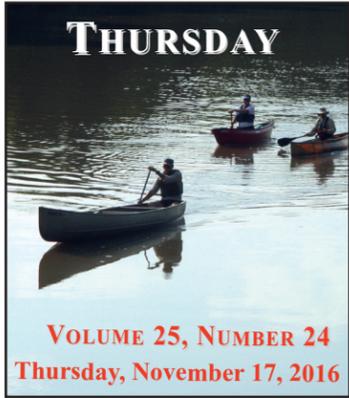


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Kansas Policy Institute

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(Editor's Note: It has been only in the past 10-years that schools could save money, before any carryover cash had to be sent back to the State of Kansas. Now school districts do not spend all of the money they get but still ask for more.)

Regents name Richard Myers new Kansas State president

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Richard Myers, a retired four-star Air Force general and former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, will be Kansas State University's president as it wrestles with budget problems and the possibility that students, staff and visitors will be allowed to carry concealed guns into its buildings next year.

The Kansas Board of Regents on Tuesday voted unanimously to promote Myers from interim president, a job he's held since April at the land-grant university in Manhattan, which has about 24,000 students.

Myers is the second high-profile retired military officer to be appointed to a major higher education leadership job within two years. The University of Texas' 15-campus system early in 2015 hired retired Adm. William McRaven as chancellor; he is a former Navy Seal who led the U.S. Special Operations Command.

The Kansas regents' appointment of the 74-year-old Myers, a Kansas State University alum who served as joint chiefs chairman under President George W. Bush, drew immediate bipartisan praise. U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts said Myers is invested in helping Kansas students and will bring "unique leadership."

Myers and the university will be dealing immediately with potential spending cuts, with the state facing a projected shortfall of \$349 million in its current budget. Myers also reiterated his opposition to a state



Gen. and Mrs. Richard Myers

law requiring state colleges to allow adults 21 and older to carry concealed guns starting in July if their buildings don't have security measures such as metal detectors.

"Well, I guess the honeymoon is over," Myers joked after the board's unanimous vote on his appointment.

Myers replaced former president Kirk Schulz, who left in March to become Washington State University's president. The board and the university didn't immediately say how much Myers would be paid as president, with details expected to be finalized by early next week. His promotion is official Sunday.

Myers graduated from Kansas State in 1965 and joined the military through the ROTC program at the university. After his retirement from the military, Myers was a part-time professor of military history and leadership before being named interim president. He received

the Presidential Medal of Freedom in November 2005.

"I'm just really excited that he wanted to stay," said state Rep. Sydney Carlin, a Manhattan Democrat.

Myers said land-grant universities such as Kansas State have a long history of offering access to higher education to needy and first-time students, and he said providing access remains a core mission.

"We do that pretty well, but it's getting harder and harder to do that with the budget situation," Myers said. "We have some challenges ahead of us."

The amount of money Kansas State has received from the state has shrunk from \$163 million in the 2010 fiscal year to \$158 million in the current fiscal year, the university has said. Republican Gov. Sam Brownback imposed spending reductions in May and June to shore up the budget, including 4 percent cuts to the state's six public universities.

Manhattan, Riley County Schools:

Carryover Cash Reserves by Major Category

2016

USD #	District	County	Year	Federal	Capital	Debt	All Other	Total
384	Blue Valley - Riley	Riley	2016	\$0	\$118,015	\$219,213	\$167,466	\$504,694
383	Manhattan-Ogden	Riley	2016	\$124,590	\$3,539,151	\$4,809,766	\$11,482,575	\$19,956,082
378	Riley County	Riley	2016	\$0	\$335,656	\$782,593	\$1,588,659	\$2,706,908

2015

USD #	District	County	Year	Federal	Capital	Debt	All Other	Total
384	Blue Valley - Riley	Riley	2015	\$0	\$79,389	\$223,597	\$60,816	\$363,802
383	Manhattan-Ogden	Riley	2015	\$13,187	\$3,541,486	\$4,813,272	\$9,579,587	\$17,947,532
378	Riley County	Riley	2015	\$0	\$319,755	\$716,327	\$1,615,781	\$2,651,863

2014

USD #	District	County	Year	Federal	Capital	Debt	All Other	Total
384	Blue Valley - Riley	Riley	2014	\$0	\$39,078	\$211,321	\$68,480	\$318,879
383	Manhattan-Ogden	Riley	2014	\$12,040	\$3,050,863	\$4,893,245	\$10,879,508	\$18,835,656
378	Riley County	Riley	2014	\$4,822	\$831,163	\$636,443	\$1,809,325	\$3,281,753

2013

USD #	District	County	Year	Federal	Capital	Debt	All Other	Total
384	Blue Valley - Riley	Riley	2013	\$0	\$123,347	\$208,559	\$251,187	\$583,093
383	Manhattan-Ogden	Riley	2013	(\$367,494)	\$2,510,932	\$4,935,278	\$11,329,777	\$18,488,493
378	Riley County	Riley	2013	\$0	\$917,400	\$628,007	\$1,918,657	\$3,464,064

2012

USD #	District	County	Year	Federal	Capital	Debt	All Other	Total
384	Blue Valley - Riley	Riley	2012	\$0	\$160,593	\$198,519	\$432,914	\$792,026
383	Manhattan-Ogden	Riley	2012	(\$40,717)	\$3,213,242	\$4,900,530	\$12,443,075	\$20,516,130
378	Riley County	Riley	2012	\$0	\$492,167	\$646,588	\$1,625,589	\$2,764,344

2011

USD #	District	County	Year	Federal	Capital	Debt	All Other	Total
384	Blue Valley - Riley	Riley	2011	\$0	\$137,551	\$172,864	\$474,529	\$784,944
383	Manhattan-Ogden	Riley	2011	\$106,581	\$2,340,377	\$4,915,107	\$11,661,453	\$19,023,518
378	Riley County	Riley	2011	\$340	\$436,892	\$636,530	\$1,352,568	\$2,426,330

2010

USD #	District	County	Year	Federal	Capital	Debt	All Other	Total
384	Blue Valley - Riley	Riley	2010	\$0	\$146,959	\$170,239	\$411,629	\$728,827
383	Manhattan-Ogden	Riley	2010	\$0	\$2,896,237	\$4,254,990	\$10,061,285	\$17,212,512

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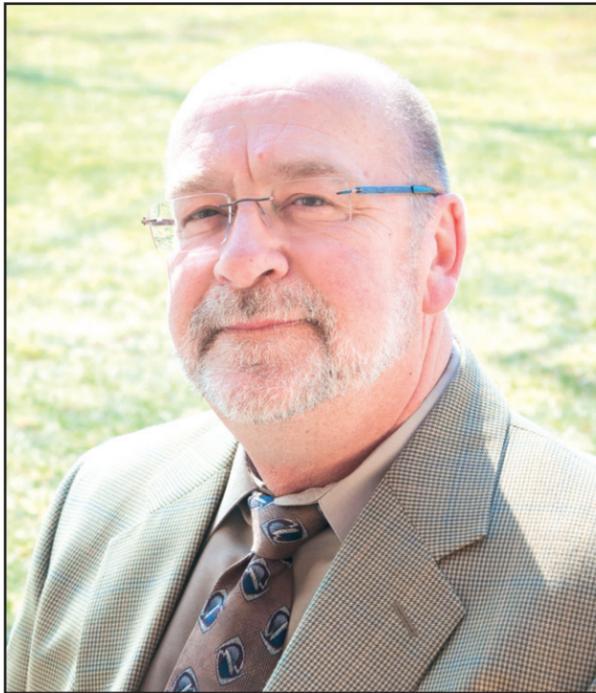
Pfannenstiel Retires from Pawnee Services

Terry Pfannenstiel, LCMFT, LCP, PHD, retired on October 31, 2016 after 34 years of service to Pawnee Mental Health Services.

Dr. Pfannenstiel was first hired as an outpatient therapist in the Manhattan office. He also provided services out of the Pawnee office in Clay Center. Dr. Pfannenstiel held multiple positions of leadership over the years including Outpatient Program Director, Clinical Director, and Interim Executive Director. He served as a member of Pawnee management team.

In addition to his work at Pawnee Mental Health Services, Dr. Pfannenstiel taught and supervised graduate Marriage and Family Therapy students at Kansas State University. He provided clinical and/or administrative supervision to hundreds of students and/or clinicians. He provided clinical workshop trainings on multiple topics including ethics. He continues to serve on the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB) representing the field of Marriage and Family Therapy and is the chairperson for the BSRB Complaint Review Committee.

Dr. Pfannenstiel says, "The one thing I learned over the



Terry Pfannenstiel, LCMFT, LCP, PHD,

years was how resilient my patients could be and overcome tremendous personal tragedies to go on and lead happier lives. I always blame my patients for their success." Robbin Cole, Executive Director, says "In spite of a commonly held notion that people come and go from organizations without leaving a lasting impression, I can assure you that Dr. Pfannenstiel absolutely left his im-

pression on the organization, its staff and the people it serves. We will sorely miss him."

Pawnee Mental Health Services is a licensed community mental health center and substance use treatment facility serving over 7600 people annually in ten counties in north central Kansas.

Trump win resets culture war debate on abortion, LGBT rights

NEW YORK (AP) — For the combatants in America's long-running culture wars, the triumph of Donald Trump and congressional Republicans was stunning - sparking elation on one side, deep dismay on the other.

Advocates of LGBT rights and abortion rights now fear setbacks instead of further gains. But the outcome emboldened the anti-abortion movement and breathed new life into the religious right's campaign for broad exemptions from same-sex marriage and other laws.

Kelly Shackelford, head of First Liberty Institute, a legal group that specializes in religious freedom cases, said that, for his cause, the environment will transform from "brutal" under the Obama administration to friendly given GOP control of both Congress and the White House. His clients include two Christian bakers in Oregon who were fined for refusing to bake a cake for a same-sex wedding.

"Many of us who fight for religious freedom have felt in the last four or even eight years there was a lot of overreaching that was wrong," said Shackelford, who was among hundreds of religious conservatives who met with Trump last June. "To have someone who is president-elect, who says I'm going to put an end to this ... we're going to go back to a country built on religious freedom. That

makes us very hopeful."

Among the election's repercussions will be a renewed campaign, in state legislatures and in Congress, to pass tough anti-abortion legislation. Religious conservatives will press for far-reaching conscience protections and a repeal of regulations they said violated their religious liberty. And the push to let transgender students use the bathroom of their choice at school, strongly backed by President Barack Obama, may wither in the face of GOP resistance.

"There's no question a lot of transgender students and their parents woke up Wednesday morning really scared," said Sarah McBride, a 26-year-old transgender activist who gave a speech at the Democratic National Convention. "I'm feeling the way a lot of folks are feeling - worried that the heart of this country isn't big enough to love us, too."

Comparable worries surfaced among abortion-rights supporters.

"My colleagues across the country are deeply disheartened," said Dr. Willie Parker, an Alabama-based physician who provides abortions in three Southern states. He predicts intensified efforts to lay the groundwork for a challenge of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision establishing a nationwide right to abortion.

"We're disappointed, but not defeated," said Parker. "Like the civil rights movement,

we're in it for the long haul."

Anti-abortion leaders initially were wary of Trump, who in the past had supported abortion rights. They rallied behind him - and launched a massive door-knocking campaign in several battleground states - after he pledged to support several of their key goals. These include defunding of Planned Parenthood, a ban on most late-term abortions, and the appointment of Supreme Court justices who might weaken or reverse Roe v. Wade.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, leader of the anti-abortion Susan B. Anthony List, hailed the GOP sweep as "an historic moment for the pro-life movement," putting its goals within reach.

Yet some wariness remained. "We are well aware that promises are not deeds," said Troy Newman, the president of Operation Rescue. "We will work to hold the new administration's feet to the fire throughout Trump's presidency, to ensure that promises are kept."

Planned Parenthood, whose services include birth control, sex education and abortions, has been a longtime target of Republican politicians, and is now bracing for intensified challenges.

"There are almost no words to capture the threat that this election result poses," said the organization's president, Cecile Richards. "We will not give up, we will not back down."

Senate GOP leader says he asked Trump to back Keystone

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Senate's top Republican said Friday he asked President-elect Donald Trump to move swiftly in approving construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, which has drawn strong opposition from environmentalists.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky told reporters he made the request during his Capitol Hill meeting with Trump a day earlier.

"That's the kind of thing that I hope he'll be looking at, and we're helping him look at — things that he can do quickly on his own," McConnell said. "Because much of what President Obama did that slowed our economy he did on his own, either executive orders or regulations."

"So one of the ways to get this economy growing again, I think, is to deal with regulatory changes," McConnell added.

Trump touted the stalled Keystone project during a late October campaign swing through Florida, saying: "We're going to approve energy infrastructure projects like the Keystone pipeline and many more." He listed the project among his top priorities for the first 100 days of his administration, saying it could provide "a lot of jobs, a lot of good things."

McConnell said he's confident the new Trump presidency will "get off to a good start."

Obama rejected the proposed Keystone XL pipeline last November, declaring it would have undercut U.S. efforts to clinch a global climate change deal at the center of his environmental legacy. The 1,700-mile pipeline would carry oil from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to refineries in the Houston area, passing through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The \$7 billion pipeline has been a contentious issue. Project supporters, including unions and lawmakers from both parties, tout the jobs it would create and demand its approval, while environmentalists urged the president to reject it, saying it would carry dirty, carbon-intensive oil.

Obama's decision marked an unambiguous victory for environmental activists who spent years denouncing the pipeline, lobbying the administration and even chaining themselves to tractors to make their point about the threat posed by dirty fossil fuels. It also placed the president and fellow Democrats in direct confrontation with Republicans and energy advocates heading into the 2016 presidential election.

The president said he agreed with a State Department conclusion that Keystone wouldn't advance U.S. national interests. He lamented that both political parties had "overinflated" Keystone into a proxy battle for climate change but glossed over his own role in allowing the controversy to drag out over several national elections.

"This pipeline would neither be a silver bullet for the economy, as was promised by some, nor the express lane to climate disaster proclaimed by others,"

he said.

McConnell said Friday that Obama's opposition was "a bow to his extreme environmental supporters." The Kentucky senator used the widely disputed figure of 20,000 jobs to be created immediately from the pipeline.

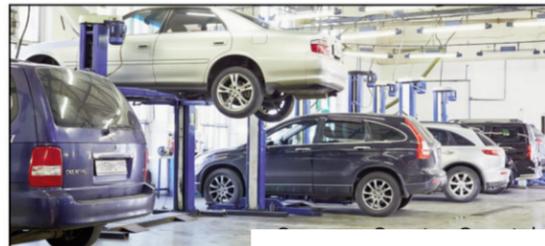
In fact, the project's developer, Calgary-based TransCanada, has said the pipeline could create as many as 13,000 construction jobs — 6,500 a year over two years.

The State Department put the number of construction jobs at 3,900 on an annual basis. That figure doesn't include an estimated 4,000 workers that TransCanada says it has hired for a 485-mile southern segment of the pipeline already under construction and nearing completion.

The prospect of an all-Republican government next year boosts the chances for Keystone.

McConnell said Republican leaders are still sorting out priorities for next year, adding: "The American people expect us to pursue the agenda that we talked about, and I'm confident that's what we're going to do."

McConnell also said Friday he expects the next Congress to take up legislation to revamp the nation's tax system.



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The next stage:

Will anti-Trump marches become a movement?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Demonstrators upset over the election of Donald Trump have marched in cities around the country over the past week, and some are making plans to be in Washington for his inauguration Jan. 20. But whether marches will become a movement is an open question.

At this early stage, the protesters who have taken to the streets to brand Trump a bigot and a sexist and chant “Not my president!” appear to be mostly venting their frustrations and do not seem to have coalesced behind overall leaders or a common set of demands.

Columbia University professor Todd Gitlin, who as an early leader of Students for a Democratic Society helped organize an anti-Vietnam War demonstration that brought thousands to Washington in 1965, said the anti-Trump protests by themselves “are not the makings of a movement.”

“A movement requires that clusters of people take responsibility for creating vehicles that can carry through, focus energy, develop priorities, strategize, recruit, figure out how to govern themselves,” Gitlin said.

For that to happen, a critical mass of protesters has to “transform their mindset from protest into successful politics, which is much less exciting,” he said. Gitlin said that means “dirtying our hands in winning local and state battles which are instrumental to changing the national balance.”

On Monday, hundreds of stu-



Other Newspapers have been reporting that some demonstrators are carrying flags with the Mexican flag on one side and the American flag on the other side and they are chanting: “This is the new America.”

dents decrying Trump’s election walked out of schools in Denver, Los Angeles and Silver Spring, Maryland, after a weekend in which thousands of people demonstrated around the country and scores were arrested. Protesters threw rocks at police in Indianapolis and hurled bottles and other objects in Portland, Oregon. Marchers have also converged on Trump Tower in New York, the president-elect’s transition headquarters.

Among other things, the demonstrators have condemned Trump’s behavior toward

Professional Demonstrators
(Publisher’s Note: You may think that the demonstrations around the United States are just normal people who are upset with the election but they are not.

The Manhattan Free Press has records that states an organization in Manhattan, Ks has been sending people to Milwaukee every year to learn how to organize demonstrations. As reported, many of these “demonstrators” are being paid \$1,500 per day. The leaders of the U.S. demonstration are professionals.)
Jon Brake, Publisher

women and his stand on immigration and civil liberties.

Ralph Young, a history professor at Temple University in

Philadelphia who teaches a course on dissent in America and has written two books on the topic, said it is too early to

predict what the marches might become.

Once Trump becomes president and starts making policy decisions, that could crystallize opposition and focus people’s attention on certain issues, he said. If the anti-Trump demonstrations are going to become a movement, they also need leaders who can articulate their grievances, he said.

That’s one thing the Occupy Wall Street movement against economic inequality never really achieved - a proper organization, Young said.

Jamie Henn of the group 350,

which organizes protests to fight climate change, said liberal activist groups are still scrambling to figure out how they will push back against a Trump presidency.

“There is definitely stuff coming together and being planned that looks like the messy process of everyone and their mother throwing up something on their Facebook page,” Henn said.

Henn said liberals haven’t seen the need for this level of mobilization since the run-up to the Iraq War. But activists remember glumly how little a dent their big marches against the invasion made then, and may use different tactics this time.

Some groups are already trying to come together, though there are differences of opinion, said Greg McKelvey, a protest organizer in Portland, Oregon. McKelvey said demonstrators are trying to organize with counterparts in New York; Washington; Austin, Texas; Oakland, California; Boston; and a few other cities.

Some activists want to prevent Trump somehow from becoming president, while others feel that’s inevitable and instead want to insulate their communities from his policies, McKelvey said. He said his group, Portland’s Resistance, aims to make sure city and state governments are working on issues such as limiting climate change, pushing for better health care and dealing with racial disparities in policing.

Trump wins Kansas; GOP takes all 4 of its House seats

TOPEKA, Kan. — Republican nominee Donald Trump carried Kansas as expected in winning the presidential race, and Kansas Republicans won all four of the state’s U.S. House seats again.

GOP Sen. Jerry Moran cruised to an easy re-election Tuesday, and voters approved an amendment to the state constitution to protect hunting and fishing.

Secretary of State Kris had predicted predicting that a record 1.3 million of the state’s 1.8 million registered voters would participate. More than 505,000 ballots were cast in advance, 47 percent more than before the last presidential election in 2012.

What to know about the election:

PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST

Kansas was always considered a safe state for Trump, and he took it as anticipated. The last Democratic presidential

nominee to carry the state was Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

While many Republicans initially had misgivings about Trump, prominent GOP officials continued backing him even after multiple women came forward in October to publicly accuse him of inappropriate sexual conduct. Voters in the GOP caucuses in March opted overwhelmingly for Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

And many voters wary of Trump also couldn’t stomach voting for Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

GOP Gov. Sam Brownback argued that people should back Trump because the next president could fill multiple U.S. Supreme Court vacancies, but the economy and immigration also resonated as issues with voters.

U.S. SENATE RACE

Moran easily won his second, six-year term in the Senate. He first won his seat in 2010 after serving 14 years representing the 1st District of

western and central Kansas in the House.

His Democratic opponent was Patrick Wiesner, a Lawrence accountant and tax attorney who ran unsuccessfully for the party’s Senate nomination in 2010 and 2014.

Moran raised more than \$4.1 million in contributions from the start of 2015 through mid-October, while Wiesner had received less than \$14,000 in contributions through September.

CONGRESSIONAL RACES

The most competitive congressional race was in the 3rd District in the Kansas City area, but GOP incumbent Kevin Yoder dashed the best hopes Democrats had for winning a U.S. House seat for the first time in eight years. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee spent nearly \$2.2 million on ads in the campaign’s final weeks to boost political unknown Jay Sidie in his

race against Yoder.

Democrats saw Yoder as vulnerable because he backed Trump and because of a political backlash against Gov. Brownback over the state’s budget problems. But a Republican super PAC spent \$804,000 to help Yoder, who already was well funded.

Republican incumbent Lynn Jenkins won re-election in the 2nd District in eastern Kansas. Republican Mike Pompeo also easily won his race in the 4th District in south-central Kansas.

In the 1st District, Roger Marshall, a Great Bend physician, won the sprawling 1st District of western and central Kansas. Marshall gained national attention for knocking off Rep. Tim Huelskamp in the August primary. Democrats did not have a candidate, but Alan LaPolice, a Clifton educator and farmer, was waging a long-shot bid as an independent.

PROTECTING HUNTING

The constitutional amendment on hunting and fishing passed the Legislature with broad, bipartisan support. Supporters said it’s a pre-emptive move against possible attempts by animal rights groups to limit

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As National Debt Nears \$20 Trillion, Senator Takes Aim at Government Waste

Heritage Foundation

How do you begin addressing the U.S. government's nearly \$20 trillion debt? For one senator, the answer begins with wasteful spending.

In an interview with The Daily Signal on Monday, Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., announced he would release the second edition of his "Federal Fumbles" report on Nov. 28. The first report, which exposed 100 wasteful government spending examples, was released in 2015.

Lankford is offering solutions for stopping the growing national debt, which has exploded under nearly eight years of Barack Obama's presidency.

"I think [the national debt] is an enormous issue and a long-term issue for the nation," Lankford told The Daily Signal. "It is something that affects our day-to-day economy."

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The first step to successfully address the problem, according to Lankford, is to build consensus among colleagues in the House and Senate.

"There is legislative work that needs to be done and we're trying to identify the fellow senators and the House members to say, 'Do we like this waste? No, we don't. Let's fix it. Here's a solution to how we actually fix it,'" Lankford said.

The second step is to work with the next president to identify the myriad of areas where waste can be cut. Lankford explained:

[W]e are trying to identify [programs] and say, 'Here's what any administration can do to be able to step in and to be able to fix this wasteful spending.' So, we identify a grant, for instance, that they should have never given or a regulation where it is clear that this regulation was something that was not within the statutes and the administration's order to do. And so for all those, one after another, [we] try to identify who can fix it, whether it is

Congress or whether it is the administration.

In creating a new "Federal Fumbles" report, Lankford said he and his colleagues gathered material for it during their day-to-day activities. Lankford said that as issues come to lawmakers' attention throughout the legislative process, they are added to the government waste report.

"We're identifying this as we go through our normal oversight process, our normal readings, as we go through GAO [Government Accountability Office] reports, as we look at different agencies, as I'm conducting hearings," Lankford said.

The national debt is not only important to address because of its ramifications on the economy, Lankford said, but also national security.

"It should be a top priority because if we are going to look at our national defense and being able to have a strong military and a good [Veterans Affairs] program ... we cannot

have a burdening debt and we cannot have a rising amount of interest," he said. "It pulls out what we should do day to day in our national defense."

By the beginning of the next decade, Lankford said, the U.S. government will be spending more on debt interest payments than national defense.

"Last year, our federal gov-

ernment spent \$223 billion, or 6 percent of all discretionary spending, on debt interest payments alone," Lankford noted in a press release.

Lankford said he hopes that Americans see his report as a sign that not all lawmakers have turned a blind eye to wasteful government spending. He also wants his colleagues to wake up to the problem.

"My hope for fellow legislators is that they'll see a set of solutions on how to actually fix this, that this is not just a book about complaining about waste in government, but it's a book about ... a set of alternatives," Lankford said. "If you have a different way, bring it, but at the end of the day, we need to fix this, and we can't just ignore it."



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Commentary

3 Ways the Trump Administration Can Improve Education

Heritage Foundation

As the post-election dust settles, the incoming Trump administration now has the chance to consider some immediate policy goals for the new year. As a part of its top and immediate education priorities, the Trump administration should seize the opportunity to advance education choice for children in Washington, D.C. and reverse President Barack Obama's policies that have grown federal intervention and stifled innovation in education.

This can be accomplished in three ways:

1. Supporting the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program. One of the greatest opportunities to improve the prospects of poor and minority children will be right at the White House doorstep when President-elect Donald Trump assumes office. The nation's capital is home to the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program (D.C. OSP), which provides scholarships to children from low-income families to attend a private school of choice within the District.

The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program has been overwhelmingly successful. Students in D.C. who used these scholarships to attend private schools had graduation rates 21 percentage points higher than their peers who applied for a voucher but did not receive one (the program is oversubscribed and a lottery was employed to award scholarships when demand outpaced supply). Graduation rates for D.C. OSP students reached 91 percent, far outpacing graduation rates in D.C. Public Schools.

Despite this success—and for a fraction of what is spent in the public system (D.C. Public Schools' per-pupil revenue exceeds \$29,400 per student per year, compared to the voucher amount, which is up to \$12,600)—the Obama administration has tried to phase-out the program, creating uncertainty for families. As a federal city, the next administration should support education choice in the District of Columbia by supporting the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program (which is due for reauthorization), and should consider supporting policies that expand education choice to more District families.

2. Rescinding ESSA regulations. On December 10, 2015, Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the eighth reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the most recent successor to No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Although ESSA made some important changes to prescriptive and ineffective NCLB policies, lawmakers failed to enact reforms that genuinely restored state and local control of education. Not only were many conservative priorities absent from the bill that became law; the

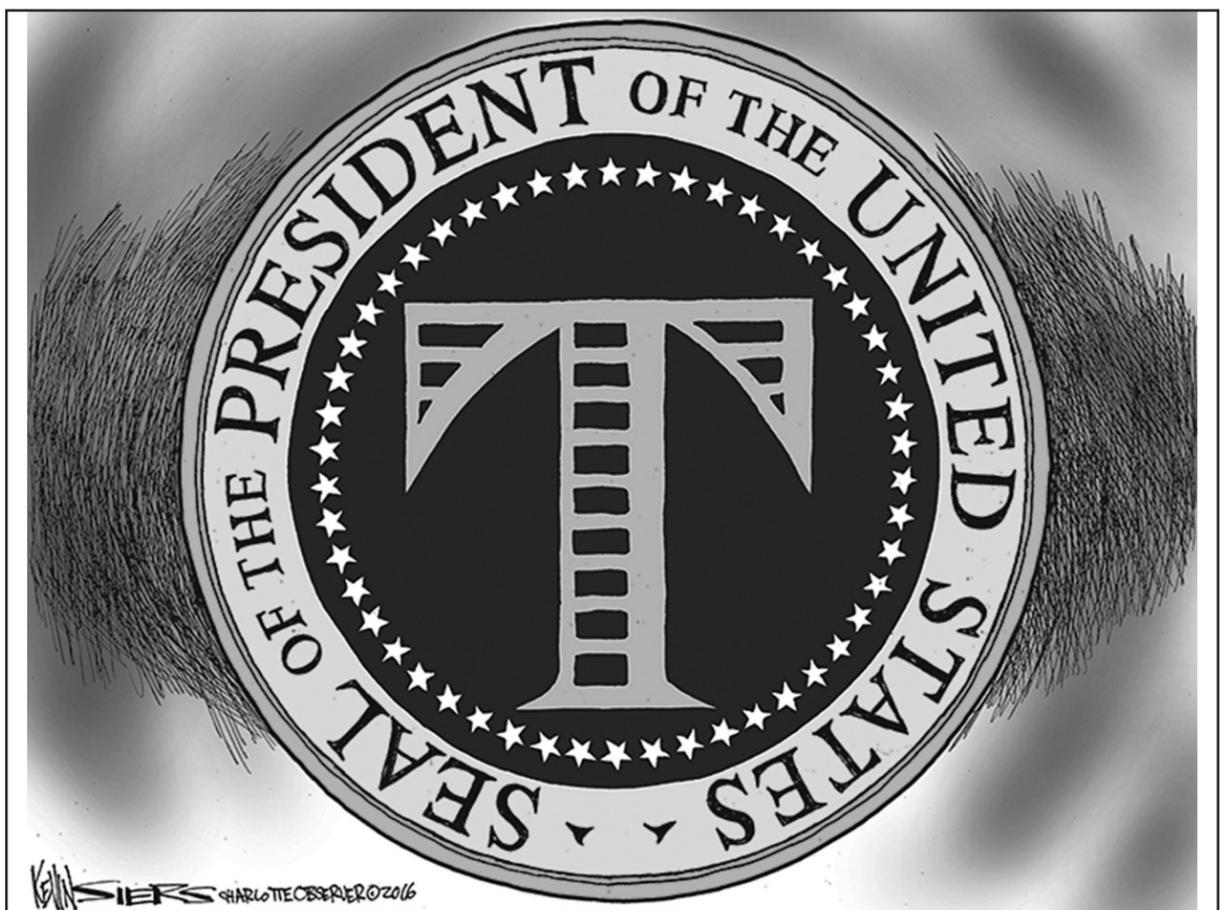
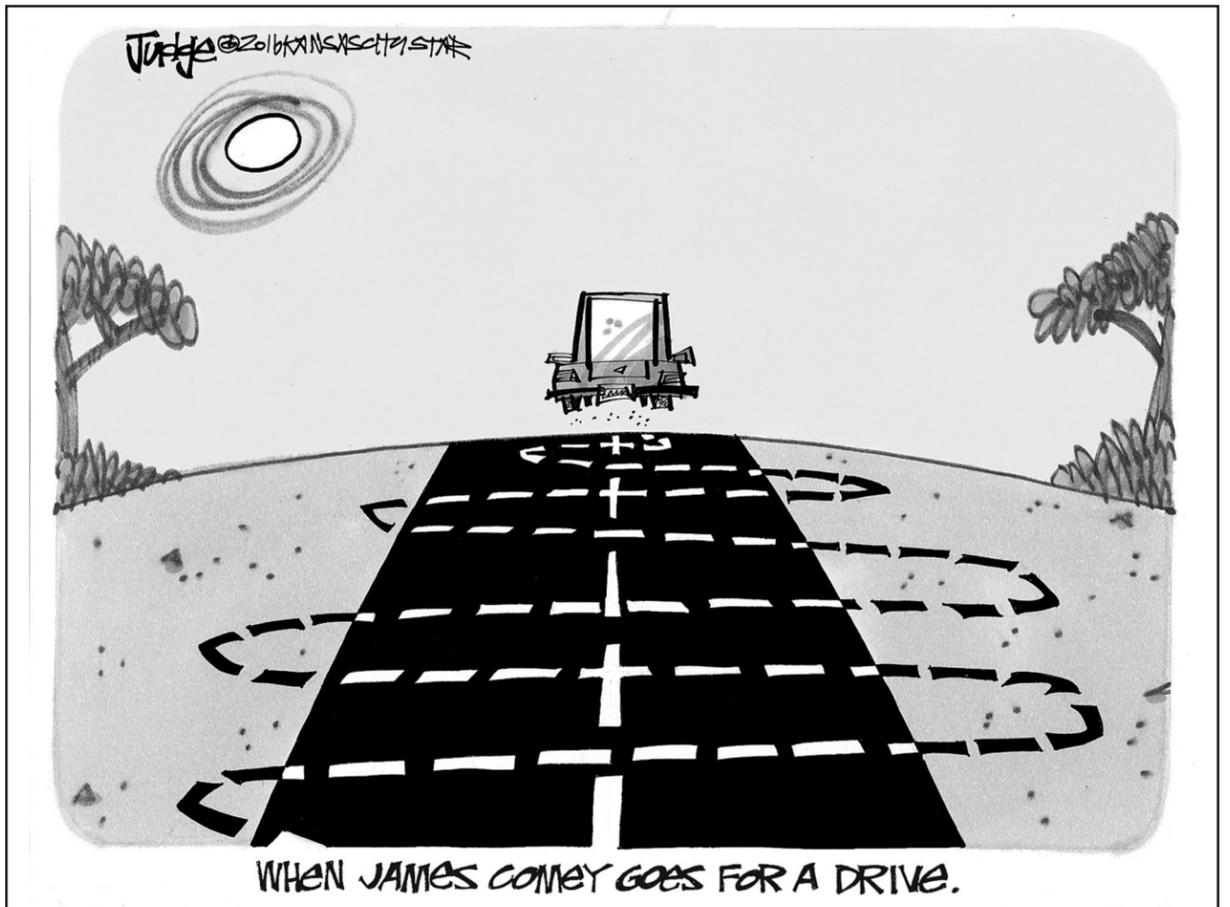
bill's shortcomings are now being exacerbated by the Department of Education's rule-making process.

If the regulations that have been written by the Department go into effect, ESSA will serve as a heavy-handed law that dictates the day-to-day affairs of local schools regarding spending, staffing, and accountability. This matters for states, local school districts, and the more than 49 million American schoolchildren who will be impacted by the law. If the regulations as currently drafted are finalized, the next administration should rescind those regulations while supporting the longer-term conservative legislative policy priority of allowing states to opt-out from ESSA completely, as envisioned in the Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success Act (APLUS).

3. Rolling back higher education regulations. Under the Obama administration, the Department of Education has supported policies that pick winners and losers in the higher education sector by, for example, promulgating regulations that unfairly single-out for-profit colleges and universities. The next administration should roll back two significant regulations: Defense to Repayment (regulation enabling the Department to cancel the debt of students who can show their colleges have misrepresented the education students thought they would receive), and gainful employment (regulation that for-profit colleges and vocational programs must ensure their graduates' loan repayments to not exceed 20 percent of their discretionary income), adversely affecting schools that serve non-traditional students. Repealing such regulations would remove barriers to innovation in higher education and allow the marketplace to be a better determinant of quality, while also ensuring the federal government remains neutral on students' and parents' higher education choices.

Protecting education choice in the District would be a welcome change for low-income families in the nation's capital, while signaling general support for policies that advance education choice. Rolling back regulations weighing down ESSA would be a first step toward limiting federal intervention in local school policy, paving the way for more robust reforms in the year to come. And rescinding regulations unfairly targeting certain sectors of higher education would help ensure there is a market of higher education options that is diverse and reflects the varying needs of traditional and non-traditional students alike.

These are three important first steps in ensuring that students across America will begin to experience better and more diverse options in pursuing an education.



County Minutes Are Light On Detail



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.

Riley County Commission Minutes for November 7, 2016

8:30 AM Call to Order 1. Public Comments

Foltz asked Hobson if he had been advised of the Courthouse Plaza repair needs.

Hobson stated he is evaluating the options for the repairs for the plaza.

Foltz asked, what was the cost of the sally port for RCPD? Staff will look into the cost.

2. Commission Comments
Business Meeting

3. Courthouse Security Change Order

Move to approve Change Order Number 4 with KBS Constructors, Inc. for the Courthouse Security Project in the amount of (\$2,996.50) for a new contract price of \$483,339.85.

4. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Terry Collins, a Customer Service Representative I, in the Solid Waste Department, for Separation from County Service, effective November 3, 2016.

5. Sign Riley County Position Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Customer Service Representative I - part time, in the Solid Waste Department, at a grade F.

6. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Nov 3, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

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

7. Tentative Agenda

8. Discuss Press Conference
Wilson said he received a call from Pottawatomie County Commissioner Dee McKee and asked if the Riley County Commission would write a letter of support for a position on the KAC Executive Board.

Boyd stated he has already committed to supporting another candidate.

The Board declined to support any candidate.

9:00 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

9. Administrative Work Session

Holeman discussed the vacant position on the Public Health Advisory Board.

Holeman said the formation document does allow the Board to increase the number of Health Board Advisory Members.

Holeman stated he will ask the director to present a request to fill the vacant positions.

Holeman said the Board should be considering if they would like to continue the contract with the Carter Group for lobbying services.

Boyd suggested asking the Carter Group come before the Board to discuss the lobbying services.

10. Pending County Projects
County Counselor

9:30 AM Press Conference

11. Corps of Engineers Upcoming Construction Projects - Brian McNulty (5-10 minutes)

McNulty discussed the Corps of Engineers projects construction list: 1) rehabilitation of service Gates 3 & 4; 2) spillway bridge deck replacement, which

will close K-13 for 6 months to one year; and 3) stilling basin rehabilitation.

McNulty said road closures and traffic planning will be the biggest impact on the community.

McNulty briefed the Board on the floods of 2015 & 2016.

12. Riley County Police Department update - Captain Josh Kyle (5 minutes)

Kyle presented crime statistics to the Board.

13. Downtown Manhattan - Gina Scroggs (3 minutes)

Scroggs presented an update on Downtown Manhattan holiday activities.

14. Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area Tenth Anniversary - Cheryl Collins (3 minutes)

C. Collins said the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage area celebrates its tenth anniversary this week.

15. Public Meeting regarding the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) - Steve Higgins (2-3 minutes)

Higgins reported a public meeting will be held regarding the letter of map revision on November 15th at 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. At the Courthouse Office Building on the second floor.

16. General Election - Rich Vargo (3 minutes)

Vargo reported advance voting closes today at noon at both the KSU Union Bluemont Room and 110 Courthouse Plaza Office Building.

Vargo said so far over 8,400 people have participated in advance voting.

Vargo said the polls will be open tomorrow, November 7th from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

10:00 AM Shilo Heger, Treasurer

17. October 2016 Revenue Reporting - Riley County Treasurer

Shilo presented the November 2016 Treasurer's Report.

10:15 AM Kevin Howser, IT/GIS Director

18. IT/GIS Staff Update - October 2016

Howser presented an IT/GIS staff update.

10:30 AM Island Annexation of Airport Property

Holeman discussed the City's Island annexation request near the airport. Holeman stated he will do a Commission Agenda Report (CAR) and present a resolution for the Board to consider.

Holeman said the Director of Community Corrections, Shelly Williams wanted to let the Board know a person charged with involvement in the shooting Topeka of a Law Officer was a previously supervised client of Community Corrections.

Robison reported the cost for the sally port on the Courthouse was \$139,129.

10:46 AM Adjournment

Riley County Commission Minutes for November 10, 2016

8:30 AM Call to Order

1. Public Comments

2. Commission Comments

Business Meeting

3. Sign Renewal of Online Access Agreement for: Speed Search

Move to approve the Renewal of Online Access Agreement for Speed Search for the Register of Deeds' Office.

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

4. Highway Use Permit, City of Riley

Move to approve the Highway Use Permit to grant permission to City of Riley to complete the work in the highway right of way. Larson Construction will bore in 10" casing to pull in a 6" water line at two locations of W. Kansas Avenue. The work will be done at the intersections of High and Noble Street. City crews will be on site to assist.

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

5. NPS Project No. 20-00768 Randolph City Park Restroom Facility

Lund reported this is a grant staff has been working on for the past year and a half. Lund stated they have received approval for the project grant. Lund said County staff will administer the project.

Move to approve the grant and sign the Project Agreement for the NPS Project No. 20-00768 Randolph City Park Restroom Facility.

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

6. Change Order #1 for the Winkler Mills Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Project

Move to approve Change Order No. 1 with King Construction Company, Inc. for the Winkler Mills Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Project in the amount of (\$7,628.00) for a new contract price of \$100,528.00.

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

7. Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan Christian College

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Manhattan Christian College (204-18-230-07-007.00-0) for tax year 2016. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$3,987.52.

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

8. Retail Dealer's 2017 Cereal Malt Beverages License for Rabern Vawter (Possie's Place), 13730 Tuttle Creek Blvd., Randolph, Kansas and Retail Dealer's 2017 Cereal Malt Beverages Licenses for Dara's Fast Lane, 5321 Tuttle Creek Blvd. & Dara's Fast Lane, 1132 Pillsbury Drive

Move to sign Retail Dealer's 2017 Cereal Malt Beverages License for Rabern Vawter (Possie's Place), 13730 Tuttle Creek Blvd., Randolph, Kansas

and Retail Dealer's 2017 Cereal Malt Beverages Licenses for Dara's Fast Lane, 5321 Tuttle Creek Blvd. & Dara's Fast Lane, 1132 Pillsbury Drive.

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

9. Sign Riley County Personnel Action Form(s)

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

Heather Ritchey, a new hire, as a Child Care Surveyor I, in the Health Department, at a grade L step 2, at \$19.50 per hour.

Gary Yenzer, a HHW Program Coordinator/Assistant Director, in the Noxious Weed Department, for Separation from County Service, effective November 18, 2016.

10. Approve payroll/accounts payables (when completed)

Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$424,815.19 and the following warrant vouchers for November 10, 2016:

2016 Budget	County General	\$472,119.08
Health Department		55,277.69
County Auction		100.00
Riley Co Juvenile Service		3,769.35
Motor Vehicle Operations		3,852.55
21st Jud Dist Teen Court		865.24
Riley Co Adult Services		13,116.78
Capital Improvements Fund		15,981.90
Emergency 911		4,508.19
Solid Waste		3,520.86
County Building		2,134.32
Road & Bridge Cap Project		170,253.74
RCPD Levy/Op		10,909.56
Riley Co Fire Dist #1		6,468.51
Riley Co Fire Dist CapOut		448,865.00

University Park W&S 6,095.54
Univ Park Capital Project 359,974.18
Deep Creek Sewer 100.00
Valleywood Operations 79.19

Terra Heights Sewer 1,468.28
Terra Heights Sinking 3,221.61

TOTAL . . . \$1,582,681.57
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Review Minutes

11. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Nov 7, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

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

12. Tentative Agenda

The Board agreed by consensus to pay for Marvin Rodriguez to attend the KAC annual meeting.

13. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

14. Administrative Work Session

Holeman discussed Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's recent guidance letter on "Agritourism" and how that letter conflicts with local the zoning exemption for "agricultural use". Holeman suggested the topic may need to be discussed at the KAC Annual meeting on Wednesday.

Wilson agreed to discuss the Agri-tourism matter at the KAC Legislative Platform discussion on Wednesday.

Move to add an executive session to the agenda.

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Mayors of 'sanctuary cities' say they'll fight Trump's plans

SEATTLE (AP) — Democratic mayors of major U.S. cities that have long had cool relationships with federal immigration officials say they will do all they can to protect residents from deportation, despite President-elect Donald Trump's vows to withhold potentially millions of dollars in taxpayer money if they do not cooperate.

New York City's Bill de Blasio, Chicago's Rahm Emanuel and Seattle's Ed Murray are among those in "sanctuary cities" that have tried to soothe immigrant populations worried about Trump's agenda.

"Seattle has always been a welcoming city," Murray said Monday. "The last thing I want is for us to start turning on our neighbors."

In Providence, Rhode Island, Mayor Jorge Elorza, the son of Guatemalan immigrants, said he would continue a longstanding policy of refusing to hold people charged with civil infractions for federal immigration officials. Newark, New Jersey's Ras Baraka echoed that decision, calling Trump's rhetoric on immigration "scary."

Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck told the Los Angeles Times that he's committed

to a longtime policy of staying out of immigration issues. Mayor Eric Garcetti has backed that up but stopped short of calling LA a sanctuary city because the term is "ill-defined."

During the campaign, Trump gave an immigration speech in which he promised to "end the sanctuary cities" and said those "that refuse to cooperate with federal authorities will not receive taxpayer dollars." He blamed such policies for "so many needless deaths."

Trump didn't elaborate further on his plans for cracking down on the cities. In a "60 Minutes" interview broadcast Sunday, he said his administration's priority will be deporting criminals and securing the border.

But significant questions - and unease - remain about his approach to sanctuary cities.

There is no legal definition of the term, which is opposed by some immigration advocates who say it does not reflect that people can still be deported.

It generally refers to jurisdictions that don't cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. That can mean, for example, that they don't no-

tify immigration officials when an undocumented immigrant is about to be released from custody.

Some cities, like San Francisco, have long declared themselves safe havens for immigrants, issuing local ID cards to allow them to access government or other services.

The term also been used to refer to cities that bar their employees, including police, from inquiring about a person's immigration status because crime victims and witnesses might be less likely to talk to investigators if they are worried about being deported.

"We don't want anybody to be afraid to talk to us," said Sheriff John Urquhart of Washington's King County, which includes Seattle.

Because states and cities can't be required to enforce federal law - and there's no U.S. requirement that police ask about a person's immigration status - it's likely that any Trump effort to crack down on sanctuary cities would focus on those that refuse to comply with ICE requests, said Roy Beck, chief executive of NumbersUSA, which wants to see immigration levels

reduced.

It's also unclear what money Trump might pull from the cities. For Congress to impose conditions on federal money heading to the states, the conditions must be reasonably related to the funding's purpose, the U.S. Supreme Court has said.

For example, the government threatened to withhold highway funds from any state that failed to adopt a 0.08 blood-alcohol limit: Both the limit and the highway funding were related to road safety.

"If the funding is for improving childhood education, it's hard to say that's reasonably related to local law-enforcement cooperation with deportations," said Mary Fan, a University of Washington law school professor.

However, the U.S. Justice Department's inspector general looked at some jurisdictions with sanctuary policies earlier this year and concluded some appear to violate a federal law that says state and local governments may not prohibit or restrict workers from sharing information about a person's immigration status with federal

immigration officials.

Having such policies could jeopardize millions of dollars in DOJ grant money the jurisdictions receive, the inspector general's memo said.

About 300 jurisdictions nationwide have sanctuary-like policies, according to the Center for Immigration Studies, which calls for lower immigration levels.

"The result is people who should be deported, who have

come to the attention of police because of crime, are released back into the community," said Jessica Vaughan, the group's director of policy studies.

A prime example for supporters of a crackdown on sanctuary cities is the fatal shooting of Kate Steinle last year on a San Francisco pier. A man who had been previously deported and who was released by local law enforcement was charged in her death.

The Rocky Horror Show

By Matt Mohan
Special to the
Manhattan Free Press

The Kansas State University School of Music, Theatre, and Dance performed The Rocky Horror Show from Oct. 27 to Nov. 6 in Nichols Hall. This is the first time the School has brought this production to the Kansas State campus.

The musical is based on the 1975 film that represents a couple who come upon a castle occupied by transsexual man and his servants. The show was performed by Noah Lindquist who played Frank N. Furter and Zack MacDonald who played Rocky. The narrator was played by Jonah Ericson. Brad Majors was performed by Hunter Nelson and Janet Weiss by Morgan Lynn Sterrett. Eddie/Dr. Scott was played by Cooper McGuire. Phantoms were played by Zac Donley.

The Rocky Horror Show is about a newly wedded couple whose car breaks down in the rain near a castle. They decide to walk back to the castle to call for help. The castle is occupied by people who wear strange and exotic clothing who are unusually friendly.

They soon realize they are celebrating an affair when they meet the head of the house, Frank N. Furter. Furter is mad scientist who actually is an alien who creates a living muscle man in his laboratory. Each newlywed is seduced separately

by the mad scientist as things become crazier with every scene. The show is notorious for its raunchy attire and obscene language.

"Every year, the Union has a screening of the movie, The Rocky Horror Picture Show, which is based on the stage show, but I believe this is the first time K-State Theatre has ever produced the stage musical. Ever since the '70s, people have enjoyed cinema screenings of The Rocky Horror Picture Show around Halloween," said Lindquist.

Cooper McGuire, who played Dr. Scott and Eddie, stated "A lot of people think the show is going to be scary, but it's just plain weird".

The actors and the audience both seem to enjoy the show. Lindquist said, "We finished our first weekend of performances, and audiences are loving it! This show requires so much energy, but I think I speak for the entire cast when I say that we are having an absolute blast on that stage."

The audience is allowed to purchase a prop bag in the lobby before they take their seat. They are allowed to interact with the actors while the cast squirts water on them and "breaks the fourth" wall by talking directly to the audience. "Breaking the fourth wall as Dr. Scott was my favorite part of the whole show" said McGuire.

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

9:08 AM
Executive session for Confidential Legal Advice

Move to the County Commission, including Chairman Wilson, Commissioner Boyd, and Commissioner Wells, recess into executive session on pending litigation for the purpose of consultation with Clancy Holeman, Riley County Counselor, attorney for the Riley County Commission, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, an exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the open meeting to resume in the County Commission Chambers at 9:20 a.m.

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

9:20 AM
Move to go out of executive session.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]
County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson
No binding action was taken during the executive session.

15. Review of Proposed Resolution Endorsing Improvements in School Funding —Work Session

Holeman presented a draft proposed resolution suggesting improvements in the 2017 state legislature's formula for school funding. The resolution was drafted by the City of Manhattan. When in final form, it will be presented for signature by the local governmental entities at the next intergovernmental luncheon.

9:20 AM Cindy Volanti,

Human Resource Manager/
Deputy Clerk

16. Public Works Vacant Administrative Clerk-Utilities Position
Volanti presented a request to restructure the Public Works vacant Administrative Clerk-Utilities Position.

Move to approve to restructure the vacant position of Administrative Clerk I-Utilities, Grade H to Administrative Clerk II-Utilities, Grade J as requested by Leon Hobson, Public Works Director.

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

9:30 AM Kevin Howser,
IT/GIS Director

17. Contract for GIS Website programming assistance
Howser presented the contract for GIS website programming.

Move to approve the Consulting Services Agreement with North Point Geographic Solutions (NPGS) for the GIS Department.

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

(Editor's Note: What is the amount of this agreement? The minutes are to record the agreements and the cost.)

9:45 AM Budget and Planning Committee

18. November Monthly Cash Flow Reports for October
Robison presented the monthly cash flow reports.

10:00 AM Jennifer Green,
Health Department Director

Move to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and convene as the Board of Health.

RESULT: ADOPTED
[UNANIMOUS]

County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

19. Health Department Monthly Budget Review & Report to the Board of Health

Green presented the November 2016 Health Department monthly budget review and report.

Move to recess as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

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

12:00 PM Legislative Conference

20. Annual Legislative Conference

I. Riley County supports Constitutional Home Rule for Counties.

Holeman stated the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) said they will support Constitutional Home Rule for Counties legislation if proposed legislation is introduced during the 2017 session.

Senator Hawk stated he would like to see what the original 8 restrictions were and what the 39 current exceptions are.

Representative Swanson asked if Mr. Rodriguez is supportive of the issue.

Rodriguez said he has not looked at the issue.

Representative Carlin asked what are some of the examples of the 39 exceptions.

Holeman stated the intent is to safeguard local legislative authority.

II. Riley County Supports County Immunity for Employee Concealed Carry.

Holeman stated under current law if a lawsuit arises related to

a government employee's concealed carry of a handgun within the confines of a government building the government entity is not liable. Holeman said such immunity should be consistent and apply if the employee is outside of the government building. Holeman said KAC does agree with this proposed legislation.

Senator Hawk said he agrees with the recommendation. Senator Hawk said he does not support sending our county employees out into the public with a weapon.

III. Riley County Supports Speeding the Collection of Delinquent Real Property Taxes. (Deny Vehicle Registration to Applicants Owing Delinquent Real Property Taxes)

Holeman said KAC does not support this proposed legislation.

Holeman discussed the built in delays and county costs in delinquent real property tax foreclosure. Holeman said those owing delinquent real property taxes are a very small percentage of real property owners.

Wells stated he testified on this legislation and feels those who are paying taxes should not have to cover the expenses of those who are not paying their taxes.

Hawk suggested working with the Treasurer's group.

Highland suggested the threshold for withholding of vehicle registration be the average property tax amount times 2.

The Riley County Commissioners thanked everyone for attending.

Wells said he appreciates what the state representatives do.

State representatives thanked the county commissioners for what they do.

Discussion followed on drones.

1:54 PM Adjournment

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Brown, Iwundu lead Kansas State past Western Illinois 82-55

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Barry Brown paused during Friday night's postgame press conference when it appeared something was wrong. He stood up and tried to get rid of an oncoming charley horse.

For Brown, that charley horse was well earned.

Brown had 11 of his 18 points in the first half, and Kansas State opened the season with an 82-55 win over Western Illinois on Friday night.

"The thing I like is that he was very efficient," head coach

Bruce Weber said about Brown.

"Going 7 for 11, six rebounds, three assists ... there were some times where I thought he needed to pass the ball a little bit quicker when the offense got stagnant. We've had a lot of guys who played well but Barry's probably been the most consistent day in and day out."

After a slow start by both teams, Brown's offense got the Wildcats going first and they relinquished the lead only once in the first half. At one point,

Brown had as many points as Western Illinois with at 11 apiece.

Xavier Sneed and Wesley Iwundu added 17 points each for Kansas State while Garret Covington was the high man for Western Illinois with 17 points as well.

"Wasn't too nervous before the game," said Sneed who was in his college debut. "Had a couple of butterflies. I think I'll be clear of them by the next game."

Despite struggling from the field for a majority of the con-

test, the Wildcats led by no less than eight in the second half. Kamau Stokes chipped in 11.

Western Illinois struggled to be consistent from the field shooting 36.5 percent for the ballgame.

STAT OF THE NIGHT

After shooting 32 percent in the first half, the Wildcats shot 62.5 percent from the floor in the second, including 7 for 7 from the 3-point line.

INJURIES

Kansas State forward Dante

Williams was missing from Friday night's contest as he was going through the concussion protocol. Coach Weber is not sure he will be ready for Tuesday's contest against Omaha.

BIG PICTURE

Western Illinois: The Leathernecks only one player other than Covington in double figures on the night as Dalan Anrum scored 12 points.

Kansas State: The win by Kansas State gives head coach Bruce Weber his 17th season-opening victory in his 19-year

coaching career and the programs third straight since 2014.

UP NEXT

Western Illinois: Two games await the Leathernecks at home against Oak Hills Christian and Southeast Missouri State before heading on the road to face Eastern Illinois.

Kansas State: The Wildcats will host Omaha for the second game in a five-game home stand to start the season before going to the Barclays Center Classic.



Basketball is just like driving, if you stop without signaling someone is going to run you over. That is Kansas State's Dean Wade with the ball.



Swish goes Xavier sneed (20) for Kansas State.



Wesley Iwundu (25) goes for the basket.



Kansas State's Barry Brown (5) gets 2 of his 18 points. Kansas State opened the season with an 82-55 win over Western Illinois on Friday night.



Carlbe Ervin (1) and D. J. Johnson stops the big man and Ervin gets the steal.



K-State's Kamau Stokes saves the ball from going in the backcourt.



KSU's D. J. Johnson turns to the basket for a shot.



Ben Brake

Free Press
Photographer
16th Year of K-State
Basketball

Let's Build a New Consensus to Restrain Executive Power

By Trevor Burrus
CATO Institute

It happened.

Don't worry, our country is strong enough to deal with what might be coming. Unfortunately, however, our Constitution has some holes in it, many of which were created by the last two administrations, that allow presidents to assert shockingly broad powers. We will gladly welcome back to the fold our left-wing friends who have spent eight years cheering for executive power. They resisted executive power during the Bush administration, and it should be like riding a bike. We hope we will be joined by principled people on the right who understand the need for constitutional limits. Maybe, in the process, we can create a new consensus around limiting executive power.



President Obama



Donald Trump

able to similarly intervene. If Obama had the temerity to push through those appointments, imagine how far Trump might go on other matters.

Finally, the Congress hasn't declared a war since World War II. Korea, Vietnam, First Iraq, Second Iraq, and Afghanistan were all fought without obtaining the constitutionally required declaration of war from Congress. We currently have the Authorization of the Use of Military Force, signed a week after the September 11th attacks and subsequently used by two presidents to fight "terrorists" wherever they wanted. President Trump will have that power too, which should concern anyone.

Constitutionally limited government exists to protect the freedom of the citizens from the vicissitudes of democratic rule. The Framers of the Constitution knew that a person of George Washington's caliber would not always be chosen president. They knew about demagoguery and populism. James Madison, in particular, was terrified of how voters in states could be swept up in waves of populist fury and, in the process, enact policies damaging to the long-

term prosperity and freedom of the people.

Unfortunately, after a century or more of erosion, our Constitution doesn't limit our government the way it once did. In particular, the president is incredibly powerful, and able to make significant decisions without proper checks and balances. Democrats wanted this power when President Obama was in office, but the powers of the executive, especially after President Obama, are now truly concerning when held by someone as unpredictable as Donald

J. Trump.

Here's a basic principle of good government: Don't endorse a government power that you wouldn't want wielded by your worst political enemy. Democrats will soon be learning that painful lesson.

Obama's most concerning legacy was to use congressional inaction as a justification for sweeping executive orders. In the DACA and DAPA immigration cases, the president decided that, if Congress didn't do something about immigration,

then he would. This is a shocking argument for asserting unilateral power in a constitutional system that depends on checks and balances, and it should not matter whether you agree with the policy outcome. Nevertheless, Democrats, by and large, endorsed Obama's action.

Obama also used congressional inaction as a justification for claiming the power to decide whether the Senate was in session. After his nominees to the NLRB and CFPB were blocked by the Senate, President Obama used his recess ap-

pointment power—which gives the president the ability to appoint executive officers during Senate recesses—to push his nominees through. In so doing, he essentially declared that the Senate's pro forma sessions, which were sham sessions first used by Harry Reid to block President George W. Bush's nominees, were not "real" sessions of the Senate. It was a bold, reckless, unprecedented, and dangerous move that was struck down unanimously by the Supreme Court. On many types of executive overreaches, however, the Court will not be

Like nearly every president, President Obama defined a new baseline of executive power. Now that power will be handed over to Donald Trump, and left-wing groups like our friends at the Constitutional Accountability Center will probably be on our side when Cato inevitably files briefs opposing Trump's forthcoming executive overreaches. I'll try to restrain myself from saying, "I told you so."

Trial or deal? Some driven to plead guilty, later exonerated

DALLAS (AP) Three days into his carjacking trial in 2005, James Ochoa faced a daunting choice: Risk spending the rest of his life in prison if convicted by a California jury or plead guilty and be released in two years.

Ochoa, then 20 and on probation for drug possession, had already rejected two plea offers and wanted to prove his innocence. But the judge made it clear the odds were against him because he had been identified by the victims as the perpetrator. If convicted, Ochoa feared he would never see his young son again.

"I felt like I was gambling with my life," he said from his home in the Dallas area.

He pleaded guilty to armed robbery and spent about a year in prison before DNA linked the crime to another man in 2006. Ochoa was cleared and released within days.

Hundreds of others have faced the same dilemma. More than 300 of the more than 1,900 people who have been exoner-

ated in the U.S. since 1989 pleaded guilty, according to an estimate by the National Registry of Exonerations. The registry is maintained by the University of Michigan Law School using public information, such as court documents and news articles.

Last year, 68 out of 157 exonerations were cases in which the defendant pleaded guilty, more than any previous year.

Critics say the numbers reflect an overwhelmed criminal justice system with public defenders who have more cases than they can handle and expedience on the part of court officials, who can save the government money with plea bargains compared with costly trials.

"Our criminal justice system has lost its way," said David O. Markus, a prominent Miami defense attorney. "For a long time, it was our country's crown jewel, built on the principle that it was better that 10 guilty go free than one innocent be wrongfully convicted. Now

sadly, the system accepts and even encourages innocent people to plead guilty."

In the 1970s and 1980s, state and federal lawmakers reacted to rising crime rates by imposing mandatory minimums and other sentencing laws to crack down on felons. As the penalties and risk of going to prison grew, so did the percentage of defendants who opted to plead guilty.

Last year, more than 97 percent of criminal defendants sentenced in federal court pleaded guilty compared with about 85 percent more than 30 years ago, according to data collected by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. The increase in guilty pleas has been a gradual rise over the last three decades.

No entity gathers statistics for all state courts, but prosecutors, defense attorneys and law professors say they have also seen more cases at that level resolved by guilty pleas and fewer cases going to trial.

"When the penalties are so high, no one wants to take the risk of going to trial because if

you lose, you're going to go away for a long, long time," said Jed Rakoff, a federal judge in New York.

No one knows exactly how many innocent people are behind bars for pleading guilty. Sociologists have estimated that between 2 and 8 percent of people who plead guilty are in fact innocent, said Rakoff, who has studied the issue for years.

In Ochoa's case, he was charged with two counts of armed robbery and carjacking. Authorities said the crime occurred outside a nightclub in Buena Park, California. He faced 15 years to life in prison.

Ochoa's attorney, Scott Borthwick, said he tried to talk him out of pleading guilty. Ochoa's DNA wasn't on anything inside the stolen car, but the carjacking victims positively identified him. Borthwick said the judge told him during a meeting in his chambers that if Ochoa was convicted by jurors, the judge would give him the maximum: life.

About 10 months after he

pleaded guilty, another man was arrested in a different carjacking. The DNA found in the car in Ochoa's case matched the man, who confessed to the crime.

After Ochoa's release, he joined his family, who had moved to the Dallas area. He was turned down for jobs at Walmart and other places because the violent felony still showed up on his record, he said.

An officer for the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board initially recommended that Ochoa not receive any money for his imprisonment, saying Ochoa contributed to his erroneous conviction by pleading guilty.

But in the end, the board granted Ochoa \$31,700. He also got \$550,000 to settle his lawsuit against the city of Buena Park and its police department.

Ochoa used the money to buy a house and began working as an electrician. That's how he now supports his wife and two kids.

Even those who are close to

Ochoa don't understand why he pleaded guilty. His brother calls him dumb and his dad says he wouldn't have signed the deal, Ochoa said.

"It's hard for a person that hasn't been through that to understand the way it is," Ochoa said. "I didn't want to plead guilty for something I didn't do. I wanted to fight it."

Judge Robert Fitzgerald, who heard Ochoa's case, declined through a spokeswoman for the Orange County Superior Court to comment. Orange County District Attorney Anthony Rackauckas, whose office prosecuted it, said he was not immediately available for comment.

Those who were exonerated after pleading guilty often have prior criminal records, like Ochoa, and come from poor backgrounds and are not well-educated. They're typically represented by public defenders juggling dozens of cases in a day and looking to cut good deals for their clients.

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Trump considering woman, openly gay man for leadership

WASHINGTON (AP) -- President-elect Donald Trump is considering a woman to run the Republican Party and an openly gay man to represent the U.S. at the United Nations, moves that would inject diversity into a Trump team.

The incoming president is considering Richard Grenell as United States ambassador to the United Nations. If picked and ultimately confirmed by the Senate, he would be the first openly gay person to fill a Cabinet-level foreign policy post. Grenell previously served as U.S. spokesman at the U.N. under former President George W. Bush's administration.

At the same time, Trump is weighing whether to select Michigan GOP chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel, a niece of Trump critic and 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney. She would be the first woman in decades to run the Republican National Committee.

"I'll be interested in whatever Mr. Trump wants," McDaniel told The Associated Press on Monday, adding that she was planning to seek the Michigan GOP chairmanship again.

Appointing McDaniel to run the GOP's political arm could

be an effort to help the party heal the anger after a campaign in which Trump demeaned women. The appointment of Grenell could begin to ease concerns by the gay community about Vice President-elect Mike Pence's positions on same-sex marriage during his time as Indiana governor.

The personnel moves under consideration were confirmed by people with direct knowledge of Trump's thinking who were not authorized to publicly disclose private discussions. They stressed that the decisions are not final.

Internal deliberations about staffing came a day after Trump made overtures to warring Republican circles by appointing RNC Chairman Reince Priebus as his White House chief of staff and Breitbart News executive Stephen Bannon as chief strategist and senior counselor.

The two men had made up the president-elect's chief of staff shortlist, and while Priebus received that job, Bannon is expected to wield significant clout. Trump gave top billing to the former media executive, who led a website that appealed to the so-called "alt-right" - a movement often associated with efforts on the far right to

preserve "white identity," oppose multiculturalism and defend "Western values."

Priebus on Monday defended the media mogul, saying the two made an effective pair as they steered Trump past Democrat Hillary Clinton and toward the presidency. He sought to distance Bannon from the incendiary headlines on his website, saying they were written by unspecified others.

"Together, we've been able to manage a lot of the decision making in regard to the campaign," Priebus told NBC's "Today." "It's worked very, very well."

Trump's hires were, at first glance, contradictory, though they fit a pattern of the celebrity businessman creating a veritable Rorschach test that allowed his supporters to see what they wanted. Priebus, who lashed the RNC to Trump this summer despite some intraparty objections, is a GOP operative with deep expertise of the Washington establishment that Trump has vowed to shake up. He has close ties to House Speaker Paul Ryan, a fellow Wisconsin.

Bannon, meanwhile, helped transform the Breitbart News site into the leading mouthpiece

of the party's anti-establishment wing, which helped fuel the businessman's political rise. Ryan has been one of his most frequent targets.

Neither Priebus nor Bannon brings policy experience to the White House. Chiefs of staff in particular play a significant role in policymaking, serving as a liaison to Cabinet agencies and deciding what information makes it to the president's desk. They're often one of the last people in the room with the president as major decisions are made.

In announcing the appointments, Trump said Priebus and Bannon would work as "equal partners" - effectively creating two power centers in the West Wing. The arrangement is risky and could leave ambiguity over who makes final decisions.

Trump has long encouraged rivalries, both in business and in his presidential campaign. He cycled through three campaign managers during his White House run, creating a web of competing alliances among staffers.

Priebus is a traditional choice, one meant as an olive branch to the Republicans who control both houses of Congress as Trump looks to pass his legislative agenda.

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Free Press Big 12 Sports

Barnes, K-State OL Continuing to Make Strides

By: Corbin McGuire
KSU Sports Information

Outside of the program, K-State redshirt freshman running back Alex Barnes and the majority of the Wildcats' offensive linemen entered this season as unknowns, mostly because of a general lack of experience.

After nine games, it's safe to say opponents are becoming more and more familiar with Barnes and the Wildcats blocking in front of him.

K-State has eclipsed 200 yards rushing in its last three games. It is the first time K-State has accomplished that feat against Big 12 foes since 2003 when the Wildcats did so in six-straight games.

"It's the continued improvement of our offensive line," K-State head coach Bill Snyder said of the emergence of the Wildcats' run attack. "They

were all new (before the season), with the exception of Dalton (Risner), who moved to a different position. I imagine I indicated that they would get better over a period of time, considering their commitment to it, and they have remained committed to it. I think they've gotten better every week and that has so much to do with it."

In its most recent performance, K-State amassed 345 yards on the ground against Oklahoma State to further a trend the Wildcats, on a bye week, hope to continue when they travel to face Baylor on November 19.

"It feels really good," Barnes said of the Wildcats' running success. "That's something that we set out to do at the beginning of the season and it's the goal that we're accomplishing."

With 72 yards on eight car-

ries against the Cowboys, Barnes not only helped give K-State three rushers with at least 70 yards in a game for the first time since 2013 against UMass, he also boosted his already high yards-per-carry average to 7.8 to lead his team.

What makes Barnes so effective?

"The fact that he runs hard," K-State tight end Dayton Valentine said. "Blocking for a guy, all you ask for is for him to run hard and that guy really lowers his pads. If it's a play where some guy would get one yard, he may be able to get three or four, just from sticking his nose in there and really running hard."

"He really is playing well. I like the way he plays, I like the way he practices, and I think he's got a bright future ahead of him," Snyder added. "He's got

very good size and has some strength to him in regards to explosiveness. Yet at the same time he has good vision, can redirect himself and change directions better than you would think somebody that has a little size to them could do. He's still learning and he's still finding his way. He's made a lot of progress and I think he's going to be a fine player."

Snyder praised his offensive line similarly.

"It's as you would expect," he said of the group's progress. "If you do the same things over and over and over and over again, and you are truly committed to doing it the best you can, then good things are going to happen. I think that's what has taken place."

Coming into this season, K-State's front five returned one starter in sophomore Dalton

Risner, who was moved in fall camp from center to right tackle in an effort, Snyder has said, to put the five best linemen on the field. Now, the group of Scott Frantz (freshman left tackle), Abdul Beecham (sophomore left guard), Reid Najvar (junior center), Terrale Johnson (senior right guard) and Risner has established a cohesiveness within itself that has allowed K-State's running game to take off.

"I knew that they were going to be able to do that," Barnes said. "I've seen those guys working, busting their tails every day and I knew they were going to get the job done."

Barnes landed on the other side of the coin to start this season, with plenty of experience returning at running back. After redshirting, the Pittsburg High School product entered a running back battle with three teammates who held various

amount of experience at K-State, highlighted by senior Charles Jones.

Like K-State's offensive line, Barnes has made strides each week and taken advantage of the opportunities given to him.

"I feel like it's starting to get easier for me. Getting game reps really slows the game down and I'm starting to see what opponents are doing," he said Saturday after his second 70-plus yard performance of the season. "It's just slowing down the game for me."

Barnes, with 210 yards on 27 carries this year, has displayed the ability to run between the tackles or use his speed to take the play to the perimeter if needed. He'll lower his pads to grind out yardage or sidestep a defender in open space. For him, he has no preference of running style. He only wants to get the most out of every carry.

Big 12 Standings

School	Big 12	Overall
Oklahoma	7 - 0	8 - 2 .800
Okla State	6 - 1	8 - 2 .800
West Virginia	5 - 1	8 - 1 .889
Baylor	3 - 3	6 - 3 .667
Kansas State	3 - 3	5 - 4 .556
TCU	3 - 3	5 - 4 .556
Texas	3 - 4	5 - 5 .500
Texas Tech	2 - 5	4 - 6 .400
Iowa State	1 - 6	2 - 8 .200
Kansas	0 - 7	1 - 9 .100

Kansas State Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/ TV
Friday Sep. 2	at Stanford	Loss 13 - 26
Sat. Sep. 10	OFF	
Sat. Sep. 17	Florida Atl.	Win 63 - 7
Sat. Sep. 24	Missouri State	Win 35 - 0
Sat. Oct. 1	at West Virginia	Loss 16 - 17
Sat. Oct. 8	Texas Tech	Win 44 - 38
Sat. Oct. 15	at Oklahoma	Loss 38 - 17
Sat. Oct. 22	Texas	Win 24 - 21
Sat. Oct. 29	at Iowa State	Win 31 - 26
Sat. Nov. 5	Oklahoma State	Loss 37 - 43
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	Loss 7 - 43
Thu, Sept. 29	at TT	Loss 19 - 55
Sat, Oct. 8	TCU	Loss 24 - 23
Sat, Oct. 15	at Baylor	Loss 7 - 49
Sat, Oct. 22	Okla. St.	Loss 20 - 44
Sat, Oct. 29	at Oklahoma	Loss 3 - 56
Sat, Nov. 5	at West Virginia	Loss 21 - 48
Sat, Nov. 12	Iowa State	Loss 21 - 34
Sat, Nov. 19	Texas	
Sat, Nov. 26	at Kansas State	

Big 12 Schedule

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
* Sat, Nov 19	TCU	Oklahoma State	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Nov 19	Iowa State	Texas Tech	Ames, Iowa	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Nov 19	Kansas	Texas	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Nov 19	Baylor	Kansas State	Waco, Texas	TBA	
* Sat, Nov 19	West Virginia	Oklahoma	Morgantown, W. Va.	TBA	Live Stats
* Fri, Nov 25	Texas	TCU	Austin, Texas	2:30 p.m.	FOX or FS1
* Fri, Nov 25	Texas Tech	Baylor	Arlington, Texas	5:00 p.m.	ESPN
* Sat, Nov 26	Iowa State	West Virginia	Ames, Iowa	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Nov 26	Kansas State	Kansas	Manhattan, Kan.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Dec 03	Oklahoma	Oklahoma State	Norman, Okla.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Dec 03	West Virginia	Baylor	Morgantown, W. Va.	TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Dec 03	TCU	Kansas State	Fort Worth, Texas	TBA	Live Stats

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Iowa State	0 - 0	1 - 0 1.000
Kansas State	0 - 0	1 - 0 1.000
Okla State	0 - 0	1 - 0 1.000
TCU	0 - 0	1 - 0 1.000
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Kansas State Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/ TV
Sun, Nov 20	vs Hampton	6:00 PM ET
Tue, Nov 22	vs Robert Morris	8:00 PM ET
Fri, Nov 25	vs Boston College*	7:00 PM ET
Wed, Nov 30	vs Green Bay	8:00 PM ET
Sat, Dec 3	@ Saint Louis	8:00 PM ET
Tue, Dec 6	vs Prairie View A&M	8:00 PM ET ESPN 3
Sat, Dec 10	vs Washington State	8:00 PM ET ESPN 3
Sat, Dec 17	vs Colorado State*	3:00 PM ET CBS Sports
Wed, Dec 21	vs Gardner-Webb	8:00 PM ET ESPN 3
Fri, Dec 30	vs #21 Texas	8:00 PM ET ESPNNews
Tue, Jan 3	@ #3 Kansas	9:00 PM ET
Sat, Jan 7	vs Oklahoma	3:00 PM ET ESPNNews
Tue, Jan 10	@ Texas Tech	9:15 PM ET ESPNNews
Sat, Jan 14	vs Baylor	4:30 PM ET
Wed, Jan 18	@ Oklahoma State	9:00 PM ET
Sat, Jan 21	vs #20 West Virginia	4:00 PM ET
Tue, Jan 24	@ #24 Iowa State	9:00 PM ET

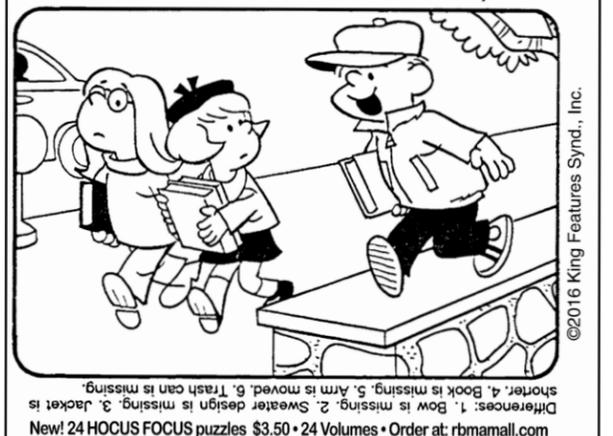
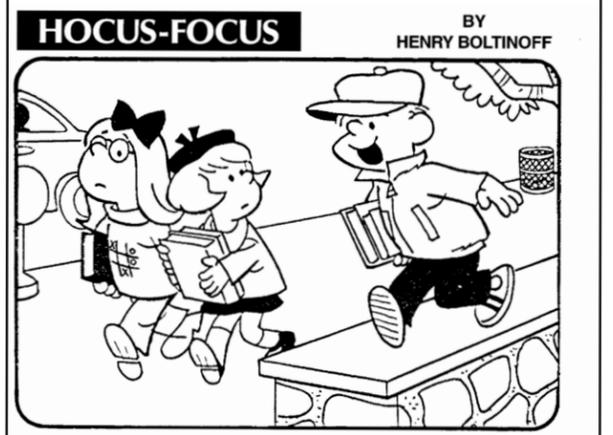
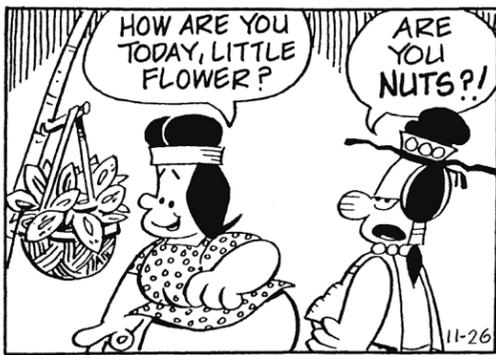
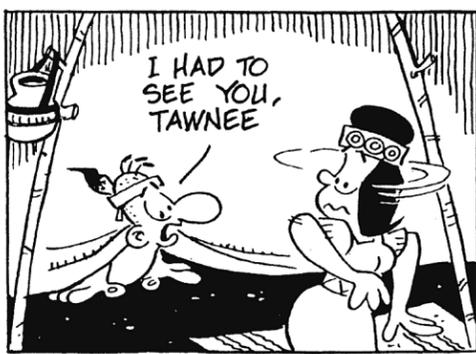
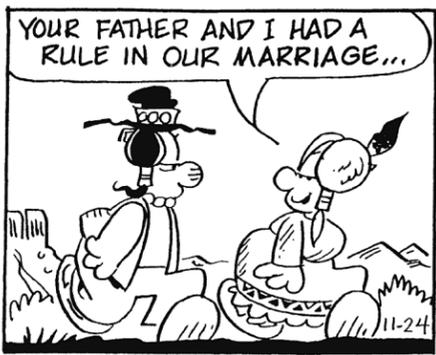
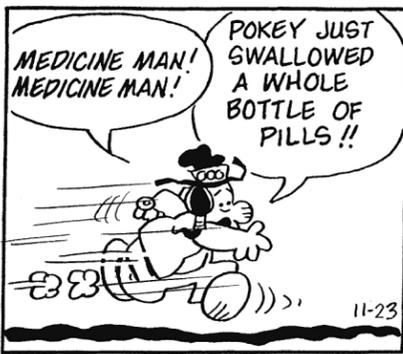
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Date	Opponent	Time/ TV
11/18/2016	Siena Lawrence, Kan.	7 p.m.
11/21/2016	CBE Hall of Fame Classic	
11/22/2016	UAB Kansas City, Mo.	8:30 p.m.
11/22/2016	Georgia or George Washington	
11/25/2016	Kansas City, Mo. TBA	
11/29/2016	UNC Asheville Lawrence, Kan.	7 p.m.
12/3/2016	Long Beach State Lawrence, Kan.	7 p.m.
12/6/2016	Stanford Lawrence, Kan.	2:30 p.m.
12/10/2016	UMKC Lawrence, Kan.	7 p.m.
12/17/2016	Nebraska Lawrence, Kan.	2:15 p.m.
12/17/2016	Jayhawk Shootout	
12/17/2016	Davidson Kansas City, Mo.	6 p.m.
12/22/2016	UNLV Las Vegas, Nev.	8 p.m.
12/30/2016	TCU Fort Worth, Texas	8 p.m.
1/3/2017	Kansas State Lawrence, Kan.	8 p.m.
1/7/2017	Texas Tech Lawrence, Kan.	6:15 p.m.
1/10/2017	Oklahoma Norman, Okla.	8 p.m.

Big 12 Men Basketball Schedule

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
Thu, Nov 17	Oklahoma	Tulane	Orlando, Fla. (Puerto Rico Classic)	6:00 p.m.	ESPNU
Thu, Nov 17	Texas	Eastern Washington	Austin, Texas (Legends Classic)	7:00 p.m.	
Fri, Nov 18	Oklahoma	TBA	Orlando, Fla. (Puerto Rico Classic)	TBA	ESPNU
Fri, Nov 18	TCU	Jacksonville State	Fort Worth, Texas	6:00 p.m.	FSSW
Fri, Nov 18	Baylor	Florida Gulf Coast	Waco, Texas	7:00 p.m.	FCS
Fri, Nov 18	Kansas	Siena	Lawrence, Kan.	7:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Sat, Nov 19	Texas Tech	Eastern Kentucky	Lubbock, Texas	1:00 p.m.	FSSW
Sun, Nov 20	Oklahoma	TBA	Orlando, Fla. (Puerto Rico Classic)	TBA	ESPN2,
Sun, Nov 20	West Virginia	New Hampshire	Morgantown, WV	12:00 p.m.	
Sun, Nov 20	Iowa State	The Citadel	Ames, Iowa	1:00 p.m.	
Sun, Nov 20	Kansas State	Hampton	Manhattan, Kan.	5:00 p.m.	FSKC
Mon, Nov 21	TCU	Illinois State	Fort Worth, Texas	5:00 p.m.	FSSW
Mon, Nov 21	Oklahoma State	Connecticut	Maui, Hawaii (Maui Invitational)	8:00 p.m.	ESPNU
Mon, Nov 21	Texas	Northwestern	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Legends Classic)	8:30 p.m.	
Mon, Nov 21	Kansas	UAB	Kansas City, Mo. (CBE Hall of Fame Classic)	8:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Tue, Nov 22	Oklahoma State	TBA	Maui, Hawaii (Maui Invitational)	TBA	ESPN2 or ESPN3
Tue, Nov 22	Kansas	TBA	Kansas City, Mo. (CBE Hall of Fame Classic)	TBA	ESPN2
Tue, Nov 22	Texas	TBA	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Legends Classic)	TBA	
Tue, Nov 22	Texas Tech	Auburn	Cancun, Mexico (2016 Cancun Challenge)	5:00 p.m.	
Tue, Nov 22	Kansas State	Robert Morris	Manhattan, Kan. (Barclays Center Classic)	7:00 p.m.	FSKC
Wed, Nov 23	Texas Tech	TBA	Cancun, Mexico (2016 Cancun Challenge)	TBA	CBSSN
Wed, Nov 23	Oklahoma State	TBA	Maui, Hawaii (Maui Invitational)	TBA	ESPN2 or ESPNU
Wed, Nov 23	Baylor	VCU	Paradise Island, Bahamas (Battle 4 Atlantis)	1:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Thu, Nov 24	Baylor	TBA	Paradise Island, Bahamas (Battle 4 Atlantis)	TBA	ESPN
Thu, Nov 24	Iowa State	Indiana State	Orlando, Fla (Advocare Invitational)	11:30 a.m.	
Thu, Nov 24	West Virginia	Illinois	Brooklyn, N.Y. (NIT Season Tipoff)	1:30 p.m.	ESPN
Fri, Nov 25	West Virginia	TBA	Brooklyn, N.Y. (NIT Season Tipoff)	TBA	ESPN2
Fri, Nov 25	Iowa State	TBA	Orlando, Fla (Advocare Invitational)	TBA	
Fri, Nov 25	Baylor	TBA	Paradise Island, Bahamas (Battle 4 Atlantis)	TBA	
Fri, Nov 25	Texas Tech	Idaho State	Lubbock, Texas	2:00 p.m.	FSSW
Fri, Nov 25	Oklahoma	Abilene Christian	Norman, Okla.	2:00 p.m.	FSOK
Fri, Nov 25	Boston College	Kansas State	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Barclays Center Classic)	5:00 p.m.	ASN
Fri, Nov 25	Kansas	UNC Asheville	Lawrence, Kan.	7:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Fri, Nov 25	UNLV	TCU	Las Vegas, Nev. (Global Sports Classic)	9:30 p.m.	
Sat, Nov 26	TCU	TBA	Las Vegas, Nev. (Global Sports Classic)	TBA	
Sun, Nov 27	Iowa State	TBA	Orlando, Fla (Advocare Invitational)	TBA	
Mon, Nov 28	West Virginia	Manhattan	Morgantown, WV	6:00 p.m.	ROOT
Tue, Nov 29	Kansas	Long Beach State	Lawrence, Kan.	7:00 p.m.	ESPN3
Tue, Nov 29	Oklahoma	Northern Colorado	Norman, Okla.	7:00 p.m.	FSOK
Tue, Nov 29	Texas	UT Arlington	Austin, Texas	7:00 p.m.	
Wed, Nov 30	TCU	Washington	Fort Worth, Texas	6:00 p.m.	FSSW
Wed, Nov 30	Texas Tech	Incarnate Word	Lubbock, Texas	6:30 p.m.	FCS
Wed, Nov 30	Kansas State	Green Bay	Manhattan, Kan.	7:00 p.m.	FSKC

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Blue cities in red state of Texas vote themselves deeper into debt

Watchdog

In a state dominated by Republicans, tax-and-spend ballot propositions rolled to resounding victories in three big Texas cities Tuesday.

Austin, a blue island in a sea of Lone Star red, predictably passed a \$720 million transportation bond. The measure won with 59 percent of the vote. Residents said yes, even as the local transit system announced it was curtailing service and raising fares.

Arlington voters easily approved funding for a \$1 billion baseball stadium to house the Texas Rangers. Billed as a "50-50" proposition with the team, the package includes a 10 percent admission tax and a \$3 parking tax for the Rangers' use — the same deal successfully pitched for the Dallas

Cowboys' stadium.

San Antonio Independent School District parlayed a \$450 million bond package and a property tax increase, even as enrollment continues to shrink. Both measures passed with more than 70 percent of the vote.

Bob Martin, president of San Antonio's Homeowner-Taxpayer Association, said the fix was in.

"SAISD has a large number of employees. Add their voting family members, and any tax hike can be easily passed with the support of the teachers union," he told Watchdog.org.

James Quintero, director of the Center for Local Governance at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, said, "From 2004-05 to 2013-14, San Antonio ISD saw its student enrollment

fall 4.9 percent. And yet, the district asked for \$450 million in new debt and a maximum property tax increase. That should concern San Antonio taxpayers."

Tuesday's results pumped more red ink into Texas. Going into Election Day, the state carried the second-highest per-capita local debt behind New York.

Dean Wright, leader of the Austin Tea Party, said the \$720 million transit bond is just for starters. "It will take another bond planned for 2018 to finish the work at \$1.1 billion," he said.

The cost to taxpayers for the

first bond is estimated at \$125 a year on a \$250,000 house.

Transit bond proponents outspent opponents 10 to 1 promoting Proposition 1. "You get a lot of low information voters that way," Wright noted.

Like heavily Democratic San Antonio, Austin's high voter turnout propelled Prop. 1.

"Hillary Clinton carried Travis County by a huge margin, which guaranteed Prop. 1's passage. Everyone in Austin drives a car and is sick of congestion. So many people are willing to do anything to fix the roads," said Mark Pulliam, a local attorney.

Overall, Quintero said,

"Texas is one of the nation's largest conservative strongholds, but its preference for low taxes and limited government is a distinguishing feature that's really only evident at the state level."

"Texas' local governments, plagued by soaring taxes, excessively high debt and pension obligations, and over-regulation, are not of the same mold. This divergence in philosophy is creating a lot of problems and could lead the Lone Star State down a very difficult path," Quintero told Watchdog.

Big cities weren't the only ones adding debt.

Voters in Hays County, an

exurban enclave between Austin and San Antonio, passed two bond measures totaling \$237.8 million.

Ashley Whittenberger, an activist opposing the Hays bonds, estimated that the pro-bond PAC outspent the anti-bond effort 20 to 1. "We knew we had an uphill battle," she told Watchdog.

"What I find shocking is the number of people who had no clue about the propositions, who didn't know the difference between property tax rate versus actual property taxes paid, and who had no idea that Hays County will soon be over half a billion dollars in debt," she said.

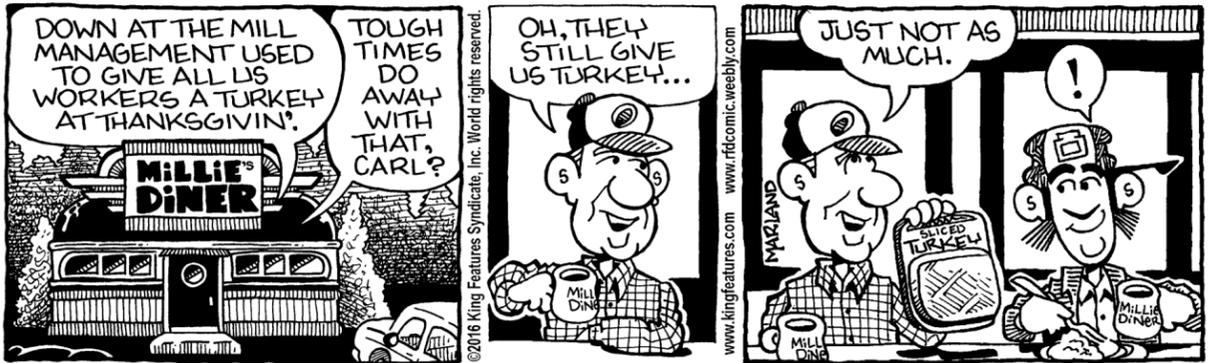
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Blackmon leads No. 11 Indiana over No. 3 Kansas

HONOLULU (AP) — This one certainly didn't feel like a season-opener to Tom Crean.

James Blackmon, Jr. scored 22 of his 26 points after half-time to lift No. 11 Indiana to a season-opening 103-99 overtime victory over No. 3 Kansas on Friday night in the Armed Forces Classic.

"I told someone before the game that this feels like March in here and that's how it played out," Crean said.

It was a thrilling finish to a back-and-forth contest. Kansas tied at 87 on Frank Mason III's layup with 39 seconds left. Blackmon reclaimed a brief lead for Indiana with two free throws with 13 seconds remaining. However, Mason answered with two more free throws with 2 seconds to play in regulation.

Indiana had a chance win to win it at the buzzer, but Tyler Self's desperation shot from three-quarters court length was no good and sent the teams into overtime.

The Hoosiers never trailed in overtime. Blackmon scored seven points in the period, including a step-back 3-pointer from the right wing that gave Indiana a 97-93 lead. He scored his team's final four points, including a thunderous dunk in the closing seconds.

Crean, Indiana's ninth-year coach had high praise for Blackmon, a junior guard who had knee surgery in January to cut short his sophomore season.

"I'm just proud of him beyond belief; I couldn't be any prouder of him," Crean said.

"To come back and play the way he did on both ends of the court after overcoming everything that he has is great for him."

The Hoosiers had five players score in double figures with Thomas Bryant notching a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Curtis Jones had 15 points, OG Anunoby had 13 and Robert Johnson added 10.

Indiana trailed by as many as nine points, but shot 50 percent (14 of 28) in the second half.

Blackmon was 4 of 8 from behind the 3-point line and the Hoosiers were 15 of 31 from beyond the arc. Juwan Morgan had 10 rebounds for the Hoosiers.

Mason led the Jayhawks with 30 points and nine assists.

Devonte Graham scored 16 points, while Carlton Bragg, Jr. and Svi Mykhailiuk chipped in 12 apiece and Landen Lucas added 11 for Kansas.

"We didn't play well, but give (Indiana) credit," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "Their guards really got in the lane when they wanted to and then we had to play out of foul trouble and then we had to play small too often. We competed hard down the stretch, but physically they just beat us on the glass and that was the difference in the game — and they made shots. They made hard shots at the end of the clock."

Seven players fouled out of the game, four of them Jayhawks.

"We played like it was our first game," Self said. "We put ourselves in a situation to have



Frank Mason (0) led the Jayhawks with 30 points and nine assists.

the game come down to the end and we made some plays to get it to overtime and in overtime we lost all our guys and certainly it was hard to overcome that."

The teams combined to make 56 of 74 free throws. Kansas was 30 of 38 from the line, while Indiana made 26 of 36.

There were 16 ties and 17 lead changes in the game.

Kansas opened the season away from Allen Fieldhouse for the first time since 2001, when it lost to Ball State 93-91 in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

It was the 14th meeting between the teams and first since

1995, when Kansas beat Indiana 91-83.

The Hoosiers lead the all-time series 8-6.

BIG PICTURE

Kansas: One statistical category it held the edge in was turnovers, where it committed just 11 to Indiana's 18. The Jay-

hawks also excelled in points off turnovers, 18-11.

Indiana: Bryant, a third-team All-Big Ten center as a freshman last season, fouled out with 52 seconds left in regulation. The Hoosiers were able to persevere, a good sign for a relatively young squad.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Kansas will likely fall at least a few spots in the Top 25, but will have a chance to rebound with a showdown against top-ranked Duke Tuesday. The win should boost Indiana into the top 10 nationally.

SALUTE THE TROOPS

This is the fifth consecutive year of the Armed Forces Classic, which has been held at different venues around the world with a heavy presence of American military personnel. The inaugural event was held at Ramstein Air Base in Germany in 2012. A different branch of the military serves as the host each year. This year's event was hosted by the Navy and coincides with the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor next month. Indiana's jerseys were inscribed with "Courage," while the Kansas jerseys read "Honor." Kansas coaches wore military-style boots for the game.

UP NEXT

Kansas: Will travel cross country to take on No. 1 Duke in the Champions Classic at Madison Square Garden in New York City on Tuesday.



KU's Frank Mason (0) gets a pass off to driving Landen Lucas (33) for two points. (Photos by KU Sports Information)

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