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Riley County Commissioner Ron Wells will make \$43,403.62 next year, the same as this year.



Riley County Counselor Clancy Holeman will make \$146,232.42 next year, up \$5,000 from this year.



Newly elected County Commissioner Marvin Rodriguez will not get the \$43,403.62, Why?

## Riley County Employees Are Well Paid

Editorial  
By Jon A. Brake

What kind of a year did you have? Did you make 3% more than you did last year? If you did that is good, you are keeping up with the Riley County and City of Manhattan Employees.

But, have your wages gone up 30% in the last 7-years? Some at Riley County have. It's not their fault; the County Commissioners are the ones pushing the wages up. Look at the graphic at the right, it shows what the Commissioners approved for wages in 2010, 2016 and 2017.

In the National campaign for President, many talked about how wages had stagnated for the past 8-years. Well, they didn't look at the Riley County payroll. It looks like the Commissioners were giving out 3% to 7% every year. Not bad for a public body. Wonder what those raises would have been if the three Commissioners had owned a company and had to

pay the wages out of their pocket?

Two County Commissioners will take a pay cut; newly elected Commissioner Marvin Rodriguez will only get \$39,643.78 because Commissioners Ron Wells and Ben Wilson voted for the decrease. Defeated Commissioner Bob Boyd wanted a lesser amount. To be fair, Wells put forth a motion to pay Rodriguez the same as everyone else, which is only right. But it died for a lack of a second.

Last week, the Commission voted to put Wilson's pay at \$39,643.78 too, at his request.

The question needs to be asked, how can Riley County keep paying these wages. Oh! That's right they raise taxes too.

We need a Donald Trump to run for Riley County Commission. Someone who will stop the county spending. No, that is not right, we need two people to stop the spending.

The U.S. Sec. of State only

### Appointed/Elected Official Annual Salary

	2010	2016	2017	Increase
County Commissioners	\$34,798.40	\$43,403.57	\$43,403.62	\$8,605.22
Co. Commissioner (Newly Elected)		\$43,403.57	\$39,643.78	
ARNP-FP (Nurse)		\$79,028.64	\$81,445.09	\$2,416.45
Budget and Finance Officer		\$74,200.26	\$74,048.79	-\$151.47
Human Resource Manager and Deputy Co Clerk*		\$80,187.54	\$82,640.85	\$2,453.31
Museum Curator	\$73,148.18	\$94,055.93	\$96,945.17	\$23,796.99
Community Corrections Director	\$75,573.34	\$93,041.37	\$90,156.30	\$14,582.96
Emergency Management Director	\$76,011.70	\$97,737.93	\$100,739.79	\$24,728.09
Noxious Weed Director	\$78,011.70	\$97,737.93	\$100,739.79	\$22,728.09
Register of Deeds	\$76,316.18	\$98,129.42	\$101,147.13	\$24,830.95
Information Technology Director	\$67,650.15	\$97,262.52	\$103,269.54	\$35,519.39
Health Department Admin (New)		undetermined	\$99,000.72	
County Treasurer	\$80,246.40	\$103,198.02	\$106,356.70	\$26,110.30
Assistant County Engineer PE	\$82,652.49	\$109,464.91	\$112,831.14	\$30,178.65
Deputy County Counselor*	\$86,584.89	\$111,333.21	\$114,755.81	\$28,170.92
County Clerk	\$93,204.80	\$119,845.29	\$123,528.98	\$30,324.16
County Appraiser	\$94,536.00	\$121,556.98	\$125,286.94	\$30,750.94
Planning & Development Director	\$99,783.26	\$128,304.04	\$132,233.04	\$32,697.04
Public Works Director	\$109,110.51	\$140,297.27	\$144,603.09	\$35,492.58
County Counselor	\$110,334.02	\$141,870.50	\$146,232.42	\$35,898.40
County Attorney	\$110,334.02	\$136,110.31	\$140,293.94	\$29,959.92
Assistant County Attorney - 1		\$85,696.00	\$89,190.40	\$3,494.40
Assistant County Attorney - 2		\$91,728.00	\$95,222.40	\$3,494.40
Assistant County Attorney - 3		\$94,161.60	\$97,656.00	\$3,494.40
Assistant Co Attorney - Deputy		\$95,846.40	\$99,340.80	\$3,494.40
Assistant County Attorney - 4		\$113,755.20	\$117,249.60	\$3,494.40

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## Citizens Need To Take The Rental Program To Court

**Editor's Note.. Elections matter, and the City of Manhattan keeps putting people in office who want Governments to run every thing.**

**For years the City Staff was told "Don't tell us we can't do it, show us how we can do it."**

**This City will not change there desire to control rental property even if courts across the nation say that is unconstitutional.**

**The only way for Rental Property owners to stop these acts against them is to take the City of Manhattan to court.**

**If the City Commissioners and the City Staff were held liable for their actions, and had to pay out of their pockets, the City would be a lot different.**

**CITY COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO  
December 7, 2016  
FROM: Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager  
MEETING: December 13, 2016  
SUBJECT: Rental Licensing Program Focus Group Non-Consolidating Use Discussion  
PRESENTER: Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager  
BACKGROUND**

Commissioners have received a previous memo outlining the history of rental inspection and licensing discussion in the city of Manhattan. Thus, that information in detail will not be duplicated within this document. However, this information is available to the public on the City's website at the following link:

The most recent action regarding this topic began in 2008 when the City Commission authorized a citizen committee to develop a recommendation for a program. That committee met for approximately 23 hours over the course of 11 meetings. Based on that committee's recommendation, the Commission did pass such a program in 2009, but a subsequent Commission repealed it in 2011. During the Commission meetings in 2011 which led to the repeal of the program, modifications to the program were presented and discussed but ultimately none were agreed upon.

The program ordinance included:

An initial onetime registration fee of \$20 per dwelling unit (the registration database is still in existence but has not been updated since 2011); 11,714 dwelling units were registered.

A license issued upon registration and contingent on future compliance. If the license was suspended or revoked, the property could not be occupied until compliance was achieved.

An inspection fee of \$65 per unit payable only in the year of inspection; 1,015 units were inspected up to the time of repeal.

After the initial inspection, the span of time between inspections of units would be based on violations, anywhere from one to five years which would require less fees be paid in the long term by compliant units.

During the program the City hired three designated rental inspectors and one full-time administrative person to handle the program needs. Once the program was eliminated 3.5 of those positions were eliminated, with the administrative person becoming part-time to help with voluntary complaints and other code needs.

On November 10, 2015, a work session was held at the direction of the City Commission to review the possibility of some type of rental housing program and review some history of what has been done in the past regarding rental housing. Direction was given to staff at that meeting to prepare options to the City Commission for different directions a rental housing or rental registration program could take. It appeared that the majority of the Commission at that work session did not want to bring back the prior full rental inspection program that was repealed in 2011.

On February 9, 2016, a work session was held to review four framework options regarding a rental housing program. The options included status quo, registration only, "life safety" only, or a hybrid program. At the work session City Administration also provided research on other Big 12 cities and 16 different jurisdictions in terms of what they have for a program. Eight of 14 Big 12 cities (current and former Big 12) have some sort of program. Besides Lawrence, it was determined that at least 12 other Kansas cities have mandatory rental registration and a partial or complete inspection program.

With all the options presented at that meeting, there was discussion regarding furthering education efforts on property maintenance codes for tenants and property owners. Each of the four options presented had components of furthering education efforts. Marketing and communication efforts would also be analyzed and determined what has worked and what hasn't in order to target future efforts and best reach and inform constituents. The Commission provided direction on a desire for finding a way to at least require registration of properties and was interested in finding out

further information on what a hybrid program would look like.

At the May 10, 2016, City Commission Work Session City Administration presented a framework for a rental inspection program based along the guidelines of the hybrid option presented prior to the Commission. The focus of the framework would be on the City inspecting exteriors of properties with a frequency deemed feasible by staff. Registration of all rental units would be required on a yearly basis. There would be a proposed fee, if the Commission desires, associated with the yearly registration of units. The proposed fee would cover the program costs (including a part-time clerical position, rental registration software, and marketing/education efforts in the program). Code Services staff would still take complaints from tenants and perform inspections stemming from those complaints.

At the September 6, 2016, City Commission meeting City Administration presented the timeframe for implementation of a proposed new program, the licensing process, and the various aspects of the inspection program. The information on what fees would cover was also discussed as well as current staffing and possible future staffing needs in a program. The City Commission gave feedback on the various elements and directed City

Administration to gather several different representative groups from the Community and form a Rental Housing Focus Group. The group should plan on meeting to discuss compromise, concerns, and other pieces of information regarding a possible rental housing inspection program in the City.

**DISCUSSION  
Rental Housing Focus Group:  
(Editor's Note.. Let the Free Press pick the members of the Focus Group and you will have a completely different outcome.)**

The rental housing focus group met on October 10 and October 27, 2016. The group included Richard Hill, Regina Schroeder, Jeff Connell, Brice Ebert, Jack McHugh, Sarah Barr, Mel Borst, and Sara Fisher. Brad Claussen and Kiel Mangus represented the City of Manhattan. The members of the Focus Group included representation from landlords in Manhattan, Kansas State University (KSU), and also neighborhood and historic groups.

The focus group discussed several items. First, a history of rental inspection/programs in the City was covered along code citation history/statistics.

The current code services staffing/current inspection process along with the proposed program to date and what it entailed. The group tried to narrow down what they thought the goals of a program should be, what the major problems they see in rental housing today, and the pros/cons of the proposed program to date. Ideas for areas of improvements and further brainstorming for program options occurred, and then vote on various program options and a final vote on a program framework occurred. (see Enclosure 1 for Focus Group Meeting Minutes)

Five goals for a program were established by the group:

Promote health, safety and welfare of general public  
Assure preservation of existing housing supply

Help maintain property values in neighborhoods

Work towards a better process for elimination of substandard and deteriorating housing

Obtain management and contact information for rental properties

Problem areas in current rental housing were identified by the group including lack of education provided to tenants and lack of knowledge regarding City codes. Poor communication between tenants and landlords, or poor ability to reach landlords was another area of concern identified. Several properties are in poor condition/blighted on the exterior. There was also a consensus from the group that KSU should put forth more resources towards off-campus housing issues, as they have a part-time position to deal with that currently.

The current program that has been proposed to date was discussed for pros/cons. Some of the pros comments included: program provides ability to get local contact and get accurate information for landlords/property managers while at the same time ability to provide information quickly to that large group,

lower fees than previous program, increased standard of living for all rentals in city, license provides leverage to get compliance quicker, and program has less administrative burden than prior program. Some of the program comments included: program singles out rental properties vs all properties having to register, some work is doubled because of information at county level, local agent shouldn't be held liable for issues, landlords shouldn't have to pay fees, program only reflects condition of unit at time of inspection, state law limits ability to truly affect health/safety of tenants, and tenant neglect could negatively affect landlords at inspection.

Educational efforts, and how to increase them, were covered by the group. Ideas for increased efforts, along with current efforts, included: utility bill inserts, broader use of website/City Intouch lists, brochures/handouts at City offices, utilize presentations to KSU Dorms/ KSU on-campus events, presentation to Landlord Association and meetings with property management companies, more ads in newspaper and on KMAN, and possible neighborhood meetings.

A few new educational ideas were also discussed and voted on. Putting a database on the City website showing code violations noted during an inspection (stick approach) was discussed as opposed to creating a database on the website listing properties that have gone through voluntary inspections. The focus group was not in consensus regarding the stick approach, there was concern from the landlords about what the list would be used for. The carrot approach was generally favored by the whole group but there was some concern from landlords that there wouldn't be any real interest from rental property owners to get on the list/reason to be on it. There was greater support for possibly creating a voluntary process where a timeframe would be given to comply before any notice was sent by the Code office

on a voluntary inspection. The idea of putting a map of registered rental properties on the website was unanimously approved by the group. The idea of a City board to mediate tenant/landlord issues didn't achieve consensus. Some felt this might be a good sounding board for tenants, but there was concern regarding what the authority of the board would actually be. If the board had no authority to mandate resolution, what would be the purpose? Finally, the idea of the rental property owner doing self-inspection was unanimously voted as a no. There were concerns from all about the technical aspects of inspections, and the logistics of getting that done.

Program options were voted upon by the group members present.

Should program be as easy to register as possible? (electronic, simple formats)

-Yes, unanimous from group  
Should local agent be held jointly and severally liable?

-5 votes no, 1 abstention.

Group had questions about legal ability to actually hold agent to same standard of conduct as owner. Concern also about causing difficulty for out of state owners to find local agents.

Should rental houses and owner-occupied houses be treated the same as much as possible?

-Yes, unanimous.

Should tenants have some responsibility in the Ordinance to

See City page 8

**King Crossword**  
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"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."  
- Thomas Jefferson, 1787

## Surgeon general's e-cigarette report panned as 'truly terrible'

By Kathy Hoekstra  
Watchdog

The reaction to the U.S. surgeon general's first-ever report on e-cigarettes has been swift and severe.

"It is truly terrible," writes Counterfactual's Clive Bates, a former executive director of Action on Smoking and Health. "It's so bizarrely bad," said Jeff Stier, risk analyst with the National Center for Public Policy Research.

"The Surgeon General has failed the American people," Gregory Conley, president of the American Vaping Association, said in a statement.

"Full of false, misleading, deceptive statements re #ecigs. Needs a health warning: do not read!" tweeted Derek Yach, a former executive with the World Health Organization.

The primary problem with the 298-page report — E-Cigarette Use Among Youth and Young Adults — according to critics, is that Surgeon General Vivek Murthy ignored science and addressed only risks of e-cigarette use by youth, while neglecting to include the real benefits to adult smokers.

In his scathing review, Bates called the report a "heady mix of emotive propaganda and a completely warped and one-sided account of the science." He said the findings reveal "a

lack of insight into youth behaviors," as well as ignorance about the tobacco and nicotine market and its consumers.

Murthy acknowledged in the report's preface that the science is indeed incomplete.

"Gaps in scientific evidence do exist," he wrote. "[A]nd this report is being issued while these products and their patterns of use continue to change quickly."

Neither the rapidly changing e-cigarette culture nor the dearth of sound science stopped Murthy from issuing broad policy recommendations to deal with the 900 percent growth in usage among high school students from 2011 to 2015 — "a public health concern," according to the report.

Among other strategies, Murthy suggests incorporating e-cigarettes into smokefree policies, preventing youth access to e-cigarettes, imposing high taxes and targeting youth with educational programs.

The recommendations stem from what the report considers potential adverse health effects of direct and secondhand exposure to nicotine, chemicals, aerosol and "other particulates."

While no one thinks young people should use nicotine products, critics say the report fails to show actual harm. "Is this a big deal or not? We have

no way to know," Bates wrote.

He notes that mere exposure to chemicals isn't enough to show harm, and added that the report "ducks the issue" of whether actual e-cigarette use has negative health effects.

Stier echoed those concerns: "If the surgeon general goes on to make policy recommendations based only on the risk part of the equation, without considering the benefits, he will have failed his fundamental obligation of improving public health."

Dr. Edward Anselm, senior fellow at the R Street Institute, says use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes is at an all-time low. He also highlighted a link between the two: "Young people who try e-cigarettes are more likely to experiment with other adult behaviors, including smoking. If there were no e-cigarettes, they would go straight to smoking."

University of Michigan researcher Dr. Ken Warner says the surgeon general ignored a landmark study from England which could be a game-changer for the United States.

"The Royal College of Physicians issued a report in which they concluded that e-cigarettes were likely 95 percent less dangerous than smoking, and should be used by smokers to try to get off of cigarettes, if they have been unable to do so

otherwise," Warner told Watchdog.org.

"The difference in conclusions between these two reports is amazing," he said.

Warner says the United Kingdom takes a completely different approach to e-cigarettes, viewing vaping as an aid to quit smoking.

"In the U.S., e-cig companies are not even permitted to advertise that their products are less dangerous than smoking because they haven't gone through the FDA approval process to do so," he said. "Most of the companies don't have the resources necessary to get that approval, which requires a long, laborious, and very expensive effort, with no assurance of approval."

The timing of this report could be fortuitous, as President-elect Donald Trump's transition team is considering candidates for the next commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. The next FDA chief could radically overhaul the agency and upend the huge regulatory regime that includes the recent rules on the e-cigarette industry.

Top names under consideration are Jim O'Neill, a former Health and Human Services advisor, and Dr. Scott Gottlieb, a former FDA deputy commissioner and current resident fel-

low with the American Enterprise Institute.

Murthy is halfway through his four-year post as surgeon general. But in the wake of today's report, some groups, including Americans for Tax Reform, are calling for Trump to

dismiss Murthy. The group's online petition urges Trump to "fire the Surgeon General and replace him with someone who actually cares about tobacco harm reduction and saving lives."

## STAR bonds retired on development ahead of schedule

The final payment on state-backed bonds relied upon to develop the Village West shopping district in Wyandotte County was made five years ahead of schedule Dec. 1, officials said Thursday.

The STAR bond program provides upfront cash for entertainment or tourist developments repaid with local and state sales tax revenue generated by the projects.

Retirement of STAR bonds for the Village West development in Wyandotte County is expected to free \$12 million in sales tax revenue annually for use by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County-Kansas City, said Mike Taylor, spokesman for the Unified Government.

Taylor said the state government could receive \$42 million annually in sales tax revenue from Village West starting in January.

Disclosure of a plan under consideration by Gov. Sam Brownback to redirect that revenue to a new STAR bond package to relocate the American Royal across the state line from Kansas City, Mo., inspired the 2016 Legislature to seek a temporary restraint on new STAR bonds in Wyandotte County until mid-2017. Brownback vetoed that restraint and the Legislature declined to override him.

The Kansas Department of Commerce possesses authority to decide what municipalities and developers receive the incentive.

## California lawmaker wants to pin Scarlett A on students based on dubious due process

By Ashe Schow  
Watchdog

California Democratic Rep. Jackie Speier wants college students found responsible for violating a school's sexual misconduct code to have that information noted on their transcripts.

The bill, which has no chance of becoming law in the waning days of the 114th Congress, would amend federal student privacy law to allow such disclosures, while allowing the accused student the opportunity to provide a statement regarding the disclosure.

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**DUE PROCESS:** A new bill by Rep. Jackie Speier, a California Democrat, would hurt innocent students while doing little or nothing to stop violent offenders.

While few would object to violent students being punished, the standards colleges use to determine whether a student is guilty of sexual misconduct policy are deeply flawed and violate basic principles of due process.

For example, schools can brand an accused student as a violent sexual offender using only a "preponderance of evidence" standard, typically reserved for civil cases, rather than the more rigorous "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard used in criminal cases.

Many of the students who would be affected by Speier's legislation have not been convicted in a court of law. But once it's known on a college campus — or on their transcript — that they were accused or found responsible for sexual assault, they would be branded a rapist in the court of public

opinion. Because the process to determine whether they have violated a school's sexual misconduct policy is heavily weighted in favor of accusers, the innocent would almost certainly get swept up along with the guilty.

Making the argument against her own case

Accused students are suing their schools left and right over these biased tribunals.

A Cornell University student recently asked the Supreme Court of the State of New York to compel the school to follow its own policies and investigate a male student's complaint of sexual assault and discrimination. The male student had lodged a complaint against a female student who also accused him of sexual assault for the same incident, and the school investigated only her complaint.

At Amherst College in Massachusetts, a male student blacked out and received oral sex from a female student. Even though Amherst policy warns against engaging in sexual activity with blacked-out students, the male student was expelled, even though witness statements and text message evidence showed there was no assault and that the female student was a willing participant who later regretted her actions.

These accused students are not violent offenders who need to be kept off campus. They're students who have been wrongly accused. Speier's bill makes no distinction for wrongly accused students.

"Universities and colleges are perfectly willing to include academic infractions like plagiarism on students' records, yet students who have committed sexual assault can walk away from campus with a clean academic bill of health," Speier

said in a statement. "This is appalling and, whether intentional or not, shows that acts of sexual violence on campus are less serious than cheating."

Speier's statement that accompanied introduction of the bill discusses the case of Valdemar Castellano, who was accused of kidnapping and raping a fellow Vincennes University student. Castellano then transferred to the University of Northern Ohio in Lima. In 2014, he was arrested for unwanted sexual contact. He then enrolled in Rhodes State College in Ohio.

The press release also details the case of Jesse Matthew Jr., who murdered University of Virginia sophomore Hannah Graham after he abducted her. More than a decade earlier, Matthew was accused of sexual assault while attending Liberty University. He left Liberty in 2003 for Christopher Newport University, but left there nine months later after being accused of sexual assault by another student.

Speier's statement appears to suggest that her bill would have prevented these men from perpetrating additional crimes at different colleges. It also — although probably not by design — highlights the fact that sexual assault is a serious crime that shouldn't be handled by college administrators.

Had these men been accused in the criminal justice system, they might not have been able to transfer to other schools and would have been taken off the streets.

Without realizing it, Speier has made the argument against schools adjudicating sexual assault. They can't treat it as anything worse than cheating or plagiarism, because the worst they can do is expel a student.

### 'Internally contradictory'

Kimberly Lau, an attorney who defends accused students, told Watchdog that while she understands the desire for colleges to be notified of potential safety concerns, this bill is dangerous.

"Automatic or universal transcript marking for campus sexual assault will carry the same stigma as placing convicted criminals on the sex offender list," she said in an email. "I think it's a mistake to compare transcript markings for plagiarism charges with transcript markings for sexual assault charges. The former is certainly within the purview of college administrators' training, while the latter should be adjudged by the criminal justice system."

K.C. Johnson, a Brooklyn College and City University of New York professor (and co-author of a book about the Duke Lacrosse rape hoax), also pointed out how "internally contradictory" the bill is.

"Since 2011, [victim's rights advocates] have consistently claimed that a college finding a student guilty of sexual assault has such a minimal impact on his life that it's acceptable to deny even elemental forms of fairness and due process," Johnson told Watchdog in an email. "Yet Rep. Speier's bill would all but ensure that any affected student will have little or no chance of being able to get a college degree: What school would possibly admit a transfer student branded a rapist by his former college?"

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## How Donald Trump Can Put an End to Sanctuary Cities

Commentary  
By Sen. David Vitter  
Republican Louisiana

Just a few weeks ago, President-elect Donald Trump said, "Cities that refuse to cooperate with federal authorities will not receive taxpayer dollars."

And I absolutely agree. Since 2007, I've been fighting to end the dangerous existence of sanctuary cities by introducing legislation every Congress.

During the Obama administration's tenure, over 300 cities—including my hometown of New Orleans—have provided safe haven for illegal immigrants, and at least 170,000 convicted criminal illegal immigrants who have been ordered to be deported remain at-large.

But now, I'm extremely optimistic the U.S. will soon make real efforts to end sanctuary cities under the leadership of Trump.

Sanctuary cities are dangerous and counterproductive to both law enforcement efforts and reducing illegal immigration.

Ending these policies is not so much about imposing new and burdensome immigration laws, as about simple enforcement of our current laws and ensuring local law enforcement jurisdictions work collaboratively with federal immigration authorities when they come across criminal illegal immigrants.

After the tragic murder of

Kathryn Steinle in San Francisco in April 2015, there has been growing momentum to end dangerous sanctuary city policies. She is far from being the only victim of a crime committed by a criminal illegal immigrant.

In LaPlace, Louisiana, this past August, three people were killed and dozens of others were injured when Denis Yasmir Amaya Rodriguez, an illegal immigrant, crashed a bus full of volunteers on their way to assist folks impacted by our recent 1,000-year flooding event. And this accident could have absolutely been prevented.

My hometown of New Orleans has been operating as a sanctuary city for several months now, having implemented regulations in February that bar New Orleans police officers from inquiring about individuals' immigration status and then sharing that information with federal authorities.

It wasn't until late September—due to much pressure from myself and others—that local officials made a small step toward complying with my request to reverse the city's policy, but even now the city of New Orleans is not in complete compliance with federal law.

This policy is in direct conflict with federal law and is simply unacceptable. Worse still, these cities are actively releasing criminal illegal immigrants back into our communities instead of working with federal

officials to deport them or lock them up.

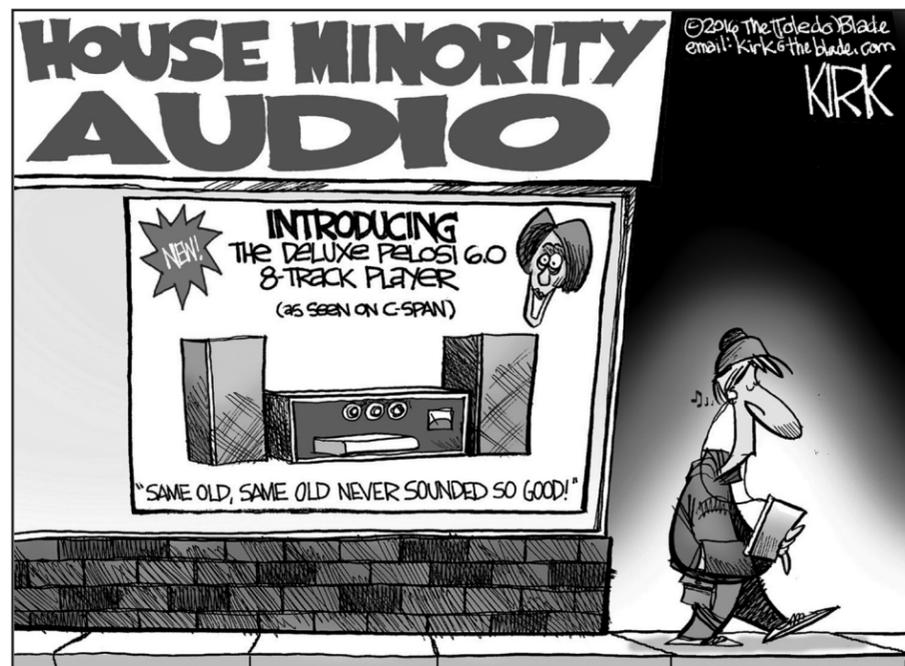
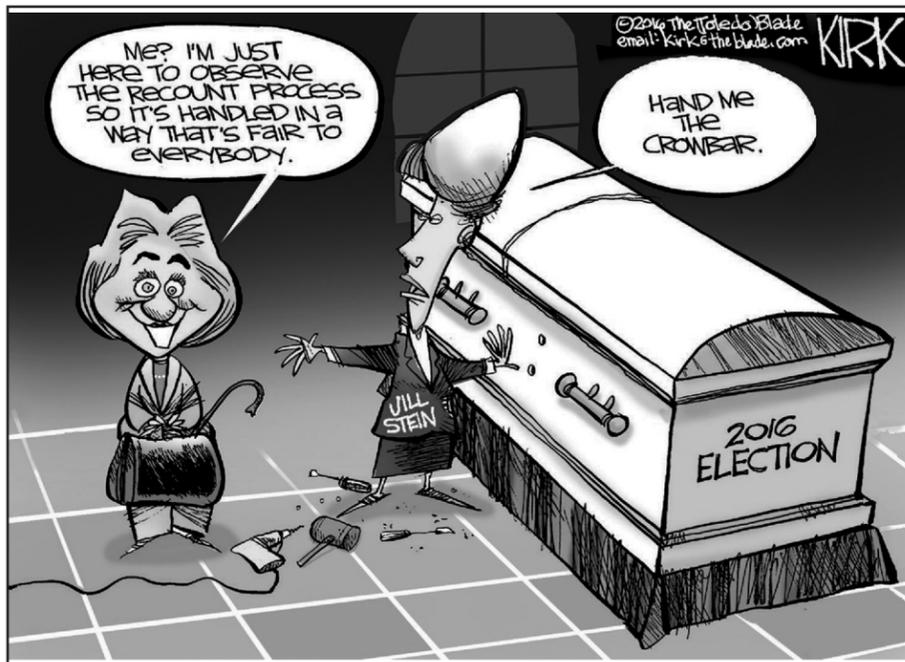
I've offered several pieces of legislation that tackle this problem head on. My bill with the most traction is the Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act.

Until we end all dangerous and illegal sanctuary city policies—which I am confident will happen sooner than later—the obvious first step is to enact tangible penalties for those cities refusing to comply with federal immigration laws, like limiting the flow of billions of federal taxpayer dollars.

There is absolutely no justifiable reason to reward these jurisdictions with federal funding when they are in clear violation of the law and are actually making our communities more dangerous rather than safer. Falling short of enforcing our laws designed to protect innocent American civilian lives is an absolute nonstarter.

Stopping these illegal policies and assuring safety for every American has to be an absolute top priority for the new Congress and president. America spoke clearly in November that the days of turning a blind eye to criminal illegal immigrants and similar misguided policies is over.

I am very eager to see Trump putting an end to dangerous sanctuary cities as soon as possible in the new year.



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## 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 December 5, 2016 8:30 AM Call to Order

**1. Public Comments**  
Volanti discussed a correction to the previous commission agenda report.

#### 2. Commission Comments

#### Business Meeting

#### 3. Resolution for Classified Employee Pay Scale

Move to approve "Resolution 120516-52, A Resolution

establishing the pay scale for classified employees of Riley County, Kansas".

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

#### 4. Resolution for Professional Scale

Wells asked how the McGrath study was developed. Volanti discussed the McGrath study.

Wilson asked Wells if he would consider all three commissioners pay being reduced to the \$39,643.78.

Wells stated he is not interested in re-addressing the current county commissioners salary.

Move to reduce the salary of the County Commission District #1 salary to \$39,643.78.

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

5. Change Order #2 for the Winkler Mills Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Project

Move to approve Change Order Number 2 for the Winkler Mills Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Project with King Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$667.00 for a new contract price of \$101,195.00.

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

#### 6. Retail Dealer's 2017 Ceil Malt Beverages Licenses for Darrel Penland (Stagg Hill Golf Club)

Move to sign Retail Dealer's 2017 License and Application for Darrel Penland (Stagg Hill Golf Club), 4441 Fort Riley Boulevard.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ronald Wells,

County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### Review Minutes

7. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Dec 1, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.  
RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner  
SECONDER: Ronald Wells, County Commissioner  
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

#### 8. Tentative Agenda

#### 9. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM Jim Lindquist, Assistant Director - Extension Field Operations

#### 10. Extension Districting

J. Wilson introduced Jim Lindquist, Assistant Director - Extension Field Operations, who will present information to the Board on Extension Districting.

Lindquist presented information on Extension Districts and the process to form Extension Districts.

Doug Jardine stated the Riley County Extension Board is open to discussing Extension Districting.

Lindquist said they are seeing an increased interest in forming Extension Districts.

(Editor's Note... Are Riley County and Pott Co. going to form a new Extension District? If they are the Minutes should show it here but they do not.)

#### 9:30 AM Press Conference

11. RCPD update - Captain Josh Kyle (3-5 minutes)

Kyle presented information on past and current crime re-

ports.

12. Downtown Manhattan - Gina Scroggs (3 minutes)

Scroggs presented an update on Downtown Manhattan events and activities.

13. Closure of the Transfer Station during the Christmas and New Year Holidays - Leon Hobson (1-2 minutes)

Hobson state the Riley County Transfer Station will be closed Saturday, December 24th and will reopen at 7:00 am Monday, December 26th. It will also be closed Saturday, December 31st and will reopen at 7:00 am on Monday, January 2nd.

10:00 AM Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

14. Proposed Amendment to Resolution Establishing Fees for Planning & Development Department

Wedel presented the amended Planning and Development Department fee schedule.

Move to approve "Resolution No. 120516-53, A Resolution establishing planning and development fees for Riley County, Kansas.

(Editor's Note... What fees? Is the County trying to keep information away for the citizens?)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson  
10:10 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

15. Administrative Work Session

Holeman presented a legislative amendment to HB 2477.

The Board agreed by consensus with the amended language to HB 2477.

Holeman discussed the City of Manhattan's proposed legislation to alter how interest is distributed on tax foreclosure sales within the City of Manhat-

tan.

Holeman stated he has sent the statute to the delegation regarding the 39 exemptions from county home rule.

(Editor's Note... Home Rule is the worst law ever passed by the State of Kansas. It gives Cities and Counties the right to write their own laws, and they do it a lot.)

Holeman discussed the signage for the parking around the Health Department facility.

Holeman said a letter is being drafted in cooperation with Planning and Development regarding the Norwin Palmer drainage issue.

#### 16. Pending County Projects County Counselor

#### 17. Discussion of Riley County Legislative Lobbying Services

Holeman presented the CAR on the contract for legislative lobbying services.

Holeman stated the primary issue today is to determine if the Board wishes to continue the contract for lobbying services in 2017.

Bruno presented a copy of the bill tracking list service which is part of what the lobbyist provide. Bruno discussed previous legislation proposed by Riley County.

Carter stated one of the benefits the County receives is the 40 years of legislative experience provided through the lobbying services provided.

Move that the Board enter into a contract, approved by counsel, with Dick Carter and Tom Bruno for lobbying services during and subsequent to the 2017 Kansas legislative session.

(Editor's Note... How much was the Contract for... the minutes should give the amount but they do not. Hiding Something?)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

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

#### 10:47 AM Adjournment

## Students Express Interest in President Myers

### By Matt Mohan Special to the Manhattan Free Press

Many students have voiced their opinion about President Myers and what it means for the future of Kansas State University in hopes he leads us in the right direction. He began serving interim President of the University in April of 2016. Myers was then named President of Kansas State on November 15.

People know Myers is a retired four-star general that was

in the United States Air Force and that he served as the 15th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Myers is now also the next president of our Kansas State University.

"I've had the pleasure of becoming friends with General Myers over the course of this past semester and what I've realized about his leadership is that it's always directed at the success of his students," said Mario Garcia III.

Garcia is in his Junior year and will be the new student am-

bassador for Kansas State University this spring. He is majoring in Family Studies and is involved with many organizations on campus.

"Having this mindset will hopefully play as a benefit for him in his new role as President of the university, and I wish him the best of luck!"

Other students have voice their opinion in positive ways as well. "It's great to see an alumni take a leadership role at their alma mater. I think that he has an advantage with this be-

cause he knows the university and has leadership experience," said Isabel Schmidt. Schmidt is a Sophomore and is majoring in Life Sciences. She is involved in Gamma Phi Beta sorority and the Pre-Dental Club.

"He likes to invest into student athletes and the innovation and inspiration campaign. Myers is also a good representative of Greek life and of family. Not only does he have a building named after him, but its impressive to have a general status."

## Rallying with Christmas Spirit

### By Adam Condrey Special to the Manhattan Free Press

December is often a bubbling mixture of wintery cheer, warm beverages, and wonderful food.

It can also be a time of frantic, last minute shopping. To keep spirits high, Rally House in Aggieville is letting loose with Christmas joy.

Rally House is a specialty sportsboutique that began in 1989. They opened in Aggieville on August 20th, 2016, nearly two months after Var-

ney's, the previous business, closed its doors. Since that time, Rally House has been providing customers with superb service and sporty styles.

With the holiday season already upon us, the staff at Rally House is ready to provide patrons with an exceptional experience.

Chelsea Manwarren, Rally House in Aggieville's assistant store manager, is optimistic about the store's customer service.

"We can help anyone find

anything they need. We are truly here to make their shopping experience easy and fun," Manwarren said.

Aggieville's Rally House has been set with holiday products and decorations since the week of Thanksgiving. Amanda Palmer, store manager, said she was very eager to decorate the store in holiday spirit.

"When I got the box in, you should've seen me. I was like a little kid opening a gift," Palmer said with a smile.

Cheerful employee Teagan

Hayes chimed in with the excitement.

"We hung the snowflakes and the Christmas lights right when we got the box. We were so excited to decorate," Hayes said.

Rally House is a large company, but they know the value of putting the customer experience first. And although this is Rally House's first holiday season in Manhattan, they are ready to make it merry with exceptional service and outstanding Christmas cheer.

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# Trump picks Rex Tillerson to lead State Department

NEW YORK (AP) -- President-elect Donald Trump announced Tuesday he has picked ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson to be secretary of state, calling him "among the most accomplished business leaders and international deal makers in the world."

"Rex Tillerson's career is the embodiment of the American dream. Through hard work, dedication and smart deal making, Rex rose through the ranks to become CEO of ExxonMobil, one of the world's largest and most respected companies," the billionaire real estate mogul said in a pre-dawn news release from Trump Tower in New York.

Tillerson "knows how to manage a global enterprise, which is crucial to running a successful State Department," Trump said. In a tweet, Trump added that Tillerson "has vast experience at dealing successfully with all types of foreign governments."

In an accompanying statement, Tillerson said he was "honored" by his selection and shares Trump's "vision for restoring the credibility of the United States' foreign relations and advancing our country's national security."

But Tillerson has close ties to Russia and President Vladimir Putin, which is certain to draw scrutiny and fuel a potential Senate confirmation fight. Leading Republicans have already expressed anxieties as they contend with intelligence assessments saying Russia in-



Katie Brand sets the ball for Elle Sandbothe.

terfered with the U.S. presidential election to help Trump.

Sen. Bob Corker, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that will hold confirmation hearings in January, called Tillerson "a very impressive individual" with "an extraordinary working knowledge of the world." Corker, who had been considered for the secre-

tary of state job, said Trump called him Monday to inform him of the pick.

Reince Priebus, Trump's incoming chief of staff, said Tuesday that Tillerson was chosen because he is "a diplomat that happens to be able to drill oil." Tillerson has "had to maintain relationships across the world in many places that aren't the

easiest places to have relationships," Priebus said on MSNBC.

"The good Lord didn't put oil in all freedom-loving democracies across the world and yet Rex Tillerson was able to make this work. Donald Trump and Rex Tillerson, they hit it off and they have a similar vision of how to get things done," Priebus said.

Trump has made it clear he sees Tillerson's deep relations with Moscow as a selling point. As ExxonMobil's head, Tillerson maintained close ties with Russia and was awarded by President Vladimir Putin with the Order of Friendship in 2013, an honor for a foreign citizen.

For weeks, Trump has teased out the secretary of state decision process publicly, often exposing rifts in his organization. Besides Corker, he also considered former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a one-time vocal Trump critic. Romney wrote on Facebook Monday that it "was an honor to have been considered" for the job.

Trump's unconventional Cabinet vetting procedures are in keeping with his presidential style thus far, unconcerned with tradition or business as usual. In recent weeks, he's attacked CIA intelligence, spoken to the leader of Taiwan - irritating China - and has continued his late-night Twitter

tirades.

Beijing is looking forward to working with the new secretary of state "to push forward greater progress of the bilateral relationship on a new starting point," China's foreign ministry spokesman, Geng Shuang, said Tuesday.

In Washington, a congressional investigation is in the works over a CIA assessment that Russia interfered in the November election on his behalf, a conclusion Trump has called "ridiculous."

The issue is raising red flags among lawmakers concerned about the sanctity of the U.S. voting system and potentially straining relations at the start of Trump's administration.

On Twitter Monday, Trump pushed back, saying: "Can you imagine if the election results were the opposite and WE tried to play the Russia/CIA card. It would be called conspiracy theory!"

Putin, meanwhile, said he was ready to meet with Trump "at any moment."

In the transcript of his interview with journalists which was released Tuesday in Moscow, Putin said "it's widely known that the elected president of the United States has publicly called for the normalization of the Russian-American relationship. We cannot but support

this." Putin added that he thought a meeting with Trump would be more likely after Trump's January inauguration.

"We understand it will not be a simple task considering the extent of degradation of the Russian-American relationship," he said. "But we are prepared to do our bit."

If confirmed, Tillerson would face immediate challenges in Syria, where a civil war rages on, and in China, given Trump's recent suggestions that he could take a more aggressive approach to dealing with Beijing.

A native of Wichita Falls, Texas, Tillerson came to ExxonMobil Corp. as a production engineer straight out of the University of Texas at Austin in 1975 and never left. Groomed for an executive position, Tillerson came up in the rough-and-tumble world of oil production, holding posts in the company's central United States, Yemen and Russian operations.

Early in the company's efforts to gain access to the Russian market, Tillerson cut a deal with state-owned Rosneft. The neglected post-Soviet company didn't have a tremendous amount to offer, but Exxon partnered with it "to be on the same side of the table," Tillerson said, according to "Private Empire," an investigative history of Exxon by Steve Coll.

## AP Interview: Gorbachev says US was short-sighted on Soviets

MOSCOW (AP) -- As the Soviet Union was breaking up 25 years ago, Mikhail Gorbachev expected the United States and its Western allies to provide vital aid. The former Soviet president thinks their failure to offer significant help wasted a chance to build a safer world and resulted from short-sighted gloating at a Cold War rival's demise.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, the 85-year-old Gorbachev voiced hope that Russia and the United States would do better and ease current tensions during Donald Trump's presidency.

"The relations between us are so important and concern everyone else, so we must take the interests of others into account," said the leader credited with helping to end the Cold War.

Gorbachev said he had expected Hillary Clinton to win the U.S. presidential race and was surprised by Trump's victory. He declined to offer an assessment of Trump, saying it remains to be seen what policies the new U.S. administration will pursue.

"He has little political experience, but, maybe, it's good," he said.

Gorbachev walked slowly with a cane, but his smile was as captivating as always, his wits as sharp as usual and his reactions quick during the rare, hour-long interview at his foundation's office in Moscow.

Gorbachev, who helped end

the Cold War by launching sweeping liberal reforms, cutting nuclear stockpiles and allowing Soviet bloc nations in Central and Eastern Europe to break free from Moscow's diktat, spoke bitterly about the West's failure to embrace a new era of friendly cooperation he said his policy of "perestroika" offered.

"They were rubbing their hands, saying, 'How nice! We had been trying to do something about the Soviet Union for decades, and it ate itself up!'" Gorbachev said.

He blasted what he described as Western "triumphalism," saying it remains a key factor in tensions between Russia and the West.

Ties between Russia and the West are worse than they have been at any time since the Cold War following Moscow's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea peninsula in March 2014 and its support for a pro-Russian separatist insurgency in eastern Ukraine. The U.S. and the European Union responded with several rounds of economic sanctions, which along with low oil prices have driven Russia's economy into recession.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has accused the U.S. of trying to isolate and weaken the nation, pointing to the deployment of NATO forces near Russia's borders as a sign of hostile intentions. The war in Syria, where Russia has waged an air campaign in support of the President Bashar Assad, has

added to the tensions.

Gorbachev said Russian and U.S. leaders must sit down for talks and "stay at the table until they reach agreement."

"The world needs Russia and the United States to cooperate," Gorbachev said. "Together, they could lead the world ... to a new path."

He defended Russia's action to annex Crimea, pointing out that Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev arbitrarily transferred Crimea from Russian to Ukrainian administrative control in 1954, a decision that mattered little until the Soviet collapse.

He also noted that the annexation followed a popular vote in which the residents of the Black Sea peninsula overwhelmingly backed joining Russia.

"When people say yes, a decision must be made," he said.

The Crimean referendum was held after Russian troops flooded the peninsula, and the West has rejected the vote's outcome due to the troops' presence.

While he squarely backs Putin on the Ukrainian crisis, Gorbachev, who was born in southern Russia, is full of admiration for Ukrainian culture. After an interview, he sang a Ukrainian song he learned from his mother, who was Ukrainian.

Gorbachev also praised outgoing U.S. President Barack Obama. But he deplored what he described as a misguided policy toward Russia pursued by the U.S. and its allies both during his presidency and now.

"They have been badgering Russia with accusations and blaming it for everything," Gorbachev said. "And now, there is a backlash to that in Russia. Russia wants to have friendly ties with America, but it's difficult to do that when Russia sees that it's being cheated."

Gorbachev pointed to the productive relationship he built with U.S. President Ronald Reagan during the 1980s and the arms control agreements they reached despite sharp ideological differences.

"We accomplished a lot," he said. "We could talk openly, in a real partner-like way. It's necessary to take that approach again."

Asked his opinion of Putin's leadership, Gorbachev said he sees him as a "worthy president," even though he has criticized some of his policies.

In the past, Gorbachev assailed the Kremlin for a crack-down on freedom of speech and rigid political controls. He also was critical of Putin's return to the presidency in 2012 after term limits forced him to switch to the premier's seat for four years.

"I almost fully supported him first, and then I began to voice criticism," Gorbachev said of Putin. "I can't renounce my views."

He added, however, that he approved of Putin's recent

state-of-the-nation address. The speech sent a conciliatory message to the West, and some observers also saw signs that the Kremlin may ease some of its rigid domestic policies.

"It was different from his previous speeches," Gorbachev said. "The speech showed that he's strongly worried."

Gorbachev has received global accolades for his policy of "perestroika," which eased government economic controls, and his role in ending the Cold War. At home, he has faced stinging criticism. Many held him responsible, and still do, for economic hardships, political turmoil and the loss of superpower status resulting from the Soviet Union's collapse.

Gorbachev's voice trembled with emotion as he recalled the waning days of the Soviet Union, when his arch-foe, Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin, and leaders of other Soviet republics plotted his ouster while pretending to support his efforts to negotiate a treaty that would give the republics broader powers.

"Yeltsin took part in that and supported it, but he was conspiring behind my back how to get rid of Gorbachev," he said, alleging that a hunger for power motivated the Russian leader. "Russia was spearheading the Soviet breakup."

Leaders of Russia, Ukraine

and Belarus, meeting secretly at a government residence in a forest in Belarus, signed an agreement on Dec. 8, 1991, pronouncing the Soviet Union dead and setting up the Commonwealth of Independent States. The move caught both Gorbachev and the West by surprise. Two weeks later, other ex-Soviet nations joined the newly-created CIS.

Driven into a corner, Gorbachev stepped down on Christmas Day 1991. Hours later, Yeltsin and his lieutenants took over his office in the Kremlin, giving him no time to pack his personal belongings in a calculated gesture of humiliation.

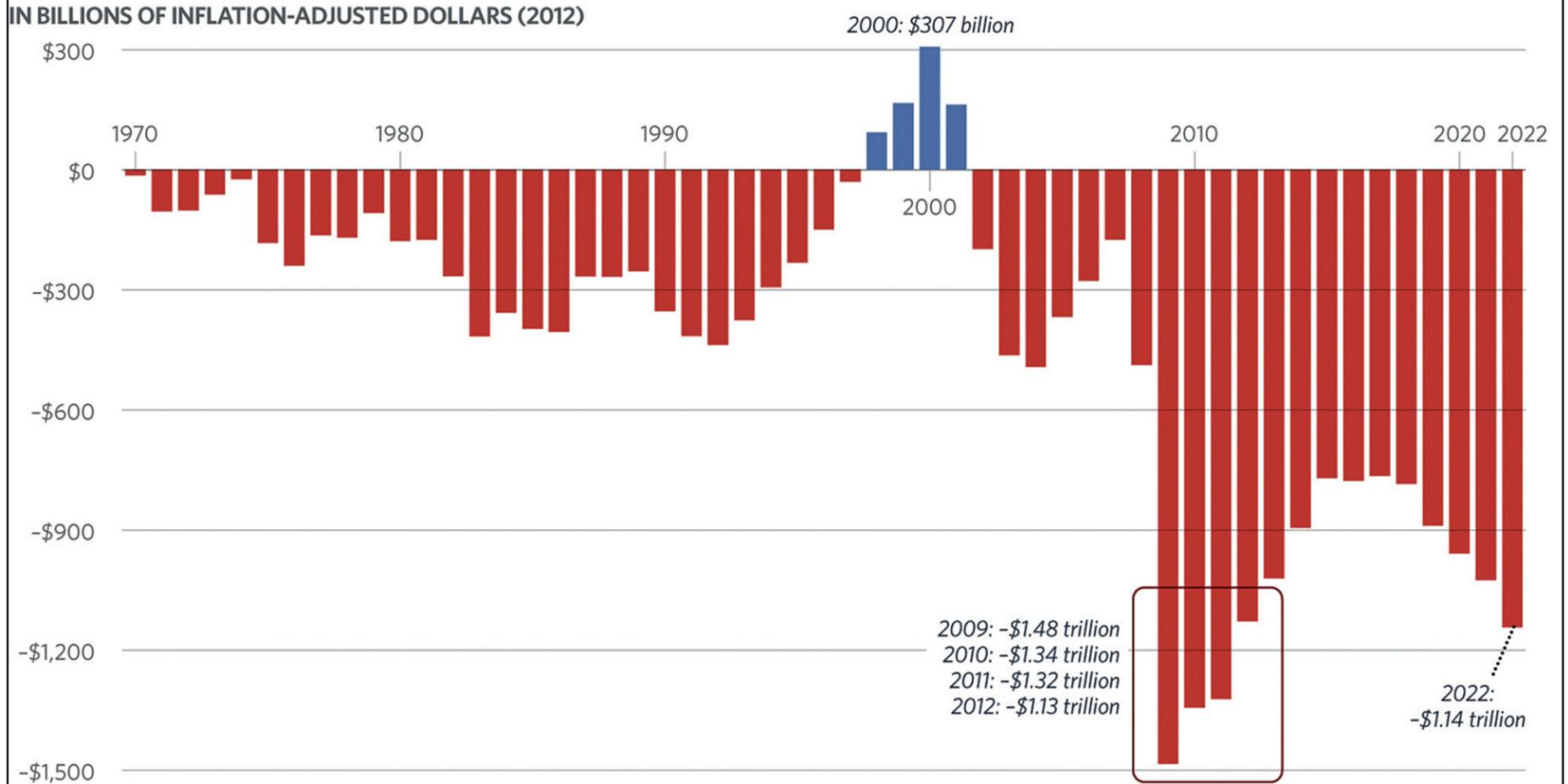
Amid the Soviet meltdown, loyalties of the 4 million-strong Soviet army and the massive KGB apparatus were split between the central authorities and the newly-assertive governments of Russia and other republics who were proclaiming their independence.

Asked if he considered using force to prevent the Soviet breakup, Gorbachev said launching a violent domestic conflict in a nuclear superpower was never an option for him.

"The country was loaded to the brim with weapons," he said. "And it would immediately have pushed the country into a civil war."

# Federal Budget Deficits and Federal Spending Growth

## The Federal Budget Is Recording Chronic Deficits

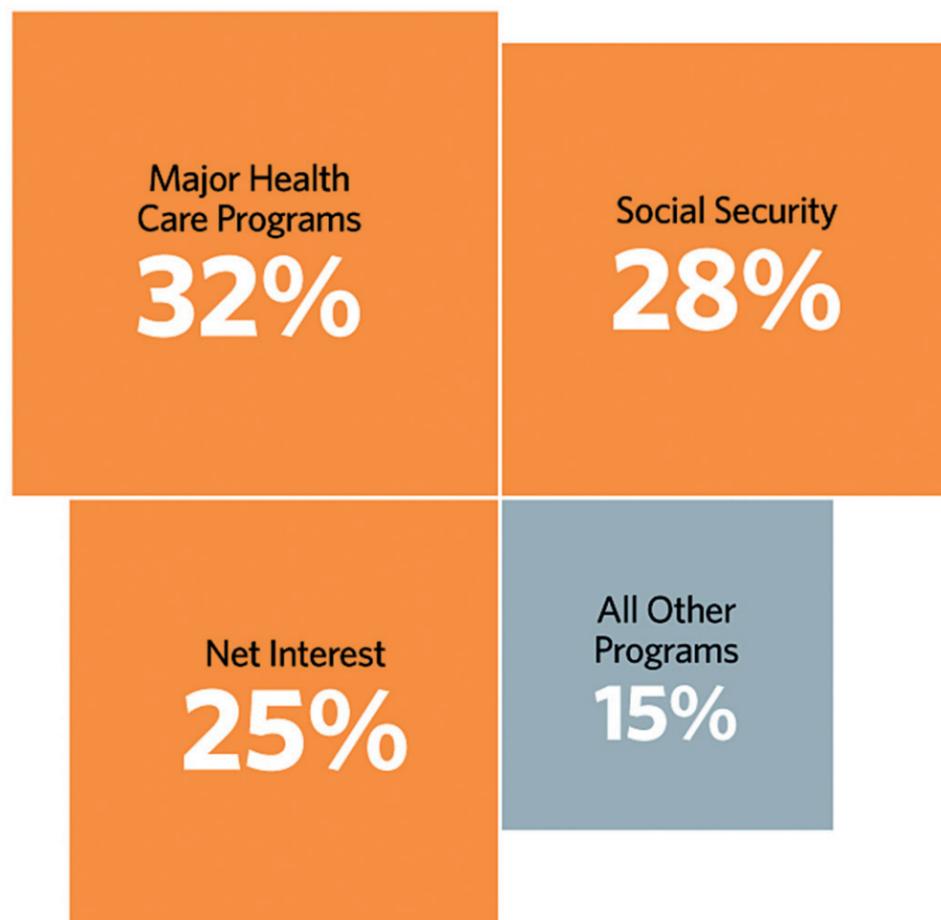


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Federal Spending by the Numbers 2012 heritage.org

## Entitlements and Interest on the Debt Account for 85 Percent of Spending Growth Through 2024

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL INCREASE IN OUTLAYS, 2014 TO 2024



Source: Congressional Budget Office, "An Update to the Budget and Economic Outlook: 2014 to 2024," August 2014, <http://www.cbo.gov/publication/45653> (accessed September 17, 2014).

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# Your Home Could Be “Nonconforming”

City Continued

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the extent possible?

-Yes, unanimous.

If a program was adopted should a limited timeframe be put on the program? (For example, sunset after so many years then requiring City Commission action to continue?)

-No, unanimous from group. Group would like some sort of periodic reporting and review of program. Landlords also expressed interest in locking in low fees or no fees (can't bind future Commissions though)

Should rental properties be up to date on taxes before being allowed to get a license renewed?

-3 no votes, 1 yes vote, 2 undecided.

Do landlords want to get notice via e-mail or phone when tenants get in trouble with police?

-No consensus. Most generally agreed they don't want to be called, but most would like to be e-mailed. Questions were brought up about the legality of doing this during a possible investigation.

Should a landlord license be issued yearly with continuing education requirements?

-No consensus. Landlords

opposed requiring, but nearly all agreed more training opportunities/educational opportunities was a positive thing.

Overall, the program framework was also voted upon. This was based upon discussions to date with the City Commission regarding a proposed program.

Maintain status quo with just expanded educational efforts

-2.5 votes

License/register rental units yearly but no fees for license from property owners (City budget pays for program)

-1.5 votes

License/register rental units yearly and charge fees to property owners that would cover program costs

-0.5 votes

License/register rental units yearly and charge fees to property owners that would cover program costs and utilize hybrid inspection program format discussed prior

-2.5 votes

Non-conforming Uses: A non-conforming use is a use that does not comply with current zoning. Under the current zoning regulations, any legal non-conforming use can continue subject to the regulations, but an illegal non-conforming use should be made to comply

with current zoning. To be determined legal, a non-conforming use must have (a) previously conformed to all zoning regulations (or not been subject to such regulations, as with annexed property), (b) remained in the same condition continuously since such time, and (c) the only reason the property no longer conforms is because of a change in regulations.

The issue of non-conforming uses is an item of concern that has been recently discussed by the City Commission when the downzoning occurred east of City Park area. Typically, as of now, the City becomes aware about non-conforming issues through a few different ways: complaint basis, property owner's request for information, or through a building permit/code action. The City currently does not proactively investigate or enforce non-conforming use issues. Normally, one of the above things occurs and then staff investigates by contacting the property owner and then staff must conduct extensive research to try and determine when non-conforming use was established, if it has remained in the same condition throughout, and if zoning re-

quirements are met. If a property cannot meet the requirements to be considered legally non-conforming, the City tries to work with the property owner to return it to a conforming use.

There are a large number of non-conforming residential uses in the city. Initial research has been done by City Administration and it showed an estimated 575 potential non-conforming residential structures (consisting of 1,425 dwelling units) in the city, (i.e. structures that contain more dwelling units than permitted under their current zoning designation), of which some are likely illegally non-conforming.

City Administration would like further direction from the Commission on how it would like to handle issues in regards to non-conforming uses. There are a variety of approaches available, depending on whether the City Commission wants to be more or less accommodating of non-conforming uses. If the City Commission wants to be more accommodating of non-conforming uses, it may "loosen" the definition of legal non-conforming use so more properties qualify or adopt full or partial amnesty. In

contrast, if the City Commission wants to be less accommodating of non-conforming uses, it may prohibit all expansion or change unless the structure complies with the zoning district. Either approach could include a registration or similar process to "confirm" the non-conforming use and to allow expansion/change in certain circumstances.

With any tool, there will likely be properties that cannot be considered legally non-conforming in any circumstances. That creates enforcement questions: (1) should City Administration proactively or reactively pursue compliance; and (2) how far should City Administration pursue enforcement of noncompliance? City Administration has historically taken a reactive approach to enforcement, as discussed above, due to limited time and resources. If City Administration were to more proactively pursue enforcement, more personnel and resources would be required.

From citizens' perspectives, regulation and enforcement of non-conforming uses can be contentious. On one hand, if the regulations are more accommodating and/or City Administration does not enforce compliance, the zoning district's use restrictions become more "voluntary," and the zoning districts are less likely to conform to their purposes (ex. R-1 districts containing primarily single-family homes). This can agitate neighbors, create neighborhood issues (trash, parking, etc), impact property values, or upset compliant landlords who are competing with noncompliant properties with more units.

On the other hand, if the regulations are less accommodating and/or City Administration enforces compliance, it can be time-consuming, costly and have a substantial negative impact on the property owner. In most cases, a property owner would have to make physical changes to the structure to remove illegally non-conforming units (removal of walls/kitchens/restructuring of areas/etc). The property owner may not have created the illegally non-conforming units. The property owner may resist making these changes, which can be costly and have financial consequences in reduced income and/or property value. If a property owner refuses to make such changes, the City would have to enforce compliance through a time-consuming legal process (potentially 1-2 years) in district court.

Thus, these two issues are closely linked, and City Administration requests City Commission input on the following: (1) how accommodating the City Commission wants to be of non-conforming uses; and (2) how the City Commission wants to direct City Administration to pursue enforcement with either approach.

City Administration recommends that the City Commission consider tools that balance the interests: (a) amendment of the definition of legally non-conforming use to give it a simpler and broader application; and (b) adoption of a process in

which a property owner would provide the required information to the City in order to prove compliance of legal nonconformity to gain verification of the non-conforming use to allow it to continue subject to certain rules. In order to make a process that will work for all parties and be simplified, there will likely need to be compromise by all stakeholders involved in the non-conforming use issue as to what level of compliance is necessary (i.e. number of units conforms to past zoning, but accept differences in parking, lot coverage, etc.). At a minimum, the verification process should include inspection of the property in order to verify the number of units and the use.

There is a component of non-conforming uses that could affect a possible rental licensing program. Property owners will register their properties each year with information, voluntarily provided, about numbers of units in structures. The information provided may conflict with the number of units allowed in the current zoning district in which the structure is located and be identified as non-conforming. Whether the units are illegally non-conforming would require further information and research. This same type of information was received through the prior rental inspection program in 2009, and was not proactively used to seek out or enforce non-conforming issues. City Administration intends to follow a similar process now; investigating non-conforming uses only reactively (upon complaint, etc.) rather than proactively.

Based on feedback received from the Commission, City Administration could start the development of a new simplified definition and process for registration/verification of legally non-conforming uses and bring that back to the City Commission in the future. It is important to note that the City is currently also negotiating with a consultant for the creation of a new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The consultant has experience dealing with non-conforming issues and could help provide input and best practices they have seen in other communities in regards to dealing with non-conforming use issues.

#### FINANCING

Depending on the feedback and direction from the City Commission there will be costs associated with this program.

#### ALTERNATIVE

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

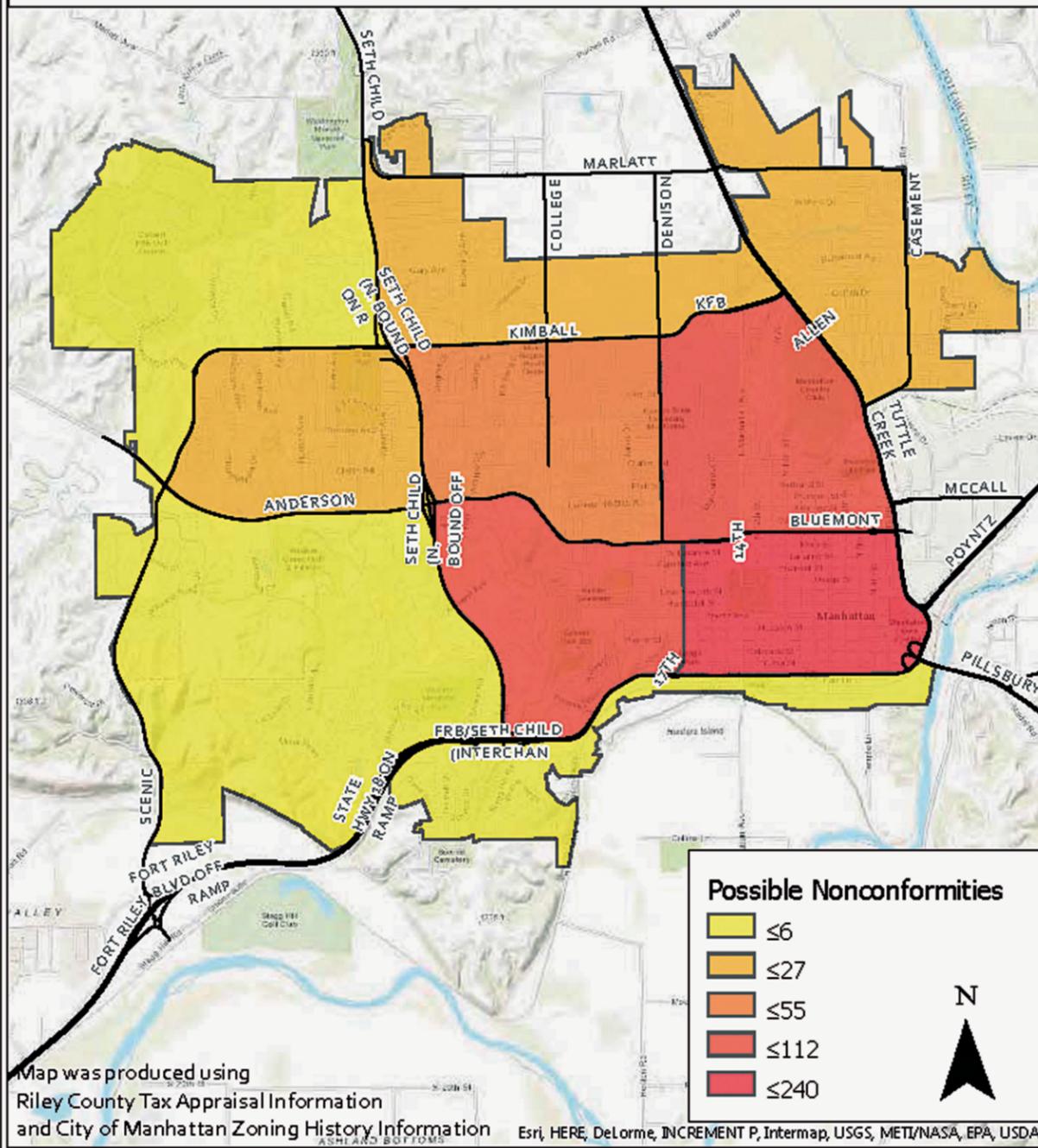
1. Receive rental housing focus group minutes and report and provide feedback and direction regarding a proposed rental licensing program ordinance and also provide feedback on non-conforming use issues.

*(Editor's Note... Or the City could drop the subject and get back to City business.)*

#### RECOMMENDATION

Provide guidance to City Administration on a rental housing program and on non-conforming use issues.

## Residential Nonconforming Analysis 1,425 Potential Nonconforming Dwelling Units on 575 individual properties





# Free Press Big 12 Sports

## Kansas State Football Holds Annual Awards Ceremony

### KSU Sports Information

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jesse Ertz, Jordan Willis and Dante Barnett were named Kansas State's 2016 offensive and defensive MVPs, while Colborn Couchman, Trent Tanking, Dominique Heath and Byron Pringle took home special teams MVP honors as the Wildcat football program held its annual awards ceremony Sunday at McCain Auditorium on the K-State campus.

Ertz enters the bowl season with the fifth-most rushing yards among FBS quarterbacks this season which included three 100-plus games in 2016. He has combined for 18 touchdowns and needs just 107 total yards in the bowl game to move into the school's single-season Top 10 for total offense.

Willis swept Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year honors from both the coaches and Associated Press as the product of Kansas City, Missouri, leads the league and ranks ninth nationally with a school-record tying 11.5 sacks in addition to 16.5 tackles for loss to rank second in the conference and 20th in the country this season.

A four-year starter, Barnett



Gov. Sam Brownback gives K-State the Governor's Cup after the game.

garnered All-Big 12 recognition this season after recording 61 tackles, 3.5 for losses, one interception and three passes defensed. The "quarterback" of the defense also currently is the most experience player in the Big 12 Conference with 40 career starts.

K-State again ranked as one of the top overall special teams units in college football as Pringle and Heath both recorded return scores this season, while Couchman and Tanking combined for 75-percent of all special teams tackles

and were key ingredients to the unit's success.

Also on the evening, Willis and All-Big 12 linebacker Elijah Lee garnered Defensive Front Seven Player of the Year honors, while All-Big 12 right tackle Dalton Risner earned Offensive Lineman of the Year honors.

On the academic side, Academic All-Big 12 selections Zach Reuter and Matt Seiwert received the program's Scholar-Athlete award, while the Big 12-leading and school-record

29 Academic All-Big 12 selections were also honored. A total of 19 Wildcats will play in the AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl having already earned degrees from Kansas State.

Riding a 5-1 record over the final half of the 2016 season, including three straight wins to secure its fifth eight-win season since 2011, K-State will play Texas A&M in the 2016 AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl on Wednesday, December 28. The game, which dates back to 2006 when K-State played in the in-

augural bowl matchup, pits the Big 12 and the SEC and will be played at NRG Stadium at 8 p.m. CT, with a nationwide television audience watching on ESPN.

Public tickets for K-State are available now at the K-State Online Ticket Office and through the K-State Athletics Ticket Office in Bramlage Coliseum or via phone at 1-800-221-CATS. Fans are strongly encouraged to order through K-State's official allotment to ensure that all Wildcat fans are seated in the official K-State sections of the stadium. The location for K-State's ticket allotment at the Texas Bowl is among the best of any bowl game with prime sideline seating locations available for \$85. Student tickets, priced at \$85, are also available.

### 2016 K-State Football Awards

Overachiever Award — Brock Monty  
Red Raider Award — Skylar Thompson and Tyler Burns  
Scholar-Athlete Award — Zach Reuter and Matt Seiwert  
Purple Pride Award — Brogan Barry and Colby Moore

Ken Ochs Courage Award — Charmeachealle Moore

Kevin Saunders Never Give Up Award — Joe Hubener

Bob Cope Memorial Award — Logan O'Dea

Nancy Bennett Memorial Award — Tanner Wood and Tyler Mitchell

Anthony A. Bates Memorial Award — Sam Sizelove and Alex Delton

Joan Friederich Award — Deante Burton and Will Davis

Jim "Shorty" Kleinau Award — Winston Dimel

Most Improved Defensive Player — D.J. Reed, Trey Dishon and Reggie Walker

Most Improved Offensive Player — Reid Najvar, Alex Barnes and Abdul Beecham

Outstanding Defensive Front Seven Award — Jordan Willis and Elijah Lee

Outstanding Offensive Line-man Award — Dalton Risner

Special Teams Most Valuable Player — Colborn Couchman, Trent Tanking, Dominique Heath and Byron Pringle

Defensive Most Valuable Player — Jordan Willis and Dante Barnett

Offensive Most Valuable Player — Jesse Ertz

## Big 12 Basketball Standings and Schedule

### Big 12 Standings

School	Big 12	Overall
Baylor	0 - 0	8 - 0 1.000
Kansas	0 - 0	9 - 1 .900
Kansas State	0 - 0	9 - 1 .900
TCU	0 - 0	9 - 1 .900
Texas Tech	0 - 0	8 - 1 .889
West Virginia	0 - 0	8 - 1 .889
Okla State	0 - 0	7 - 2 .778
Iowa State	0 - 0	6 - 3 .667
Oklahoma	0 - 0	6 - 3 .667
Texas	0 - 0	5 - 4 .556

### Kansas State Schedule

Fri, Nov 11 vs Western Illinois	W 82-55	1-0 (0-0)
Tue, Nov 15 vs Omaha	W 81-68	2-0 (0-0)
Sun, Nov 20 vs Hampton	W 89-67	3-0 (0-0)
Tue, Nov 22 vs Robert Morris	W 61-40	4-0 (0-0)
Fri, Nov 25 vs Boston College*	W 72-54	5-0 (0-0)
Sat, Nov 26 vs Maryland*	L 69-68	5-1 (0-0)
Wed, Nov 30 vs Green Bay	W 80-61	6-1 (0-0)
Sat, Dec 3 @ Saint Louis	W 84-53	7-1 (0-0)
Tue, Dec 6 vs Prairie View A&M	W 74 - 55	8-1 (0-0)
Sat, Dec 10 vs Washington State*	W 70 - 56	
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 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 #4 Baylor	4:30 PM ET	
Wed, Jan 18 @ Oklahoma State	9:00 PM ET	

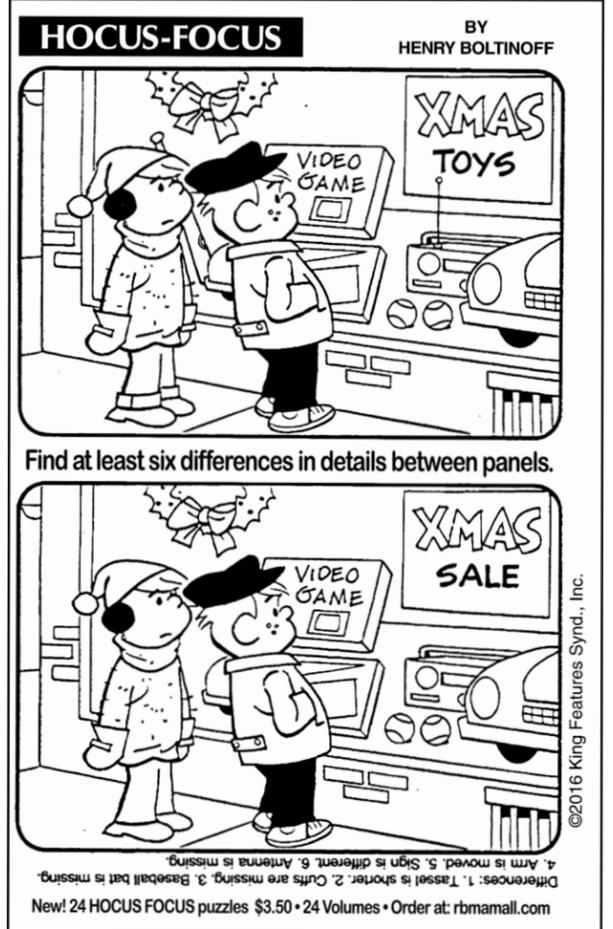
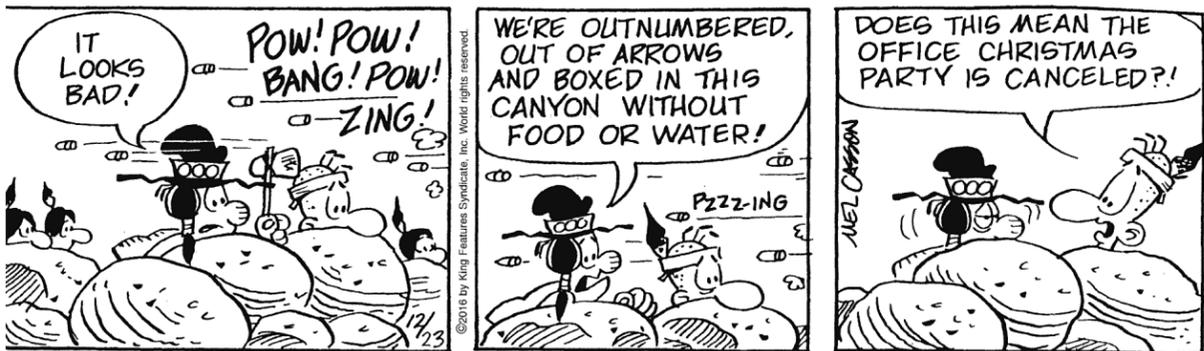
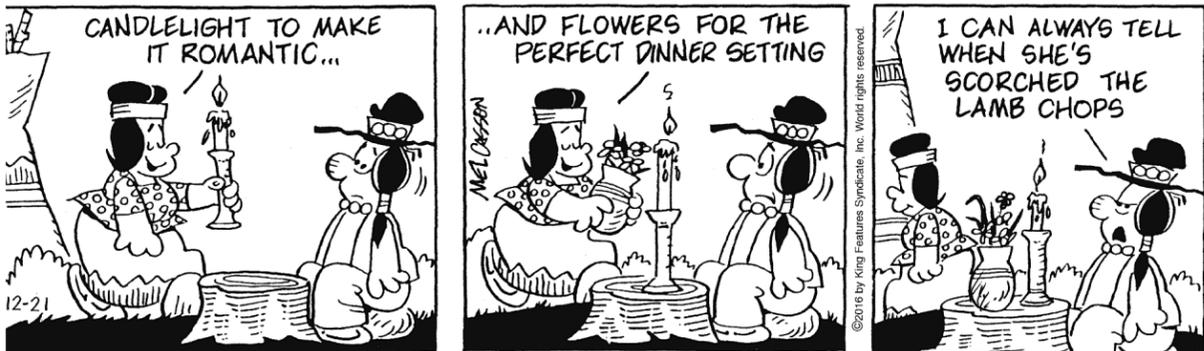
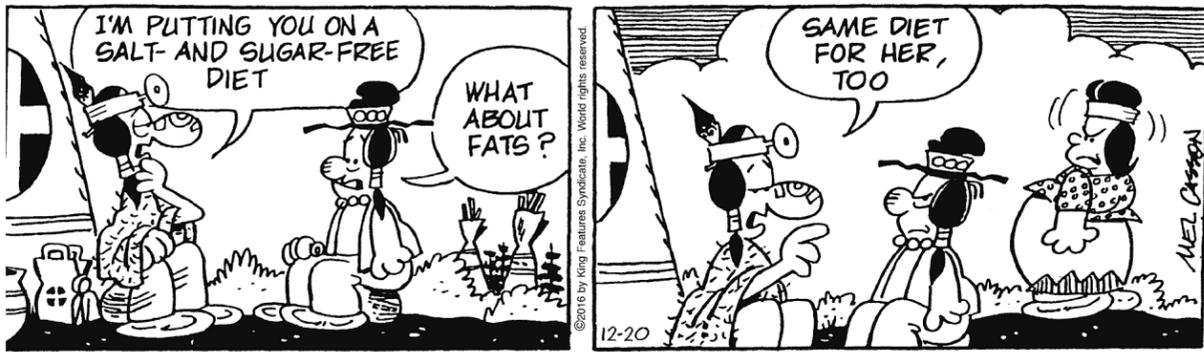
### Kansas Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/ TV
11/11/16	Indiana	L 99-103 (0-1)
11/15/16	Duke	W 77-75 (1-1)
11/18/2016	Siena	W 86-65 (2-1)
CBE Hall of Fame Classic		
11/21/2016	UAB	W 83-63 (3-1)
11/22/2016	Georgia	W 65-54 (4-1)
Kansas City, Mo. TBA		
11/25/2016	UNC Asheville	W 95-57 (5-1)
11/29/2016	Long Beach State	W 91-61 (6-1)
12/3/2016	Stanford	W 89-74 (7-1)
12/6/2016	UMKC	W 105-62(8-1)
12/10/2016	Nebraska	W 89 - 72 (9-1)
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.

## Big 12 Men Basketball Schedule

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
Wed, Dec 14	Baylor	Southern	Waco, Texas	6:00 p.m.	ESPNU
Wed, Dec 14	Oklahoma State	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Stillwater, Okla.	8:00 p.m.	ESPNU
Wed, Dec 14	Texas Tech	Nicholls State	Lubbock, Texas	8:00 p.m.	FSSW
Sat, Dec 17	Wichita State	Oklahoma State	Wichita, Kan.	TBA	
Sat, Dec 17	Colorado State	Kansas State	Denver, Colo.	TBA	
Sat, Dec 17	Oklahoma	Memphis	Norman, Okla.	11:30 a.m.	CBS
Sat, Dec 17	Richmond	Texas Tech	Richmond, VA	11:30 a.m.	ESPNU
Sat, Dec 17	West Virginia	UMKC	Morgantown, WV	1:00 p.m.	ROOT Sports
Sat, Dec 17	Texas	Arkansas	Houston, Texas	1:30 p.m.	ESPNU
Sat, Dec 17	Baylor	Jackson State	Fort Hood, Texas	5:00 p.m.	FSSW Watch
Sat, Dec 17	Kansas	Davidson	Kansas City, Mo	6:00 p.m.	ESPN2
Sat, Dec 17	Iowa State	Drake	Des Moines, Iowa	6:00 p.m.	Mediacom
Sun, Dec 18	TCU	Texas Southern	Fort Worth, Texas	5:00 p.m.	ESPNU
Sun, Dec 18	Baylor	John Brown University	Waco, Texas	6:00 p.m.	FSSW

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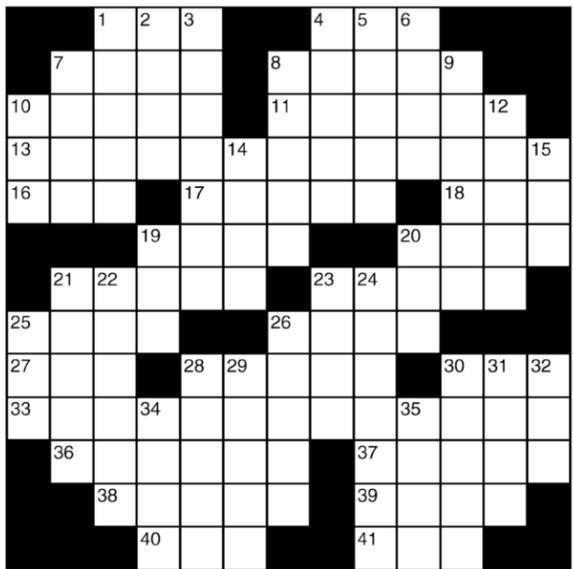
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  - 16 Island garland
  - 17 Mill input
  - 18 Pair
  - 19 Sorts
  - 20 Huffed and puffed
  - 21 Many Christmas trees
  - 23 Portobello alternative
  - 25 Actor Gregory
  - 26 Volcanic outflow
  - 27 Exist
  - 28 Persistent attack
  - 30 Bashful
  - 33 Cabal member
  - 36 Mexican entree
  - 37 Neighborhoods
  - 38 Rind-removing tool
  - 39 Taleteller
  - 40 Trawler need
  - 41 Young fellow
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  - 2 Start of a play
  - 3 Roof component
  - 4 Bulb measures
  - 5 End abruptly, NASA-style
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  - 7 Fashion
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  - 12 Wooden peg
  - 14 Annoys
  - 15 Ply oars
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## Kansas State pulls away from Washington State

By KSU Sports Information

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas State slowly, methodically broke down Washington State on Saturday night.

It probably shouldn't have been a surprise.

The Cougars were already playing without forward Jeff Pollard, who has mono, and Viont'e Daniels, who is dealing with the effects of a concussion. But then the news hit earlier in the day that Derrien King intends to transfer at the semester, leaving coach Ernie Kent's even more short-handed on the road.

"Any time a player leaves, it hurts your team," Kent said after the Wildcats rolled to a 70-56 victory at the Sprint Center, "and yet you're in an era of transferring and he made the decision to do that."

It left Washington State with eight guys to match up with a deep, balanced bunch of Wildcats, though, and the Cougars certainly looked tired by the time the final seconds ticked off the clock.

Wesley Iwundu had 15 points and eight rebounds, Barry Brown had 14 points, Dean Wade contributed 11 and Xavier Sneed finished with 10, all those scoring options helping Kansas State (9-1) over-

come a lousy first-half shooting performance to win its 16th consecutive non-conference home game.

It was also the Wildcats' third straight win over the Cougars.

"We were trying to do stuff all on our own," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "Our defense was solid again, but we didn't do the things we needed to do offensively in the first half. Much better in the second."

Indeed, Washington State (5-5) controlled almost the entire first half, never trailing until the final couple of minutes. But Kent's team fell behind 28-26 headed into the locker room, and kept slipping farther behind during the second half, when the Wildcats heated up from the perimeter.

They were 2 of 9 from 3-point range in the first half. They were 7 of 13 in the second.

"I think offensively we just came out slow, everybody was trying to probably put up the ball to see how it was going to go," Brown said. "In the second half we just made the right play, made the simple passes and we were able to make some shots."

Josh Hawkinson had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the



Kansas State's Wesley Iwundu (25) had 15 points and eight rebounds.

(KSU Sports Information)

Cougars. Charles Callison also scored 10.

In truth, there weren't many bright moments in the first half for either team — at one point, they combined for one field goal over a five-minute stretch.

Turnovers were also a problem with the teams giving it up five times during that same abysmal period.

But once the Wildcats assumed their first lead with 43 seconds left before halftime,

they never trailed again. Their lead approached 20 points midway through the second half before coasting down the stretch.

"I thought the game was a tale of two halves," Kent said. "We played I thought some re-

ally good basketball, probably our best basketball of the year in the first half and kept our composure. I thought Kansas State in the second half did a great job to keep their composure."

## UConn Ends K-State's Women's Unbeaten Streak at Nine

MANHATTAN, Kansas — Kansas State women's basketball faced off against No. 1/2 Connecticut on Sunday in front of a sell-out crowd of 12,528 in Bramlage Coliseum. The Huskies improved their winning streak to 84 games and sent K-State to its first loss of the season by a score of 75-58.

Sunday's crowd of 12,528 marked the ninth largest crowd in K-State women's basketball history inside Bramlage Coliseum. This was the first sell-out since Feb. 4, 2012 against Baylor and first non-conference sell-out since March 31, 2006 in the WNIT final against Marquette.

Kansas State (9-1) was led by senior center and Naismith Trophy candidate Breanna Lewis, who scored 18 points in the game to go along with seven rebounds. Joining Lewis in double figures was junior guard Karyla Middlebrook with a personal season-high of 11 points.

UConn (9-0) was paced by forward Katie Lou Samuelson with 26 points and forward Napheesa Collier who added 22 points and eight rebounds.

Kansas State finished the afternoon with a 40.0 percent (22-of-55) effort from the floor, while Connecticut shot 49.2 percent (30-of-61). K-State held the Huskies to a 40.0 percent (12-of-30) shooting effort in the second half while holding them to 30 total points in the second half.

Connecticut held the edge on the board, 35-28. This was the first time this season K-State has been outrebounded in a game this season, snapping a nine-game streak.

After Kansas State went in front of UConn, 4-2, on a pair of Lewis putbacks, the Huskies answered with a 23-4 run to take a 25-8 at the end of the first quarter. During the run, Samuelson buried four 3-pointers and accounted for 14 points. This was the second time this season K-State had been held to single digits in a quarter.

K-State cut the UConn lead to 14, 31-17, with 7:08 remaining in the second quarter. Middlebrook helped cut into the deficit with a jumper and a pair of free throws, while Wesemann buried her first 3-pointer of the afternoon.

The Wildcats cut the Huskies' lead to 45-31 at the half, using a 7-3 run over the final 2:08 of the period to cut into the deficit. K-State outscored UConn in the second quarter, 23-20. This was the first time this season K-State trailed after the first half.

Eternati Willock started the rally with a layup and Shaelyn Martin followed with a 15-foot jumper. The final points came from Wesemann, as she connected on her third 3-pointer of the quarter.

Kansas State shot 42.9 percent (12-of-28) from the field and UConn tallied a 58.1 percent (18-of-31) effort, including a 7-of-14 performance from beyond the arc.

K-State cut into the halftime deficit, 51-40, forcing a UConn timeout with 5:46 remaining in the third quarter. Lewis finished off a pair of layups and Kaylee Page knocked down her first 3-pointer of the game.

After the timeout, Connecticut went on a 10-0 run to rebuild its lead to 21, 61-40, with 3:06 left in the third quarter. The Wildcats

nudged back to within 65-47 entering the fourth quarter. Kayla Goth scored K-State's final five points of the quarter. Goth would finish with seven points on the day.

Kansas State secured an 11-10 edge in the final frame, as both teams shot 33.3 percent from the field.

After taking a week long break for finals, K-State will end its three-game home stand against Princeton on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. To purchase tickets to the non-conference home finale of 2016, contact the K-State Athletics Ticket Office by calling (800) 221-CATS or by visiting [www.kstatesports.com/tickets](http://www.kstatesports.com/tickets).

### Noteworthy

- K-State is in its 49th season of women's basketball and owns an overall record of 900-557... Head coach Jeff Mittie owns a career record of 501-263, including a 47-28 mark in three seasons at K-State.

- UConn leads the series with K-State, 3-0... K-State is 10-6 all-time against teams from the American Athletic Conference... Head coach

Jeff Mittie is 0-3 against UConn in his career.

- The Wildcats have an all-time record of 214-88 (.709) in the month of December... Under Mittie, K-State is 15-3 in December.

- K-State's starting lineup: guards - Kindred Wesemann and Karyla Middlebrook; forwards - Peyton Williams and Shaelyn Martin; center - Breanna Lewis... This was the fourth game for this lineup... Seventh career start for Williams... Eighth career K-State start for Middlebrook and the 78th of her collegiate career... Wesemann has played in 104 career games and started 83... Lewis has played in 104 career games and started 99.

- K-State has made a three-point field goal in 316 straight games... The streak dates back to Feb. 7, 2007.

- Lewis notched her 62nd career game in double figures for scoring... With her 18 points, Lewis is 20th on the K-State career scoring list with 1,232 points... Her nine made field goals improved her career total to 530 and moved her into

13th on the K-State career field goals made list... Lewis tallied seven rebounds, which is her 73rd career game with five or more rebounds... She ranks 14th in school history for career rebounds with 674... Lewis finished with a four blocks, her 66th career game with two or more blocks and her 25th career game with four or more blocks... Lewis improves her career blocks total to 246 and ranks second in school history for career blocks and 10th in Big 12 history... Her four steals on Sunday tied her career-high and marked the sixth time she has pocketed four steals in a game.

- Wesemann finished the day 3-of-6 from beyond the arc, her 61st career game with two or more made... She has made 205 three-pointers in her career and ranks sixth in program history.

- Shaelyn Martin recorded three assists on Sunday, keeping her at 19th on the K-State career assists list with 244.

- Middlebrook carded her first career game at K-State with 10 or more points.

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