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Eleanor Stolzer dead at age 77

Eleanor Griffith Stolzer, 77, of Manhattan was killed Sunday afternoon in a one car accident in Reno County.

The family provided this obituary:

It is with great memories and bittersweet smiles we convey the loss of Eleanor Griffith Stolzer on Sunday, October 2, 2011.

Eleanor Griffith Stolzer was born to Thomas "TJ" and Eleanor Dempsey Griffith on May 3, 1934 in Manhattan, Kansas. She graduated from Msgr. Luckey High in Manhattan and then attended St. Mary's College of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.

Eleanor returned to Kansas State University where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and earned her degree in Home Economics in 1956. It was at a favorite KSU college hangout, Kites, Eleanor met ROTC Air Force Cadet, LW "Bill" Stolzer. They married at Seven Dolors in Manhattan on August 17, 1957. Eleanor accompanied Bill to his Air Force Squadron's flight training in Texas and then duty posting in England.

Following England, Bill and Eleanor returned to Manhattan where they raised their daughters Ellen and Mary Kevin, eventually purchasing and living in Eleanor's parents' historic home.

For the next 40 years, Bill and Eleanor assumed increasing leadership roles in the Manhattan business, civic, Catholic and university communities. Eleanor has been an outstanding member of the Kansas State University Foundation Board



Eleanor Griffith Stolzer

of Trustees since 1996 and a lifetime member of the K-State Alumni Association. She served on the Boards of Union National Bank and then Commerce Bank, Griffith Lumber Company, the KSU Athletic Council and the KSU Foundation Executive Committee. Eleanor also served in leadership roles for a variety of Foundation fundraising projects.

Eleanor made it clear she bled purple. Both the Stolzer Beach Museum of Art Endowment and the Alumni Center Stairway are part of her KSU legacy. The Stolzer House at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community is part of their Manhattan legacy.

Always up for adventure and meeting new people, Bill and Eleanor traveled extensively, creating an extended family of friends throughout Kansas, Washington,

DC, Vail, Colorado and Palm Springs, California. With her friends and family Eleanor thoroughly enjoyed skiing, tennis, bridge, golf and the occasional cocktail, opera, ballet or tailgate party. Bill and Eleanor were equally comfortable entertaining not only their friends, but friends of Eleanor's parents, daughters and five grandsons.

Eleanor is survived by her husband Bill, daughters, Ellen Bolen (Dan) of Mission Hills, Mary Kevin Giller (Tom) of Manhattan sisters, Mary Jo Griffith of Manhattan, Martha Dean (Dick) of Tonganoxie and five grandsons Patrick and William Bolen, Matt, Kurt and TJ Giller. Eleanor would find us remiss if we did not also include her five nephews, Tom, Evan, Matt, Patrick and Mark Dean.

The Rosary will be said at 5pm on Wednesday evening at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in Manhattan followed by visitation from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Her funeral also will be at St. Thomas Moore on Thursday at 2pm followed by a reception at the Kansas State University Alumni Center at 17th Street and Anderson Avenue.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Eleanor's honor to the Manhattan Catholic School Endowment Fund, Kansas State University Foundation, St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center, Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival, or the Vail Valley Foundation. Donations can be sent in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz

Stimulus may increase education, emergency service costs

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — One feature of President Barack Obama's proposed American Jobs Act is a tough sell in Kansas — spending \$278.5 million to avoid or reverse the layoffs of as many as 4,300 teachers and emergency first responders.

This amount is a fraction of the \$35 billion proposed for similar efforts nationwide, and White House officials have provided few details beyond those in official fact sheets released when the plan was announced last month.

But critics worry that proposed federal funding for the approximately \$65,000-per-job effort would run out in two years or less, leaving Kansans facing higher tax increases to pay to keep the program going.

Kansas teachers on average earn about \$53,300 a year, according to the Kansas State Department of Education statistics. Salaries for firefighters, emergency medical technicians and other first responders cluster around \$30,000 a year, but vary widely throughout the state, said Mike Ryan, a former Junction City fire chief active in statewide professional associations.

"The whole thing is so far-fetched it's hard to believe," said Earl Long, a chapter leader in FairTaxKC, a Kansas City-area group seeking to replace current federal and state tax rates with ones that are simpler, lower and broader.

"Forty percent of what we spend now is borrowed," Long said. "We haven't got the money to pay for this, we won't get the money, and even if we did, the government wouldn't end up paying for it, you and I would."

Kansas has gone through a similar budget wringer, said Kent Beisinger, president and chief executive of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, the state's largest business lobby group.

"That is exactly what happened with the last stimulus package," Beisinger said.

The federal stimulus plan passed in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 "injected almost \$500 million into the Kansas economy, which was incorporated into state spending. And when the stimulus stopped, the state's deficit became almost exactly \$500 million," he said.

Backers of Obama's plan say it is not meant to be a long-term solution to the state's still-precarious financial position.

"What it does is buy us maybe another year, until the economy picks up again," said Joan Wagnon, former Kansas state treasurer and chairwoman of the Kansas Democratic Party.

"If you lose teachers now, it's much harder to get them back in the future, especially in our rural communities," Wagnon said. "And \$278.5 million is a fairly significant stimulus."

Lawmaker questions Kansas schools' stashes of cash

By Gene Meyer
Kansas Reporter

TOPEKA — Bigger piles of cash in Kansas school coffers are causing Kansas legislators to ask, when is a safety net too big?

A new report this month shows that cash reserves in Kansas' 286 school districts grew 9 percent during the year ending June 30, even as schools statewide made plans to trim staff and cut programs because of reductions in basic state aid to education. The cash reserve increase is the sixth in as many years.

"It doesn't make sense," state Rep. Owen Donohoe, R-Shawnee, and a

member of the Joint Legislative Educational Planning Committee, said Thursday.

"Schools are always going to need some reserves for the unforeseen and to manage cash flow when bills come due before property tax payments are made," Donohoe said. "But when the totals continue to rise year after year, you've got to ask if some of those funds are excess and could be put to better use."

"We borrowed more than \$200 million from highways (one-time construction costs savings at the Kansas Department of Transportation) to balance the budget

this year," Donohoe said.

The difference between sufficient reserves and excessive ones is critical to Kansas taxpayers.

Kansas needs to maintain good schools to attract businesses and new residents. But the state also needs to keep taxes as competitive as possible to attract those newcomers.

"It's one of the things we always talk about whenever we present to prospects," said Danielle Naven, economic development policy and communications director of the Greater Overland Park Chamber of Commerce.

Managing schools' reserves more

carefully also could be a boon for residents, tax reform advocates say.

"If using the funds would allow us to lower the mill rates on which our property taxes are calculated, it could loosen up a lot of cash for families and be wonderful for Kansas," said Susan Estes, a field director for Americans for Prosperity in Wichita, which advocates for limited government and free markets.

Meanwhile, the budget pressures Kansas will face next year may force lawmakers to take up the issue of excessive reserves in the next session, one key legislator said.

"If the totals really are going up

(by more than is needed to cover schools' needs), that is concerning to the Legislature," said House Appropriation Committee Chairman Marc Rhoades, R-Newton.

The 2013 budget on which lawmakers will begin work in January is expected to be a difficult one. A temporary 1-cent increase in state sales tax rates passed in 2010 is scheduled to expire then. And both legislative leaders and Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback say they expect significantly reduced help from Washington, D.C., when federal budget cutting kicks in there.

Kansans give Texans a helping hand



Don and Jim Kotapish have donated 2,500 bales of corn stover bales, (corn fodder minus the ears) to farmers in the Knox City and Throckmorton, Texas area. The donation will help farmer and ranchers in a time of need.

By Jon A. Brake

Kansas farmers and ranchers have been close knit when friends and families have had problems.

In the early years people from all over the area would come for a barn raising to help their neighbors get started or after a fire would destroy what they had. Families would bring food and tools and work all day to help someone in the farming community.

If a neighbor would become sick at planting or harvesting time help

would be on its way. Again the farming community would come together to get the seeds in or harvest the crop.

Today that community helping hand is still reaching out. Just ask Dan Godsey of Knox City, Texas.

As you know Texas has been in a drought for the past two years. Dan told the Free Press that the Knox City area has only had one and a quarter inches of rain since last January.

Knox City is a small town (popu-

lation 1300) in northwest Texas. Knox County only has a little over 4,000 people.

Godsey has a 200 cow and calf herd, but said he mainly farms outside of Knox City. This year the crops were a little on the light side. His wheat crop got 10 bushels to the acre and nothing else is growing.

Where do you go to get help without asking? In this case it is 600 miles north in Blue Rapids, Ks.

Don and Jim Kotapish are helping Dan with a donation of hay, corn and

corn stover bales, (corn fodder minus the ears).

Godsey has used Kotapish Custom Combining for the past 12 years to bring in his wheat crop.

Last week the Kotapish's sent two truckloads of hay to Knox City, Sunday, Dan drove his semi-tractor trailer to Blue Rapids to get a load of corn, again donated by Don and Jim.

And at the same time the Kotapish crew was working the corn fields just east of Blue Rapids baling the corn stover. All donated by Don and Jim Kotapish.

Another Texas combining customer and friend is Russell Walker of Walker Farms in Throckmorton, Texas. Monday Don and Jim sent a load of corn stover bales that went to Walker and other farmers in the Throckmorton area.

Walker called Don and said when the first bale was feed to the cattle

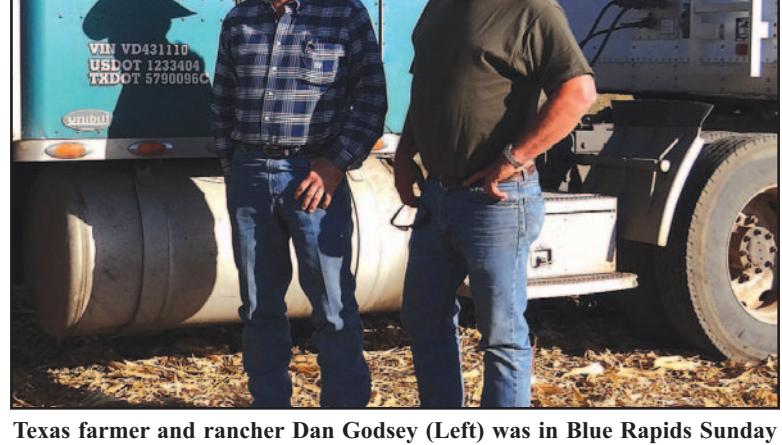
they were climbing over each other, to get to it, they were so hungry.

At first Don and Jim gave 500 bales of the corn stover to Walker Farms but during the phone call they pledged another 2,000 bales.

These are not small bales these are the big round bales you see along the road. Don said the crew was still working Wednesday on the first 500 bales. He said, "It takes a lot of time to move all of the bales to the side of the field and to load the trucks."

And what about Dan Godsey? What does he think about this? "I was shocked, overwhelmed," Godsey said. "These are good people, we appreciate their help."

Why is this story important? Don said that he would like to see other Kansas farmers help the farmers of Texas. "They need our help," He said.



Texas farmer and rancher Dan Godsey (Left) was in Blue Rapids Sunday to pick up a truck load of corn given to him by Don Kotapish and brother Jim to help save his 200 cow and calf herd.

The Buffett rule: fair to no one

President Obama proposed \$1.5 trillion in permanent tax hikes over 10 years in his latest plan to reduce the national debt. This massive tax hike would fall mostly on families and businesses earning more than \$250,000 a year. The President argues that these job creators should pay higher taxes out of "fairness."

But fairness is a poor metric to evaluate tax policy. It is more important to focus on how much tax high-earning families and businesses already pay and if forcing them to pay more would in fact be fair to those who would bear the steep burden of the tax hikes.

High-Earners Already Pay Vast Majority of Taxes

To President Obama, it is "fair" to raise taxes on families and businesses earning more than \$250,000 a year by raising their income tax rates and limiting their deductions. That must also be believed that they currently pay too little in taxes.

Yet the data show the highest-earning families and businesses already pay the lion's share of the federal income tax burden. According to the IRS, the top 1 percent of income earners—those earning more than \$380,000 in 2008—paid more than 38 percent of all federal income taxes while earning 20 percent of all income. The top 10 percent (\$114,000 and above) earned 45 percent of income and paid 70 percent of all taxes. At the same time, the bottom

50 percent of income earners—those earning less than \$33,000—earned 13 percent of all income and paid less than 3 percent of federal income taxes.^[1]

High earners pay a large majority of the income tax burden because of the progressive federal income tax that levies higher marginal tax rates as income rises.

As a way to compare the current tax code to a better system, under a flat tax, the top 1 percent of earners would pay 20 percent of the tax burden—equal to the proportion of the nation's income that they earned. The same applies to other income classifications.

While almost everyone should pay at least some federal income tax so they have some stake in controlling the size of the federal government, it is reasonable to exempt the poorest Americans from the levy. An improved income tax can both achieve a more equitable distribution of the tax burden and exempt low-income families at the same time.

Yet President Obama's tax hikes would increase the tax burden at the highest income levels and lower it for those below. In the process, these hikes would move the tax code even further away from a neutral distribution of the tax burden.

Higher Taxes on Job Creators

The President's tax hikes on the rich would result in fewer jobs for all Americans, including middle- and

low-income workers. The families, individuals, and businesses that would pay an even higher share of the tax burden under the President's plan are the job creators; the economy needs to start hiring to lower the unemployment rate to acceptable levels.

This group includes investors, the lifeblood of the economy, who provide the capital for businesses to expand and add new workers and for entrepreneurs to start new enterprises. Raising their taxes reduces their incentives to provide these vital sources of funding to businesses and start-ups—and, therefore, the businesses' ability to create new jobs.

Many businesses pay their taxes through their owners' individual income tax returns. The President's tax hikes would be a direct tax on these important employers. A recent study from President Obama's own Treasury Department shows that 90 percent of businesses that pay taxes through the individual income tax code and employ workers would pay the higher taxes under the President's plan.^[2] Higher taxes would reduce these businesses' incentives to hire new workers and their ability to retain or increase compensation for their existing employees.

Buffett Rule Already in Effect

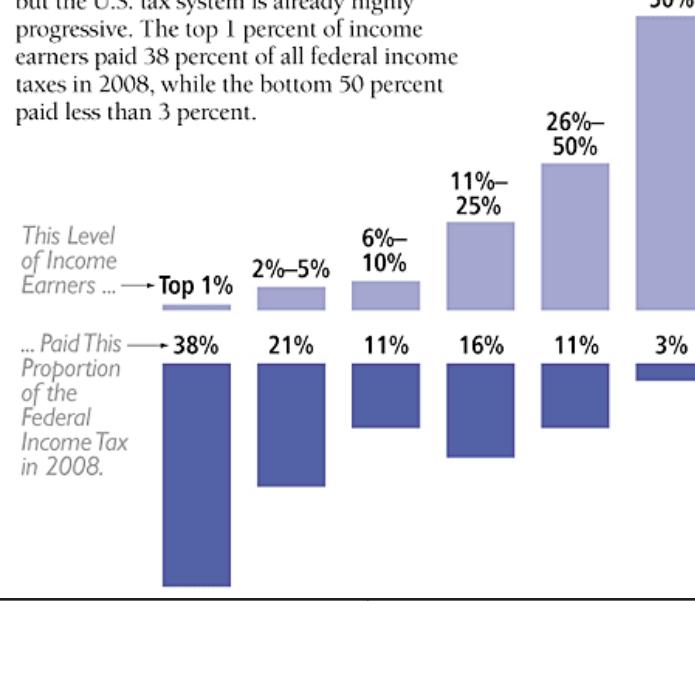
In a further effort to ostensibly improve the fairness of the tax code, President Obama formulated the "Buffett Rule," named after famed

billionaire investor Warren Buffett, who often calls for higher taxes on the rich. According to the Buffett Rule, families and small businesses making more than \$1 million should not pay a smaller share of their income in taxes than a middle-income family.

The Buffett Rule is unnecessary because top-earners, including billionaires like Buffett, already pay much higher taxes as a share of their income than middle-income families. In fact, they pay an effective tax rate that is more than double the rate paid by middle-income families.

The Top 10 Percent of Earners Paid 70 Percent of Federal Income Taxes

Top earners are the target for new tax increases, but the U.S. tax system is already highly progressive. The top 1 percent of income earners paid 38 percent of all federal income taxes in 2008, while the bottom 50 percent paid less than 3 percent.



Obituaries

Charlotte A. (Perry) Michal

Charlotte A. (Perry) Michal, age 80, of Manhattan, died September 29, 2011, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan.

She was born April 4, 1931, in Fort Scott, Kansas, the daughter of Harold and Ruth (Lundquist) Perry.

Charlotte graduated from Manhattan High School,

Kansas State University with her Bachelor's in Education, and her Masters from Emporia State Teachers College in Physical Education.

On July 22, 1962, in Salina, Kansas, she was married to Norman R. Michal.

She taught physical education at Abilene High School in the 1950's. She moved to Manhattan and started a janitorial and carpet cleaning business with her husband Norman. In 1972, they started the Manhattan Pawn Shop,

which they operated for several years prior to turning that over to their sons, David and Bruce, in the early 1980's, and moved to Missouri. In Missouri, she and Norman sold hearing aides. They retired to the Lake of the Ozarks and loved having family and friends visit them at the lake. She enjoyed living on the lake and boating, camping and taking care of her yard.

Charlotte and Norman moved to Salina and lived there for 15 years prior to moving to Manhattan in February 2010.

Charlotte enjoyed painting and woodworking and selling her crafts at the craft fairs.

Survivors include her three sons: Norman Michal, Jr. and his wife Susie of Chattanooga, TN, David Michal and his wife Claudia of Manhattan, and Bruce Michael and his wife Margaret of Manhattan; one sister, Marie Dahl of Kansas City; seven grandchildren: Heather A. Williams, Michelle L. Woody, Eldon J., Karen C., Lynda A., Joshua V.

and Molly A. Michal; and four great-grandchildren.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation is planned with graveside services to be held at 11:00 Thursday, October 6th, at Sunset Cemetery in Manhattan, Kansas, with Pastor Michael Krager officiating. Family and friends are invited to meet at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home at 10:30 AM Thursday to form a procession to the cemetery.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at www.ymlfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mercy Community Health Foundation. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Catherine "Tootie" Agnes McCoy

Catherine "Tootie" Agnes McCoy, 93, of Manhattan, passed away Wednesday, September 28th, at Mercy Regional Health Center. Catherine was born in Flush, Kansas on May 10, 1918, a daughter of the late Angeline

(O'Shea) and Julius Heptig. On May 28, 1945 at Flush, KS she married Robert L McCoy, who died on Nov. 22, 1985, they were the former owners of the Lakeview Tavern, which is now the Little Grill. Tootie had lived on a farm north of Manhattan for over 66 years. She was a member of Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Manhattan, a 1937 graduate of Flush High

School, Flush, Kansas and from Mt. St. Scholastica College in Atchison, where she received her teaching certificate. After graduation she taught in a room school house until 1945 in Pottawatomie County, she volunteered at Mercy Regional Health Center for over 25 years, retiring in 2011, the longest on record of over 8000 hours. She loved her family

and church above all else, but the best description of her in two words was that she was "Catholic and Irish".

Catherine is survived by a daughter, Patricia Ruthstrom and husband Ron, of Downs; grandsons, Michael L. Ruthstrom of Manhattan and Jacob B. and wife Kristin Ruthstrom of Kansas City, Missouri; great granddaughter, Faith L. Ruthstrom of Downs,

Kansas along with many nieces & nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Robert, brothers Tom, Pat and Bill Heptig and sister Mary Winter.

Visitation was at Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home on Friday from 8:00am to 8:00pm, with a vigil service at 7:00pm. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at

10:30am on Saturday, October 1st at the Seven Dolors Catholic Church, Manhattan. Interment will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Manhattan.

The family request memorial donations to the Manhattan Catholic Schools. For more information or to send an email condolence visit www.irvinparkview.com

Todd Wesley Ingalsbe

Todd Wesley Ingalsbe, 46, of Wamego, Kansas, died Thursday, September 29, 2011, at his home following a battle with cancer. He was a member of the community for nineteen years.

Todd was born November 8, 1964 in Topeka, Kansas, the son of Thomas W. and Janis Caffrey Ingalsbe, Jr. He attended local schools and graduated from Topeka West High School in 1983. Todd then attended Kansas State

University and studied industrial engineering.

Todd was a cabinet builder and worked twenty two years for Custom Wood Products. He loved to hunt, go camping and attend his daughter's basketball and softball games. He also was an avid K-State football fan. Todd was baptized on September 15, 2011.

Todd married Kelly Meyer on February 20, 1988 in Linn, Kansas. She survives at their home.

He is also survived by his mother, Janis, Topeka; his daughters, Katherine "Katie" and Tera Ingalsbe, both of the

home; his brother Dean Ingalsbe and his wife, Judy, Valley Center; his mother and father-in-law, Lowell and Sharon Meyer, Linn, brother-in-law, Fred Meyer and his wife, Nina, Linn, sister-in-law, Kathy Meyer, Manhattan; his nieces and nephews, Deanna, Jasmine, Desirée, Joshua, Andrew, Tandi, Zack, Donald, Tiffany, Melanie, Madison and Erik. Todd was preceded in death by his father, Thomas.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Wamego. Reverend Dave

Gruener and Mr. Paul Mabrey will be officiating. Burial followed at Olsburg City Cemetery in Olsburg, Kansas. Mr. Ingalsbe lied-in-state starting at 2:00 p.m., on Monday, October 3, 2011, at Campanella-Evans Mortuary in Wamego, where the family greeted friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. They suggest memorial contributions to PRN Hospice of Wamego or the Tuttle Creek Playground Equipment Fund and those may be sent in care of the mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.campanellafuneral.com.

was present from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Interment will be at the Meriden Cemetery, in Meriden, Kansas where his father was laid to rest.

Family request donations of remembrance to Big Lakes Development Center in lieu of flowers, left in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home.

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A Gravestone Service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday October 7, 2011 at the Sunset Cemetery, Manhattan, Kansas.

The family will greet friends from 10:00 a.m. until forming a procession to the cemetery at 10:45 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Adyson and Jayce's Education Fund and left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at: www.ymlfuneralhome.com

Hal Bert Gay

Hal Bert Gay, 46, passed away Thursday, September 29th at his residence.

Hal was born on January 28, 1964 in Junction City, Kansas. He was a resident at Kansas Neurological Institute from 1981 to 1995 and then moved to Manhattan, Kansas where he was a resident of Big Lakes Development Center.

Hal is preceded in death by

his parents Avo Snyder and Lorenzo Gay. He is survived

by Stepfather Robert Snyder of Junction City, Kansas; his brother John Gay and wife Karen, of China Springs, Texas; sister Vickie (Gay) Halsey, of Portland, Oregon; brother Charlie Gay, and wife Michelle of Junction City, Kansas; sister, Lona (Gay) Alexander and husband Bob, of Stilwell, Kansas, nieces and nephews Jennifer (Gay) Keating and husband Mark, of

Overland Park, Kansas; Jordan Gay of Aurora, Colorado; Robert Alexander of Phoenix, Arizona; Dillon Rotter of Portland, Oregon; Mackenzie Alexander of Manhattan, Kansas; Emily Gay of Junction City.

A celebration of Hal's life was held Monday, September 3, 2011 at 11:00AM at Irvin Parkview Funeral Home in Manhattan, Kansas. Visitation was Sunday, October 2 from 1:00 PM to 8:00PM the family

was present from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Interment will be at the Meriden Cemetery, in Meriden, Kansas where his father was laid to rest.

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Erin Westgate

Erin Westgate, age 31, of Manhattan, Kansas died Sunday October 2, 2011 at the Mercy Regional Health Center, Manhattan.

She was born on October 26, 1979 in Wamego, Kansas the daughter of Michael and Janet (Farrell) Westgate. A graduate of Rock Creek High School, she was a sales associate at Wal-Mart in Manhattan.

Erin was the proud mommy of her two loving boys, Adyson and Jayce. She loved visiting and meeting new people, especially children and the elderly. Erin loved being with her family and was known for her kindness, wit, humor and for being a very true and loyal friend. She also loved dragonflies, sunflowers, iris, Will Ferrell movies, sunny days and a good joke.

She was preceded in death by

her maternal grandparents: Eugene and Jean Farrell. Survivors include her sons: Adyson Westgate and Jayce Toliver, both of Manhattan; her mother: Jan Walker and her husband Sandy of Manhattan; her father: Michael Westgate and his wife Lynn of Manhattan; a brother: Jeremy Walker of Manhattan; a sister: Marnie Clayton and her husband Gene of Indianapolis, IN; nephews: Brennen and Bryan Clayton; paternal grandparents: Myron and Nancy Westgate of Saint George, KS; Granny: Margaret Walker of Manhattan; a very special friend: Angie Giambelucca and many other family and many, many friends.

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There's No Place Like Home

By Eunice Boeve
Illustrated by Michelle Meade



Chapter 7

Osa Johnson and Snowball

Last Chapter: On their last adventure in the time machine, Jack and Mollie visited an old man who brewed medicines from local grasses and weeds. A rural Clay Center resident, Indian John had many devoted patients. He claimed to have been raised by Indians and learned his skill from the tribe's medicine men.

"Just when Pa's set to interview the most famous woman ever born in Chanute, I've got to run an errand for Ma," the boy groused as he came out of the door to the newspaper office and dashed past Jack and Mollie and took off running down the street.

"Well, I guess we're in Chanute," Mollie said. "I wonder what year it is?"

"There's still buggies and wagons on the streets," Jack said. "The cars look like the ones we saw in Indian John's time."

"So do our clothes," Mollie said. "So it must be the 1920s or the '30s. Anyway, let's go in here and see this most famous woman."

Inside the newspaper office, a pretty, brown-haired woman was sitting and talking to a man the twins decided must be the boy's father. But what startled and delighted them was that on the woman's lap, sound asleep, was a little black ape-like creature.

"A gorilla?" Mollie whispered.

"A baby gorilla?"

Hearing them, the man turned from the woman and frowned at Jack and Mollie. "Yes? Is there something you need?"

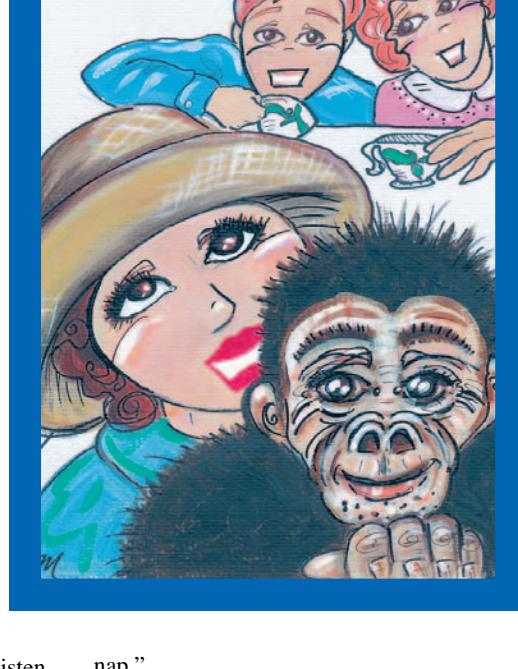
"No," Jack said. "We'd just like to listen and watch that little animal, if you don't mind..."

"Well..."

"Oh, let them stay," the woman said. "They won't hurt a thing."

The newspaperman turned back to the woman and the twins settled in to listen, Jack cross-legged on the floor and Mollie in a straight-backed chair.

As they listened, the twins learned that this "most famous woman ever born in



nap."

Suddenly the little gorilla spied Jack and Mollie. In a flash he jumped from Osa Johnson's lap, scrambled across the room and leaped up in Jack's lap. Instinctively, Jack reached in his pockets and was surprised to find a small yo-yo. He dangled it in front of the little animal and laughed as it tried to catch it in its tiny hands.

Realizing Jack did not have the glasses in his pocket and there were no pockets at all in her dress, Mollie wondered where they'd

find them, but the antics of the baby gorilla were so amusing she soon forgot to worry about them.

When the interview was over and after hearing a made-up story from the twins about how they had arrived on the train to visit an aunt and that she must have misunderstood the day for she wasn't at home and the neighbors told them she was out of town, Osa Johnson invited them to stay overnight at her mother's home.

"My husband is out of town, but my mother and I would enjoy your company. Besides," she added with a smile, "it would please Snowball."

The twins had a wonderful evening with Osa Johnson and her mother. The famous adventuress kept them enthralled with stories of her and her husband's adventures in those faraway lands.

"Once we barely escaped from cannibals," Osa Johnson said. "They'd captured us and I imagine we were thinking how best to have us for dinner when a British patrol boat came by and scared them so they ran off and left us." She laughed about later meeting some headhunters and about how surprised they were when they came upon the small people of the jungle, the Pygmies, who, she said, were only 3 to 4 feet tall.

She told them about the elephants. "They seem so wise, so gentle. Martin loves that they are easy to photograph because they are so unsuspicious."

"Martin has to get very, very close to the animals to film them, so I stay behind him with a rifle. Once I had to shoot a charging rhino and another time a lion." She shook her head. "I didn't like to do it, but it was to save Martin's life."

"Tell us about Snowball," Mollie said.

"We were in Africa when we met some black men with this sweet little gorilla baby. We saw right away that the poor little thing was sick, and when he looked at me, his eyes were so sad, so pleading, I told Martin we must buy him. I wasn't sure we could save him, but he finally recovered and is the sweet baby you see here."

"What will you do with him?" Jack asked, grinning as the little gorilla climbed up on his shoulders and picked at his red hair. "You can't keep a full-grown gorilla can you?"

"Oh, my no," Osa Johnson said.

"Eventually we will have to turn him over to a zoo, for even if we took him back to Africa, he would not fit in with the wild

This is an original serial story that is written and illustrated by two Kansas women. To learn more about them, go to their websites: www.euniceboeve.net and www.michellemeade.weebly.com

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Letters to Tom

The Bottom Line: What You Pay

Politics can be defined as the study of "who gets what, when, and how." It's interesting that this definition does not address "who pays what, when, and how." Government is the vehicle that determines who gets what and we tax-paying citizens are the ones who foot the bill. This week I want to tell you what you, the tax-paying citizen, pay in order for our government to play the game of politics.

Government spending is often in the news. The narrative usually involves some form of crisis and the need to increase taxes in order to avoid disaster. If the government (national, state, or local) doesn't get more money then we will have to cut back on some essential service. At the Federal level the threat is no check for social security recipient or pay for our military and non-military government employees. At the local level we are told that we will have to cut the budget for police and fire, or that the maintenance of roads and bridges will be halted. If it involves the school system it usually means that teachers will be laid off or extra curricular programs will be halted. The message is usually a variation of -- Pay Up, Or Else.

Seldom, actually almost never, do we get a story that addresses how much we have to pay. When we do, it usually goes something like this -- "This mill levy increase will result in a \$27.14 increase in property taxes for a \$180,000.00 home." Who



Mike Kryschal

could complain about that? Especially when the tiny amount will result in the greater good! It's the rare politician (and the non-existent member of the media) who talks about, much less does anything about, reducing the burden carried by the taxpaying citizen. Last Spring I attended a number of the forums for candidates for the City Commission and the USD 383 Board of Education. Most of the candidates were in favor of more efficient use of the money provided by tax-payers. There was almost no mention of tax-payer relief. Why not?

So how much do you pay? Unless you maintain a meticulous record of how much you spend on everything (and I mean everything) you probably don't know. Much of what we pay is hidden in the fine print of bills that we receive for utilities and other services, and the receipts we receive from retailers when we make purchases. When I pay my cable bill or buy something from a retailer I don't pay much attention to franchise fees and sales tax. If you look at your cable bill you will discover that if you buy \$245.00

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As individual transactions, the taxes you pay might not seem to put a serious dent into your annual budget. However if you add it all up it is significant and alarming. Using the Census Bureau's three-year estimate (2007-2009), the median income for Manhattan households is \$34,131. A married couple earning the median income pays \$1576 in Federal Tax and \$852 in State Tax. Their annual housing cost is \$15,000 if they have a mortgage, \$8600 if renting, and \$4900 if they own their home with no mortgage. The Living Wage Calculation for

Manhattan (Riley County) estimates that two adults would have annual expenses (food, medical, transportation, and other) totaling \$16,128.00. I think these figures are low, but even at this low estimate a couple making \$34,131 with a mortgage has expenses totaling about \$33,000 a year. About \$9000 of that \$33,000 are taxes. If your income is higher, your expenses are almost certainly higher, and you are paying an even higher tax rate (hello progressive tax rates). The bottom line is that most of us are just about breaking even. Note to the politicians -- we are taxed to the max. In fact we are taxed over the max, it's time to find a way to reduce rather than increase the load we are carrying. Think about it, the largest single expenditure many of us make in a year is to pay taxes to the government. Is some cases as much as one out of every three dollars that you earn is taken and given to people whose main function is to boss you around.

Next week: Where is all of that money going?
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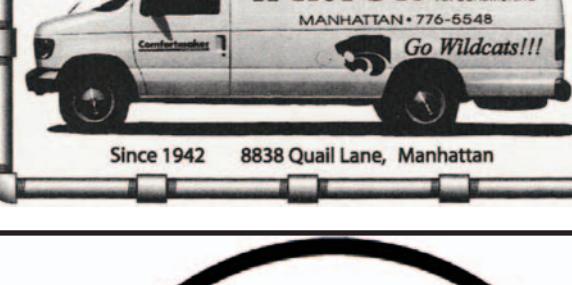
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MATC 5th fastest enrollment growth in KS

On the 20th day of the fall semester enrollment report, generated by the Kansas Board of Regents, Manhattan Area Technical College stood out as having the fifth largest percentage of growth in the State. The report cited at the seven public universities, enrollment was up by 701 students, or 0.7% with Kansas State University showing yet another enrollment increase of 1.2%. At the 19 community colleges, enrollment was down by 189 students, or -0.2%. At the six technical colleges, enrollment was up by 344 students or 7.0% with the largest State-wide increase being the percentage of students enrolling at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

The growth at MATC, while welcome, has created its own difficulties most notably avail-

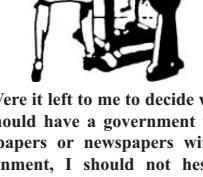
able space to accommodate students and staff. Where once the college had 26 full-time faculty members and two adjunct faculty members, they now have 30 full-time faculty and average 45 adjunct instructors each semester. Marilyn Mahan, VP of Instruction, attributes the growth to several factors including the new dental hygiene program, the new biotechnology and laboratory technician programs, and the large number of students who are attending to qualify for entry into these and other programs that have stringent academic entry requirements. Finding enough adjunct to cover are wide array of technical and general education classes, who have the proper credentials, is sometimes a challenge. MATC faculty, just like K-State faculty, must meet the

same credentialing requirements as set forth by the Higher Learning Commission.

While the installation of three new modular units with science laboratories and classroom space has helped the enrollment growth, the additional facilities keep the college just ahead of the curve when it comes to available space. Even the new parking lot located on the west side of the campus had over 110 cars overflowing into CiCo parks upper lot again this fall.

It really should come as no surprise when President Edleston recently announced a total enrollment increase, since separation from USD 383 seven years ago, of a 139% growth in unduplicated headcount.

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K-State welcomes Missouri Saturday 2:30 pm

Kansas State, fresh off a 36-35 comeback win over No. 15 Baylor last weekend, continues its current homestand as the Missouri Tigers travel to Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Saturday for key Big 12 Conference matchup. The Wildcats sit at 4-0 for the second straight season and the 11th time in 20 seasons under head coach Bill Snyder following Saturday's big win.

The Big 12 Conference matchup with Mizzou will kick off at 2:30 p.m., and can be seen across the nation on ABC Sports as Carter Blackburn, (play-by-play) and Brock Huard (analyst) will have the call. A free live audio broadcast is also available on k-statesports.com and on SIRIUS XM satellite radio channel 112. Wyatt Thompson will call the action with Stan Weber providing color analysis and Matt Walters giving sideline updates.

Live stats will be also available through Gametracker, while Twitter updates, @kstatesports and state_gameday, and a live in-game blog will all be a part of k-statesports.com's gameday coverage. Tickets for the contest remain available for as little as \$40 as fans with a Baylor game ticket can receive \$10 off the price of admission for this week's contest. Tickets can be pur-

chased online at k-state-sports.com and at the Athletics Ticket Office in Bramlage Coliseum.

A QUICK LOOK AT THE WILDCATS

Kansas State used a strong fourth-quarter performance from all three phases of the game to rally for last week's 36-35 win over Baylor. Down 35-26, the Wildcat offense mounted a 13-play, 70-yard drive to pull to within 35-33 with 5:22 left. The defense then forced Baylor's Robert Griffin III into his first interception of the season to set up Anthony Cantelo's game-winning 31-yard field goal.

Collin Klein and John Hubert continue to lead the offense as Klein ranks second among FBS quarterbacks in rushing with his 105.8-ypg average. Hubert has added 85.8 yards per game.

But, the Wildcat defense has been the story of the season through four weeks. A remarkably improved unit, K-State heads into this weekend's game ranked in the Top 17 nationally in three defensive categories (scoring defense, rushing defense and total defense). Arthur Brown, who picked off Griffin's fourth-quarter pass last weekend, leads the team with 33 tackles, which ranks fourth in the Big 12, while three others have

picked off opponent passes, led by Nigel Malone's three, which ranks first in the Big 12.

A LOOK AT THE OPPONENT

Missouri heads into Saturday's Big 12 Conference matchup with a 2-2 overall record and enjoying the benefits of a bye week. The Tigers currently lead the league in rushing, averaging 253.2 yards per game on the ground, and are led by Big 12 rushing leader Henry Josey, who has averaged 133.2 yards per game.

Quarterback James Franklin has thrown for 985 yards and seven touchdowns while also running for four more in his first season as the Tigers' starting quarterback. T.J. Moe leads the receiving corps with 23 catches for 291 yards and one touchdown. Defensively, Missouri heads into the contest with the second-ranked rush defense, yielding just 87.0 yards per game on the ground. Individually, Andrew Wilson leads the team with 25 tackles, while Ryan Madison's 6.0 tackles for loss rank second in the Big 12.

MISSOURI CATS

A total of 10 Wildcat players hail from the state of Missouri and will be facing a school from their backyard on Saturday. The list of Wildcats from the Show Me State

includes two offensive line starters in Clyde Aufner (Raymore) and Colten Freeze (Liberty). Other Wildcats from the state of Missouri include: Jarell Childs (Kansas City), William Cooper (Hayti), Brian Hertzog (Lee's Summit), Alex Hrebec (St. Louis), Payton Kirk (Liberty), Mark Krause (Kearney), Drew Liddle (Oak Grove) and Logan Wiltfong (North Kansas City).

OUT OF THE GATE

Following last week's win over Baylor, K-State will look to start the season 5-0 for the first time since 2000, while the Cats' will be out to start Big 12 play 2-0 for the first time since that same 2000 season.

The 2000 squad opened up 6-0 and went on to finish 11-3. Under Bill Snyder, K-State has opened 5-0 a total of five times.

CONFERENCE HOME GAMES

K-State will be playing consecutive games at Bill Snyder Family Stadium to open up Big 12 play for just the second time in school history on Saturday. The only other time this has occurred is back in 1996 when the Cats faced Texas Tech (won) and Nebraska (lost).

THE 150 CLUB

Head coach Bill Snyder picked up the 150th victory of his career in the season opener

against Eastern Kentucky. He joined Joe Paterno (Penn State), Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech), Steve Spurrier (South Carolina), Mack Brown (Texas) and Gary Pinkel (Missouri) as active coaches with 150 wins at FBS schools.

After guiding the Wildcats from 1989 to 2005, and again over the past two seasons, Snyder is also one of the longest-tenured active

coaches in the FBS. The Wildcat head coach ranks fifth among active coaches behind Paterno (46th year), Nevada's Chris Ault (27th), Beamer (25th) and Troy's Larry Blakeney (21st). Even more impressive is that Snyder is one of just two active BCS coaches who have served at the same school for at least 19 years and have never held the same position at another school (Paterno).

Additionally, Snyder has tallied the sixth-most victories among active coaches since 1990 with 152 despite a three-year hiatus from 2006-2008.

SNYDER IN OCTOBER

Fast starts propelled the Wildcats to winning seasons throughout the Bill Snyder's era at K-State. The Wildcats' success in the month of September under Snyder is well-documented and K-State has also been a solid team in October under Snyder. Since

the inception of the Big 12 Conference, K-State is 29-23 (.558) in October under the legendary head coach, including last week's win over No. 15 Baylor. The win marked the first time since 2002 that a Snyder-coached team knocked off a ranked opponent at home.

HOME SWEET HOME

Few teams in college football have taken care of their home field as well as the Wildcats since the start of the 1990 season. Over the past 20-plus years, K-State is an amazing 114-26-1 (.812) when playing at Bill Snyder Family Stadium, including a 55-23-1 (.702) mark in league games (combined Big 8/12). Since head coach Bill Snyder's return in 2009, Kansas State is 12-3 at the stadium that now bears his name.

RECORD NUMBERS SO FAR AT BSFS

K-State saw consecutive sellouts at Bill Snyder Family Stadium to open the season, marking the first time since 1999 that over 100,000 fans have attended the first two home games of a season. Following a crowd of 50,292 against Eastern Kentucky, Wildcat fans answered with 50,483 against Kent State and then a nearcapacity crowd of 49,399 against Baylor.

Kansas State Wildcats 2011-2012 Football SCHEDULE

Record

Sept. 3 vs. Eastern Kentucky	W 10-7	1-0
Sept. 17 vs. Kent State	W 37-0	2-0
Sept. 24 at Miami Miami,	W 28-24	3-0
Oct. 1 vs. Baylor * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA	W 36-35	4-0
Oct. 8 vs. Missouri * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA		
Oct. 15 at Texas Tech * Lubbock, Texas TBA		
Oct. 22 at Kansas * Lawrence, Kan. TBA		
Oct. 29 vs. Oklahoma * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA		
Nov. 5 at Oklahoma State * Stillwater, Okla. TBA		
Nov. 12 vs. Texas A&M * Bill Snyder Family Stadium TBA		
Nov. 19 at Texas * Austin, Texas TBA		
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Big 12 Football Standings

	Big 12	Overall
Kansas State	1-0	4-0
Oklahoma	1-0	4-0
Oklahoma State	1-0	4-0
Texas	1-0	4-0
Texas Tech	1-0	4-0
Baylor	0-1	3-1
Iowa State	0-1	3-1
Kansas	0-1	2-2
Missouri	0-1	2-2
Texas A&M	0-1	2-2

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Texas Tech game to air nationally on Fox Sports Net

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State's Big 12 football matchup at Texas Tech will air to a full FSN national audience as Fox Sports Net and the Big 12 Conference announced Monday television selections for October 15.

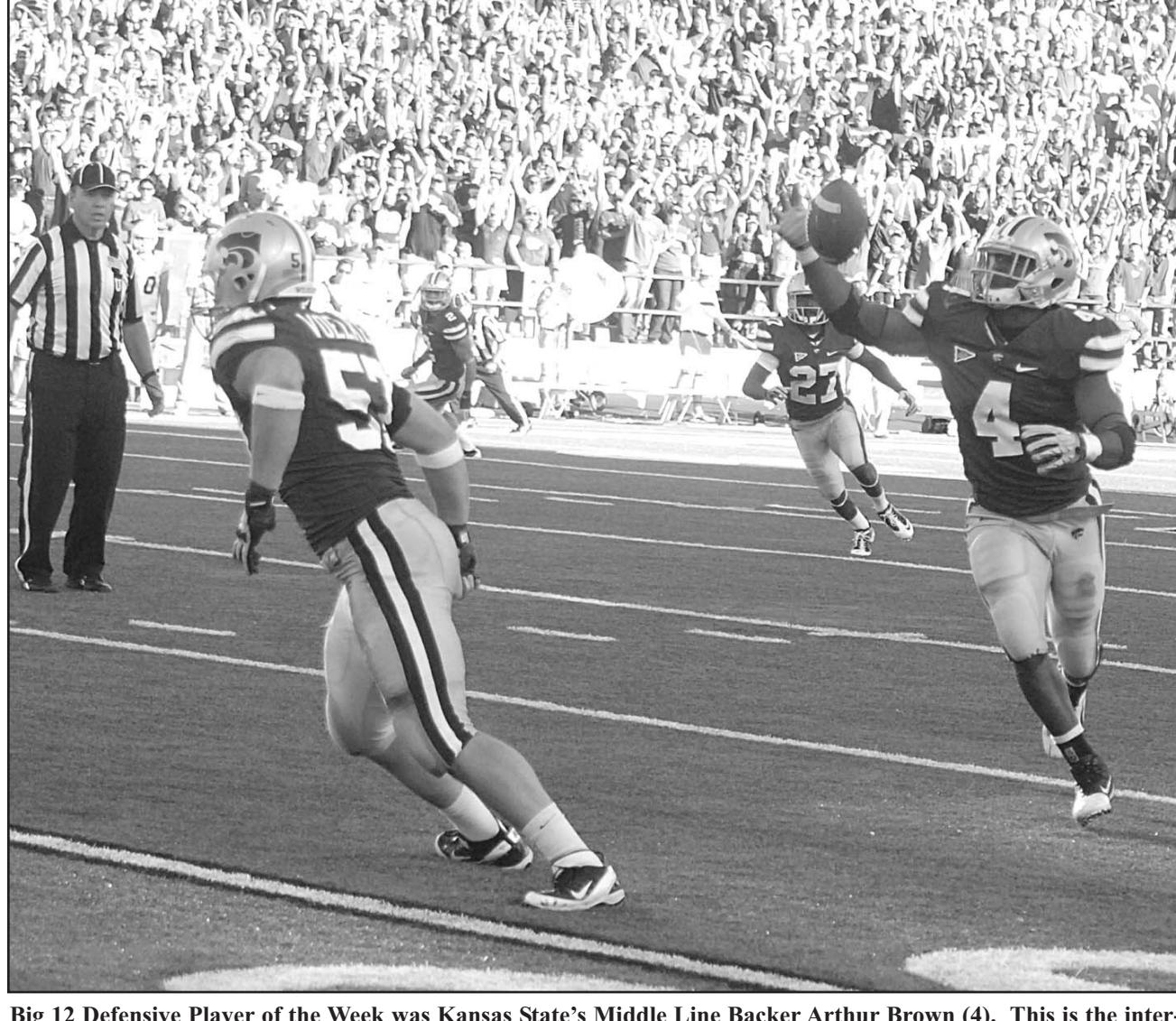
The game will kick at 6 p.m. from Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock, Texas, and mark the sixth straight week that a Wildcat football game will be televised this season.

The 20th-ranked Wildcats (4-0, 1-0) host Missouri (2-2, 0-1) this Saturday at Bill

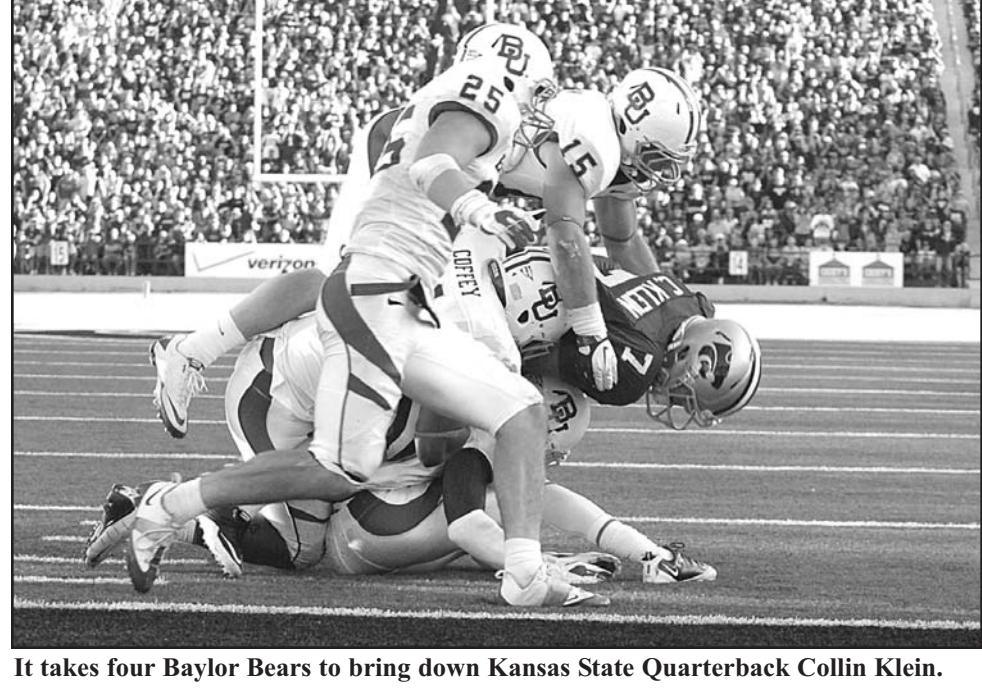
Snyder Family Stadium. Tickets still remain for the 2:30 p.m., ABC-televisioned game for as little as \$40, and fans that attended the Baylor game can receive \$10 off the price of admission with their ticket from last week's contest.

Fans can order tickets for any of the four remaining home games online at www.kstatesports.com, by phone at 1-800-221-CATS or at the ticket office located inside Bramlage Coliseum. The ticket office will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. this week or until the Missouri game is sold out.

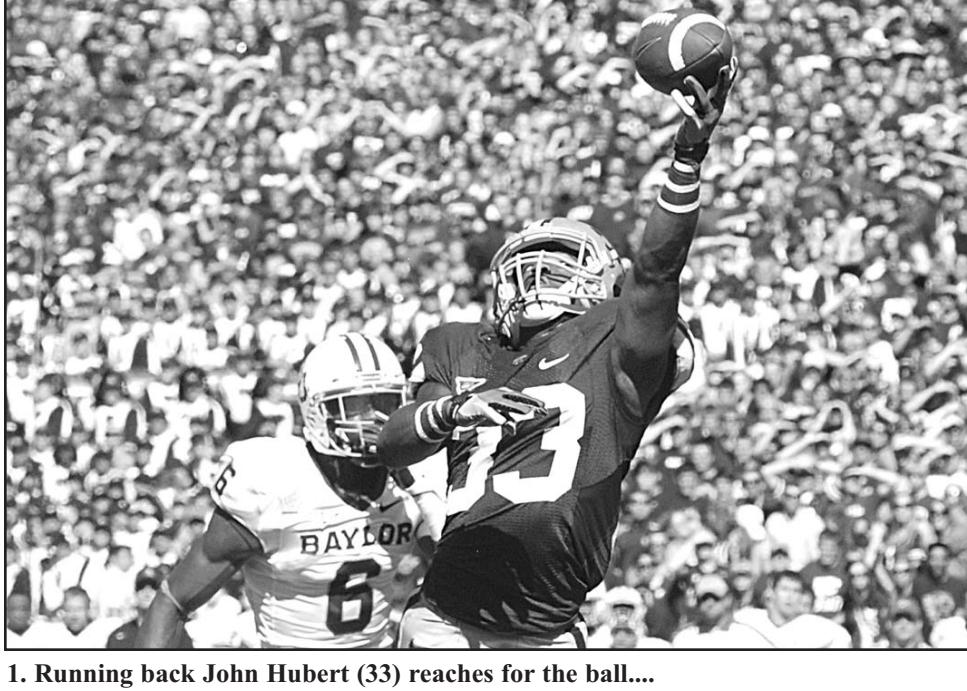
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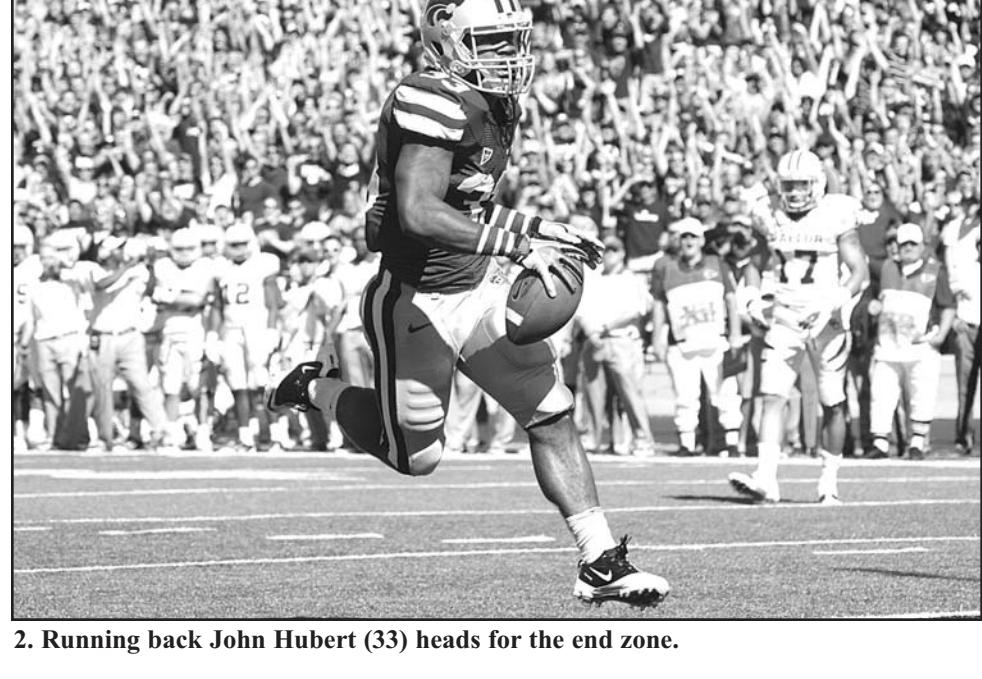
Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week was Kansas State's Middle Line Backer Arthur Brown (4). This is the interception he made in the 4th Quarter that lead to the winning 3 points.



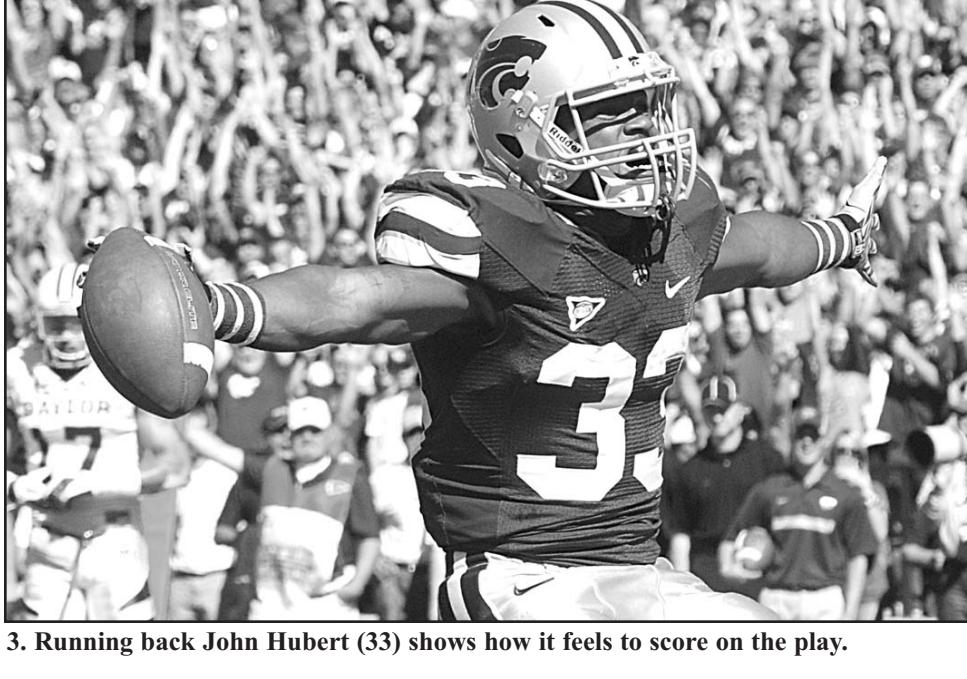
It takes four Baylor Bears to bring down Kansas State Quarterback Collin Klein.



1. Running back John Hubert (33) reaches for the ball....



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3. Running back John Hubert (33) shows how it feels to score on the play.

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Snyder's values withstand test

By Mark Janssen Sports Extra

Be honest now.

When Bill Snyder was re-hired following the 2008 season, how many wondered if the now 71-year old, 72 on Friday, was a little too mature for the position of head coach of the Wildcats?

To those with a hand raised, thank you for your honesty; for those still with your arms crossed, you know that 95 percent of you are fibbing yourselves just a little.

The Baylor Bears and coach Art Briles, preceded by Miami and coach Al Golden, are just the latest to be Snyder-ized. They joined a high-profile list of USC's Pete Carroll (twice), Bob Stoops with his No. 1 Sooners, Mack Brown at Texas (three times), and so-so many others.

All high-profile coaches with on-paper rosters far superior to K-State's, yet the Saturday afternoon winner these last two weeks was Mr. Snyder.

They almost seem to be intimidated by the possibility to be Snyder-ized.

Miami, blessed with all that team speed, refused to throw the ball vertically, and then tried to be a power-team on the goal line.

Baylor, with that hyper up-tempo passing attack, went conservative and rushed 11 times in a 16-play drive that ended with a missed field goal, and the loss of all momentum, early in the fourth stanza.

With absolutely no disrespect to the K-State roster, but here's guessing if one would put down the Wildcats starting 22 against that of the

Hurricanes and/or the Bears, most would take those other guys dressed in orange or green.

What K-Staters have seen throughout Snyder's 20 years is his own football version of "Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game."

It's the 2002 story of general manager Billy Beane of the Oakland A's with a payroll of \$41 million and his plan to counteract the \$125 million payroll of the New York Yankees. It's a story of the method that Beane used to sign undervalued players that had one specific baseball tool that could help a team win.

It's so much like Snyder and K-State.

Texas takes its 22 to 25 recruits a year, A&M grabs its 25, Oklahoma signs its 22, and Snyder studies the talents of what's left and molds a winning team.

It's a 4-0 team today that is ranked No. 20 in the Associated Press poll and No. 21 in the USA Today Coaches poll as the Wildcats are back among the elite for the first time since 2007.

Of the latest wins, Snyder said, "It all goes back to our values: don't give up, work hard, discipline, etc. These are things that are hard for an 18- or 19-year-old to buy into in our society, but I think our guys are realizing it can make a dramatic difference."

It's the 16 Commandments that have been in place at K-State since Snyder's first arrival in 1989: commitment, unity, toughness, effort, never give up, refuse to allow failing to become a habit, expect to

win, leadership, improve every day, do it right and don't accept less, eliminate mistakes, no self-limitations, consistency, responsibility, unselfishness, enthusiasm.

Former linebacker Brooks Barta recalls, "Coach could talk for hours on each one of them. It didn't change through the years. He could talk forever on them."

Old-fashion concepts in this computer-age?

"Of course! Who doesn't look at coach Snyder and see old-fashion?" said cornerback David Garrett, adding a wide grin. "You better keep doing what he says to do because he's not going to change for anyone. And, he keeps getting wins."

Sophomore linebacker Tre Walker added, "Sure, they're thought of as old-time ways, but it becomes a nice mix of old and new. You know every word that coach Snyder says has meaning. They are things you commit to memory and you're amazed on how they help you along the way."

Like this past Saturday, and the one before that.

Now that you've read the 16 Wildcat Commandments, listen to some of the comments after Saturday's win over Baylor.

"It's all about team unity," said fullback Braden Wilson. "Everyone is willing to sacrifice. There is no selfishness on this team. There's such a willingness to put each other first."

Walker added, "This team has so much heart and fight to play hard until the end."

Wide receiver Brodrick

Smith said, "This team is so committed to never giving up. This team has heart."

And Garrett adding, "We have a character to never giving up. This team has a lot of the same players as last year, but we have more experience, speed and depth, plus a unity that is higher than ever."

Saturday was a Snyder-like victory in what he called a "team win." He credited the offense for "playing well enough to win," the defense for "playing well enough to win," and the special teams played "well enough to win."

And in conclusion, Snyder showed his 71 years of consistency when talking about moving on to Missouri this week at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. "We'll keep rowing the boat. What are our options?" said Snyder. "We'll do tomorrow (Sunday) what we did last Sunday, and we'll do Monday what we did last Monday, and the Monday before that. Consistency is one of those values that we talk about."

The result has been wins, never giving up for four victories in a row, which includes three in come-from-behind fashion in the fourth quarter where they refused to fail.

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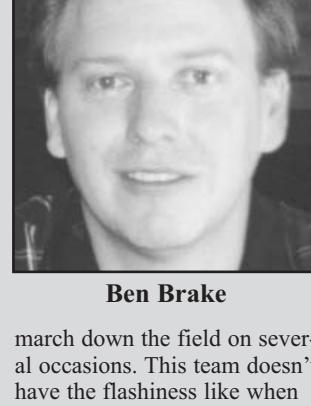
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Sports update:

Hello Wildcat Fans
 The Wildcats went bear hunting at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. What an exciting game this past Saturday!!! Robert Griffin III (RG3) and his receiving corps are simply amazing to watch. RG3 only has to get the ball in the neighborhood for his receivers to make a catch. I was extremely impressed with their pass/catch abilities. The Wildcat win over #15 Baylor propelled the Wildcats into the Top 25 in both the AP and the USA Today polls. The Cats are now ranked #20 in the AP and #21 in the USA Today polls. Baylor dropped 10 spots to #25 in the AP and out of the Top 25 in the USA Today poll. The Bears should not have dropped that far in the polls because of one loss to the Wildcats. Maybe if the Cats would have won by 20 or more points I could see them drop that far but not because of a one point loss to an undefeated team.

This K-State Football Team is the most resilient squad that we have seen in a long time. They may be down at times, but you cannot count this team out.

Offense: K-State had 356 yards of total offense and methodically was able to



Ben Brake

a little more of the soft zone than I care for; however, they did put pressure on RG3 when it really mattered. This K-State Defense really knows how to come alive in the 4th quarter when they positively have to if they want to win. I would have to say the last 5 minutes of a game is when this defense is absolutely one of the toughest defenses in the country.

Missouri Preview: This game looks to be another cardiac test for the Cats and the fans. I am expecting this game to be just as stressful as the Baylor and Miami games. Missouri has a 2 - 2 record, but don't let that fool you. They lost at #25 Arizona State 37-30 in overtime and they lost at #1 Oklahoma 38-28. This game has the makings of another heart thumping, fist pounding, and heavy sweating hard fought game. The Mizzou Offense was able to rack up over 500 yards of offense against Oklahoma. They mix up their plays really well and they can capitalize if given a chance. On the positive note, their defense also gave up over 500 yards to the Sooners. Expect this game to be decided in the last 5 minutes of the game.

Defense: Normally I would say when a defense gives up 429 total yards; they are a bad football team. In this case, I will have to say that Baylor had an awesome offensive football team. K-State does need to get a little better against the pass, but they did a fine job keeping the Cats in the game. The Wildcats played

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march down the field on several occasions. This team doesn't have the flashiness like when Michael Bishop or Ell Roberson was playing, but this team battles until the very end. It also appears that Kansas State University may need to increase the number of Auto Defibrillators that they keep on hand because this team likes to take it to the very last minute to put a game away. The only exception this year was Kent State.

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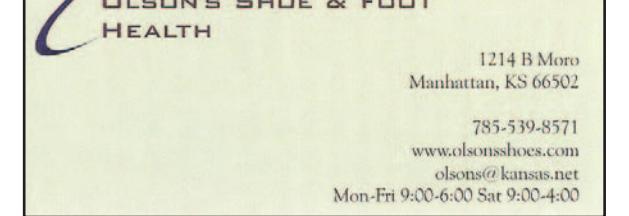
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Kansas State stuns No. 15 Baylor 36-35

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MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Arthur Brown never saw Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III.

The Kansas State linebacker just knew where he needed to be, sliding to his left after the snap, and was in the right position at the right time.

By the time Griffin's pass cleared the line of scrimmage, Brown was the only one with a chance to catch it. His interception in the closing minutes set up Anthony Cantele's 31-yard field goal with 3:10 left, and the Wildcats held on to beat No. 15 Baylor 36-35 on Saturday.

"It felt like a God-given catch, you know?" Brown said quietly, long after the game. "I just happened to catch the ball. Finally catch the ball."

Yes, finally.

Brown bobbled it once, twice _ three times, according to his coaches _ before he finally pulled it down. There was still time left for Baylor's prolific offense, but Brown again came through, sacking Griffin and helping preserve the Wildcats' victory.

"He's getting out of character a little bit," said wide receiver Chris Harper, who was enveloped in a bear hug by Brown as the clock wound down. "He's showing emotion."

It was the first interception thrown by Griffin all season, and spoiled another virtuoso performance by the Heisman Trophy candidate. He came into the game having thrown more touchdown passes than incompletions, and it remained that way until late in the fourth quarter.

Griffin finished 23 of 31 for 346 yards and five touchdowns _ and one big interception.

"I take sole responsibility for that," he said. "I'm the leader of this team. I'm the guy that's in the Heisman race, so I've got to help us win that game, and we didn't win it. So you can look at a billion different things, but if you're going to point the finger, point it at me, because I'll take the praise and I'll take the blame as well."

There was certainly plenty of praise for Griffin.

He directed five impressive scoring drives, the longest taking just 2 minutes, 36 seconds, and one of them covering 75 yards in two plays and a whole 20 seconds.

Most of his offense was directed at Wright, who caught nine passes for a school-record 201 yards and three touchdowns.

"We didn't get beat _ we lost the game," Wright said. "There's a difference between getting beat and losing, and we lost the game."

There's no difference in the outcome, though.

Baylor missed out on a chance to start 4-0 for the first time since 1991, while Kansas State could nudge into the Top 25 before a showdown with Missouri next weekend.

"Keep rowing the boat," coach Bill Snyder said simply.

Collin Klein threw for 146 yards and two touchdowns and added 113 yards and another score for the Wildcats (4-0). John Hubert added 57 yards rushing.

"I just want to tell the world that we're better than people think we are," Hubert said.



Photos by Jon A. Brake

Kansas State Quarterback Collin Klein (7) takes a hit in Saturday's game with Baylor.

The Wildcats are making a habit of comeback victories.

They needed a touchdown pass from Klein in the closing minutes to beat Eastern Kentucky in their season opener. Then last week, the defense stopped Miami four times from the 2 yard line on the road to preserve a 28-24 victory.

Baylor looked as if it wasn't going to give Kansas State a chance in this one, using one of the nation's highest-scoring offenses to answer everything the Wildcats could muster.

Kansas State pulled ahead early in the third quarter, thanks to Klein's 63-yard run and Angelo Pease's 12-yard touchdown scamper, but Griffin struck right back. He connected with Wright on fourth-and-5, with Wright laying out in the end zone to make diving over-the-shoulder grab as he slid out of bounds for a 34-yard touchdown.

Officials upheld the play after a video review and Baylor led 28-26.

The Wildcats put together another promising drive, but

Klein was picked off by Baylor safety Sam Holl at the Bears' 33. Griffin immediately hit Wright for 23 yards, and seven plays later, the pair connected again for a dazzling 35-yard touchdown reception. It capped an eight-play, 79-yard drive that took just 2:36 off the clock and pushed Baylor ahead 35-32.

Too much time was left, as it turned out.

Behind another gutsy performance by Klein, the Wildcats marched downfield on a 13-play, 70-yard drive

that Klein capped with a touchdown plunge to get within 35-33.

Then Brown stepped in front of Griffin's pass, Cantele came through after missing a field goal earlier in the game, and the Wildcats rushed onto the field to celebrate following four straight plays without a first down by the Baylor offense.

"That was a big stand," Brown said. "It was a great opportunity against a team."



Wide receiver Chris Harper takes the ball around left end.



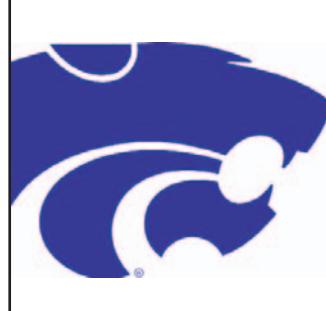
Wide receiver Chris Harper comes down with this ball in the endzone for a TD.



Defensive back David Garrett (27) hits the ground on a kick off return.



Kicker Anthony Cantele (10) gets three points and the win with this shot.



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