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Too Many Chiefs and Not Enough Indians!



the left is not appropriate is because it does not have enough Native American school. Absolutely nothing but the racial makeup of the school decides whether an image is appropriate or racist.

The fact that the image was designed by a Native American to honor a former coach that was a Native American at the school has no bearing on how some people choose to see the mascot.

There are Native Americans who went to MHS and were not offended or harmed by the mascot. They have signed the online petition to keep the mascot as it is.

If you told a school that they could not display an image or call a mascot by a certain name because they did not have enough white Americans enrolled in their school, you would be labeled a racist.

Everything boils down to two things. 1. You can't understand if you are not Native American. 2. If you are not Native American then you can't honor the Native Americans without being harmful.

It's difficult to understand how the exact same image or a similar image can be harmful in one school, but respected in another depending on the racial population.

Thank you for understanding.

The Manhattan School District's Indian Mascot... Named in honor of a Native Indian football coach. It is "harmful, hateful, demeaning, cruel, and racist."

Editorial
By Ben Brake,
Manhattan Free Press

Currently, there is an attempt to have the Manhattan High School (MHS) change the mascot to anything but the "Indians" by a small group in Manhattan. Several individuals from the Multicultural Engineering Program at Kansas State University are active in this cause claiming the MHS mascot is harmful, demeaning, and cruel to the Native American heritage.

One of the Native American mascots (above) is harmful, hateful,

Haskell Indian Nations University Mascot... According to some, it is not "harmful, hateful, demeaning, cruel, and racist."

is appropriate to Native Americans. Now the kicker is, if the image on the right was the MHS mascot it would be inappropriate and hateful and if the image on the left was the Haskell mascot it would be appropriate and acceptable.

The logo on the right is the Haskell Indian Nations University mascot that

Jackson Named City Attorney

Katharine (Katie) Jackson has been named City Attorney for the City of Manhattan. City Manager Ron R. Fehr announced the appointment today.

Jackson will be responsible for providing legal expertise in a broad variety of municipal matters, including contracts and franchises, land use, real estate, employment law, ordinances and code provisions, intergovernmental agreements, as well as directing prosecution, litigation and external counsel. The City Attorney represents the municipality, providing legal advice and counsel to City staff and the City Commission.

"I am extremely pleased to promote Katie to her former position as City Attorney," Fehr said. "She has performed commendably during her tenure as Interim City Attorney and in her prior positions with the City. She



Katharine (Katie) Jackson

will continue to provide a wealth of municipal legal expertise to the City's management team, to the City Commission, as well as provide effective leadership to meet the current and future demands of our legal department."

"It has been a considerable privilege to work for and with the City Commission and City staff, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve as City Attorney," Jackson said.

Health Care Scam

Some Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas members who have purchased health plans through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace or Medicare may have fallen victim to a national identity theft scam. As part of the scam, the thieves call individuals and pose as someone from either the Marketplace, Medicare or a health insurer to collect banking or credit card information for premium payments.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas will never call a member to ask for his or her bank account or credit card information. We only collect this information when a member calls us directly to make a payment, and we first verify that person's identity. Likewise, the federal Marketplace and Medicare do not make calls to collect premium payments.

If you are called by someone requesting your bank account or credit card information, do NOT give them any banking or credit card information or your Social Security number (SSN) not even a couple of numbers. Simply hang up, and then report your experience at 1-877-FTC-HELP.

If you believe that you have given your personal financial record to a scammer, please contact your local police department to file a report, check with your financial institution for any unauthorized activity, and check in with a credit bureau to monitor your credit for any suspicious activity.

Kansas lawmakers scrutinize KU's bond issue

By Bryan Lowry
Wichita Eagle

The University of Kansas borrowed \$330 million to build facilities without the approval of the Kansas Legislature.

KU used a Wisconsin agency to issue \$326.9 million in bonds last month, setting up a private corporation



issue by the finance authority would have required legislative approval; going out of state to borrow money did not.

Structuring the bonds this way "protects the state from liability for that debt," said Tim Caboni, KU's vice chancellor for public affairs.

The corporation will have to pay

Riley County Commissioners Looking For Buyers Or Do They Already Have Someone In Mind?

Editorial
By Jon A. Brake

When you see that a governing agency is planning on doing something, you should always ask why.

The Riley County Commission announced Monday that they are going to sell four buildings.

For Sale are: Emergency Medical Services building, 2011 Clafin Road; the Pawnee Mental Health Building, 2001 Clafin Road; and the Genealogical Society building, 2005 Clafin Road and then of course there is the old Bell Telephone Building that the County calls the Plaza East on 4th St.

But here are the restrictions on the future buyers.

1. Riley County Genealogical Society building is on the Kansas Historical List, a new owner can't do anything with the property without going to the City and State Historical for approval. That limits buyers.

2. The Commissioners have this to say about the Pawnee Mental Health building: "Bids shall include a proposed long-term lease



agreement for Pawnee Mental Health on terms similar to its current lease with Riley County."

And, selling the building was in the New Courthouse plans from ten years ago and was updated three years ago.

Ok, the Bell Building is for sale.

What about the other three buildings?

Good locations! But the Notice of Intent to Sell Real Property put out by the Commission limits the Sale.

You would think that is the County wanted to sell the properties they would sell each property or sell them all.

But here are the restrictions on the future buyers.

3. Listen what the Commission has to say here: "If all bids are rejected, no bids are received, or if closing is not completed as described herein, Riley County may negotiate sale of all (or part of) the parcel with any business entity or person (including but not limited to those whose bids were rejected), with or without advertising for bids, on such terms as the Board directs, in the Board's sole discretion."

The Commission has set it up to where they can sell the property to anyone that they choose, not to the highest bidder, and they can do it without giving notice to the public. Crayonism?

Yes, the Commissioners will sell the Pawnee Mental Health building but you must give the organization another lease just like the lease they have with the County. But Commissioners, a lease goes with the sale, you don't need a new lease.

The Free Press feels that this is important and we are printing the complete Notice to Sell Real Property. Read it, please.

Here is a Memo and Notice to Sell from Monday's Work Session:

COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT
FROM: Jill Conrad, Office Manager MEETING: August 1, 2016
SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Sell Real Property - Work Session
PRESENTING: Clancy Holman, Riley County Counselor

BACKGROUND
Attached for your review and approval is a "Notice of Intent to Sell Real Property." This offers for public sale a county-owned parcel consisting of the Emergency Medical Services building, 2011 Clafin Road; the Pawnee Mental Health Building, 2001 Clafin Road; and the Genealogical Society building, 2005 Clafin Road; all 3 buildings located in Manhattan. See County page 2



Riley County Genealogical Society building is on the Kansas Historical List and you can not do anything with it, without the approval of the Historical Assn.



Now the EMS building can be a good buy, if you need the parking space or the land that it sits on.

Dick Edwards

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Several individuals from the Multicultural Engineering Program at Kansas State University were active this year (Feb. 4th issue) in this cause claiming the MHS mascot is harmful, demeaning, and cruel to the Native American heritage. The Liberal School Board named a "Committee" to help change the mascot next year. This issue has been before the School Board several times and was rejected. Not next year!

Out of nowhere the Riley County Commissioners came up with the idea that they would take bids on three of their buildings this year. On August 4th the Free Press asked if the Commissioners "Already had someone in mind"? It turned out Kansas State University wanted the land for a parking garage for a new University Dorm. Both are still working on making a deal.

You can see all of the back issues of the Manhattan Free Press at manhattanfreepress.com

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Longtime Wichita Falls doctor awarded bachelor's degree

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — As a subspecialist in infectious diseases, Dr. Robert McBroom Jr. has wrangled and wrestled and communed via microscope with tiny living things.

But, absorbed by his study of little living things, one big thing got past him.

The Wichita Falls Times Record News (<http://bit.ly/2hsqkAd>) reports he was at Kell West Regional Hospital when one of the nurses congratulated him on getting his bachelor's degree.

"What are you talking about?" he said. "I didn't know anything about it. How did you know about it?"

As it turns out, Midwestern State University's board of regents in August approved a petition for a bachelor's degree in science submitted on McBroom's behalf. He received that degree Dec. 17 at Kay Yeager Coliseum during MSU's winter commencement ceremony.

It's an honor being bestowed upon McBroom more than four decades after he might have walked the stage with his fellow MSU Indians, now called MSU Mustangs after a mascot change several years ago.

"Bridgette must have had something to do with this," McBroom said of his wife getting the petition process started. "... I never would have."

Applying for the degree now just seemed like serendipity.

It was in 2015 when McBroom saw MSU president finalist Suzanne Shipley's photograph on the television screen, along with an invitation to the community to attend a forum to meet her.

"She looked familiar," he said and wondered if she was the same Suzanne Shipley he knew back in Lubbock, when his dad, a professor of world literature at MSU, was there working on his doctorate.

"Her brother was my best friend in high school," he said.

That's when McBroom decided to attend the forum and stood up and asked Shipley, who is now the MSU president, "Do you have a brother named Wesley?"

"Oh no! You're Bob McBroom! This was my first boyfriend. What are you doing now?" she said with a laugh.

It was back in his days at MSU, when the soft-spoken, unassuming doctor was barely 20, that his academic counselors suggested he not finish his bachelor's degree in science.

"I had done well for two years. My faculty adviser suggested I try and apply (to medical school); I had another year to go. I never completed my degree at Midwestern and just went on to medical school."

Four years later, without a

bachelor's degree in hand, McBroom graduated with his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Not having a bachelor's degree never seemed to stop McBroom, who went on to specialize in internal medicine, though it's his subspecialty of infectious diseases that has been of particular interest in the media.

"Even at MSU, I was always fascinated by microbiology," McBroom said. "I thought about doing a fellowship in infectious diseases."

It was when the human immunodeficiency virus crisis was building in the 1980s, and when the first cases were emerging in Wichita Falls, that McBroom really started to follow that path to infectious disease specialist.

"No one here wanted to do it," he said of delving more into HIV. "I devoured everything I could find in the literature. Little by little, I trained myself."

He ended up writing a monograph — a small, dedicated textbook — on HIV, which was reviewed by Texas Tech.

"They were willing to sponsor a conference here. It was one of the first conferences of this kind," he said.

A week later and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center contacted him and offered him a fellowship in its research department.

In his 35 years in infectious medicine, he has seen a little of everything, from the loa loa nematode worm, which causes skin and eye diseases, to malaria cases and dengue, a mosquito-borne tropical disease.

He sees many of those cases of infectious diseases in Sheppard Air Force Base personnel who have traveled overseas to endemic regions.

McBroom has worked for many years with the Wichita Falls-Wichita County Public Health District, including on grant-funded HIV studies.

In all those years as a physician, McBroom said other people have suggested he apply to finally receive his bachelor's degree — something he didn't think much about.

But not having a bachelor's degree all these years, he said, has been hard to explain to people.

He won't have to explain much anymore.

"I was a little bit shy and didn't want to walk the stage — the oldest guy around a lot of young graduates," said McBroom.

But with so many years in medicine, it seems time he did just that — walk the stage, receive that degree and continue to make strides studying little living things in the big picture of his life.

Senate Should Act Quickly to Confirm Scott Pruitt to Lead the EPA

By Jason Pye
FreedomWorks

Following the publication of an opinion piece in the *Washington Examiner* authored by Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) on the nomination of Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to serve as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), FreedomWorks CEO Adam Brandon commented:

"The EPA is the most notorious example of government overreach. It has promulgated rules and regulations, like the Clean Power Plan, that are aimed at wiping out an entire industry, hurting workers while costing consumers and businesses tens of billions of dollars annually. Even labor unions like the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the United Mine Workers of America have joined the 27-state lawsuit against the EPA."

"The EPA's war on coal has already cost West Virginia more than 1,300 jobs, more than 1,000 in Pennsylvania, and nearly 1,400 in Ohio. An analysis released last year projected that consumers in North Dakota and West Virginia will see price increases of 43 percent and 33 percent. Consumers in Missouri and Montana will pay 24 percent more, while those in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Ohio will see increases of 20 percent, 17 percent, and 15 percent."

"Businesses and consumers already face a regulatory burden of nearly \$2 trillion. Sen. Inhofe is right. The EPA is 'a rogue agency distracted from its core functions.' It now is the worst offender in this uncon-



Scott Pruitt

tutional fourth branch of government that we know as the regulatory state. The Senate should act quickly to confirm Attorney General Pruitt to lead the EPA to begin the process of reining it in while striking a balance between protecting the environment and businesses and consumers."

Sen. Inhofe serves as chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public

Works, which has jurisdiction over the EPA and confirmation of its administrator. FreedomWorks will score the committee and floor votes on General Pruitt's nomination when calculating our Scorecard for 2017.

As of Wednesday, FreedomWorks has driven more than 5,500 contacts to senators and is organizing in-state office visits in support of Attorney General Pruitt's nomination. Earlier this week, FreedomWorks activists visited the offices of Sens. Richard Burr (R-N.C.) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.). Visits are planned for the offices of Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.), Orrin Hatch (R-Utah.), Tim Kaine (D-Va.), and Mark Warner (D-Va.).

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The Gabby: Navy to commission USS Gabrielle Giffords

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) -- A naval program that has become a target for critics is preparing to commission the USS Gabrielle Giffords, named for the U.S. politician who survived an assassination attempt in 2011.

The USS Gabrielle Giffords, constructed by Austal USA in Mobile, Alabama, has completed testing in the Gulf of Mexico and is scheduled to be commissioned in mid-2017. The company handed over the \$475 million ship to the Navy on Friday.

Giffords was shot in the head during a mass shooting in Arizona in 2011 and helped christen the ship in 2015. It's part of a hotly debated program that congressional critics slam as flawed and too expensive but that Navy leaders defend as a critical new step in naval warfighting.

The 421-foot-long Giffords will be the ninth in a series of high-speed vessels designed to navigate in shallow coastal regions known as littoral waters.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has cited the \$12.4 billion spent for 26 littoral combat ships as the worst example of wasteful Pentagon spending.

The ship's name also has been a target for conservatives who see it as promoting stricter gun laws, a cause Giffords has promoted. Some critics lampooned the ship as being gun-free, a bit of parody and fake news that was debunked on snopes.com.

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- Thomas Jefferson, 1787



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Sounds Like The Liberal Media In Kansas

Tribune spreads myth of underfunded Texas schools

The Texas Tribune has been trying to convince its readers that the blame for their sky-high property taxes belongs to the Legislature and not the school districts that are actually setting those tax rates.

Tribune Executive Editor Ross Ramsey insists that school districts are collecting higher taxes in order to offset less funding from the state.

His contention is dead wrong. On a per-student basis, state funding has dropped \$339 over the last decade, according to Ramsey's own numbers, but the local increase has been \$990, three times the amount of that reduction.

The large majority of the increase has nothing to do with offsets. That should be the end of his argument right there.

Now, Texas school districts do get 41.4 percent of their funds from the state, while the national average is 46.4 percent, according to the statistics from the National Education Association. But that doesn't mean the state is underfunding its schools.

For one thing, that gap would be a couple points closer if money redistributed through the

"Robin Hood" system were properly accounted as a state tax.

Ramsey brings state Rep. Jimmie Don Aycock — the House Public Education Committee chairman and a classic open-wallet Republican — into the argument, to mutter darkly that lawmakers will suffer the consequences if they don't approve even more spending to relieve the oh-so desperate school districts. The chickens, he writes, "will eventually come home to roost, especially if those school officials tell their voters about the problem" of stingy lawmakers.

For years the media have been telling Texans they're stingy with school funding. For some reason, Texans believe them, despite the evidence in front of their eyes in the form of shiny palatial campuses, stadiums and gyms across the state.

Those excellent facilities are actually what sets Texas apart, and what causes much of the misunderstanding.

Texas is right in the middle of the pack in per capita K-12 education funding — 26th out of 50 states (we'll exclude Washington DC), according to

NEA stats. On a per-student basis, it's a little lower, as the state's population skews young.

But Texas is just 5 percent lower than the national average in per capita school funding, and if you adjust for cost of living, it's actually a bit above average.

What sets Texas apart isn't the total amount of resources dedicated to schools, or which level of government levies the taxes — it's where that money gets spent.

Texas spends way more than average on school facilities, while spending way less than average on what takes place in the classroom.

The statistics that one often sees in newspaper reports on the supposed stinginess of our system — these numbers that put Texas 39th or 44th or something in some manner of school spending — are generally calculated from "current expenditures," a category that excludes infrastructure and debt. And that's where Texas spends big.

Texas ranked 10th in capital outlays in 2012-13, the most recent year for which the NEA has data. When you combine the high infrastructure spending

with the low classroom spending, you end up back in the middle.

However, Texas isn't fully paying for all of that infrastructure yet. Around the state, districts have run up obscene debts, thanks to the peculiar incentives of the state's school financing system.

Take the two basic tax caps that every homeowner is familiar with — the \$1 per \$100 of valuation to support school operations, and the \$0.50 per \$100 to pay off school bonds. Virtually all of the school districts across the state reached their operations cap long ago, meaning the only real discretion they have, the only money they get to play with, is in school bonds.

Add in the fact that those bonds are relatively cheap, thanks to a state guarantee that dates to 1983, and you get a debt explosion.

From 2006 to the present, total school bond debt in Texas has gone from \$40 billion to \$74.9 billion outstanding. That debt will require \$119.3 billion to repay.

By comparison, Texas spends \$61 billion on K-12 education a year.

The only other state that even comes close to Texas' debt-heavy approach is South Carolina; the two states have double the national average in per student debt, and are 29 percent higher than the runner-up, according to Census data.

Ramsey bases his entire argument on the percentage of total school funding supplied by the state and the districts themselves. He notes that state support has actually increased over the last decade, but not as fast as student population, which is correct.

"In 2008, the state took responsibility for 44.9 percent of the total cost, or about as much as the local districts spent," he writes. "Now, the locals are paying 51.5 percent to the state's 38.4 percent."

The relative percentages are nearly meaningless. We could point out that when you combine all state and local government spending, Texas spends the fourth highest percentage of its budget on education, out of all the states.

That doesn't mean Texas spends a lot on education; it actually means Texas spends less on other things. A ratio just tells you one thing's size compared to another; it doesn't tell you anything about its actual size.

This number does: 15 years ago, Texas schools spent \$26.2 billion from all sources — state, local, and federal — while in 2017, Texas schools will spend \$26.2 billion just from property taxes.

The tremendous growth in local property tax collection has been driven by a booming real estate market — new construction and property value appre-

ciation have been strong for a decade. Ramsey puts the growth in property value taxable by schools at 67.2 percent from 2005 to 2014, from \$1.22 trillion to \$2.03 trillion

This allows schools to levy higher taxes every year without increasing tax rates. But the burden felt by taxpayers grows all the same. That's what's got people complaining, not abstract ratios.

Somehow, the voters by and large haven't realized the contradiction in complaining about property taxes while approving school bonds.

When you vote for spending, you vote for the taxes to pay for that spending, either now or later. Politicians may promise reform, but nothing changes the math.

The booming housing market also makes it easy for school districts to sell their bonds to voters with a catch-all justification of "growth." The voters rarely catch on to the disproportion between 200 new students, say, and \$200 million in debt.

In 2016, voters around the state approved 86 of the 114 school bond measures put before them, according to the Bond Review Board. The ones that were rejected tended to be smaller issues, perhaps because the numbers are more relatable in small towns.

Whatever the reason, out of \$7.5 billion in new school debt put before them this year, Texas voters approved \$6.9 billion.

That's \$11 billion or so in new property taxes due, no matter how much you shout at the county assessor.

DHS shuts down aerial surveillance on border

Watchdog

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security quietly shut down Operation Phalanx, an aerial surveillance program that intercepts drugs and illegal crossings along the Mexican border.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, vows to challenge DHS's move, saying Congress provided "full funding" for 2017.

Cuellar, a member of the House Appropriations Committee and the Homeland Security Subcommittee, is drafting a letter to DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson protesting the shutdown.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Cuellar challenged Johnson last February when DHS reduced Phalanx's flight operations.

This time, Cuellar is seeking reinforcements from Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Reps. Mike McCaul, R-San Antonio, and John Carter, R-Round Rock.

Cornyn sits on the Senate Judiciary Subcommittees on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security and the Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security panel. McCaul chairs the Homeland Security Committee



in the House and Carter chairs the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

Abbott's office declined to comment; Cornyn and Carter did not respond to requests for comment.

McCaul, who referred questions to the Homeland Security Committee, previously called on DHS to "develop a strategy to gain operational control" of the border.

"Over the last several years, Congress has provided billions of dollars to secure the borders, but without an end goal in mind," McCaul said in a statement.

McCaul has authored legislation "to require the [DHS] sec-

retary to gain situational awareness through the use of sophisticated technologies and other means, giving our border agents the ability to predict changes in illegal activity."

DHS, which did not respond to Watchdog's request for comment by deadline, asserts that illegal crossings have declined along the Texas-Mexico border.

But U.S. Border Patrol reports show that apprehensions in the Rio Grande Valley rose 27 percent in fiscal 2016 versus fiscal 2015.

In the smaller Laredo sector, Operation Phalanx accounted for 10,559 apprehensions and 4,007 "turnbacks" from March 2012 to December 2015. Pha-

lanx was credited with seizing 12,851 pounds of narcotics during the period.

President Barack Obama established Operation Phalanx in July 2010 via executive order. The Army National Guard was authorized to provide up to 1,200 soldiers and airmen along the 1,933-mile southwest border to support U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a DHS agency.

Using advanced UH-72 helicopters, Phalanx flight crews generally consist of three National Guardsmen — two pilots and a sensor operator — and one Border Patrol agent.

Southwest border states of Texas, California, Arizona and New Mexico provided the bulk of Phalanx personnel from their local Guard units.

In addition to Texas National Guard manpower and resources dedicated to Operation Phalanx, the Lone Star State has committed nearly \$1.7 billion in taxpayer funds to border enforcement since 2005.

President-elect Donald Trump has vowed to appoint more robust leadership at DHS, so Operation Phalanx could be back in business by January.



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U.S. aids illegal immigrants, coming and going

Watchdog

The Obama administration is using a taxpayer-funded program to award business grants to Salvadoran migrants deported from the United States.

Run by the nonprofit Instituto Salvadorno Del Migrante and funded through a \$50,000 grant from the taxpayer-backed Inter-American Foundation, the program “facilitates [deportees’] reintegration into their communities and supports their enterprises by offering financial education, technical advice and assistance with business plans.”

“So, if you break the rules and get deported, we’ll help you start a business back in your home country. How absurd,” said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.

The program was included in

a report on government waste by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management, chaired by Paul.

The Inter-American Foundation sought to clarify that the Salvadoran grants are not “intended” for criminal deportees, but the subcommittee had no confirmation that criminal deportees are prohibited from receiving funds. No specific award criteria were provided.

“What we do know is that about 30 percent of the returning deportees were deported due to violent or other crimes beyond undocumented presence,” Paul stated.

Program supporters argue

that negative impressions about deportees hamper their chances to get loans in El Salvador. That’s unfair, they said, given that most criminal deportees’ crimes involve “assault, drunk driving and drug possession.”

To which Paul responded: “So while banks justifiably hesitate to take on such a risk, it is apparently perfectly reasonable to pass that risk on to the American taxpayer.”

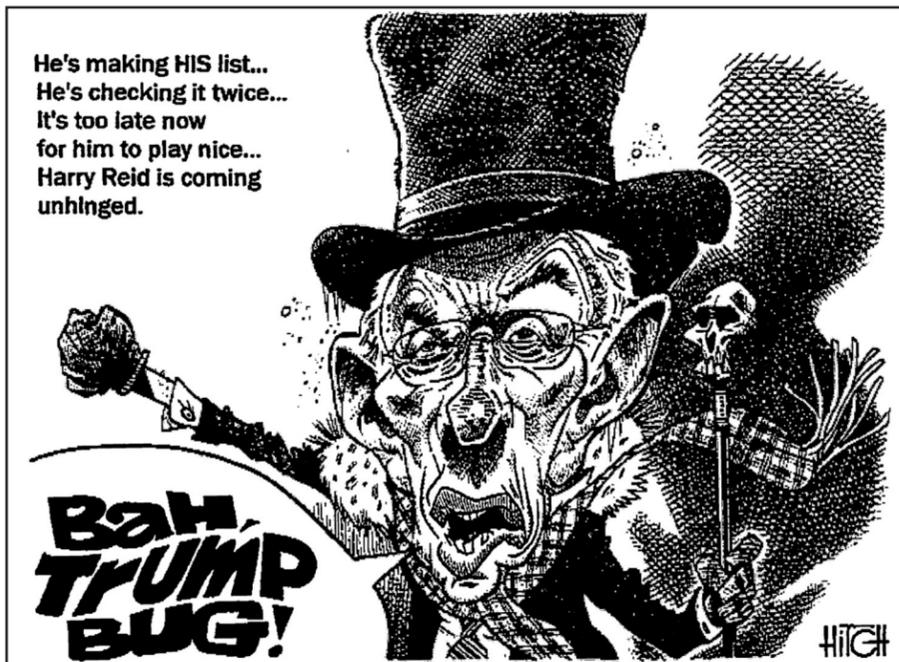
Jessica Vaughn, policy analyst at the nonpartisan Center for Immigration Studies, said that while many things could go wrong, “It’s in our interest to ensure that people who are deported don’t turn around and come back again.”

“In concept, it may not be that bad of an idea,” she told Watchdog in an interview.

While asserting that border deterrence is “the only thing that will work in the long run,” Vaughn added, “People have to have a reason to stay in their country.”

But she shared Paul’s concerns about rewarding criminal immigrants, noting that the bulk of deportees in the Obama era were convicted of crimes in the U.S.

If and when border security is tightened, Vaughn said, “I can see a program like this when we get back to deporting people who are caught working and not necessarily criminals.”



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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 Meeting December 15, 2016 8:30 AM Call to Order Public Comment

1. Public Comments

Volanti discussed the department head evaluation process.

2. Commission Comments

Business Meeting

3. Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Scott Pint and the Wingate-Crumpton Post #207 American Legion, Inc

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Scott Pint and the Wingate-Crumpton Post #207 American Legion, Inc. (251-12-0-10-14-009.00-0) for tax year 2016. This results in an increase in tax dollars of \$605.14.

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

4. Sign a Tax Roll Correction for Justin and Jen Schlegel

Move to approve the Tax Roll Correction for Justin and Jen Schlegel (203-06-2-80-06-051.00-0) for tax year 2016. This results in a decrease in tax dollars of \$1,143.18.

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

5. Contract for FCRC Drainage Project with J&K Contracting LC

Move to approve the contract with J & K Contracting LC, Junction City, KS, in the amount of \$38,305.00 for the Family & Child Resource Cen-

ter Drainage Project.

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

6. 2017 Riley County and Pawnee Mental Health Services Contract

Move to approve the 2017 Riley County and Pawnee Mental Health Services contract.

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

7. 2017 League of KS Municipalities Subscription Dues
Move to approve the renewal of the 2017 League of Kansas Municipalities subscription dues to be paid out of the General-General fund.

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

8. University Park Sanitary Sewer Improvements Pay Estimate

Move to approve Utility Solutions, LLC Application for Payment No. 9 in the amount of \$419,907.37.

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

Review Minutes

9. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Dec 12, 2016 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.
RESULT: ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

10. Tentative Agenda

11. Discuss Press Conference

9:00 AM Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

12. Consider Letter to Remove Covenants from a Property, Subject to Conditions

Wedel presented the letter to consider to remove covenants from a property, subject to conditions.

Horton stated he is comfortable with the letter.

Move to sign a letter to Neil Horton, Skyway Crossings LLC stating Riley County will remove the covenants upon removal of the salvaging operation.

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

9:15 AM Tami Robison, Budget and Finance Officer

13. 2016 Budget Amendment

Robison presented the 2016 Budget Amendment. Robison stated the Riley County mill levy will not be impacted by the budget amendment.

Boyd stated he would like to contact the outside agencies to see if they would like to make additional request for their 2017 budgets based on increased sales tax collections.

Move to approve the 2016 budget amendment.

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

(Editor's Note: Budget Amendments are used at the end of the year to add projects or the purchase items because the County has more money at the end of the year than they planned. The action increases the 2016 Budget but citizens can not tell how much because because these minutes did not show the increas. Why Not?)

9:30 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

14. Administrative Work Session

Holeman discussed the contract negotiations with the Indigent Defense Panel. Holeman stated the most recent offer from the Board has been rejected from the Panel based on the case load. Holeman said the Panel has recommended adding a seventh attorney to the Panel at the proposed rates and a 3 year contract. Holeman stated adding a seventh attorney would increase the cost of the contract to \$167,129 over 3 years.

Holeman recommended the Board deny the request.

Boyd said he is inclined to proceed on with the last offer

being our final offer.

Wilson stated he would be inclined to stand by our final offer.

Wells said he is comfortable with Holeman's recommendation.

The Board agreed by consensus to stay with the final offer made December 9, 2016 to the Indigent Defense Panel.

10:00 AM Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director

15. Extension Staff Report

Wilson presented an Extension staff report.

Wilson stated the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, VITA, will open February 1st at the Manhattan Public Library.

10:15 AM Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

16. RCPD update

Schoen said the radio infrastructure discussions are ongoing. Schoen stated emergency services radio communications continue to be a problem.

Schoen discussed Law Board appointments. Schoen stated the Riley County Commission will have the opportunity to appoint three people to the Law Board this year as opposed to two.

(Editor's Note... The Law Board was set up to have only have one Riley County Commissioner and one Manhattan City Commissioners but several years ago the two bodies took over the Law Board by appointing themselves instead of Citizens.)

Schoen stated time is short in dealing with the RCPD firing range. Shoen stated the current firing range agreement expires in the middle of 2019.

10:30 AM Pat Collins, Emergency Management Director

17. Staff Update

P. Collins presented the December 2016 staff report.

10:45 AM Lyle Butler, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce

18. Economic development update

Butler discussed the vision or roadmap on where we want our community to go in the future.

Butler presented a power point from Market St Services on developing a plan for our communities vision.

Butler said the study will begin in January and end in November. Butler stated the study will cost \$155,000 plus \$16,000 in travel cost. Butler stated the Advantage Manhattan Campaign goal is to fund 100% of the cost. Butler stated the Chamber is asking the City of Manhattan, Riley County and Pottawatomie County to contribute \$15,000 for the study. Butler said the

study is not limited to the City of Manhattan, but to all of Riley County. Butler stated Kansas State University is providing a financial commitment through the Advantage Manhattan Campaign.

Boyd applauded the Chamber for doing this and supports the effort.

11:00 AM Tom Finney, Riley County Counsel on Aging Chair

19. Riley County Counsel on Aging update

Finney stated the Council on Aging needs additional funds for food service for Meals on Wheels Program through the Riley County Senior Center by January 1, 2017.

Boyd stated staff will schedule a time prior to January 1, 2017 to allow outside agencies to present additional appropriation requests for 2017.

Wells stated the outside agencies need to remember a lot of the public supported a tax lid and the agencies need to keep in mind the tax lid imposed on local governments beginning for the 2018 budget year.

11:15 AM Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager /Deputy Clerk

20. Public Works Custodian I Part Time to Full Time Status

Volanti stated Hobson has requested additional personnel due to the custodial demands to maintain multiple facilities. Volanti said Leon Hobson is requesting to utilize budget money from the seasonal labor position(s) to fund the part time custodial position to full time. Using this funding source will eliminate either one 9-month seasonal, or two 6-month seasonal positions, or one position of each.

Volanti said increasing the current part time Custodian I to full time will provide additional hours for general cleaning operations which will enable the Custodial Manager to expand into the more task-driven projects that have been outlined

within the position.

Volanti said the recommendation is to restructure the current Custodial I part time position to Custodial I full time position as requested by Leon Hobson, Public Works Director.

Volanti said the recommendation is also given by Leon Hobson, to utilize the funding option of one 9-month seasonal of 1560 hours and one 6-month seasonal of 520 hours, which results in a savings to the 2017 budget.

Move to approve the restructure of the current Custodial I part time position to Custodial I full time position as requested by Leon Hobson, Public Works Director. Funding will be provided within the Public Works budget by the elimination of one 9 month seasonal and one 6 month seasonal position beginning with an effective date of 12/17/2016.

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

Rosewicz discussed the current custodial staffing of the facilities.

Move to establish a working group for the Emergency Communications radio system.

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

The Board stated the Commissioner for District #2 should be on the committee. The Board asked to include a member from Emergency Management, RCPD, IT and Ambulance Services.

Boyd suggested a committee be formed to evaluate the status of the RCPD firing range with Fort Riley.

Wilson said he will work on setting up a meeting and tours of the Fort Riley firing range.

11:30 AM Lunch

11:48 AM Adjournment

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The Year That Was

Manhattan Free Press An Award Winning Weekly Newspaper

Attorney General: Riley, Geary County Commissioners Violated Kansas Open Meeting Act

Editorial By Jon A. Brake
Boy, the Riley County and Geary County Commissioners found out that you do not want to fool around with the Manhattan Free Press.

The Kansas Attorney General's Office sent a letter to the Free Press and both Commissions about "Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) Concerns."
The letter states: "In conclusion, in light of the foregoing, as well as our review of the law, we find that the Riley County and Geary County Boards of County Commissioners violated the KOMA on March 12, 2012."



This photo ran in the March 23, 2012 issue of the Manhattan Free Press shows County Clerk Rich Vargo, Commissioners Karen McCulloh, Allan D. Johnson, and Dave Lewis. None of the Commissioners serve today.

Meeting Violates KOMA

From the March 22, 2012 Issue of the Free Press:
A former Kansas Attorney General said it best when he said: "Just because there is an attorney in the room, does not mean that their is Attorney, Client privilege."

Riley County Employees Are Well Paid

Editorial By Jon A. Brake
You do 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.

Flint Hills Cars advertisement featuring Ford, Lincoln, Hyundai, and Mazda logos and contact information for BriggsAuto.com.

Manhattan Free Press advertisement for Thursday, December 15, 2016, Volume 25, Number 28.

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

Table titled 'Appointed/Elected Official Annual Salary' showing salaries for 2010, 2016, 2017, and an increase. Includes County Commissioners, various department heads, and County Appraiser.

Dick Edwards advertisement for car sales and service, featuring Ford, Lincoln, Hyundai, and Mazda logos.

BriggsAuto.com advertisement for car sales, featuring a QR code and contact information.

On March 12, 2012 the Riley County Commission and the Geary County Commission met in Junction City to discuss business. (March 24th Issue) The two Commissioners went into Executive Session together and with other County Officials.

The December 15th issue of the Manhattan Free Press listed the Appointed and Elected Official Annual Salaries for 2017 passed by the Riley County Commission. The list shows fourteen people making over \$100,000 per year.

Manhattan Free Press advertisement for Thursday, August 11, 2016, Volume 25, Number 11.

Attorney General's Office "holds open" KOMA complaint

By Maxwell Kauch Attorney for the Kansas Press Association and the Kansas Association of Broadcasters.
This spring, the Manhattan Free Press received a letter from the Attorney General's Office regarding a complaint filed in 2012 against county officials.

Manhattan Free Press advertisement for Thursday, November 18, 2016, Volume 25, Number 23.

Clinton, Trumped

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's victory over Hillary Clinton in the presidential election was a surprise to many.

Dick Edwards advertisement for car sales and service.

BriggsAuto.com advertisement for car sales.

It took the Kansas Attorney General four-years to find the Riley and Geary County Commissioners had violated the Kansas Open Meetings Act. (see upper left page)

The July 28th issue of the Free Press gave the Riley County Commissioners Yearly Travel Expenses over 3-years. Tops for one year was \$10,123.26.

Riley County - 62% Voters Turn Out

In Riley County, 21,509 voters went to the polls, that is 62.3% of the registered voters.

The Year That Was - Blue Rapids

Blue Rapids Free Press. Priceless Take One. Vol. 7 Number 29. An Award Winning Weekly Newspaper. Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Blue Rapids Free Press. Priceless Take One. Vol. 7 Number 32. An Award Winning Weekly Newspaper. Thursday, March 10, 2016.

Mosquitoville



The U.S. Corps of Engineers owns the old Blue River bed (photos above) north of the Fair Grounds barns. The area has been taken over by bad water, trash and mosquitos.

Editorial By Jon A. Brake. This summer, like last summer and many before that, the City of Blue Rapids will be playing with fire. The Zika mosquito has been making news because of the problems new babies have. It has started to come into the United States. We do not know now if the Zika mosquito will make it to Kansas and Blue Rapids, it may be too cold. But we do have mosqui-



Valley Heights Art Show At Waterville

Students from the Art Department at Valley Heights will be showing their art at the Waterville Public Library. The public is invited to the Library where their teacher, Kaci Smith and the students will talk about their pieces on Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm.

Recycling In Blue Rapids February 20th

The February 20th Valley Heights recycling event will be north of the stock barns in Blue Rapids. Enter at the church stand driveway. Collections will begin at 9:30 am and end at 11:00 am. Presorting paper from cardboard, junk mail, number one with two plastics, cans from glass, etc. smooth's the donor wait time and aids the workers. Rinsed food containers also helps the material handlers.

Report Details Success Of Kansas Policies

TOPEKA - A new report from the Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA), focuses on welfare reforms in Kansas and how they have positively impacted low-income residents who previously relied on food assistance. Among some of the findings, before work requirements, 93 percent of able-bodied adults without dependent children (ABAWDs) on welfare were in poverty. Most were in severe poverty and not working at all. Within one year of leaving welfare, their incomes had more than doubled, an increase of 127 percent on average.



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Girls - Second At Sub-State



The Washington Sub-State Runner-up team: The Valley Heights Girls: Pictured (L to R) Front Row: Seniors Jo Roecke and Taylor Doner. Second Row: Adrianna Haines (35); Lexus Rose; Madisen Hanson; Gillian Zidek and Chevelle Mark. Back Row: Managers Kyra McCubbin; Maddy Hargrave; Shea Manley (21); Miranda Ohlde (20); Andra Woodyard (33); Kayla Smith (14); Hannah Musil (24) and Coaches Jenny Yungeberg and Jordan Broxterman.



Shea Manley (left) and Taylor Doner (15) team up on defense to get the ball. Kayla Smith (14) gets the ball to Jo Roecke (55) as they bring the ball down court. Valley Heights lost to Republic County 45 - 29.

In the Blue Rapids Free Press (the Manhattan Free Press sister newspaper) the February 18th issue featured a Swamp created by the U.S. Corps of Engineers. A ditch that once was the Big Blue River has developed into a breeding ground for Mosquitos. The United State had just learned that the Zeka Virus had traveled from South America to take hold in our country.

The Valley Heights Girls Basketball team took second place in the Sub-State Tournament at Washington. The Free Press had three color pages devoted to the Tournament.

Read back issues of the Manhattan Free Press at manhattanfreepress.com and the Blue Rapids Free Press at bluerapidsfreepress.com.

Blue Rapids Free Press. FREE. Vol. 8 Number 10. An Award Winning Weekly Newspaper. Thursday, September 8, 2016. Beattie Co-op Part of Farmers Cooperative. The September 8th issue told about the Waterville, Beattie, Frankfort and Blue Rapids Coops being purchased by Farmers Cooperative.

Blue Rapids Free Press. FREE. Vol. 8 Number 5. An Award Winning Weekly Newspaper. Thursday, August 4, 2016. Corps of Engineers: Fill In. The Old Blue River Channel - It's Yours. Marshall County Contested Races. Zika-spreading mosquito puts up tough fight.

Blue Rapids Free Press. FREE. Vol. 8 Number 22. Thursday, December 1, 2016. Valley Heights Places Nine On Twin Valley All-League Team, Fourteen Positions. The Valley Heights Football team ended the season placing 9 players in 14-positions on the All Twin Valley League first and second teams.

Kansas group wants grass burning limits for Flint Hills

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Topeka — When ranchers in the Flint Hills region of Kansas burn grasslands in the spring, people as far away as Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., know about it.

Nebraska officials say the density of smoke and fine particles in the air sometimes gets so heavy that it poses a health risk to the public, especially for people with asthma or other respiratory ailments.

Now, a Kansas environmental group is urging the Environmental Protection Agency to step in and order Kansas to impose tighter controls on grass burning.

Earlier this week, the Kansas chapter of the Sierra Club wrote a letter to the EPA's regional administrator in Kansas City, Kan., urging the agency to order the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to adopt a mitigation plan to protect air quality in the region.

But the action comes with just four weeks remaining before President-elect Donald Trump's new administration takes the reins of the federal government, including the EPA, and while Republicans in Congress are urging the Obama administration not to enact any new regulations before the Trump administration takes office.

"We think there's a better chance of Region VII to do the



right thing now rather than wait for whatever comes afterwards," said Craig Volland, who chairs the Kansas Sierra Club's Air Quality Committee. "It really comes down to whether EPA, at any level, is going to address this problem in any way."

Volland said the state's current "Smoke Mitigation Plan" dates back to December 2010, in the final weeks of then-Gov. Mark Parkinson's administration. It was aimed at reducing the number of days when levels of ozone and other pollutants exceed federal health guidelines.

Prescribed burning of grasslands in the spring is considered vital to the Flint Hills ecosystem because it kills off invasive weeds and shrubs before they take root in the ground and promotes growth of native grasses that ranchers depend on to feed cattle and other livestock.

But depending on weather conditions and the number of acres being burned at any one time, those controlled burns can have a serious impact on air quality in surrounding areas.

In the first five years after the

state plan took effect, Volland said, communities in Kansas actually had more days in which air pollutants exceeded federal limits than it had in the five years before the plan took effect.

And because the winds in Kansas tend to come from the south during the months when burning occurs, communities as far away as eastern Nebraska sometimes feel the heaviest brunt.

"It can be a pretty significant problem for us," said Gary Bergstrom, senior environmen-

tal health specialist for the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. "We've seen some funky stuff happen."

One of the biggest public health concerns, Bergstrom said, is what's known as "fine particulate matter," tiny particles of ash and soot in the air that can cause short-term health problems even for healthy people, and which can severely aggravate chronic health problems such as asthma and heart disease.

In April 2014, air quality monitors in Lincoln recorded four days when fine particulate matter exceeded the EPA's recommended levels, including one day when it surpassed 150 parts per billion, the point considered to be "unhealthy" air quality, and more than three times the limit for what is considered "good" air quality.

"We'll field phone calls from people who call and ask why air is so bad, where is smoke coming from," Bergstrom said.

The EPA requires states and many municipalities to monitor air quality on a regular basis, and areas that routinely exceed federal pollution limits can be ordered to take corrective action.

Until recently, though, Volland said Kansas could ask for exemptions for what are called "exceptional events," essentially deleting them from the

data because they don't necessarily occur on a regular basis.

But in October, Volland said, EPA tightened its rule so that when pollution levels exceed federal limits three or more times in three years, they are considered "historically documented or known seasonal events" that can trigger a requirement for a new mitigation plan.

Officials at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department of Agriculture did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

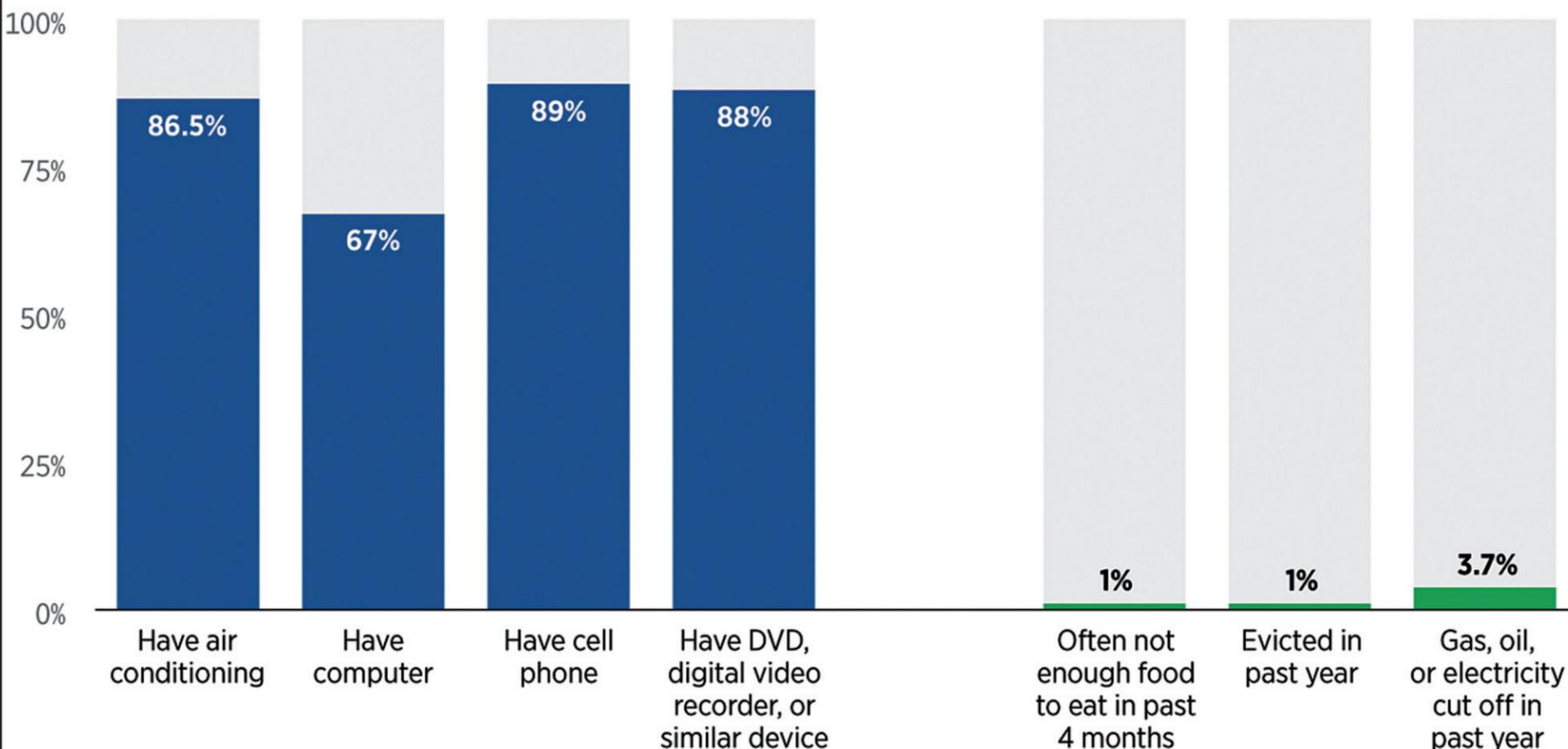
Volland said it's possible that the EPA won't issue any orders for Kansas in the waning days of the Obama administration. But he said he does think the regional office, which has jurisdiction over both Kansas and Nebraska, still has plenty of time to initiate discussions between the two states to come up with a better plan.

"I think this thing is going to be pretty much under the radar for the first year when there's going to be a long confirmation hearing for the new EPA administrator," Volland said. "Even under other new administrations, it takes a long time to get around to assigning the regional administrators. I think they're going to be arguing about so many things (at the national level), they won't get around to this for quite a while."

CHART 2

Living Conditions for Families with Children in Extreme Poverty

AMONG FAMILIES WITH REPORTED INCOME OF LESS THAN \$2 PER PERSON PER DAY



SOURCE: Author's calculations based on data from U.S. Bureau of the Census, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel, <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sipp/data.html>.



Free Press Big 12 Sports

Villanova Top AP List For Fourth Week At No. 1

Villanova starts its fourth week as the No. 1 team in the Associated Press Top 25 and the ranked teams stay the same from the last poll except for Florida, which replaces fellow Southeastern Conference member South Carolina.

The Wildcats (12-0) received 56 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel to maintain its big lead over UCLA (13-0), which received three No. 1 votes.

Kansas (11-1) was third, followed by Baylor (12-0), which got the other six first-place votes.

Duke remained fifth while Louisville jumped from 10th to sixth following its 73-70 victory over Kentucky last week.

Gonzaga is seventh followed by Kentucky, North Carolina and Creighton.

West Virginia is again No. 11, followed by Virginia, But-

ler, Wisconsin, Purdue, Indiana, Xavier, Arizona, Saint Mary's and Florida State.

The last five ranked teams are Oregon, Southern California, Cincinnati, Notre Dame and Florida.

Florida (9-3) returns to the Top 25 after two weeks out of the rankings. The Gators come back in off a 94-71 victory over Arkansas-Little Rock in their first game in the renovated O'Connell Center. They had played their first 11 games on the road or at neutral sites.

South Carolina (9-2) was ranked for four weeks, reaching as high as No. 16. The Gamecocks lost 62-60 last week to in-state rival Clemson.

Kansas is ranked for the 150th consecutive poll, a streak that started on Feb. 3, 2009. The second-longest current streak is 86 polls by Arizona. The all-time record is 221 consecutive

AP Top 25			
RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	Villanova (56)	12-0	1,614
2	UCLA (3)	13-0	1,518
3	Kansas	11-1	1,461
4	Baylor (6)	12-0	1,458
5	Duke	12-1	1,375
6	Louisville	11-1	1,260
7	Gonzaga	12-0	1,222
8	Kentucky	10-2	1,171
9	North Carolina	11-2	1,113
10	Creighton	12-0	1,049
11	West Virginia	11-1	933

polls by UCLA from 1966-80.

With the start of conference play this week, there are six games featuring two ranked teams.

On Wednesday, No. 2 UCLA is at No. 21 Oregon and No. 6 Louisville hosts No. 12 Virginia. On Friday, No. 21 Ore-

12	Virginia	10-1	892
13	Butler	11-1	837
14	Wisconsin	11-2	772
15	Purdue	11-2	745
16	Indiana	10-2	709
17	Xavier	10-2	548
18	Arizona	11-2	512
19	Saint Mary's	10-1	407
20	Florida State	12-1	326
21	Oregon	11-2	321
22	USC	13-0	248
23	Cincinnati	10-2	207
24	Notre Dame	10-2	204
25	Florida	9-3	76

gon hosts No. 22 Southern California.

On Saturday, Villanova puts the No. 1 ranking on the line by

visiting No. 10 Creighton. The others are No. 6 Louisville hosting No. 16 Indiana and No. 20 Florida State is at No. 12 Virginia.

Big 12 Basketball Standings and Schedule

Big 12 Standings		
School	Big 12	Overall
Baylor	0 - 0	12 - 0 1.000
Kansas	0 - 0	11 - 1 .917
Kansas State	0 - 0	11 - 1 .917
TCU	0 - 0	11 - 1 .917
Texas Tech	0 - 0	11 - 1 .917
West Virginia	0 - 0	11 - 1 .917
Okla State	0 - 0	10 - 2 .833
Iowa State	0 - 0	8 - 3 .727
Oklahoma	0 - 0	6 - 5 .545
Texas	0 - 0	6 - 5 .545

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	9-1
Sat, Dec 17 vs Colorado State*	W 89-70	10-1
Wed, Dec 21 vs Gardner-Webb	W 67-54	11-1
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
11/11/2016	Indiana	L 99-103 0-1
11/18/2016	Siena	W 85-65 1-1
11/21/2016	UAB	W 83-63 2-1
11/22/2016	Georgia	W 65-54 3-1
11/25/2016	UNC	W 95-57 4-1
11/29/2016	Long Beach State	W 91-61 5-1
12/3/2016	Stanford	W 89-74 6-1
12/6/2016	UMKC	W 105-62 7-1
12/10/2016	Nebraska	W 89-72 8-1
12/17/2016	Davidson	W 89-71 9-1
12/22/2016	UNLV	W 71-53 10-1
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.
1/14/2017	Oklahoma State	Lawrence, Kan. 1 p.m.
1/16/2017	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa 8 p.m.

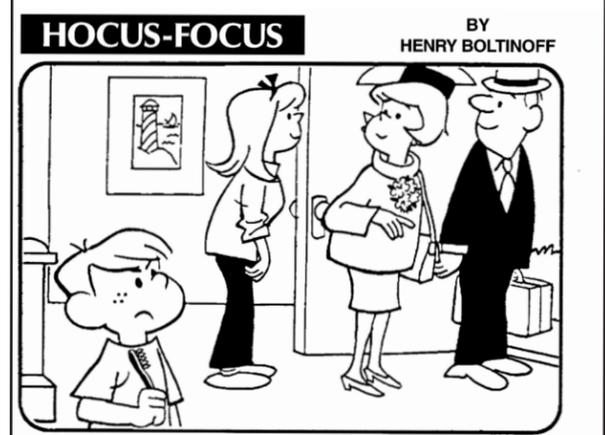
Big 12 Men Basketball Schedule

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Location	Time (CT)	Media
* Fri, Dec 30	Oklahoma State	West Virginia	Stillwater, Okla.	3:00 p.m.	ESPN2
* Fri, Dec 30	Iowa State	Texas Tech	Ames, Iowa	5:00 p.m.	ESPNEWS
* Fri, Dec 30	Oklahoma	Baylor	Norman, Okla.	6:00 p.m.	ESPN2
* Fri, Dec 30	Kansas State	Texas	Manhattan, Kan.	7:00 p.m.	ESPNEWS
* Fri, Dec 30	TCU	Kansas	Fort Worth, Texas	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
* Tue, Jan 03	TCU	Oklahoma	Fort Worth, Texas	8:00 p.m.	ESPNU
* Tue, Jan 03	Kansas	Kansas State	Lawrence, Kan.	8:00 p.m.	ESPN2
* Tue, Jan 03	Texas Tech	West Virginia	Lubbock, Texas	8:15 p.m.	ESPNEWS
* Wed, Jan 04	Baylor	Iowa State	Waco, Texas	7:00 p.m.	ESPNEWS
* Wed, Jan 04	Texas	Oklahoma State	Austin, Texas	7:00 p.m.	Longhorn
* Sat, Jan 07	West Virginia	TCU	Morgantown, WV	12:00 p.m.	ESPNU
* Sat, Jan 07	Kansas State	Oklahoma	Manhattan, Kan.	2:00 p.m.	ESPNEWS
* Sat, Jan 07	Baylor	Oklahoma State	Waco, Texas	6:00 p.m.	ESPNEWS
* Sat, Jan 07	Kansas	Texas Tech	Lawrence, Kan.	6:15 p.m.	ESPN2

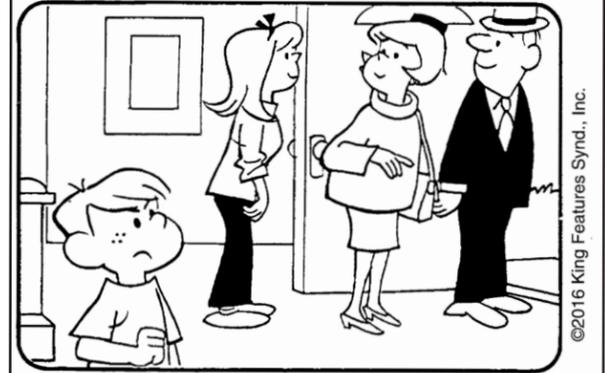
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 - 17 Actress Gilpin
 - 18 Sea flock
 - 19 Packaged
 - 20 Missouri river
 - 22 One-on-one fight
 - 24 Moistens in the morn
 - 25 Clingy crustacean
 - 29 Narc's org.
 - 30 Sightless
 - 31 Melody
 - 32 Small telescope
 - 34 On the briny
 - 35 July birthstone
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 - 3 Retreat
 - 4 Stretch, as the neck
 - 5 Deviates off course
 - 6 Khan title
 - 7 Yea canceler
 - 8 Dome
 - 9 Pinnacle
 - 10 Aching
 - 11 Oklahoma city
 - 16 Work units
 - 19 Flex
 - 20 Probability
 - 21 Leak slowly
 - 22 "Loves me (not)" flower
 - 23 Grecian vessels
 - 25 Spill the beans
 - 26 Gilligan, notably
 - 27 Stead
 - 28 Historic periods
 - 30 Sad
 - 33 Rut
 - 34 Emanation
 - 36 Giggly sound
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Awards and NFL Can Wait, Willis Wired for One More K-State Win

Jordan Willis tries to reflect on his ample accomplishments — the unanimous First Team All-Big 12 selections, the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year awards, the All-America nods — but it's not easy for him.

This isn't because Willis' list of recognitions seems to grow daily and he can't keep track of it all, either. Instead, he can't keep his mind off of what's next: Texas A&M in the 2016 AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl in Houston, Texas.

"I've tried to take this time slow and think about that stuff, but every time I think about it, I think about Texas A&M," Willis said in the Wildcats' pre-bowl press conference last Tuesday. "You try to take it in, but, for instance, when we get out to practice and we run 20 sprints at the end for conditioning, I'm going to forget about all that stuff."

Willis, it's safe to say, is wired a little bit differently than most.

He's relentless on the field, yet shy off of it. He spends about as much time in the weight room as the equipment, and his film study habits reflect that of a certain 77-year-old head coach.

"I will probably watch four or five hours of film by myself, daily," Willis, one of K-State's captains, said. "That's just something I do because I want to make sure I know every single thing I can about my opponent."

In these solo film sessions, Willis said he keys in on three players in particular: the center, guard and quarterback. He looks for something a little different in each position, but tendencies and weaknesses are what he's mainly trying to find.

"I watch the center to see what's going on with the snap, and then the tackle I also watch for his steps and stuff like that. Then the quarterback, if he's a mobile guy, I look for where he's going to try to set up, is he going to move to the right or to the left. Obviously you study the formations," said Willis, named a Third Team All-American by the Associated Press, the first Wildcat defensive end



Kansas State's Terrale Johnson (56) directing the offensive line.

to be honored by the AP since Darren Howard in 1999. "Then you get deeper and try to study their body language and see if they're giving something away."

Willis doesn't stop at studying K-State's opponents, either. The senior defensive end said he's watched every single defensive end in the NFL and at the Division I level at some point.

"That's how much film that I watch," he said. "I just try to take away as much as I can from other guys."

Throughout his life, Willis has absorbed great qualities from other people.

Willis credits his parents for his work ethic, which has helped him earn high praise from K-State head coach Bill Snyder all season.

"Numerous times I have shared with our players that Jordan is the epitome of what our program is all about, somebody who invests himself," Snyder

said. "He comes to practice exactly the same way he goes to the ballgame. If you were unaware of the setting, you couldn't tell the difference between what he does on the practice field and what he does on the game field. As I've said so many times, he's a young guy who gives you his very best every second of every minute of every hour of every day of every week."

At different points in his football career, Willis has worked with Hall of Fame offensive guard Will Shields and former Wildcat All-American linebacker Mark Simoneau, who played 10 years in the NFL before opening a gym in the Kansas City area.

"Being able to go up against (Shields), a 12-time Pro Bowler, that gives you confidence to know that I can go up against anybody. I'm not saying I was beating him, because I wasn't, but to be able to learn some stuff from him and take it

over into my college game really was beneficial," said Willis, who worked with Shields while at Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, Missouri. "Mark had the same type of demeanor that Will Shields had. Both of those guys, they're guys who are going to show up to work, they're going to outwork you and they're going to be aggressive, physical players on the field, and that's some of the stuff I've taken from them."

For all Willis learned before K-State, he said the Wildcats' training program instilled a new level of toughness in him and opened his eyes to what it would take to elevate his game.

"I've learned through our training program in the offseason to give everything that I've got," he said. "If you don't gain anything from it, obviously you're not doing anything right."

As time has shown, Willis has been doing more right than

wrong.

He now sits in third in K-State history for sacks (26.0), tied for fifth in forced fumbles (7) and ninth in tackles for loss (39.5). Entering the 2016 AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl against Texas A&M, Willis has tied K-State's single-season sacks record (11.5) to move him into seventh on the Big 12's career sacks list.

His performances have brought increased attention, not only from opposing teams trying to slow him down but also from NFL scouts and national media. Willis, projected as a high-round draft pick, was also invited to play in the 68th Annual Reese's Senior Bowl, held on January 28, when even more scouts will be paying attention.

"They would be hard pressed to find somebody who will invest themselves like that," Snyder said of his message to prospective NFL teams. "He's going to be a highly-successful young guy in a lot of ways just

because he's that committed to doing the best that he can."

Watching the NFL as much as Willis does, he said it's easy to daydream about his future as a professional. Like his time of personal reflection, this also doesn't last long.

"Honestly, that's my dream, so it's easy to (think about it), but then again you think about what's in front of you and you try to bring yourself back to the present," Willis said. "I'm excited for what the future holds for me to continue to keep doing what I'm doing, but I just try to bring myself back to the present."

At the present, he's motivated to replicate the end of K-State's 2013 season, when the Wildcats handled Michigan in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl.

"Just to see all the seniors around the hotel, I still remember that vividly, how excited that they were," he said. "That's the feeling I want to feel more than anything."

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