeting

Action on a Plaza Reservation Request for Domestic Violence Awareness Month for the Riley County Domestic Violence Task Force October 7th

Move to approve the Plaza Reservation Request for Domestic Violence Awareness Month for the Riley County Domestic Violence Task Force from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 7, 2016.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Parallel Road Bridge Replacement Project- Bid Recommendation

Move to approve base bid from Reece Construction Co, Inc. for the Parallel Road bridge replacement project in the amount of $178,409.30.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

Robert Boyd, County Commissioner Ronald Wells, County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Sheila Schauff, a rehire, as an As Needed Commercial Real Estate Analyst, in the Appraiser's Office, at a grade Q step 13, at

$34.70 per hour, effective September 6, 2016 (working as needed basis through commercial appraisal peak times, projected end date of April 2017).

Discuss tour of the new Irwin Army Community Hospital Facility

The Board agreed to tour the new IACH Facility on Thursday, September 22nd.

Boyd said he has been asked to testify at a NACo meeting on economic development in rural counties and will be absent Thursday, September 8th.

Review Minutes

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Move to approve the minutes.

AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9.Discuss Press Conference

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

10. Administrative Work Session

Holeman presented a proposed change to the conceal carry statute, HB No. 2502, which prohibits local units of government from prohibiting employees from carrying a concealed handgun during work away from county buildings.

Holeman presented the following proposed change to HB No. 2502 to include in the KAC Legislative Platform: "A public employer shall not be liable for any wrongful act or omission relating to actions of any employee who is legally qualified to carry any concealed handgun while engaged in the duties of such employee's employment outside of such employer's place of business, including while in a means of conveyance."

The Board agreed by consensus to submit the proposed legislative changes to HB No. 2502 to the KAC Legislative Platform.

Holeman said he will schedule a Commission Agenda Report (CAR) for Thursday with Greg McHenry to discuss a legislative proposal from the Kansas County Appraisers Association.

The Board agreed by consensus that Holeman will schedule a CAR for Thursday with Greg McHenry to discuss a legislative proposal from the Kansas County Appraisers Association.

Holeman asked if the Board agrees to proceed with the CGI Communications videos.

The Board agreed by consensus to proceed with finalizing the CGI Communications videos.

Holeman discussed working with Robbin Cole to work on a lease for the Pawnee Mental Health Facility lease agreement.

11. Pending County Projects County Counselor

9:30 AM Press Conference

12. Public Notice - Gary Rosewicz (2-3 minutes)

Rosewicz said the structure replacement project on Fairview Church Road is scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 6, 2016. The project is located approximately ¼ mile east of Crooked Creek Road. Fairview Church Road will be closed to through traffic during construction.

Traffic Control will be installed at the intersections of Crooked Creek Road and Highway 24 to direct traffic. The project has been allotted four working days, and is expected to be completed by September 9, 2016 weather permitting.

Rosewicz said the structure replacement project on Swede Creek Road is scheduled to begin today. The project is located approximately ¼ mile west of Halls Ravine Road. Swede Creek Road will be closed to through traffic during construction. Traffic Control will be installed at the intersections of Halls Ravine Road and Center Hill Road to direct traffic. The project has been allotted two working days, and is expected to be completed August 30, 2016 weather permitting.

13. Tax Sale - Craig Cox (3-5 minutes)

Cox reported the Riley County Tax Foreclosure Sale will be Wednesday, September 28th and Thursday, September 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day in the Riley County Commission Chambers. Cox stated there are currently 166 properties on the Tax Foreclosure Sale. Cox said property owners have until Tuesday, September 27th at 5:00 p.m. to pay all back taxes through 2015.

14. Manhattan High School illness update - Jennifer Green (3-5 minutes)

Green, Riley County Health Department Director, presented an update on the Manhattan High School illnesses which began Monday, August 22nd. Green stated KDHE is investigating the illness as well. Green stated the Riley County Health Department Disease Investigator is contacting families with ill students to gather information for the investigation.

9:46 AM

AdjournmentMove to adjourn.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

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Public Comments

Green reported the Riley County Health Department is working with KDHE on the illness at the Manhattan High School. Green stated they still do not know the cause of the illness.

Commission Comments

Commission Comments Wilson's Comments:

Tuesday I met with a local resident about the National Bio- and Agro- defense Facility.

Wednesday I had my second weekly call with KMAN radio about the agenda for our Thursday meeting.

Over the past couple days I also made good progress toward buying a house.

Boyd's Comments: Absent.

Wells' Comments:

Wells said he met with some member of the Genealogical Society regarding the Platt House.

Wells stated he received a call from a citizen regarding the Platt House.

Business Meeting

Sign Renewal of Online Access Agreement for the City of Manhattan

Move to approve the Renewal of Online Access Agreement with the City of Manhattan for the Register of Deeds' Office.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Wells, Wilson

Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Erika Pratt

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Erika Pratt (209-31-2-50- 01-001.00-0) for tax year 2015. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of $17.44.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Wells, Wilson

Contract for Green-Randolph Road Bridge Replacement Project with King Construction Co. Inc.

Move to approve and sign the contract with King Construction Company, Inc., Hesston, KS, in the amount of $709,243.09 for the Green-Randolph Road Bridge Replacement Project and Shoo-Fly Detour.

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner Wells, Wilson

Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Cynthia Mott, an Administrative Assistant II, in the Health Department, for Separation from County Service, effective September 9, 2016.

Sign Riley County Position Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for an Administrative Assistant II, in the Health Department, at

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Obama Advocates for UN Gun Treaty Ratification

Heritage Foundation

The Obama administration upped its commitment to get the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty ratified, a tall order since a bipartisan coalition of 50 senators have already said they oppose the gun treaty Secretary of State John Kerry signed three years ago.

Second Amendment advocates are concerned the treaty could provide an international law rationalization for a national gun registry in the United States, and is overly vague.

"The language is so vague is could almost mean anything. A lot could be done to rationalize gun control. The treaty has no prohibitions, no thou-shalt-nots," Larry Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America, told The Daily Signal. "President [Barack] Obama has for some time used as a defense a cell phone and a pen and not the Constitution or even a treaty for taking action."

On Aug. 22, the Second Conference of State Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty was held in Geneva. According to the State Department, the U.S. representative to the conference, William Malzahn, said the U.S. wanted to ratify the treaty that establishes export and import controls for combat vehicles, aircraft, and small arms and light weapons, but was already currently complying.

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The United States remains committed to the Arms Trade Treaty, which we signed in September 2013. We are still working on the package to transmit the treaty to the U.S. Senate for its advice and consent to ratification. It is not clear when we will complete this, but we are actively working on it. … As we pursue ratification, let me assure everyone that the United States is already fully compliant with the requirements of the [Arms Trade Treaty] as the U.S. national control system exceeds those requirements.

Currently, 79 countries have ratified the treaty dealing with arms exports and imports, but diplomats from 109 countries participated in the gathering.

"The treaty has no prohibitions, no thou-shalt-nots," @larrypratt says.

The treaty states that: "Each State Party shall establish and maintain a national control system, including a national control list, in order to implement the provisions of this Treaty." It goes on to say, "Each State Party is encouraged to include in those records: the quantity, value, model/type, authorized international transfers of conventional arms covered under Article 2 (1), conventional arms actually transferred, details of exporting State(s), importing State(s), transit and trans-shipment State(s), and end users, as appropriate."

Mexico's Secretary of Foreign Affairs Claudia Ruiz Massieu told the group that of the guns used to commit crimes in Mexico, "We found that more than 70 percent were related to a buyer or distributor in the United States."

Massieu also said at the conference, "Mexico welcomes the strenuous and sincere efforts of President Barack Obama to establish administrative measures to strengthen controls on the possession and sale of weapons."

The State Department did not clearly answer the question about whether the 70 percent figure is accurate, but said the United States is working with Mexico to prevent gun trafficking into the country.

Ultimately, it's a border issue, said Ted Bromund, senior research fellow in U.S.-Anglo relations for The Heritage Foundation.

"The smuggling of guns from the U.S. into Mexico, the smuggling of guns from U.S. to any country, is already illegal," Bromund told The Daily Signal. "The problem is that the border is not controlled. Guns go south because the border is open. The answer is effective border patrol by the U.S. and Mexico. Mexico will never talk about that."

The Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Arms Export Control Act of 1976, which has been amended several times over the years, already give the executive branch essential control over the movement of weapons in and out of the United States, Bromund said.

The Arms Trade Treaty went into effect on Christmas Eve 2014, but the administration has never submitted the treaty to the Senate for ratification, where it would require 67 senators voting for it to pass. After Kerry signed on in 2013, 50 senators—including three Democrats—signed a letter to Obama expressing concern the treaty was overly "vague and easily politicized" and could encourage a national gun registry.

It's a horrible treaty, Bromund said, but it won't likely lead to more gun control.

"Are people using it to justify gun control? Yes," Bromund said. "But what is the mechanism to achieve that? This is about exports or imports. In theory, a judge could say the United States must respect the [Arms Trade Treaty] and that all arms transactions within the U.S. are subject to it, but that would be a huge stretch."

The treaty has been such an administrative disaster that it likely will have no impact at all, Bromund said. He noted the treaty is almost entirely European countries rarely living up to the reporting requirements of the treaty.

"I basically think we are winning on this. This is not going to work," Bromund said. "It's turning into nothing but boring bureaucratic meetings. The gun controllers will lose interest and find another toy."

A recent report by Bromund looked at reporting problems, among other failings of the participants.

States parties to the [Arms Trade Treaty] are already failing to meet its reporting requirements. As of Aug. 15, 2016, of the 66 states parties that were supposed to file an initial report on their implementation of the treaty by that date, only 49 had done so, and of these, 33 were in Europe. As of the same date, of the 83 states parties, only 46 (32 of them in Europe) had filed an annual report for 2015 on authorized imports and exports of conventional arms, a report due on May 31, 2016. In short, treaty reporting is lagging badly, and outside Europe, few nations are complying even nominally with the most basic treaty requirements.

CIA Director John Brennan warns of Russian hacking

WASHINGTON (AP) _ CIA Director John Brennan warned on Sunday that Russia has ``exceptionally capable and sophisticated" computer capabilities and that the U.S. must be on guard.

When asked in a television interview whether Russia is trying to manipulate the American presidential election, Brennan didn't say. But he noted that the FBI is investigating the hacking of Democratic National Committee emails, and he cited Moscow's aggressive intelligence collection and its focus on high-tech snooping.

``I think that we have to be very, very wary of what the Russians might be trying to do in terms of collecting information in a cyber realm, as well as what they might want to do with it," he told CBS' ``Face the Nation" on the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

On the terrorism threat, Brennan said the U.S. government is much better now at sharing information. He praised Saudi Arabia as ``a good example of how foreign intelligence services can work against these terrorist organizations."

On Friday, Congress sent President Barack Obama a bipartisan bill that would allow families of Sept. 11 victims to sue the government of Saudi Arabia. Fifteen of the 19 hijackers from Sept. 11 were Saudi nationals. The Obama administration has said that if U.S. citizens can take the Saudis to court, then a foreign country could in turn sue the United States. The White House has indicated Obama would veto the measure because of the potential for it to backfire and because of apprehension about undermining a longstanding yet strained relationship with a critical U.S. ally in the Middle East.

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Discuss Joint City/County/County Meeting Agenda

Pottawatomie County - update on the Junietta Road

Pottawatomie County - speed limit change on Rural Roads

Approve payroll/accounts payables (when completed)

Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of $412,953.67 and the following warrant vouchers for September 2, 2016:

2016 BudgetCounty General $512,848.09
Health Department 25,033.47
Teen Court Collected Fund 14.06
Court Technology 376.66
Riley Co Juvenile Service 3,982.55
Motor Vehicle Operations 3,852.55
21st Jud Dist Teen Court716.69
Riley Co Adult Services5,775.62
Capital Improvements Fund206,272.00
Emergency 911 2,668.05
Solid Waste 6,035.84
County Building 6,658.88
RCPD Levy/Op1, 378.57
Riley Co Fire Dist #13, 289.09
Fire Dist #1 Tuttle Cove 13,484.35
University Park W&S 22.50
Univ Park Capital Project 20,986.00
Valleywood Operations 110.77
Terra Heights Sewer 218.00
Terra Heights Sinking 127.50
Konza Water Operations 163.16
Univ Park W&S Cap Reserve 3,180.97
TOTAL. $817,195.37

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson

Move to approve "Resolution No. 090116-36, Resolution appointing Jennifer Green Local Health Officer and Designating Doctor Cary Herl to act as her consultant and direct her on program and related medical and professional matters".

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner Wells, Wilson

Review Minutes

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Move to approve the minutes.

ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner
AYES: Wells, Wilson
ABSENT: Boyd

11. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference TopicsDiscuss Press Conference

Update on MHS Illness-Jennifer Green

9:00 AM

Greg McHenry, Appraiser

13. Appraiser's Office Report

McHenry presented the Appraiser's Office report.

9:15 AM

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

14. Administrative Work Session

15. Consider Letter of Support for Kansas County Appraisers Association 2017 Legislative Proposals

Holeman presented a letter of support for the 2017 Legislative Proposal of the Kansas County Appraisers Association.

McHenry discussed the proposed changes to HB substitute for SB 280 from the Kansas County Appraisers Association.

Move that the Board sign the letter of support as presented.

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

9:52 AM

AdjournmentMove to adjourn.

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

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Some People Are Called On To Do More

Military Times

Fifteen years ago on a sunny September day, civil aviation as we knew it changed, forever. So too did the lives of all Americans, as the horrifying spectacle of airliners crashing into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon made it obvious the world would never be the same.

Now-Major Heather Penney poses with an F-16 Viper during one of her two tours in Iraq. (Courtesy of Heather Penney)

On that day 25-year-old Heather "Lucky" Penney was a new first lieutenant serving as a training officer with the 121st Fighter Squadron of the District of Columbia Air National Guard, based at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington. The first woman to serve in her ANG unit, she flew F-16Cs on training missions in preparation for combat. When the 121st received word of the second World Trade Center strike, and a half hour later the Pentagon was hit, it became clear the United States was under attack. With news of a fourth airliner possibly headed toward Washington, Penney and her wingman, Colonel Marc "Sass" Sasseville, scramble-started their F-16s and took off to intercept it.

Their mission was simple but sobering: Find the airliner and take it down by any means necessary. Since there had been no time to arm their F-16s, that essentially meant they would be flying a kamikaze mission, ramming their jets into the airliner. "I'm going to go for the cockpit," Sass told her. "I'll take the tail," Lucky replied.

Their flight path from Andrews took them over the Pentagon, and "there was no way to avoid seeing the smoke that was billowing out of the building," she said. "I didn't dwell on that because we had more important things to do." Penney described feeling disconnected from her emotions as she focused on the mission: "It was a completely surreal experience."

She and Sasseville headed northwest into Pennsylvania, searching for the airliner but careful not to go too far. "We went out as far as Sass thought was reasonable to ensure that we had sanitized the airspace far out enough," she said, "but then we needed to turn back home so that we could get over D.C. and make sure we weren't flanked."

It would be some time before she learned that the airliner they were searching for, United Flight 93, had been taken down by a courageous group of passengers. Penney called them the real heroes because they were willing to sacrifice themselves, but then so was she.

Asked about the lasting effects of 9/11, she said, "It fundamentally altered the vector of history, and we are all living with the impact of those events today. And I think that many of the tragedies that we see unfolding today are directly traceable…back to that moment in time."

Penney laments the freedoms that Americans have sacrificed in the name of security, pointing out that "being American is about adhering to certain beliefs and ideals and dreams that bind us all together….But with that comes risk, and if we're unwilling to accept risk, then we lose something that makes us essentially Americans..

"I think the challenge we all have is to remain connected to those ideals, to those beliefs, to that kind of courage and live that out in our daily lives of service," said Penney. "And remember that there are things in this world that are more important than ourselves…that are more important than security."

This article originally appeared in Aviation History, a Military Times sister publication.

Topeka police violent crime unit seeking help to curb

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) _ Topeka police say a violent crime unit that was formed in May after a spate of shootings and homicides in the city is working but officers still need the public's help to reduce gang violence.

City officials have declined to release many details about the unit, citing a need to protect the officers and the integrity of their investigations. The Topeka Capital-Journal reports (http://bit.ly/2cLpGR2) city staff declined to release more than 240 pages of information about the unit to the media after a City Council briefing Thursday.

During eight days in mid-May, gang-related shootings left two dead and four injured in Topeka. After that, the violent crime unit partnered with state and federal agencies including the U.S. and Shawnee County district attorney's offices, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and state police.

Since it formed, the unit has arrested 236 suspects, seized more than 6 pounds of marijuana, 3 pounds of meth and 30 guns, including assault weapons. It also has seized about $60,000 in cash and 2.25 grams of heroin. Those statistics do not include investigations unrelated to gang activity.

Maj. Darin Scott told the City Council Thursday that the heroin is of particular interest because the drug is causing problems in other parts of the country and is slowly coming to the Midwest.

The Federal Budget, 1994–2014

IN BILLIONS OF 2014 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS

Fiscal Year	Mandatory Spending	Discretionary Spending	Net Interest	Total Spending	Total Revenue	Surplus/ Deficit
1994	1,052	793	297	2,143	1,845	-298
1995	1,061	782	333	2,176	1,940	-235
1996	1,109	751	340	2,199	2,047	-151
1997	1,122	757	338	2,217	2,187	-30
1998	1,175	755	330	2,260	2,355	95
1999	1,216	773	310	2,299	2,468	170
2000	1,259	813	295	2,367	2,680	313
2001	1,302	839	266	2,407	2,573	166
2002	1,406	933	217	2,557	2,357	-201
2003	1,476	1,029	191	2,695	2,224	-471
2004	1,507	1,090	195	2,792	2,289	-503
2005	1,558	1,143	217	2,918	2,542	-376
2006	1,614	1,162	259	3,036	2,752	-284
2007	1,614	1,160	264	3,038	2,859	-179
2008	1,740	1,238	276	3,253	2,753	-500
2009	2,257	1,334	201	3,792	2,269	-1,523
2010	2,045	1,440	210	3,695	2,312	-1,383
2011	2,124	1,412	241	3,777	2,415	-1,362
2012	2,092	1,325	227	3,644	2,524	-1,120
2013	2,062	1,220	224	3,506	2,817	-690
2014	2,080*	1,153*	271	3,504	3,021	-483

* Heritage estimates ☐ Highest spending level ☐ First year of Budget Control Act

Sources: Congressional Budget Office, "Monthly Budget Review: Summary for Fiscal Year 2014," November 10, 2014, http://www.cbo.gov/publication/49759 (accessed November 10, 2014), and U.S. Office of Management and Budget, *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2015: Historical Tables*, 2014, pp. 23–25, Table 1.1, and pp. 150–151, Table 8.1, http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/historicals (accessed September 17, 2014).

Federal Spending by the Numbers 2014 heritage.org

Kansas Supreme Court justices face ouster push from right

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) _ Four Kansas Supreme Court justices targeted for ouster in this year's election face anti-incumbent sentiment and a backlash over rulings that overturned death sentences for two brothers convicted of infamous multiple murders.

Conservative Republicans hope to give term-limited GOP Gov. Sam Brownback a chance to remake a seven-member court they view as too liberal. Families of victims of what became known as ``the Wichita massacre'' in 2000 want to remove the justices, and abortion opponents and the Kansas Republican Party have endorsed the campaign.

Brownback's critics are working to thwart the effort in the name of preserving the court's independence, but also so that it remains a check on the political right.

Key issues about the statewide votes Nov. 8 on whether the justices remain on the bench:

Kansas Supreme Court... Seated left to right: Hon. Marla J. Luckert, Hon. Lawton R. Nuss, Chief Justice; Hon. Carol A. Beier. Standing left to right: Hon. Dan Biles, Hon. Eric S. Rosen, Hon. Lee A. Johnson, and Hon. Caleb Stegall.

Table 7: General Fund Allocation to K-12 Education
(FY 2015 Budget)

Alabama 52.4%	Wisconsin 41.0%	Maine 35.9%	Rhode Island ... 29.2%
Kansas 50.7%	Nevada 40.7%	Missouri 35.8%	Vermont 27.4%
Indiana 50.2%	Georgia 40.7%	Montana 35.5%	North Dakota ... 27.3%
Idaho 48.0%	Louisiana 40.4%	Pennsylvania ... 35.3%	Alaska 24.9%
Utah 47.9%	Minnesota 40.2%	Colorado 35.2%	Ohio 24.7%
West Virginia ... 46.4%	California 40.1%	**Average 35.2%**	Hawaii 24.7%
Washington 46.0%	Texas 39.7%	Delaware 33.4%	Illinois 22.7%
Kentucky 45.2%	Mississippi 39.1%	Tennessee 33.0%	Connecticut 18.8%
New Mexico 44.1%	North Carolina .. 38.9%	New York 32.7%	Massachusetts .. 16.5%
Arkansas 43.1%	New Jersey 37.4%	Virginia 30.8%	Michigan 0.8%
Iowa 43.0%	South Carolina .. 37.0%	Oklahoma 30.5%	Wyoming 0.0%
Oregon 42.8%	Maryland 36.7%	Nebraska 30.0%	New Hampshire .. 0.0%
Arizona 41.1%	Florida 36.4%	South Dakota ... 29.4%	

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers, State Expenditure Report

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JUSTICES FACING RE-ELECTION

Five justices are on the ballot Nov. 8: Chief Justice Lawton Nuss and Justices Carol Beier, Dan Biles, Marla Luckert and Caleb Stegall.

The only non-target is Stegall, who is Brownback's only appointee.

Nuss and Luckert were appointed by moderate GOP Gov. Bill Graves. Beier and Biles were appointed by Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, who also named the court's two other justices.

Kansas has attempted to insulate its highest court from partisan politics by having a lawyer-led commission screen applicants for each vacancy, with the governor appointing one of its three finalists. Legislators have no direct role, but justices face a statewide, yes-or-no vote every six years to determine whether they remain on the court.

``It doesn't need to be fixed,'' Graves said during an event in Topeka with three other former governors to kick off a campaign to retain all five justices.

The court's critics contend that the system prevents the justices from being accountable to voters. Since Kansas began using it in 1960, no justice has been removed.

``I think we definitely see it as an uphill battle,'' said Amy James, spokeswoman for the victims' group, Kansans for Justice. ``But it's really the only way to have checks and balances on the justices.''

CAPITAL MURDER CASES

Advocates of ousting the four justices are focusing on July 2014 rulings that overturned death sentences for Jonathan and Reginald Carr.

The brothers were convicted of killing four friends, robbing them and forcing them to engage in sex acts before shooting them to death in a snow-covered Wichita field in December 2000. James was the girlfriend of one of the murder victims, Brad Heyka.

The Kansas court cited multiple issues in overturning their death sentences, but the U.S. Supreme Court rejected its conclusions in a sometimes-scathing ruling last January.

The Kansas court's rulings did not release the Carr brothers but kept them in prison, facing life sentences instead of lethal injection. Former Democratic Gov. John Carlin argued during the recent pro-retention campaign event that it's unfair to judge Kansas' highest court based on a few decisions.

But the state Supreme Court repeatedly has overturned death sentences, and no execution has been scheduled under the state's 1994 capital punishment law.

OTHER BIG ISSUES

Abortion rights opponents want to remake the Kansas Supreme Court partly because the justices are reviewing a lawsuit challenging a 2015 law in which the central question is whether the state constitution protects abortion rights more than the U.S. Constitution.

The justices also hear arguments Sept. 21 on whether legislators spend enough money on public schools. Past rulings have forced lawmakers to increase education spending.

Clay Barker, the Kansas GOP's executive director, said many Republicans are frustrated with the court for ``grabbing legislative power'' in school funding decisions.

Graves countered that the justices have made sure that legislators fulfill a constitutional duty to provide a suitable education for every child.

BROADER POLITICAL CONTEXT

Barker said the move to remove justices is aided by widespread dissatisfaction that fueled Donald Trump's rise to the Republican presidential nomination.

But with Kansas mired in budget problems, there also is a backlash against Brownback and his allies that could help the targeted justices. Fourteen conservative Republican legislators lost races in the August primary.

Kansas college cancels speaker after anti-abortion backlash

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) _ Newman University canceled a planned talk by Kansas Supreme Court Justice Carol Beier after people who oppose abortion launched an "unsettling" social media campaign opposing her visit, the university's provost said.

Beier had been invited by the campus student history club on Aug. 22 to answer questions Friday as part of the school's Constitution Day program. She was scheduled to discuss topics such as how to get into law school, what it is like to be a judge and what role judges play in the judicial system, said Clark Schafer, a Newman spokesman.

But opposition to her visit from people outside the campus grew so ominous in tone that Newman vice president and provost Kimberly Long said she worried about the safety of Beier and of students attending her talk.

Kansas Supreme Court Justice Carol Beier, left, sits with Chief Justice Lawton Nuss, center, during an appearance in Wichita earlier this year. (Wichita Eagle photo)

Newman, near Kellogg and Edwards, is a Catholic university.

"There were no specific threats of violence, but … I found some of the things being said were quite unsettling," Long said. "I decided it was in the best interests of good operations of the university to cancel the event."

Long declined to reveal the content of the messages sent to her.

"We worried about safety of students, and about perhaps having a guest on campus not be treated right," Long said.

"I hope that our civic discourse here would be respectful to all persons in the future. I felt the behaviors in some of the messages to me were not respectful."

Calls to a spokeswoman at the Kansas Supreme Court were not immediately returned.

Diana Stanley, a Newman student and president of the student history club, said in an e-mail to The Eagle that members of the club invited Beier to talk about the history of the Kansas Constitution and the general duties of judges.

"We were very excited when Justice Beier agreed because she has over thirty years of experience in the legal field and is a Wichita native," Stanley wrote.

Opponents to Beier's visit "made very public statements that implied our club had invited Carol Beier, a member of the highest court in Kansas, to speak about abortion … at a Constitution Day event."

"As a student of history, I think that civil discourse is one of the bulwarks of a free society. I find disappointing that in our current political climate, even a lecture on the Kansas Constitution is considered controversial."

Long said the messages that seemed unsettling came from people not affiliated with Newman students or faculty. But at least one former Newman student, in a posting on his Facebook page, opposed Beier's visit and called on people to contact Long's office.

"Absolutely disgusted that my alma mater, Newman University, is hosting pro-abortion Kansas Supreme Court Justice Carol Beier to speak this Friday on campus for Constitution Day," he wrote.

Kansas Transportation Department releases highway report

TOPEKA, Kan. — A Kansas Department of Transportation report says 96.7 percent of interstate highways in the state were ranked as good in the fiscal year ending in July.

The report was released on Friday. The department evaluates the state's 10,000-mile highway system annually and gives ratings based on scores of surface roughness and distress.

The portion of interstate in Kansas rated as good declined from 97.7 percent in the 2015 survey, according to information previously published by the Transportation Department but not contained in Friday's release, The Topeka Capital-Journal (http://bit.ly/2cHL1X2) reported. The agency's report released Friday said 91.7 percent of non-interstate highways in the state were found to be in good condition last fiscal year.

The agency says it has targets of 85 percent good for interstate highways and 80 percent good for non-interstate highways.

Kansas Contractors Association executive vice president Bob Totten says the report didn't take into account consequences of recent postponement of funds for maintenance and construction projects in response to budget issues.

"The fact remains, and we believe most Kansans would agree, that we are still in a critical state with unsafe roads and bridges, drastic loss of construction jobs and a continuous depletion of transportation funding, the equivalent of $1 million a day," Totten said.

Republican Gov. Sam Brownback's administration has been criticized for diverting more than $1 billion from the Transportation Department to cover budget shortfalls.

Totten also said that the Transportation Department should be applauded for elevating the durability of the state's highway infrastructure.

"In order to fully restore Kansas, our long-term focus needs to be on investing in a strong, sustainable transportation program," Totten said.

Oklahoma, EPA shutter 32 wells in new earthquake-prone area

OKLAHOMA CITY — A 5.8-magnitude earthquake and a series of smaller aftershocks in Oklahoma led to the discovery of a new fault line and stoked fears among some scientists about activity along other unknown faults that could be triggered by oil and gas wastewater that's being injected deep underground.

State and federal regulators on Monday said 32 disposal wells in northeastern Oklahoma must shut down because they are too near the newly discovered fault line that produced the state's strongest earthquake on record on Sept. 3.

Jeremy Boak, head of the Oklahoma Geological Survey, said it's possible that a large "pulse" of disposed wastewater is slowly moving deep underground and triggered the temblor along the new fault located near the town of Pawnee, farther east than most of the previous earthquake activity in Oklahoma.

"My inclination is to worry about the (fault) we don't know about yet, more so than about another very large earthquake in this area," Boak said. "My general feeling is that the rate of earthquakes is declining. I'm more concerned, I think, about whether there's another one of these faults out here that is cued up and ready to go."

Boak said it's also possible that some aftershocks greater than magnitude 4 could still be triggered along the newly discovered fault that has yet to be named.

The Pawnee quake damaged more than a dozen buildings and slightly injured one man when part of a chimney collapsed. It shook several states, including nearby Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas, and was reportedly even felt more than 1,000 miles away in places like Florida and Nevada, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Scientists, including those at the OGS, believe the vast majority of the earthquakes in Oklahoma are triggered by the injection of wastewater from oil and gas production that is injected deep into the earth.

After the Pawnee quake, state and federal regulators immediately ordered disposal wells to shut down or reduce volumes of wastewater within a 725 square-mile (1,880 sq. kilometer) area. That area was expanded on Tuesday to encompass 67 total wells in more than 1,100 square miles (2,850 sq. kilometers). Some of the disposal wells that were initially ordered to completely shut down will be allowed to resume at lower volumes, regulators said.

In all, the 75,000 barrels a day of wastewater that was being injected in the area is being reduced to about 35,000 barrels a day, said Jim Marlatt with the oil and gas division of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Forcing oil and gas operators to stop injecting wastewater or reduce the amount they can inject means they can't produce as much oil and natural gas, which can cause a serious financial hardship, said Chad Warmington, president of the Oklahoma Oil and Gas Association.

"These are multimillion-dollar wells in some cases that you can't operate any more, period," Warmington said. "If you take away your disposal activity, there's nothing else you can do with that water."

Still, Warmington said the industry also is concerned about the quakes and is working with regulators to try and stop them.

"As long as we're making decisions based on good data and good science, we'll live with it," Warmington said.

Kansas Supreme Court wrestles with censuring former judge

TOPEKA, Kan. — The Kansas Supreme Court wrestled Monday with whether it should censure a former Wichita-area judge over allegations that he was not candid in answering questions about earlier accusations of sexual harassment and other improper conduct.

The resignation of Sedgwick County District Judge Timothy Henderson, who lost his re-election bid in the Republican primary, was effective Sunday. Because of that, his attorney, Thomas Haney, said the latest case against Henderson is now moot.

But Todd Thompson, the Commission on Judicial Qualifications' examiner, acknowledged that while Henderson's resignation prevents the Supreme Court from suspending him from the bench, the justices still should censure Henderson to help maintain public respect for the judiciary.

Previously, the Supreme Court suspended Henderson for three months without pay in 2015 after a commission panel concluded that he'd sexually harassed female attorneys and staff by repeatedly making offensive remarks. The panel also ruled that Henderson had improperly tried to keep an attorney from handling adult guardianship cases and inappropriately tried to get his wife a part-time job with the local school district.

In the latest case, another panel concluded Henderson "was not candid or honest" and tried to "cover" inappropriate behavior in the previous disciplinary case. Henderson still contests those findings, but Haney said censuring him publicly "would be a useless act."

Justice Dan Biles said: "It's sort of like you want to resign and dodge the bullet."

Commission panels make recommendations on whether judges should be disciplined over complaints about their behavior, but the Supreme Court is the final arbiter. In Henderson's first case, the justices opted for tougher punishment after a public censure was recommended.

Justices Eric Rosen and Lee Johnson questioned whether the Supreme Court still has authority over former judges. Rosen also questioned whether the court's decision in Henderson's first case was a ruling on his credibility — making the second case a repeat of the first.

"When does this stop?" Rosen said. "This could simply go on indefinitely."

While judges in many counties are appointed, they're elected in Sedgwick County. Henderson was first elected in 2000 and was re-elected three more times.

Thompson argued that the Supreme Court has the power to declare that someone can't serve as a judge in the future. Haney disagreed and said voters can — and occasionally have — re-elected judges who've been removed.

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Kansas Air Force pilot missing since 1965 to be buried

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) _ After Dean Klenda went missing in action during the Vietnam War, his sister worked relentlessly with the U.S. military for decades to keep a search going for his remains.

When they finally called and told Deanna Klenda that Dean was coming home, she felt shock and disbelief. But the military people on the other end of the phone were friends of hers by then. They assured her it was true.

``Thank God,'' she told them.

The U.S. military's Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency on Friday issued a statement announcing that F-105 Thunderchief fighter pilot Maj. Dean Klenda would be given a military funeral next Saturday in Pilsen, Kan., with full military honors. The date, Sept. 17, will be the 51st anniversary of the day Klenda went missing, The Wichita Eagle reported

His sister, a Wichitan, had traveled the country for decades for military briefings to families of service people missing in action.

``I was always on top of my brother's case,'' she said Friday. ``What are the odds they'd ever find even a piece of him? He'd ejected and landed in the jungle.''

For Deanna Klenda, the search for her brother was more than a labor of familial love. That guy in the dress whites in the photograph was not just her brother.

Dean Klenda was the guy who went off to war for love of country and flying. He was above all that her best friend, her fellow farm kid on the Klenda family farm near Marion. He protected and taught and cheered her through childhood.

And because their ancestry was Czech and because Czech DNA tends to infect its owners with an addictive fondness for kolaches, superbly brewed beer and polka dancing, Dean Klenda was her polka partner in all the community dances of her childhood.

He would have been 76 now; he was only 25 when he died.

Klenda was a pilot assigned to the 67th Tactical Fighter Squadron; the pilots of that squadron flew F-105 Thunderchiefs, providing tactical support for bombing missions during the war.

On Sept. 17, 1965, Klenda's squadron was helping attack targets east of Hanoi, in Son Law province, in the country then called North Vietnam.

``During Klenda's mission, his aircraft was struck by enemy fire, causing him to eject from the Thunderchief,'' the military's statement said. ``He failed to separate from his ejection seat before it impacted the ground.''

A military review board later amended his status from missing to dead.

Deanna and her parents accepted that verdict. But then she spent decades encouraging the military to find him.

``These are great people who really know what they are doing in doing a very difficult job,'' she said.

Between 1993 and 1999, the U.S. military said on Friday, teams including U.S. and Vietnamese personnel found and searched what they thought was Klenda's crash site. They found the place where they thought Klenda's ejection seat had hit the ground. But they found no remains.

On Nov. 10, 2011 _ 12 years after they'd given up finding remains at the crash site _ another joint U.S.-Vietnamese team reinvestigated the site after they found a local farmer who told an unusual story.

The farmer told them he'd found human remains at the crash site and had taken them to a farm field five kilometers away.

Three years later, from Nov. 4 to Nov. 29, 2014, U.S. and Vietnamese searchers excavated the farm field _ and found remains, including teeth still intact enough to provide dental clues to the dead person's identity. U.S. military researchers then tested the remains using dental records, DNA and isotopic analysis.

Deanna Klenda got a phone call one day soon after.

They'd found her brother.

``I'm not one of those jump-up-and-down-and-yippee kind of people,'' she said. ``I just stood there in disbelief. I'm still in disbelief.

``And I said `Thank God, thank God, thank God.'''

The loss of her brother hurt deeply, but she grins easily when she talks of him.

Dean Klenda was four years older than her, a difference some siblings find difficult to span. But not him, she said.

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Kansas	0 - 0	1 - 1	.500
Oklahoma	0 - 0	1 - 1	.500
Ok State	0 - 0	1 - 1	.500
TCU	0 - 0	1 - 1	.500
Texas Tech	0 - 0	1 - 1	.500
Kansas State	0 - 0	0 - 1	.000
Iowa State	0 - 0	0 - 2	.000

Kansas State Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/	TV
Friday Sep. 2	at Stanford	Loss 13 - 26	
Sat. Sep. 10	OFF		
Sat. Sep. 17	Florida Atl.	1:30pm	FSN
Sat. Sep. 24	Missouri State	6:00pm	
Sat. Oct. 1	at West Virginia	TBA	
Sat. Oct. 8	Texas Tech	TBA	
Sat. Oct. 15	at Oklahoma	TBA	
Sat. Oct. 22	Texas	TBA	
Sat. Oct. 29	at Iowa State	TBA	
Sat. Nov. 5	Oklahoma State	TBA	
Sat. Nov. 12	--- OFF	---	---
Sat. Nov. 19	at Baylor	TBA	
Sat. Nov. 26	Kansas	TBA	
Sat. Dec. 3	at TCU	TBA	

Kansas Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/	TV
Sat, Sept. 3	Rhode Island	Win 55 - 6	
Sat, Sept. 10	Ohio	Loss 21 - 37	
Sat, Sept. 17	at Memphis	11:00a.m.	ESPNU
Thu, Sept. 29	at TT	7:30p.m.	FOX
Sat, Oct. 8	TCU		
Sat, Oct. 15	at Baylor		
Sat, Oct. 22	Okla. St.		
Sat, Oct. 29	at Oklahoma		
Sat, Nov. 5	at West Virginia		
Sat, Nov. 12	Iowa State		
Sat, Nov. 19	Texas		
Sat, Nov. 26	at Kansas State		

Big 12 Schedule

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
Fri, Sep 16	Rice	Baylor	Houston, Texas	7:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat, Sep 17	Memphis	Kansas	Memphis, Tenn.	11:00 a.m.	ESPNU
* Sat, Sep 17	TCU	Iowa State	Fort Worth, Texas	11:00 a.m.	FS1
Sat, Sep 17	Kansas State	Florida Atlantic	Manhattan, Kan.	1:30 p.m.	FSN
Sat, Sep 17	Oklahoma State	Pittsburgh	Stillwater, Okla.	2:30 p.m.	ESPN
Sat, Sep 17	Texas Tech	Louisiana Tech	Lubbock, Texas	6:00 p.m.	FSN
Sat, Sep 17	Oklahoma	Ohio State	Norman, Okla.	6:30 p.m.	FOX
Sat, Sep 17	California	Texas	Berkeley, Calif.	9:30 p.m.	ESPN or ESPN2
Fri, Sep 23	SMU	TCU	Dallas, Texas	7:00 p.m.	ESPN
Sat, Sep 24	West Virginia	Brigham Young	Landover, Md.	TBA	
* Sat, Sep 24	Baylor	Oklahoma State	Waco, Texas	TBA	
Sat, Sep 24	Iowa State	San Jose State	Ames, Iowa	11:00 a.m.	FSN Live Stats
Sat, Sep 24	Kansas State	Missouri State	Manhattan, Kan.	6:00 p.m.	K-StateHD.tv
* Thu, Sep 29	Texas Tech	Kansas	Lubbock, Texas	7:30 p.m.	FS1
* Sat, Oct 01	Oklahoma State	Texas	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 01	TCU	Oklahoma	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 01	West Virginia	Kansas State	Morgantown, W. Va.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 01	Iowa State	Baylor	Ames, Iowa	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 08	Oklahoma State	Iowa State	Stillwater, Okla.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 08	Kansas	TCU	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 08	Kansas State	Texas Tech	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 08	Oklahoma	Texas	Dallas, Texas	TBA	FS1 Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 15	Baylor	Kansas	Waco, Texas	TBA	
* Sat, Oct 15	Oklahoma	Kansas State	Norman, Okla.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 15	Texas Tech	West Virginia	Lubbock, Texas	TBA	
* Sat, Oct 15	Texas	Iowa State	Austin, Texas	TBA	LHN / Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 22	West Virginia	TCU	Morgantown, W. Va.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 22	Kansas	Oklahoma State	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 22	Kansas State	Texas	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 22	Texas Tech	Oklahoma	Lubbock, Texas	TBA	
* Sat, Oct 29	Oklahoma	Kansas	Norman, Okla.	TBA	Live Stats

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Ohio builds big early lead, knocks off Kansas

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) _ Ohio's Greg Windham played like a fifth-year senior rather than a quarterback making just his second career start, though Kansas certainly did everything it could to help him out.

Two fumbled punt returns. Inopportune penalties. An interception. A safety.

The result was a 37-21 victory for the Bobcats on Saturday that went a long way toward erasing the memory of a triple-overtime defeat to Texas State in their season opener.

``I'm proud of our guys the way they came back,'' Ohio coach Frank Solich said. ``I thought it showed our resolve. They practiced well this past week. I think the signs were there that they were going to have an opportunity to play well, and to play to our potential hopefully.''

Windham threw for 167 yards and a touchdown while running for 146 and another score. Dorian Brown added 122 yards rushing, Louie Zervos was 5-for-5 on field goals, and Papi White and Mason Morgan scored against a Kansas team coming off its first win in more than a year.

LaQuvionte Gonzalez had a 99-yard kickoff return for the Jayhawks (1-1), but he also muffed those two punt returns.

KU Quarterback Montell Cozart (2) hits on a pass over the middle.

Montell Cozart threw for 198 yards and hit Steven Sims Jr. for a pair of TDs, but the dual-threat quarterback also struggled to deal with constant pressure.

``Offensively we have to do a better job early in the game to help our defense out,'' Kansas coach David Beaty said. ``The defense, every time I looked up, they were out there.''

The Bobcats blitzed to a 25-0 lead and led 28-7 after a first half as lopsided as they come: They had a 359-21 edge in offense, 18 first downs to one, and controlled the ball for 22 minutes, 56 seconds.

``We just couldn't get off the field,'' Jayhawks safety Fish Smithson said. ``It doesn't matter how long we were out there, we still have to get stops.''

The Jayhawks still managed to make it interesting.

Cozart connected with Sims on a 74-yard touchdown pass on the second play out of the locker room, and then hit Sims from 22 yards out a few minutes later to trim a 28-7 halftime lead to 31-21.

But an Ohio defense that allowed 630 yards to Texas State held the Jayhawks to three straight punts, deflating a crowd that began to dwindle. And Windham showed the poise of a fifth-year senior rather than a quarterback making his second career start, scrambling for a crucial first down midway through the fourth quarter that kept the clock moving and the Kansas offense on the sideline.

``I feel like we have a run game,'' Solich said, ``and if you have a run game you have a chance.''

The outcome at Memorial Stadium was nothing new for Solich, who went 6-0 against the Jayhawks when he was with former Big 12 rival Nebraska. But it was all-too-familiar for Beaty, who hoped to build on a win over Rhode Island last week that ended the Jayhawks' 15-game losing streak.

``We are still in that process of building this program,'' he said. ``We've talked to them until we're blue in the face, one win doesn't make you special. You have to go back to what got you there.''

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Ohio had the ball for 43:38 while Kansas had it for 13:56, a massive disparity in time of possession. The Bobcats also went 6 for 7 in the red zone while the Jayhawks failed to drive inside the 20.

JAYHAWKS' HURT WING

Cozart took a shot along the sideline late in the game, hurting his shoulder. Cozart said he could have returned to the game while Beaty said he was being cautious by turning to Ryan Willis. ``I didn't want to take a chance on it,'' Beaty said, ``because I saw the way he fell.''

THE TAKEAWAY

Ohio: The Bobcats ran for 329 yards without top running back A.J. Ouellette, who hurt his foot the previous week. He was on crutches when the captains went on the field for the coin toss.

Kansas: The Jayhawks were 0 for 8 on third down, failed to pick up both fourth downs, which in turn kept their defense on the field far too long. They were ultimately gassed by the fourth quarter.

Buechele shines again, No. 11 Texas beats UTEP

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) _ In meetings, in practice and when he was just thinking to himself, Charlie Strong pleaded with his team not to be a one-game wonder after a big season-opening win.

That turned out to not be a problem at all.

Freshman quarterback Shane Buechele passed for 244 yards and four touchdowns and No. 11 Texas backed up its first national ranking since 2013 with a 41-7 victory over UTEP on Saturday night.

``I was nervous," said Strong, who entered the season under tremendous pressure after two losing seasons. ``Everyone was telling them how good they are and I wondered how would they respond? I kept telling them, `Just focus. We haven't done anything yet.'"

Sophomore linebacker Malik Jefferson said the message came through. But Jefferson suggested the players didn't really need the reminder because they knew how to handle the week after beating Notre Dame.

``We were 5-7 last year," Jefferson said. ``We can't be satisfied with anything."

Buechele wasn't there for the previous two years of losing, but there was no letup from the freshman as he put together another splendid game with his arm and feet. He was 22 of 27 passing and his 34 yards rushing in the zone read option showed the Longhorns (2-0) have even another wrinkle in their new offense.

Buechele threw touchdown passes of 29 and 7 yards to Jerrod Heard, who started at quarterback most of 2015 but moved to wide receiver this season. He also connected with Dorian Leonard for a 46-yard score in the third quarter that made it 34-7.

``I felt good out there," Buechele said. ``We started slow but I feel like we finished strong ... I like throwing the ball to all these guys."

Aaron Jones ran for 123 yards and a 51-yard touchdown for UTEP (1-1).

THE TAKEAWAY

UTEP: The Miners missed the passing of injured starting quarterback Zack Greenlee, who was held out to rest a strained knee before the start of the Conference USA schedule. Kavika Johnson was 9 of 15 for 42 yards, and Jones gave the Miners their only punch on offense. The Longhorns knew Jones was the primary option on nearly every UTEP possession until the score got out of hand.

``We're not making excuses for anything. They whipped us handily," Kugler said.

Texas: Buechele continues to impress. His second start came behind an offensive line that was missing two starters with injuries. Buechele was sacked three times and withstood several more hits, but his first two touchdown passes were precision throws into coverage on the sideline in the end zone. His third was a deep throw that hit Leonard in stride.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Longhorns should stand pat. They easily handled a team they were supposed to and Buechele proved he's no fluke. No one in front of Texas lost so there's no real room to move up unless AP voters punish No. 9 Georgia for its close win over Nicholls. Staying where they are they are would still be another big step for a program that has been on the skids the last two years.

HEARD'S BIRTHDAY BREAKOUT

Heard's first two career touchdown passes came on his 21st birthday. He'd been letting everyone know his big day was coming up by announcing it for days on Twitter. He finished with six catches for 46 yards.

``It says he's a ball player," said Texas running back Chris Warren III. ``He's an athlete who can play."

Strong praised Heard's quick adjustment to catching passes instead of throwing them. Last season, it was Heard who everyone thought was the quarterback of the future when he broke Vince Young's single-game school record for total offense.

``He's always vibrant, always has a smile on his face. That first touchdown was a good catch," Strong said.

UP NEXT

UTEP: The Miners host Army next Saturday in their last game before starting Conference USA play.

Texas: The Longhorns get their first road test next Saturday at California, which beat Texas 45-44 last season when the Longhorns missed an extra point in the final seconds.

LAST WORD

``He's very talented," Kugler said about Buechele. ``Probably Texas fans are really excited of having him for four years."

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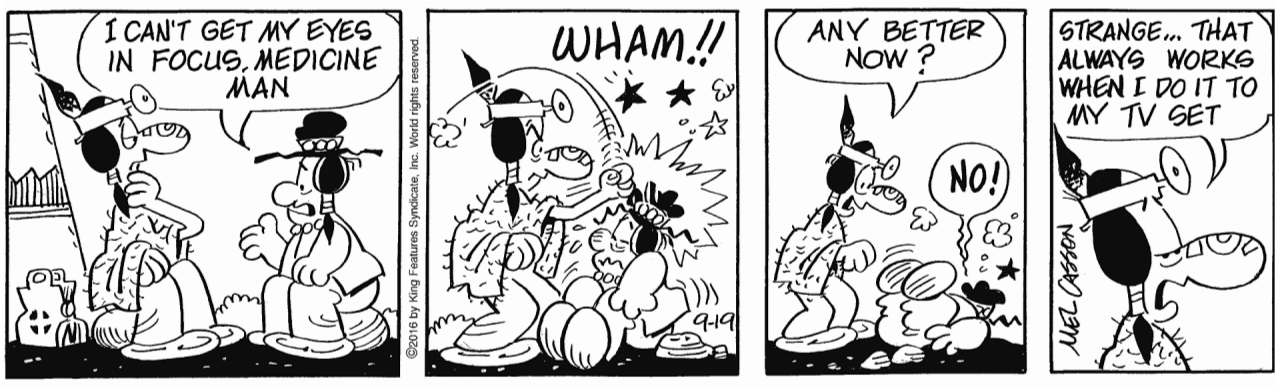

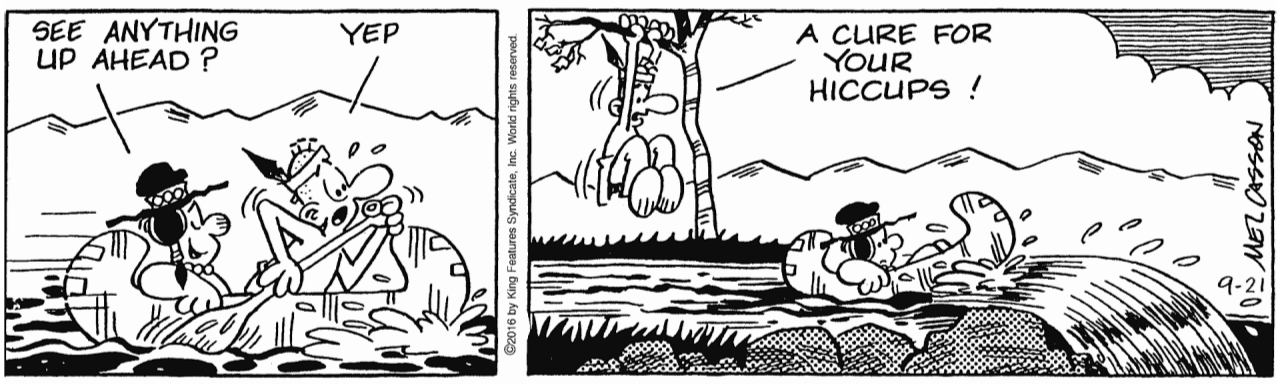

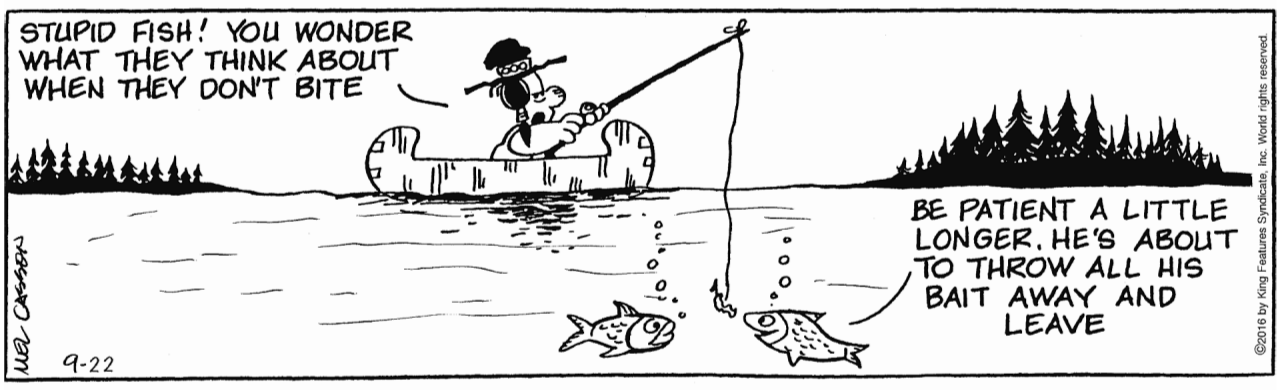

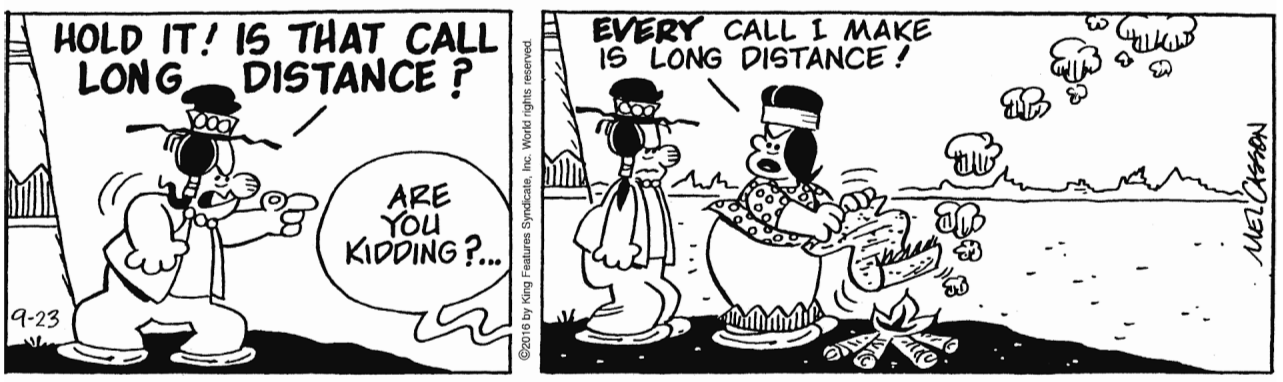

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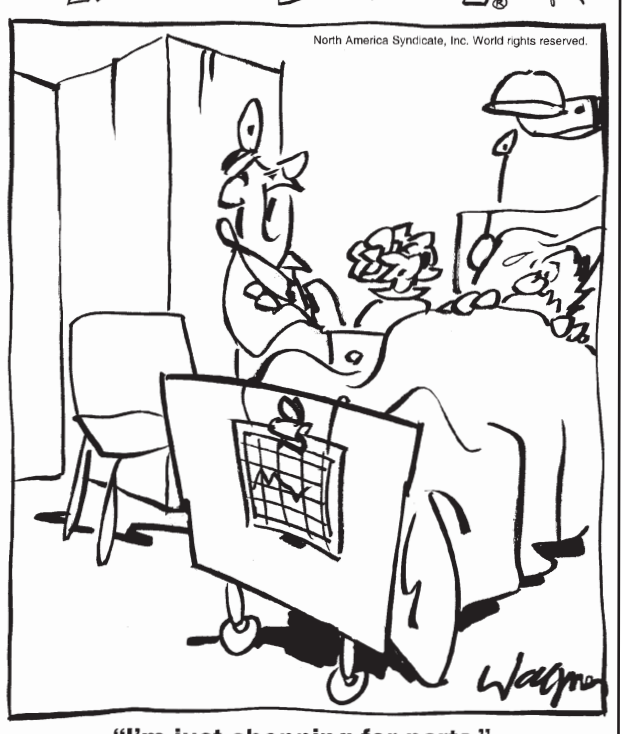

"I'm just shopping for parts."

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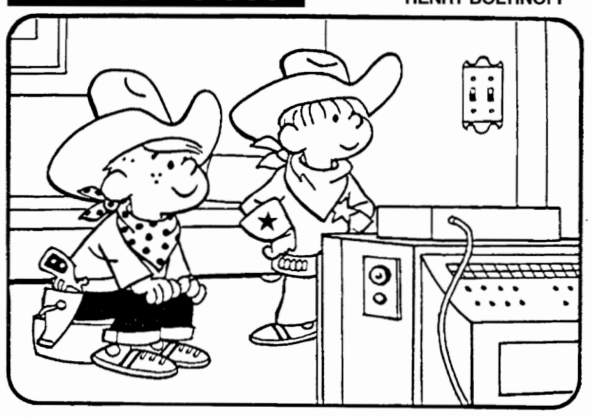

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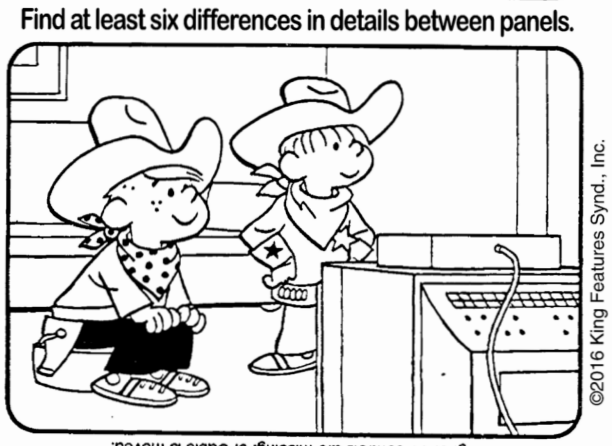

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Former Lawrence mayor pleads not guilty to embezzlement

Topeka — Former Lawrence Mayor Jeremy Farmer may well admit to embezzling money from Just Food, but for now he's considering his options.

Thursday morning Farmer appeared in court where Federal Judge Gary Sebelius formally charged him with a single count of interstate travel of embezzled funds.

Though he pleaded not guilty to the charge, Farmer's attorney, John Cowles, said his client might reconsider.

"We did intend to enter a guilty plea to the information," Cowles said in court. "But this is the first time he's been through criminal proceedings, so I felt he could use more time to consider."

If convicted of the charge of stealing from the food bank, Farmer faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to $250,000.

Farmer may also be ordered to forfeit his personal assets to make up for any ill-gotten gains, if he is convicted.

Silently, Farmer walked into the federal courthouse in Topeka wearing a blue button-down shirt and sunglasses. He did not respond to multiple questions about his criminal charge.

Farmer was hired as the executive director of Just Food in 2011.

"In that position he had access to Just Food bank accounts and accounting systems," according to federal court filings.

Beginning in 2013 and ending in 2015, Farmer embezzled money from the nonprofit food agency, the documents say.

He is accused of taking more than $55,000 in funds.

He also tried to cover his tracks by "adjusting entries in the QuickBooks and financial statements provided to the board of directors," the documents say.

Farmer resigned from Just Food and his elected seat on the Lawrence City Commission in August 2015 after it was revealed he had not paid more than $50,000 in federal and state payroll taxes on behalf of Just Food. At the time he said taxes weren't paid due to an oversight.

A month later, Just Food's board of directors released the results of its own investigation, saying Farmer made unauthorized payments to himself of more than $52,000 in salary and benefits over a two-year period. The nonprofit now believes that total is closer to $56,000.

Prosecutor Rich Hathaway told the judge that the state is not asking for Farmer to be detained during the criminal proceedings. Instead, he asked that a bond of $5,000 be set in case Farmer fails to appear for any future court hearings.

Hathaway also asked that Farmer surrender his passport.

Farmer agreed to the conditions.

Cowles told the court that Farmer is now living in Kansas City, Kan.

The next court hearing for Farmer's case is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 26.

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ACROSS
1 Rearward, at sea
4 Highlanders
9 AAA job
12 Scatter seeds
13 Monastery head
14 Years you've lived
15 9-Ball setting
17 Popular sandwich, for short
18 Him (Ger.)
19 They can't be compared to oranges
21 Thickly entangled, as hair
24 Aching
25 Playwright Levin
26 Steal from
28 Do, re and mi
31 Occupy completely
33 Ph. bk. data
35 Colt's mama
36 Dervish
38 Affirmative
40 Falsehood
41 Sketch
43 Rouse
45 Journalist Fallaci
47 Scot's hat
48 "— and Peace"
49 Cheating, e.g.
54 Superlative ending
55 Small egg
56 Citric beverage
57 Secret agent
58 Apportioned
59 Tatter

DOWN
1 Cleopatra's snake
2 Egg — yung
3 Pair
4 Accumulate
5 Strand
6 Recede
7 Albright and Falana
8 Trample
9 Mealtime chat
10 Lecherous look
11 Drenches
16 Illuminated
20 Seniors' dance
21 Anger
22 Opera solo
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27 Lad
29 A Great Lake
30 Witnessed
32 Old Italian money
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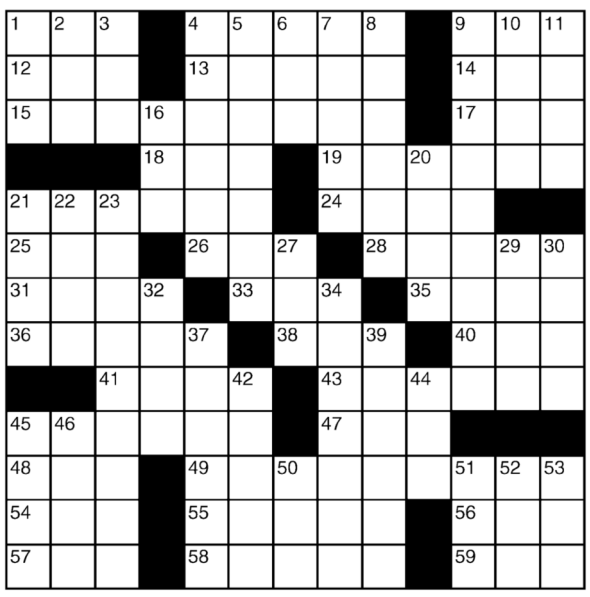

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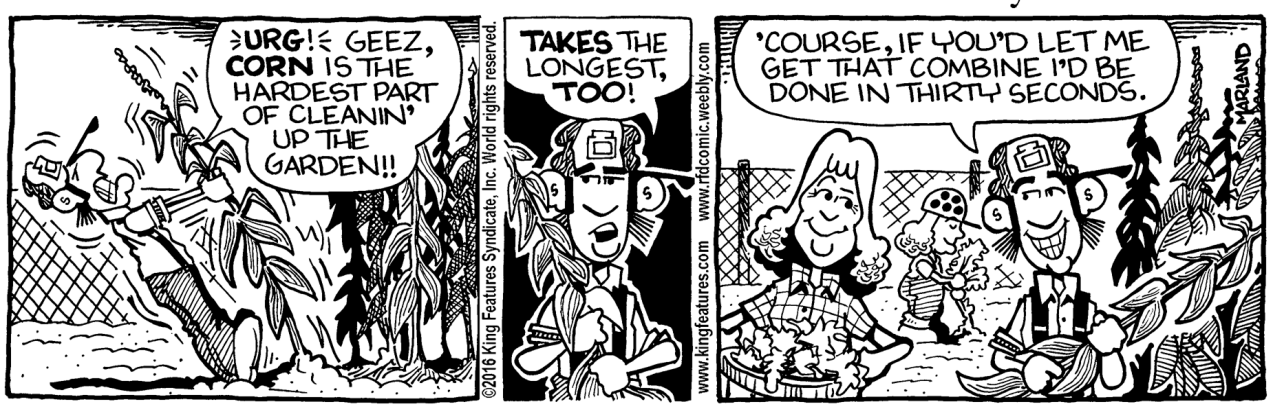

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KSU Sports Information

Following a physical season opener in which the Wildcats hung in at seventh-ranked Stanford and a bye week, Kansas State opens its home slate on Saturday as K-State welcomes Florida Atlantic to Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Saturday's game, which kicks off at 1:30 p.m., will be aired on FSN with Mark Followill (play-by-play), former K-State linebacker Ben Leber (analyst) and Lesley McCaslin (sidelines) on the call. The contest can also be heard across the K-State Sports Network with Wyatt Thompson (play-by-play), former K-State quarterback Stan Weber (analyst) and Matt Walters (sidelines) calling the action, as well as Sirius channel 157, XM channel 205. Live stats are available at k-statesports.com, while Twitter updates (@ kstate_gameday, @KStateFB) will all be a part of the coverage.

A LOOK AT K-STATE

• Guided by 2015 College Football Hall of Fame inductee Bill Snyder, who is in the midst of his 25th season at the helm of the Wildcats, K-State is looking to rebound from a 26-13 defeat at No. 8/7 Stanford in the season opener.

• K-State's defense gave the Wildcats a chance in the second half as it allowed just one touchdown and 70 total offensive yards to the Cardinal over the final 30 minutes.

• The game at Stanford featured the return of captains DB Dante Barnett and QB Jesse Ertz, both of whom were injured and lost for the season in last year's opener.

• Barnett had four tackles against the Cardinal, including 2.5 TFLs and a sack. It was the second time in his career he had at least 2.0 TFLs.

• Ertz went 16-of-34 for 207 yards and a touchdown while rushing 13 times for 20 yards.

A LOOK AT FLORIDA ATLANTIC

• FAU comes to K-State with a 1-1 record following a 38-10 defeat at No. 25 Miami last week.

• The Owls and Hurricanes battled to a scoreless first quarter, but FAU gave up 406 yards in the final 45 minutes.

• QB Jason Driskel has averaged 227 passing yards through the first two games with two TDs and a pick.

• RB Greg Howell is averaging 101.5 yards thus far, which features a 128-yard game in the season opener.

A LOOK AT THE SERIES

• Saturday's game marks the second time K-State and FAU will meet on the gridiron after a 45-0 Wildcat victory in Manhattan in 2006.

• K-State is 21-4 all-time against current members of Conference USA.

• The contest is the fourth against C-USA members in the last three years as the Wildcats defeated UTEP in 2014 and both UTSA and Louisiana Tech last year.

HOME OPENERS

• K-State holds an 88-27-5 (.754) record all-time in home openers.

• Under head coach Bill Snyder, the Wildcats are 22-2 (.917) in their home debut.

• The Sept. 17 home opener this year is the latest home opener for the Wildcats since 2001 when K-State defeated New Mexico State, 64-0, on Sept. 22 that season.

• K-State's home opener in 2001 was originally scheduled for Sept. 15, against Louisiana Tech, but that game was postponed due to the tragic events of Sept. 11.

• Due to those events, Saturday's game is the latest scheduled home opener since the 1992 season when the Wildcats topped Montana, 27-12, on Sept. 19.

BYE WEEK NOTES

• The Cats have had 27 previous mid-season bye weeks under head coach Bill Snyder and have turned the extra week of preparation into an 18-9 record the following week.

• Since Snyder's return in 2009, K-State is 7-5 when coming off a bye week during the season.

• The Wildcats will be looking to turn around their recent fortunes following bye weeks as K-State lost both games following byes last season by a combined nine points to top-20 teams – a 36-34 loss at No. 20 Oklahoma State and a 31-24 defeat at the hands of No. 2 Baylor.

SNYDER IN SEPTEMBER

• Fast starts have propelled the Wildcats to winning seasons under Bill Snyder. Since 1992 under Snyder, K-State is a combined 62-8 (.886) in September.

• Of the losses, five came on the road, as the Cats are 47-3 in September home games during that stretch.

• Since Snyder's return to the sidelines in 2009, K-State is 20-5 in the month of September.

NON-CONFERENCE NOTABLES

• Since 1990, K-State has won 72 of its 82 (.878) regular-season non-conference games under Bill Snyder, including 62-of-66 (.939) at home.

• K-State has had perfect regular season non-conference ledgers in 15 of the last 23 years.

TOUGH SLATE

• The 2016 season opener at then-No. 8/7 Stanford represented the beginning of a tough 2016 schedule for the Wildcats.

• Seven opponents on K-State's schedule are either ranked or receiving votes in this week's Associated Press or Coaches polls, including five that are road contests and three (at Stanford, at Oklahoma, vs. Texas) that are ranked in the top-10.

SUSTAINABLE SUCCESS

• Kansas State is in rare company in college football as the Wildcats rank in the top 20 in wins among FBS programs over the last 21-plus seasons.

• Since 1995, K-State has picked up 174 victories, which is 19th in the nation.

• The Cats are only one win away from a tie for 18th and six victories away from the top 15.

• Among current Big 12 teams, only Oklahoma (6th; 197), Texas (10th; 193) and TCU (14th; 180) rank higher.

SNYDER IN ELITE COMPANY

• Head coach Bill Snyder currently has 193 career victories, 154 more than any other coach in school history.

• Snyder ranks first in the FBS in wins among active coaches at their current schools, second in total victories among active coaches overall and 29th in all-time wins.

• He is seven wins away from becoming the 25th coach in FBS history with 200 career wins.

• Snyder, who has 112 conference wins, is one of four coaches with 100 Big 8/12 victories (Tom Osborne [153], Bob Stoops [112], Barry Switzer [100]).

CLEAN IT UP

• K-State led the Big 12 and ranked 16th nationally last year with only 39.3 penalty yards per game, while the Cats were second in the league with 4.38 penalties per game.

• Penalties were more frequent early in the year, but the Wildcats cleaned up down the stretch. In the final eight games of the regular season, K-State had just 32 (4.0 per game) penalties to jump back to No. 1 in the Big 12.

• With 11 underclassmen starters in the 2016 opener at Stanford, the Wildcats were flagged more than usual as they committed eight penalties for 44 yards.

• K-State has ranked first or second in the conference in fewest penalty yards per game each of the previous five years. The Wildcats led the league in 2014, 2013 and 2011, while they ranked second in 2012 and 2010.

HOME SWEET HOME

• Since 1990, K-State holds a 139-34-1 (.802) record when playing at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

• That record includes a 68-5 (.932) mark in non-conference games and a 71-29-1 (.708) record in league games.

• K-State is looking to bounce back from a 4-3 (.571) home record in 2015, its worst home winning percentage since also going 4-3 in 2008.

RECORD ATTENDANCE

• Attendance at K-State games have been at an all-time high over the last four years as K-State has recorded 27 consecutive sellouts, a number that is expected to reach 33 after the 2016 season.

• For a third-straight year, K-State finished second nationally by filling up its stadium at a 106.20-percent clip, a number that was just 0.52-percent behind Oregon (106.72).

Oklahoma State tries to recover from controversial loss

By CLIFF BRUNT
AP Sports Writer

Last year, Oklahoma State played a bunch of games decided in the final minutes and managed to win most of them.

This year, the Cowboys were not so fortunate in their first close contest, and it dealt a blow to their playoff hopes.

Mason Rudolph was called for intentional grounding on the Cowboys' last offensive play Saturday, a penalty that should have been the final play of an Oklahoma State victory. Instead, Central Michigan was erroneously awarded an untimed down, and the Chippewas scored the game winner on a Hail Mary to steal a 30-27 victory .

Cowboys coach Mike Gundy did not realize officials got the call wrong until reporters informed him at his postgame news conference.

On Sunday, Gundy took some responsibility for the way the Cowboys tried to kill the final 4 seconds by having Rudolph throw the ball away on a fourth down, instead of taking the snap, running backward and going down. The clock stops on a change of possession so unless all 4 seconds had ticked away Central Michigan would have gotten the ball back in its own territory.

Instead, with the penalty, the Chippewas got one play from midfield. Even though they should not have.

``I'm disappointed in myself that I called a play that could have been interpreted as intentional grounding," Gundy said in a statement. ``That play has been in our playbook for 12 years now and intentional grounding and an untimed down after the last play of the game never even crossed my mind. Of course in hindsight, I wish I would have done it differently, but in the big picture, the game should have been over. While I'm disappointed in myself, I am also disappointed that we had 10 rules officials who didn't properly apply the rule. I give credit to Central Michigan for coming up with a great play and executing it as well as they did."

The Cowboys don't have time to mope. Pittsburgh (2-0), coming off a victory against Penn State, comes to Stillwater next.

``We have another game on Saturday, and letting the end of the Central Michigan game linger into this week would not help our team in any way," Gundy said. ``I want this to be our final official comment on the end of the Central Michigan game, so we can close the book on it and move forward to Pittsburgh."

Repercussions came down Sunday. The Mid-American Conference suspended the on-field officiating crew from the game for two weeks, and the Big 12 has suspended the two-person instant replay crew that failed to tell the MAC officials about their mistake.

Even then, the loss remains, and now the Cowboys have fallen from No. 22 to out of the Top 25.

``They're hurting," Oklahoma State defensive coordinator Glenn Spencer said after the game. ``They're mad. They're upset. But the last thing that was said was if we had won a close game like that or lost a close game like that, that really tomorrow is what matters from here on out."

Last season, the Cowboys reached the top five in the rankings and entered November as an unbeaten playoff contender. They beat Texas by three, Kansas State by two and West Virginia by seven before rolling past TCU, which was ranked No. 5 at the time. Oklahoma State struggled with Iowa State the next week, winning 35-31 in Ames, Iowa, before losing to Baylor, Oklahoma and Ole Miss to close the season.

The early loss leaves the Cowboys with little leeway the rest of this season. And the Big 12 has not distinguished itself, going 5-7 against FBS competition to start 2016.

The Cowboys remain positive: ``We are just trying to bounce back," Oklahoma State cornerback Ashton Lampkin said. ``Every team loses. It's good if we lose early, that's what I feel like. We lost a little early on some crazy play. We just trying to bounce back and go undefeated (the rest of the way). That's only mindset we've got right now, to go undefeated."

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