

Jayhawks keep spotlight on Kansas

It seems like out of nowhere came the Kansas University Jayhawks. The Kansas University football Jayhawks, that is. When you talk KU sports you generally talk basketball. The football program just hasn't created much chatter, unless it was of a negative pitch.

Then arriving on the scene was Mark Mangino. Not a household word, hardly, but a man who saw an opportunity to build a respectable football program. Now in his fifth year, Mangino is making the best of that opportunity, and in the process silenced many critics who, if they had their way, would have booted him out a couple of years ago.

But thankfully, cooler heads prevailed. The Jayhawks are still undefeated, and sitting among the top programs in the nation today. People are even mentioning Kansas University when they talk about a national champion. It could happen before the curtain falls on this football season.

At home or away, the Jayhawks have put down the competition. At the outset of the season, however, many arm chair coaches weren't giving the Jayhawks much of a chance. Their 'easy' schedule, lots of home contests was their argument. The reasoning against success far outweighed any other reasoning.

Each game, each win was reason to question whether they were for real. Well, they are. And even the national pollsters have jumped on their bandwagon.

There are still some testy opponents waiting their chance to knock them off their lofty perch. But if they maintain the attitude Mangino has preached, they should be OK.

No matter what happens from here in, the Jayhawks have given the state of Kansas a lot to be proud of, a lot to cheer about.

Yes, patience has its reward.
Rock Chalk, Jay hawk, go KU,
Rock Chalk, Jay hawk, go KU!

—Tom Dreiling

Thumbs Up...

To...**Marion & Marilyn Otter**, on your upcoming 50th wedding anniversary celebration. (called in)

To...**Frances Anna Whitney**, enjoy the birthday party! (e-mail)

To...**Jared Foley**, good to read about your success at Wichita State. Keep running! (e-mail from some of your old classmates)

To...**Horace & Marilyn Collins**, on your 25th wedding anniversary. (called in)

(Send your salute to tomd@nwkansas.com, call either 877-3361 or 877-6908, mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654, fax to 877-3732 or drop by the office. Thanks for you continuing input. —td)

Fort Hays State name change

"I would like to vote 'NO' on changing the name of Fort Hays State to University of Western Kansas. University of Western Kansas has no meaning, no history. I got my degree from FORT HAYS STATE and I'm proud of it! Tell the airheads who had this ridiculous idea to forget it! Fort Hays State says it all." — June Prout, Norton

"Fort Hays State is just fine. Although I attended only two years there and then went into the military, it's still my school. University of Western Kansas? If we're just being silly about changing the name, how about K-State West?" — Anonymous

(If you want to get in on the name change controversy, send your e-mail to tomd@nwkansas.com.)

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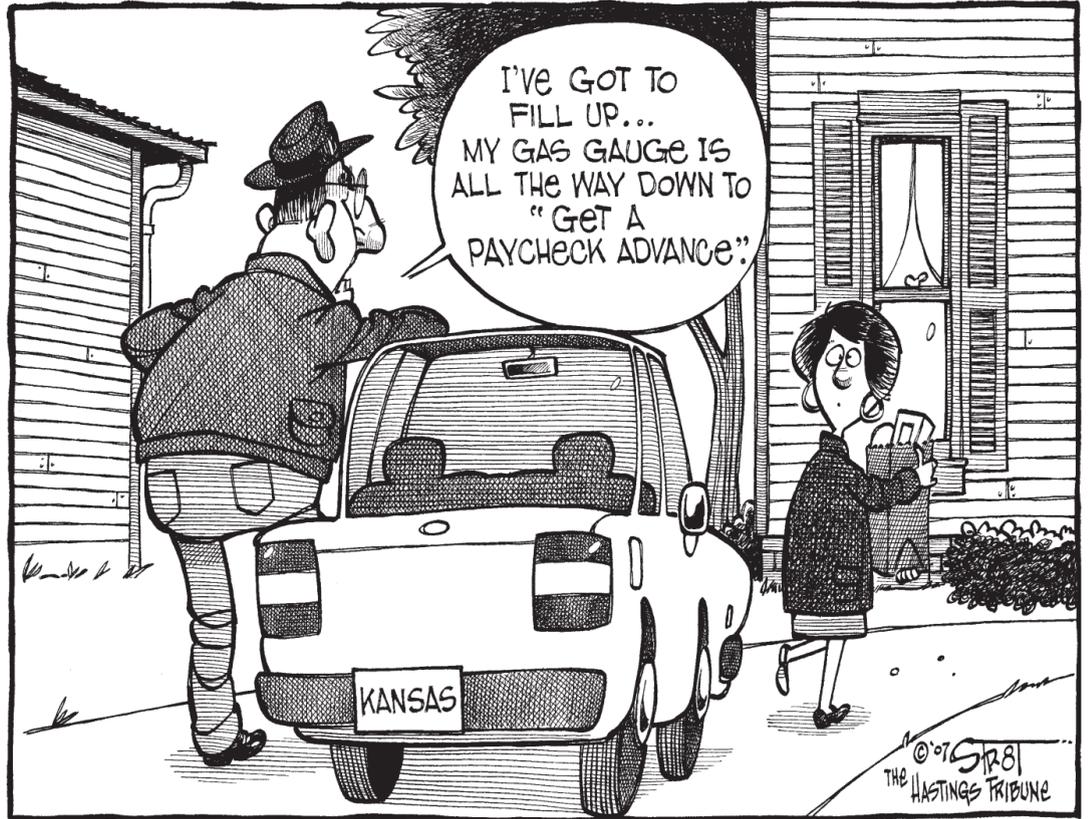
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I'm also thankful because of you

Seven days from now we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. We each have our own personal reasons for being thankful. And if we put everybody in a room and asked them what they are thankful for, it would not come as a surprise to find out the lists would be pretty much alike. As I pondered the question I also included several thousand people who I have not personally met, but are deserving of thanks at this special time of the year.

Who are they? They are YOU! Without the loyalty of our subscribers and advertisers, our community would not have its own newspaper, plain and simple. We try very hard to give you what you want. And although at times we stub our toe in the process, we don't stop, we keep going, we keep trying.

One of the things we still do that many newspapers have discontinued, is publishing country correspondence, giving all of us a peek at what's going on in our rural area. It keeps those good folks connected to one another while letting all of us living in town know what's what in their social climate, who is visiting who, who might be battling an illness, who has been confined to the hospital, etc. It might be called folksy journalism by some, but it serves an important function for newspapers like *The Norton Telegram*.

When I talk about *extended family*, YOU are whom I am talking about.

So this Thanksgiving, I am thankful for YOU; and for Denise and Lance and Todd and Darren and Tobie and Darci and Samantha and Alyssa and Caleb and Grayson; and Don and Dean and Tootise and Gene and JoAnn; and Jeanie and Dolores and Mickey and Bob and Flo. Those are my kids, my grandkids, my siblings and their spouses. And I cannot forget Wanda and Judy, my two wonderful sisters-in-law on my late wife's side of the family.

Three of my siblings are no longer with us, Norbert, Jim and Mary, as well as Joe, Mary Rose and Liz (brother- and sisters-in-law). But at Thanksgiving we

Good Evening Norton Tom Dreiling



(Jan. 3) see how close you come to their selections. Simply e-mail me at tomd@nwkansas.com, fax 877-3732, call 877-3361 or 877-6908, mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654 or drop by the office. You do not have to sign your response. And if you wish you can add a comment. Thanks, in advance, for your input!

—td—

An anonymous note in the mail Tuesday said simply: "Shame on you. You are sure biased against Sen. Clinton." How in the world did that reader come to that conclusion?

—td—

Try to learn something new each day, is an old saying. Well, how about these:

'Stewardesses' is the longest word typed with only the left hand..

'Lollipop' is the longest word typed with your right hand

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

The sentence: 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog' uses every letter of the alphabet

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are only four words in the English language which end in 'dous': tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: 'abstemious' and 'facetious.'

'Typewriter' is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

Cool, huh?

—td—

Have a good evening. And this weekend as you ponder your options, remember to include that six-letter much-used word, c-h-u-r-c-h.

will remember them all and what they always brought to the family table.
Enjoy Thanksgiving!

—td—

I sure hope a lot of you take part in *The Telegram's* first-ever Christmas Cookie Contest, co-sponsored by The Sewing Box and The Norton Theatre. It's a fund raiser for God's Pantry. It'll be held Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 11:30 to 4 p.m. in *The Telegram's* foyer. Entries must be received by 10 a.m. that same morning. Details can be found in full page ads in *The Telegram* and also on radio spots on KQNK. This could be a lot of fun and a good place to rub elbows with friends you don't see every day. And enjoy some delicious homemade cookies. We're looking forward to hosting you and hope we can crowd the place for this worthwhile fund raiser for God's Pantry. God bless you!

—td—

If everybody gives just a little, the Norton Downtown Restoration Committee will have ample funds to probably complete its downtown park, a sketch of which appeared in Tuesday's *Telegram* (page 5). That was a bit of creative genius, to transform the area left vacant by a fire that demolished two buildings. The committee has, according to Gloria Nelson, chairperson, about a third of the funds needed for the project. You can direct your donation to the Norton County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 560, Norton, Kan. 67654. A truly good communitywide cause.

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Don't forget, also, to take part in our presidential straw poll. With the Iowa caucuses coming up in less than 48 days

National, state debt just keeps growing

The first federal income tax was imposed in 1862 to meet Civil War expenses. The tax yielded considerable revenue but was allowed to expire in 1872. In 1894 a proportional two percent income tax was adopted, but the Supreme Court found it unconstitutional. As a result, the Sixteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing the income tax, was adopted in 1913.

Congress then passed a progressive income tax and a corporate tax. During WWI, the income tax was raised sharply to help pay for the war. Gradual reductions in rates and increases in exemptions occurred in the 1920's. During the 1930's, exemptions for married couples were lowered and taxes on people with higher incomes were sharply increased. Starting with WWI, the tax was made to apply to all taxable income and the number of returns increased from around six million to over 50 million. Tax rates were reduced

Citizen Duties Bob Strevey



cuts at the same time we are fighting the war in Iraq. Citizens want to feel the tax burden is fair. We all need to do our part to bear the costs of government. It's one of the great strengths of our country that millions of people figure their own tax bills and provide the government funds to operate.

But make no mistake about it, when one group gets a tax cut everyone else has to make up for the lost revenue. Also, when our government spends more than it raises in taxes, that burden of debt is passed on to the next generation.

Year after year, our national debt grows. So does the debt of our Kansas government. Some economists believe that all we need to do to reduce our debt is allow inflation to cheapen our money. They also believe that as the size of our economy grows, we can afford to carry more debt. They may be right, but I doubt it.
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