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## Shooters Host Invitational

Straight Shooters hosted seventy-nine youth shooters from seven Kansas counties and one Nebraska county at the third annual Pottawatomie/Riley County Invitational Feb. 24 in Wheaton. Youth participated in three disciplines: Air Pistol, Air Rifle and BB Gun.

Youth participating in Air Pistol shot 20 shots for a possible aggregate score of 200 points. Placing in Air Pistol was Gunner Naughton 1st in the 13 and under experienced division with 137 points and Grant Adams 3rd in the 14 and up experienced division. Naughton's division shoots two handed and Adams' division shoots one handed.

Air Rifle participants shot 20 shots in each position, prone, standing and kneeling for a possible 200 points per position and possible aggregate of 600 points. In the Air Rifle division, Seth Brandon placed 3rd in the 12-13 year experienced division with 391 points, 2nd in prone with 156, 3rd in standing with 114 and 3rd in kneeling with 121 points. Also participation in the 12-13 year experienced division was Jacob Dietrich.

Placing 1st aggregate in the 10-11 year old 1st year shooters was Wade Stroda with 456 points, 1st in prone with 185, 1st in standing with 119 and 1st kneeling with 153 points. Placing 3rd in prone with 98 was Matthew Plummer.

In the 14 and up 1st year division, Jacob Stroda placed 2nd aggregate with 467, 3rd prone with 173, 3rd standing with 128 and 2nd kneeling with 166.

Youth participating in BB Gun shoot 10 shots in four positions: prone, standing, sitting and kneeling for a possible aggregate of 400 points.

Ryan Tully placed 1st aggregate with 337 points, 3rd standing with 77, 2nd in sitting with 89 and 1st kneeling with 92 in the 10-11 year old 1st year division. Placing 3rd aggregate with 316 and 2nd in kneeling with 82 points was Kirk Stewart. Also in the same division was Christian Baybutt placing 3rd in prone with 81 points.

In the 12-13 year old 1st year division, Rick Baybutt placed 1st aggregate with 294, 1st prone with 87, 1st standing with 60, 1st sitting with 76, and 1st kneeling with 71 points.

In the experienced shooters age 10-11, Wade Stroda placed 1st aggregate with 370 points, 1st standing with 88, 1st sitting with 98 and 1st kneeling with 91 points. Naomi Hawkinson finished 3rd aggregate with 341, 3rd prone with 93 and 3rd sitting with 94. Morgan Reeves placed 2nd sitting with 96 points in the same division.

Seth Brandon placed 2nd aggregate with 355 points, 2nd prone with 93, 2nd standing with 84 and 1st sitting with 95 in the 12-13 year old experienced division. Jacob Dietrich placed 3rd prone with 90 and 2nd kneeling with 89. Also placing in this division



Youth shoot Air Pistol as part of the Pottawatomie/Riley County Invitational in Wheaton, Feb. 24, 2007.



Youth shooters fire down range in the kneeling position as their coaches watch during the BB Gun match.



Youth shoot the prone stage of the Air Rifle competition, Wade Stroda of Manhattan is in the foreground.

was Kyle Weishaar at 3rd in kneeling with 86 points.

Jacob Stroda placed 1st aggregate with 378, 1st prone with 96, 1st standing with 90, 1st sitting with 97 and 2nd kneeling with 95 points in the 14 year experienced division. Lindsay Bulk placed 2nd aggregate with 367, 3rd prone with 89, 2nd standing with 85, 2nd sitting with 96 and 1st kneeling with 97 points.

In addition to the above mentioned youth, the following youth shot Kansas State 4-H BB Gun Match qualifying scores: Austin Becker, Brennan Walter and Christian Baybutt. First year, first match shooters were: Daniel Dietrich, Jason Willbrant, Dalton Willbrant, Jackson Fike, Jeryn Gillmore and Barnabas Hawkinson.

## Legislators Mixed On Illegal Immigrants

By CARL MANNING  
Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Hispanics are Kansas' fastest-growing ethnic group, but legislators continue to pursue immigration policies leading some of them to believe they're not really welcome.

While critics see that message in proposals before the Republican-controlled Legislature, backers say they're responding to demands from constituents to do something about illegal immigration.

Lawmakers are considering designating English the state's official language and cracking down on voter fraud. There's talk about denying government services to illegal immigrants, while efforts to impose tougher penalties on employers who hire illegal immigrants have proven problematic.

Meanwhile, there's little doubt about demographic trends. The state's Hispanic population doubled between 1990 and 2000, and according to the nonpartisan, Washington-based Pew Hispanic Center, it grew an additional 19 percent between 2000 and 2005, to about 218,000 in a population of 2.7 million.

"All of the bills send a message of a preoccupation of immigration. It's not based on anything rational," said Melinda Lewis, policy and research director for El Centro, Inc., an advocacy group in the Kansas City area.

A decade ago, immigration was an issue for a half-dozen states, but it now spans the nation.

Last year, 84 proposals in 32 states became law, and 570 bills were introduced, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. This year has seen similar activity on issues like education, employment, public benefits and human trafficking.

"There are immigrants in every state, and states are trying to figure out what to do because the federal government hasn't acted," said Sheri Steisel, who follows immigration issues for the NCSL.

The Pew Center estimates that up to 70,000 illegal immigrants are living in Kansas. Lewis said most are from Latin America.

House Majority Leader Ray Merrick said Kansans are frustrated and worry that illegal immigrants consume resources and burden the health care system. He said when he surveys his district, "It's the No. 1 issue."

The English bill has received the most comment so far. The idea still faces criticism even though House members added

### Estimated Illegal Immigrants By States (High)

By The Associated Press

Estimate ranges for the number of illegal immigrants in states, based on March 2005 census data.

STATE	LOW	HIGH
California	2,500,000	2,750,000
Texas	1,400,000	1,600,000
Florida	800,000	950,000
New York	550,000	650,000
Arizona	400,000	450,000
Illinois	375,000	425,000
Georgia	350,000	450,000
New Jersey	350,000	425,000
North Carolina	300,000	400,000
Virginia	250,000	300,000
Maryland	225,000	275,000
Colorado	225,000	275,000
Washington	200,000	250,000
Massachusetts	150,000	250,000
Nevada	150,000	200,000
Pennsylvania	125,000	175,000
Oregon	125,000	175,000
Tennessee	100,000	150,000
Michigan	100,000	150,000
Ohio	75,000	150,000
Wisconsin	75,000	115,000
Minnesota	75,000	100,000
Utah	75,000	100,000
Connecticut	70,000	100,000
Indiana	55,000	85,000
Iowa	55,000	85,000
Oklahoma	50,000	75,000
New Mexico	50,000	75,000
KANSAS	40,000	70,000
South Carolina	35,000	75,000
Missouri	35,000	65,000
Nebraska	35,000	55,000
Kentucky	30,000	60,000
Alabama	30,000	50,000
Mississippi	30,000	50,000
Arkansas	30,000	50,000
Louisiana	25,000	45,000
Idaho	25,000	45,000
Rhode Island	20,000	40,000
Hawaii	20,000	35,000
Delaware	15,000	35,000
New Hampshire	10,000	30,000

Arkansas, Maine, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wyoming and Vermont have estimates below 10,000.

a provision aimed at bolstering adult language education programs before approving it two weeks ago.

"It's a type of racism," said Rodrigo Bonilla, of Salina, state director of the League of United Latin American

Citizens. "Some people are uncomfortable to hear people speaking other languages."

But Rep. Don Myers, the bill's main sponsor, said Bonilla and other critics are "flat wrong." The bill is about helping non-English speakers assimilate into society, so they can fill some of the 3,000 to 5,000 new jobs the state will create over the next three years, he said.

"You have to be able to communicate in a common language to get these jobs," Myers said.

Denying benefits like welfare and unemployment to illegal immigrants is being pushed by Rep. Lance Kinzer, though his bill wouldn't include education and emergency medical care because of federal law.

"The Legislature should take a strong stand that public benefits only are going to those who lawfully should receive them," said Kinzer, R-Olathe.

His bill also repeals a 2004 law allowing illegal immigrants to pay lower, in-state tuition at state universities if they've graduated from a Kansas high school and are seeking U.S. citizenship.

"It's the worst decision they could make," said Cindy Perez, a Pittsburg State University student from Olathe, who attended an annual Hispanic Day event at the Statehouse last week. "A lot of students are dependent on that. If they are forced to pay out-of-state tuition, there will be fewer students."

Meanwhile, a Senate-passed bill requires people to prove American citizenship when registering to vote by showing either a birth certificate or U.S. passport.

Backers say it will prevent election fraud. Detractors complain people would have to pay for birth certificates or passports, which they say makes it an unconstitutional poll tax.

When the session started, lawmakers also talked about getting tough on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants. But they soon found that federal law limits states to denying contracts or revoking licenses of violators.

"One of the areas that is unsettled law is just how much states can do in the area of enforcing our nation's employment laws," Steisel said.

The House Federal and State Affairs Committee still plans to consider a bill banning state and local governments from signing contracts with businesses convicted of hiring illegal immigrants.

## Pilot Club Receives Grant For Support Autism Workshop

The Pilot Club of Manhattan is the recipient of a \$2,310 grant from the Pilot International Foundation that will support a workshop geared toward families and friends of Autistic children.

The second annual Pilot Club of Manhattan Autism Spectrums Disorders Workshop will be from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., June 2, at the Kansas Farm Bureau building, 2627 KFB Plaza, Manhattan, Kan.

Dr. William Shaw, director of The Great Plains Laboratory for Health, Nutrition and Metabolism, will serve as the keynote speaker. Shaw specializes in urine metabolic testing for Autism Spectrum disorders. He is author of "Biological Treatments for

Autism and PDD". A variety of speakers will offer breakout sessions that will focus on various issues families with Autistic children face.

"We are very excited to offer this workshop for families with Autistic children," said Karen Schroeder, Autism Workshop Chair. "The needs of Autistic families are often overlooked, and we hope this will fill a need in the community."

"This is a unique opportunity for families affected by Autism in our area," said Helen Miller, Autism coordinator for USD 383. "We are grateful for the work of the Pilot Club of Manhattan in sponsoring this workshop, and to Pilot International Foundation for supporting it with

their generous grant."

The registration fee is \$10 and includes lunch.

The Pilot International Foundation is the charitable arm of Pilot International, a global organization of approximately 25,000 adult and youth members who are working together to improve the quality of life in local communities and throughout the world. Pilot's service focus is helping people affected by brain disorders and disabilities through volunteer activities, projects and fundraisers.

For more information, contact Karen Schroeder at 785-485-5526, or kschroed@twinvalley.net.

## Dole To Head Walter Reed Probe

By ANNE FLAHERTY  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators pledged on Tuesday to consider all options to fix a broken system of caring for wounded troops as President Bush said former Sen. Bob Dole and former health secretary Donna Shalala will lead the administration's investigation into problems at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"The war in Iraq has divided our nation but the cause of supporting our troops unites us," said Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "We will do everything we can possibly do — not as Democrats or Republicans — but as grateful Americans — to care for those who have served our nation with such honor and distinction."

As his committee questioned top defense officials, Levin also used the revelations of poor conditions and outpatient care at Walter Reed to take a swipe at Bush's war policies.

"Today's hearing is about another example of the lack of planning for a war that was premised on the assumption that combat operations would be swift, casualties would be minimal, and that we would be welcomed as lib-

erators, instead of being attacked by the people we liberated," said Levin, D-Mich.

The hearing was Congress' second in two days on Walter Reed. Reports of wounded troops battling excessive red tape and dilapidated living conditions have enraged Republicans and Democrats. They are worried that problems there point to a broader pattern of neglect at military hospitals.

Bush told the American Legion that he had chosen bipartisan leaders — Dole and Shalala — to head the White House's probe. "We have a moral obligation to provide the best possible care and treatment to the men and women who served our country," Bush said in a speech. "They deserve it and they're going to get it."

Dole was a longtime Republican senator from Kansas and a presidential nominee. Shalala headed the Health and Human Services Department during the Clinton administration.

At Tuesday's hearing, the Pentagon's personnel chief promised action.

"I'm deeply chagrined by the events that bring us to this hearing this morning," David Chu said. Arizona Sen. John McCain said Congress will con-

sider whether legislation or additional resources are needed.

"I am dismayed this ever occurred," said McCain, the committee's top Republican who was captured and wounded during the Vietnam War. "It was a failure in the most basic tenets of command responsibility to take care of our troops."

During a House hearing Monday, two soldiers wounded in combat and a spouse of a wounded soldier recounted nightmarish stories of frustration as they tried to get medical attention and disability compensation.

"I'm afraid this is just the tip of the iceberg, that when we (get) out into the field, we may find more of this," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee that held the hearing.

Army officials said they accept responsibility but denied knowing about most of the problems.

"As we've seen, in the last couple of weeks, we have failed to meet our own standards at Walter Reed. For that, I'm both personally and professionally sorry," said Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley, who was in charge of Walter Reed from 2002 until 2004.

## Students To Compete In Festival

Students representing Anthony Middle School and Eisenhower Middle School in Manhattan and Rock Creek Junior High in St. George will compete at the Washburn University College Music Educators National Conference 35th annual Junior High/Middle School Solo Festival set for March 10 on the WU campus. Approximately 550 students from 35 schools and home schools are scheduled to hold the contest.

Participants will be: Anthony Middle School, Manhattan; Strings: Vamsi Bhadriraju, Minda Depaula, Neil Kapil, Anna Murphy, Linda Pei, Shawn Sheu; Voice: Ellyn, Anderson, Chelcia Bender, Morgan Clark, Kelcie Dies, Caleb Hemby, Aimee Muths, Jalisa Wright; Eisenhower Middle School,

Manhattan; Voice: Hannah Atchison, April Friesen, Stewart Ray, Mercedes Santiago, Haley Thornburrow, Claire Tolentino, Anna Willie

Rock Creek Junior High, St. George; Voice: Elke Thompson, Stephan Palangi, Joseph Wilson

## Worker Killed At Jardine

A construction worker died Wednesday after falling from a forklift box at the Jardine Apartment Complex construction site at Kansas State University. A second worker also fell, according to Troy Lane, assistant director of K-State police.

Steven E. Darveaux, Winchester, Kan., and Timothy W. Hanes, Meriden, Kan., got into a forklift box to be lowered with tools to ground level. The side of the box began to tip and both men fell from the box. The forklift box fell on Darveaux when he was on the ground.

The accident occurred between 5 and

5:15 p.m. Wednesday. When police arrived at 5:20 p.m. both EMS and the Riley County Fire Department already were on the scene.

Police said EMS workers were unable to revive Darveaux. The Riley County coroner was present at the scene. Darveaux was taken to Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home about 7 p.m. The next of kin was notified by Valley Falls police.

Both men were employed by a subcontractor of McPherson Construction Company. Work on the 10-year \$104 million apartment complex redevelopment project began in summer 2005.

Kansas Profile -

Now That's Rural - Wayne McClelland - ABZ Valve

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

Let's go halfway around the globe to the Fiji Islands, to a company that is receiving a key component for its manufacturing process from a U.S. supplier. The component is a valve: An industrial valve to be used in the manufacturing plant's piping system. It is crucial that this valve works properly, for it enables workers to open and shut the passageway and effectively control the flow of products or inputs. The success of this family-owned valve company is no open and shut case, but it is a remarkable example of global growth in rural Kansas.

Wayne McClelland is the president of ABZ Valves and Controls. Wayne grew up in the town of Madison, south of Emporia. After college at Emporia State and Wichita State, he became an accountant in Wichita.

But Wayne preferred small town life, so he came back to his hometown of Madison and bought a hardware store. He later bought a local company named ABZ Manufacturing.

ABZ was founded in Madison in 1977. The name ABZ came from the names of the original incorporators: Al, Bill, and a Mr. Zorn. The company worked in oilfield storage equipment and then diversified into industrial valve production, which is now the company's prime business.

Wayne bought ABZ and it remains a family business today. Wayne's

father Bus is retired, but still involved with the company, and Wayne's son Jason is sales manager. The company is known as ABZ Valves and Controls, or ABZ Valve for short.

Its key product is a butterfly valve, which in its simplest form, is a fitting with a disk and stem mounted inside which can be turned to control the flow of product through a pipe. A quarter turn of the stem can turn the disk inside from zero to 90 degrees.

This is a crucial element to control the flow within any piping system. ABZ produces both a rubber seated valve and a high performance valve which can withstand high pressures and temperatures.

Wayne says, "Many types of things are transported through piping

systems, such as water, chemicals, beverages, cement, steam, food, and paint. We can trim or coat our valves with compatible materials for any of those applications."

ABZ offers valves for all types of industrial uses, in sizes ranging from 2 inches to 48 inches. Wow, that's a biggie. They also sell the related controls or actuators, ranging from gears to pneumatic to electrical controls.

But what is really exciting is how this company's business has grown.

In 1987, the company occupied about 5,000 square feet. Today, it occupies more than 45,000 square feet with a 17,000 square foot expansion in the works. The company inventory is valued at more than \$4 million. Recent sales growth has been especially strong, due to new

products and an expanded sales effort. During the past 2-1/2 years, sales have grown from \$8 million to nearly \$20 million.

This company literally sells valves and actuators from coast to coast and around the world. ABZ has distribution in all 50 states as well as Canada, Mexico, Chile, Brazil, China, Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Australia, and many more.

Yet this global company remains based in its original rural town of Madison, Kansas, population 862 people. Now, that's rural. How wonderful to find this international presence in small town Kansas.

Wayne says, "The Kansas Department of Commerce and the International Business Department at Emporia State have been instrumen-

tal in helping us with our international work. We like the simple life and the good work ethic in small town Kansas."

More information can be found at www.abzvalve.com.

It's time to say farewell to the Fiji Islands, where we found a manufacturing company using a valve from a business far away in rural Kansas. We commend Wayne McClelland and all the people of ABZ Valves and Controls for making a difference with their hard work and international entrepreneurship. So I say, turn it on and open it up.

With their continued success, the benefits will flow to rural Kansas.

Obituaries

Ann Lee

Ann Lee, age 76, a longtime resident of Cuba, New York, died March 5, 2007, at Mercy Regional Health Center in Manhattan, KS.

She was born on January 15, 1931, in Braymer, Missouri, the daughter of Willie Jay and Mary (Cox) Simkins. She had been a Manhattan resident for the past 2 1/2 years.

While living in New York she

worked in home health care in private homes and also co-owned and operated the Corner Kitchen and Variety Store for many years.

Mrs. Lee was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary both in Cuba, NY. She enjoyed bingo, crocheting and helping people. She also was a babysitter and was known as "Grandma Ann" to many in Cuba.

In 1967 she was united in marriage to Doug Lee in Cuba, New York. He preceded her in death. She

was also preceded in death by two sisters: Helen North and Genevieve Costigan and by three brothers: Gene, Donald and Ivan Simkins.

Mrs. Lee is survived by six children: John Richard Pounds and his wife Lorraine of Olean, NY, Joe McDermott and his wife Carolyn of Gastonia, NC, Reta McDermott and her husband Dave Manning of Manhattan, KS, Scott McDermott and his wife Betty of Rock Hill, SC, Georgi Payne and her husband Denny of Murfreesboro, TN and Terri McGee and her husband Rick of Spring Hill, FL. Four sisters: Carol Blenn of Westmoreland, KS,

Peggy Kuehl of Topeka, KS, June Richmond of Fort Worth, TX, Patsy Calhoun of Silver Lake, KS and one brother: Charles Simkins of Bonner Springs, KS. 16 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel with Pastor Denny Payne officiating. The family will receive friends from 11:00 A.M. Thursday until the service time at the funeral home.

Additional services will be held at the McIntosh Funeral Home in Cuba, New York with interment in the Hardy's Corner Cemetery.

Helen W. Beerhalter

Helen W. Beerhalter, 83, of Wamego, passed away peacefully Tuesday evening March 6, 2007 at Wamego City Hospital with her family by her side.

She was born November 25, 1923, in Wamego the daughter of Charles F. and Myrtle Rose (Hebrew) Beerhalter. She attended Wamego schools and graduated from Wamego High School, later becoming the secretary there for a number of years. Helen then obtained employment with the First National Bank of Wamego where she worked for 35 years.

Helen is survived by: her niece, Carolyn Tatum and her husband Timothy of Manassas, VA; and her two nephews Charles Bradshaw of

California, and Fred Bradshaw of Maryland.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister Marjorie Bradshaw.

Funeral Services will be Saturday March 10th at 10:00 a.m., at Stewart Funeral Home in Wamego with visitation one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow in Wamego Cemetery. Helen will lie in state on Friday March 9, from 1-5 p.m., with no visitation in the evening. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Young Life International and contributions may be left in care of the funeral home P.O. Box 48, Wamego, KS 66547. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.stewartfuneralhomes.com

Court Lifts Ban On Newspapers' Publication Of Utility Documents

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Fifteen upgrades at power plants operated by a Kansas utility may have violated federal clean air rules, according to an internal document published by two Kansas City newspapers on Tuesday after a judge's ban was lifted.

The document is a legal analysis prepared by a lawyer in 2004 for the Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kan. The attorney examined 73 improvement projects at BPU plants for possible violations of Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Jackson County, Mo., Circuit Judge Kelly Moorhouse on Friday ordered The Kansas City Star and a weekly newspaper, The Pitch, to remove stories about the document from their Web sites. Both publications had obtained the document independently from an anonymous source.

But the Missouri Court of Appeals on Tuesday prohibited Moorhouse from enforcing her ban on publication. The higher court's brief order agreed with the newspapers that the ban caused them "irreparable harm" with no adequate legal remedy.

In motions filed Monday with the Court of Appeals, the newspapers said Moorhouse's order violated the constitutional prohibition on prior restraint of publications except in the most extraordinary situations.

Lawyers for the BPU responded Tuesday that the document should be protected by rules usually protecting attorney-client communications against being made public.

The document analyzed 73 projects for the risks of penalties by the EPA and concluded that 15 were "probably not defensible" and 15 were "questionable."

Labeled a "liability analysis," the document says the BPU could be subject to thousands of dollars in fines. It points out that the utility has the choice of approaching the EPA to reach a settlement or waiting for the EPA to initiate action.

Leon Daggett, who was the utility's general manager in 2004, said BPU wanted to be prepared in case the EPA asked for the information in

the analysis. At the time, EPA was cracking down on utilities that were violating anti-pollution laws. But EPA never sent a request and BPU did not turn over the analysis during his tenure, Daggett said.

Daggett left BPU in 2005 and now is director of Power and Light in Independence, Mo.

Robert Milan, a BPU board member for 16 years, said he had never seen the document.

"BPU hasn't done anything wrong," Milan said. "Someone is trying to discredit BPU for some reason."

EPA officials said they did not know anything about possible violations but they planned to look into the matter.

"It is the EPA's full intention to investigate any noncompliance," said Becky Dolph with the office of regional counsel for the agency.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment said it too wanted to review the matter.

Stanley A. Reigel, the lawyer who wrote the analysis, declined Friday to discuss the contents of the report.

"It was unfortunate it was leaked," said Reigel, a partner with the firm of Stinson, Morrison, Hecker.

Moorhouse said in her order that allowing the newspapers to publish their stories on their Web sites would cause the utility to be "irreparably harmed." She said "monetary damages which might result from a publication of such information would be difficult or impossible to measure in money."

The Star's attorney, Sam Colville, said First Amendment rights must be preserved.

"Confidentiality is an important consideration, but it is up to a party to keep things confidential, and it is certainly not paramount to the U.S. Constitution," Colville said.

The utility countered that it didn't waive its right to attorney-client privilege and the newspapers should not be able to publish stories based on the document just because they received it through anonymous sources.

Riley County Off Drought Warning List

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Moisture from storms that blanketed much of Kansas under heavy snow and ice this winter has allowed the removal of 57 counties from the state's drought warning list, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius said Tuesday.

All 57 have been shifted to drought watch status, while just three of the state's 105 counties — Barber, Harper and Sumner — remain under drought warning.

Kansas Water Office director Tracy Streeter, who chairs the Governor's Drought Response Team, recommended the changes to Sebelius.

Stream flow — a key gauge of drought conditions — has improved since last fall in much of the state, state officials said.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, 20 percent of measured streams in Kansas had below-normal flow in late February, down from nearly 66 percent in November.

The counties that were moved from drought warning to drought watch are: Barton, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Cheyenne, Cowley, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Comanche, Decatur, Dickinson, Elk, Ellis, Ellsworth, Geary, Graham, Gove, Greeley, Greenwood, Harvey, Jewell, Kingman, Kiowa, Lane, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, McPherson, Mitchell, Morris, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Pratt, Rawlins, Reno, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Scott, Sedgwick, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Stafford, Thomas, Trego, Wallace, Washington and Wichita.

U.S. Mint Goof On New Dollar

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An unknown number of new George Washington dollar coins were mistakenly struck without their edge inscriptions, including "In God We Trust," and are fetching around \$50 apiece online.

The properly struck dollar coins, bearing the likeness of the nation's first president, are inscribed along the edge with "In God We Trust," "E Pluribus Unum" and the year and mint mark. The flawed coins made it past inspectors and went into circulation Feb. 15.

The U.S. Mint struck 300 million of the coins, which are golden in color

and slightly larger and thicker than a quarter.

About half were made in Philadelphia and the rest in Denver. So far the mint has only received reports of error coins coming from Philadelphia, mint spokeswoman Becky Bailey said.

Bailey said it was unknown how many coins lacked the inscriptions. Ron Guth, president of Professional Coin Grading Service, one of the world's largest coin authentication companies, said he believes that at least 50,000 error coins were put in circulation.

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## KSU Track Teams To Championships

MANHATTAN, Kan. - Kansas State will put a cap on the 2007 indoor track and field season this weekend with the 43rd annual men's and 25th annual women's NCAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

At last year's NCAA Indoor Championships, the men garnered its highest finish since 1993 by placing 11th, while the women tallied a 35th.

### K-State's NCAA Championship Delegation

K-State will send the following five athletes to this weekend's meet on the Randal Tyson Track Center: senior Kaylene Wagner (women's high jump), junior Morgan Bonds (women's 800-meter run), junior Marianne Schlachter (women's triple jump), sophomore Loren Groves (women's weight throw) and sophomore Scott Sellers (men's high jump). This will be the first indoor championship appearance for Wagner, Bonds, Schlachter and Groves while Sellers makes his second straight appearance.

In the history of K-State track, the women have earned nine high jump All-American honors, eight in the triple jump, five in the weight throw and just one in the 800-meter run. On the men's side, the Wildcats have earned nine All-American citations and two individual national titles.

### Men Tally Best Finish at NCAA's Since 1993

The Kansas State men's track and field delegation at the 2006 NCAA Indoor Championships of Kyle Lancaster, Christian Smith and Scott Sellers did some heavy lifting. The trio tallied 17 points (10 from Smith and seven from Lancaster) to register an 11th place finish in the championship. This is the highest men's finish since the 1993 season, when K-State finished eighth with 16 points.

Everybody's All-American Despite sending small groups of athletes to the national meet, K-State's individuals have carved out success at the meet. The women's team has

had at least one All-American in 23 consecutive seasons, with the only occasions without an All-American coming in the inaugural meet in 1982. The K-State women have actually doubled the success at the indoor meet with two or more All-Americans at 12 consecutive championships. The women have earned 68 total All-American certificates, but are still looking for their first individual national champion.

The K-State men have tallied at least one All-American citation in six straight national championship appearances, including four consecutive years with two or more certificates. The Wildcat men have earned 85 indoor All-American citations and have won 11 individual national titles, including Christian Smith's crown in the mile during the 2006 edition of the meet.

### Her Name is Bonds, Morgan Bonds

Junior Morgan Bonds continued to perform well in the 2007 season winning her second career Big 12 title in the 600-yard run last weekend. The Hutchinson, Kan., product crossed the line in 1:20.05, setting the school record for the fastest oversized track mark. Bonds has won every race, eight(600-yards, 800-meters and 1,000) that she has competed in this season.

Bonds clocked an 800-meter victory in her first appearance in Ames this season during the ISU Classic in a time of 2:06.20. The time is the second-fastest oversized track 800-meter time in school history. She has won all four 800 races she has run this season.

Bonds made her first appearance in an 800-meter race this season a memorable one crossing the tape in a time of 2:07.87 to win the event in the championship heat of the Arkansas Invitational, Jan. 12. With the clocking, Bonds tallied her first career NCAA provisional mark in the event and the second-fastest time in school history. Her time trails only

Lysaira Roman-Del Valle's 2:05.52 during the 2005 NCAA Indoor Championships. Both of these times were notched on the Randal Tyson Track in Fayetteville.

Groves in the Groove Sophomore Loren Groves became the third female in school history to win a Big 12 weight throw title with a winning toss of 67-10.75. Groves has now surpassed 60 feet in 12 of 13 career weight throw competitions.

Groves improved her career-best and Big 12 lead in the women's weight throw to 68-03.75 with her win during the KSU Open on Feb. 15. The effort set a new meet record and ranks second in K-State history behind Renetta Seiler's toss of 69-02.50 during the 1998 NCAA Championships. Groves improved on her NCAA Indoor Championship provisional status with the distance.

Groves registered a second-place distance of 67-11.50 during the ISU Classic in her first visit to Ames this season. The effort was her previous career-high and trailed only NCAA leader and world record holder Brittany Riley of Southern Illinois.

Groves opened the season with three straight wins in the event, capturing the Dan DeHart Invitational with a toss of 67-04.00. This effort set a new Albuquerque Convention Center record and was the third time this season she had thrown beyond the NCAA provisional mark of 62-04.00. The Scott City, Mo., native won her second weight throw title of the season with a toss of 67-10.25 during the KSU Invitational.

### Groves Named Big 12 AOW Sophomore

Loren Groves earned the first Big 12 indoor athlete of the week honor for K-State this season with her winning effort during the KSU Open on Feb. 15 in the women's weight throw.

Groves earned her first career athlete of the week citation and became the first female to earn the award since Breanna Eveland on Jan. 17, 2006.

### Stellar Sellers Sets School Record

Sophomore Scott Sellers placed himself atop the K-State record books in the high jump during the ISU Classic on Feb. 10 with a winning effort of 7-05.75. The Katy, Texas, native also set a new Lied Recreation Center record with the mark and was six feet better than the runner-up in the event. He also improved his NCAA automatic qualifying status and his standing amongst the national leaders.

Two weeks ago at the Dan DeHart Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., Sellers won with a height of 7-05.25. That clearance tied him with Kyle Lancaster and Percell Gaskins for the top indoor effort by a Wildcat. The mark also set a new Albuquerque Convention Center record and improved upon his NCAA automatic qualifying status.

To open the 2007 season, Seller quickly eliminated any doubt that a return trip to the NCAA Indoor Championships was in jeopardy, with an automatic qualifying height of 7-04.25 during the KSU All-Comers meet on Dec. 9. The effort tied his previous career-best from the 2006 Big 12 Indoor Championships.

Sellers earned All-American honors in his first NCAA Indoor Championships, finishing ninth in the high jump with a clearance of 7-02.50. The Katy, Texas native was the first male freshman to earn All-American honors in the Rovelto era and the first since Kenny Harrison in

1985.

### Wagner Wows'em

Senior Kaylene Wagner recorded a new personal career-best with a clearance of 6-01.25 during the KSU Open on Feb. 15. This is the fourth-highest effort in school history and the fourth time this year she has surpassed six feet.

Wagner started her K-State career with five wins in her first seven high jump competitions after an entire season on the sidelines as a transfer. She is believed to be the first female in school history to win five consecutive high jump titles in a single season. The product of Goleta, Calif., and a transfer from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, won her fifth title with a height of 6-00.75 at the Dan DeHart Invitational. The clearance was the fifth-highest in school history, tying with Morgan High's effort from the 2004 KSU-KU-MU Triangular. Wagner is also the first K-State female to surpass six feet in the event since High.

Wagner opened the 2007 season with an NCAA automatic qualifying height of 6-00.50 during the KSU All-Comers on Dec. 9 and equaled the effort during the Conference Challenge on Jan. 20.

Wagner also added wins at the KSU Invitational (5-10.75) and at the Arkansas Invitational (5-11.25).

Just What the Schlachter Ordered Junior Marianne Schlachter boosted her career-best in the women's triple jump to 43-03.00 with her third-place finish at the Big 12 Indoor Championships. The performance is the third-longest triple jump in school history, trailing Chaytan Hill (44-09.50) and Vannita Kinard (44-03.25).

Schlachter garnered a second-place distance with her previous personal-best of 43-00.50 in the triple jump at the Dan DeHart Invitational. Schlachter's previous career-best came earlier this season at the Arkansas Invitational with a jump of 41-10.00.

Schlachter has also registered a career-high this season in the pentathlon with 3,603 points during the Seignie Husker Invitational for a seventh-place finish. The point total ranks 10th in school history and was just 97 points from an NCAA provisional qualifying mark. Her previous career-best was 3,482 points during the season-opening Carol Robinson Winter Pentathlon.

17 and Counting for Heller Junior Laci Heller won her 17th career weight throw crown with a toss of 63-10.25 during the ISU Last Chance Qualifier. She has a personal season-best of 65-00.50, which entered the weekend ranked 20th in the nation. The Meriden, Kan., native has surpassed the NCAA Indoor provisional mark in 22 of her 26 career meets. Heller has surpassed 60 feet in every competition during her career.

Heller finished third in the weight throw at the 2007 Big 12 Championships. It was the third top-three finish for Heller, as she finished second in 2005 and captured the title in 2006.

## Wildcats Sweep BYU After 6-3 Win Tuesday

Three Wildcats recorded multi-hit games and K-State's bullpen continues to impress as Kansas State swept a mid-week series from BYU after a 6-3 win Tuesday at Tointon Stadium. With the win, K-State improved to 11-2 on the season, while BYU dropped to 8-5.

The Wildcat bullpen has gotten off to a remarkable start this season and Tuesday was no different as relievers A.J. Morris, Tyler Ruch and Daniel Edwards combined for 5.0 innings of work and allowed just one earned run on three hits. Morris (2-0) picked up the win after 2.1 innings of work after giving up one earned run on three hits in relief of starter Chase Bayuk. Bayuk went 4.0 innings Tuesday, surrendering one run on two hits with four walks and five strikeouts.

The Cougars got off to a hot start as Stephen Wells led off the game with a triple to center and Collin Fanning followed with a walk. But, Bayuk settled in and surrendered just one run on a double steal before pitching out of the inning. K-State had scoring opportunities with runners at second and third in the first and the bases loaded in the second

but could not capitalize.

The Cats managed to tie the game with one run in the bottom of the fourth as Brett Scott singled and moved to third on a successful hit-and-run by Nate Tenbrink. Derek Bunker's sacrifice fly to right plated Scott and tied the score.

The Wildcats then pushed across three runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth to up the margin to 6-1. Tyler Link led off the fifth with a single and promptly moved to second on a wild pitch. Byron Wiley followed with a single to score Link and Eli Rumler then doubled down the line in right. On Rumler's double, BYU right fielder Collin Fanning's wild throw into the infield allowed Bloxom, who had reached on a fielder's choice, to race home and give the Cats a 3-1 lead. Scott's sacrifice fly then plated Rumler for a 4-1 K-State lead.

Wiley then drove in another run in the sixth after Bunker and Adam Muenster reached on a single and error, respectively. After two strikeouts with runners on first and third, Wiley and Muenster executed a double steal, allowing Muenster to score the sixth run of the game for K-State.

## Wildcats Set To Battle Solid Field At Mo'Morial

The Kansas State Women's golf team will look to carry over the momentum that they gained in the final round of the Fresno State Invitational. The team posted its second top-five finish of the season when they carried a final round 295, their second best of the season, to climb the leaderboard and finish in fifth place. The Wildcats had every member of the team shoot a final round of 77 or better for the first time this season.

TOP 20 PRESENCE: Kansas State has placed at least one Wildcat in the top 20 in their last 11 tournaments, and 16 of their last 17. The Wildcats placed a player in the top 20 every invitational this season and hope to continue that streak throughout the spring portion of their schedule. The last tournament that the Wildcats did not have a player finish in the top twenty was at the Texas A&M Memorial in March of 2006.

THE FIELD: The Wildcats will face the toughest field they have faced this season when they head to the Texas A&M Mo'Morial. The 15 team field is all in this weeks Golfweek/Sagarin top-100, and nine in the top-50. The Wildcats will face five other Big 12 schools, including three that they have not faced yet this season. The field includes Arizona St. (1), USC (6), Oklahoma St. (7), UCLA (15), Texas A&M (18), Denver (22), South Carolina (25), Princeton (35), Missouri (49), Oklahoma (61), Kansas State (79), Iowa State (84), UTEP (87), Tulsa (91) and Texas (98).

THE FORMAT: The teams will shoot 18 holes on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Pairings for Sunday's round will be determined by their scores. The low four individual scores will determine the team score for each round.

LAST TIME OUT: The Wildcats

finished 5th out of 18 teams at a shortened Fresno State Invitational. Freshman Abbi Sunner finished the tournament tied for 19th after shooting 77-75—152 (+8) to claim her 3rd collegiate top-20 finish. Junior Michelle Regan also finished tied for 19th with scores of 78-74—152 (+8) notching her 5th top-20 finish of the season. Senior Katy Heffel carded an 81-72—153 (+9) to finish tied for 21st. Junior Hailey Mireles tied for 32nd after shooting 78-77—155 (+11). Junior Kali Quick rounded out the Wildcats with an 82-74—156 (+12) to tie for 41st.

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## Police: Vegas Groom Hits Bride With Car

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — It was not the most romantic of honeymoons. Police said a groom is in jail, accused of trying to run over his new wife after a weekend wedding in Las Vegas. "We have a wedding certificate for (March) 4th. They were still honeymooning when he ran her over," said Lt. Paul Jaroscak, a spokesman for the Salt Lake County sheriff's office. Police received an emergency call Monday from someone reporting a couple fighting in a car as they drove about 10 miles (16 kilometers) southeast of Salt Lake City. Katie Martindale, 29, apparently got

out of the car and started to walk away when James Olwine, 33, drove off the road and hit her with the car, pushing her into a snowbank, Jaroscak said. Martindale was not seriously injured but might have a broken leg, Jaroscak said. Olwine was booked into the county jail for investigation of charges of aggravated assault with a vehicle, the lieutenant said. He has not had a court appearance. Authorities said they did not know whether he had an attorney. Both have jail records and are "well known to the sheriff's office," he said.

## Police: Pipe Was "My Bomb"

SHAWANO, Wis. (AP) — Deputies got a surprise answer when they asked a man if an item in his bedroom was for smoking marijuana, a criminal complaint says. "That's not a dope pipe, it's my bomb," Eugene Hansen told them, according to the complaint filed in Shawano County Circuit Court. Hansen, 48, of Wittenberg, could face up to six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine on a felony charge of possessing improvised explosives. He also faces a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. The complaint said sheriff's deputies responding to a complaint March 1 were told Hansen

was intoxicated and was causing a disturbance. When they questioned him in his bedroom, they saw several electronic items, pipe fittings and wiring, as well as the suspected marijuana pipe, the complaint said, and Hansen told them he uses bombs to blow up toilet paper rolls. Sheriff's investigator Randy Giese said a search found bomb-making components but no actual explosive materials that could have led to more serious charges. "He had the basics of a bomb, things that could be used in bomb-making," Giese said. Hansen is due back in court March 19.

## Exploding Beer Keg Shakes Adair, Okla

ADAIR, Okla. (AP) — A beer keg exploded after being placed in a patio fire pit, and the blast was heard for miles away.

Nobody was hurt, but windows in three homes were broken, bricks from the fire pit were thrown a block and a-half away, and a four-inch tree limb was severed, Adair Police Chief Albert McKee said. McKee said a couple of Adair residents decided to put an old keg on the fire Sunday evening in order to watch the beer spew out when the keg became hot. "There's supposed to be a pop-off valve but they evidently decided it wasn't going to blow," McKee said. "Well, they went inside about three minutes too early." "It might have killed those guys if they hadn't gone back inside." Firefighter Trent Peper said all Adair firefighters responded to the call. "The cavalry came running. It was sure interesting, I'll say that," Peper said.

# Plant The Peas Please

By Gregg Eyestone  
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Time is drawing near on another growing season. It is fun to get back out in the garden with the anticipation of a banner year. Last season's, hot and sporadic rain fall is a vague memory. This year just might be the best gardening one ever! One of the earliest vegetable crops to be planted is peas. Peas aren't my family's favorite eating vegetable. If you want to test everyone's will, serve peas for a meal. The process is to plant, water, weed, harvest, shell, cook, serve, discuss the reason to eat peas, and then throw them into the compost pile. Carrots and peas are a natural

combination. We freeze peas to put with carrots, in soups and chicken pot pie. Peas and new potatoes are another good combination. Homegrown peas harvested at their peak are very sweet and tasty even if the children have a different opinion. I prefer shelled peas such as the variety Knight or Little Marvel. Frosty, Sparkle and Burpeeana are other choices. Edible pod types include Sugar Ann, Sugar Bon and Sugar Snap. Oriental thin pod types, often called snow peas, include Dwarf Grey Sugar and Mammoth Sugar. Plant a couple different varieties to see which you like best. Peas must be planted in early spring to get a crop. Fall planted peas don't work well because the soil is

normally too warm for good germination. Another reason is that the flowers drop due to warm air temperatures. Germination of pea seeds begins at soil temperatures of 40 degrees but is optimum at 75 degrees. If we waited until the ground temperature was 75 degrees around mid May, it would be too hot for flowers to set. Mid March to mid April is pea planting time in Kansas. Plant pea seeds in two parallel rows four to six inches apart. The closeness is so that the peas will grow to support each other. Leave enough space between these two rows for harvest. Seeds in the row are planted two to four inches apart. These are one of the earliest and easiest vegetable crops to grow. With

## Bank Robber Tries To Escape In Taxi

AIKEN, S.C. (AP) — A man tried to escape a bank robbery in a taxi, police said — until the volunteer fire chief hunted him down. Phil Napier, chief of the Graniteville Vacluse Warrentville Volunteer Fire Department, owns a hardware store and flower shop next to the Security Federal Bank in Graniteville. Napier said a customer in his store told him about

the bank robbery. "I told them to watch the store and I jumped in the truck," Napier told The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle. He followed the taxi for several miles and radioed deputies, who pulled the cab over. Thomas R. Washington, 40, of Graniteville was charged with entering a financial institution with intent to steal and grand larceny, according

to a news release from the Aiken County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Michael Frank said the cab driver was unaware his passenger was robbing the bank. Police did not say how much money was stolen. A telephone number for a Thomas Washington in Graniteville was disconnected.

## Conservative "Blue Dog" Democrats Assert Power To Moderate Liberals

WASHINGTON (AP) — When House Speaker Nancy Pelosi faced scorn from fellow Democrats during a recent closed-door meeting for not moving more aggressively on Iraq, it was conservative Blue Dogs — her ideological opposites — who rose to defend her.

Soon after, their insistence that a catchall spending measure stay within strict budget limits helped Democrats pass the bill along with boosts for veterans, health research and education — handing the party its only substantive win so far this year.

is bowing to the political realities that landed her in her post. "The country has moved to the center. Nancy understands that, and she listens to the Blue Dogs, and I take a lot of comfort in that," Stenholm said.

The unlikely support reflected an emerging dynamic in the House, where the 43 right-of-center fiscal hawks are increasingly asserting their power, working to moderate the policies and image of a party with a liberal base and leaders to match. The coalition's name is a play on yellow dog Democrats, an epithet that came into being in the 1920s to describe party loyalists in the South who, it was said, would vote for a yellow dog if it ran on the Democratic ticket. Democrats who said their moderate to conservative views had been "choked blue" by the party's liberal flank started referring to themselves as blue dogs and formed their group after Republicans swept control of the House in 1994. With Democrats in charge again, the Blue Dogs have played a key role in halting an emerging plan to place strict conditions on war funding. Their revolt helped beat back that proposal, by Pelosi ally John Murtha, D-Pa. Leaders are now considering a watered-down version. They started the year with a major victory, when Democrats adopted strict "pay-as-you-go" budget rules that Blue Dogs have advocated for years to block measures that would deepen the deficit.

The group's next major test is likely to come when Democrats look to pass a budget. Many in the party are pushing for tax increases to fund education, health and other priorities. House leaders now see the support of the group — particularly its nine freshman members, whose victories over Republican incumbents in conservative districts helped to hand Democrats the House — as a prerequisite for any measure they bring before the House, senior aides said. "It should be obvious that very little is going to pass in the House that a majority of Blue Dogs do not support," said former Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, who led the group when he was in Congress and keeps in close contact with House Democrats. Stenholm opposed Pelosi's 2002 ascension to the ranks of House leadership, believing that she was philosophically too far to the left and dismissive of moderate points of view. Many Blue Dogs and other moderates are still wary of her, they say privately, concerned that Pelosi's liberal views and tendency to side with her mostly left-of-center confidants could earn their party an extremist image that will cost them their seats — and Democrats the majority. But many now also say that Pelosi

is bowing to the political realities that landed her in her post. "The country has moved to the center. Nancy understands that, and she listens to the Blue Dogs, and I take a lot of comfort in that," Stenholm said. Blue Dogs — with their right-of-center views, conservative districts and hawkish tendencies — share a more natural rapport with Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., who they see as their most prominent advocate in leadership. Still, they say Pelosi has made an effort to include them — a testament to the group's political importance. She awarded members of the coalition some plum committee spots and stays in regular contact with them. "She has her point of view and we know that, but she has also been willing to listen and to reach out," said Rep. Dennis Cardoza, D-Calif, a member of the coalition. "We are playing a role in trying to moderate the policies the party puts forward." The group's clout lies in its numbers and its reach into competitive districts that proved crucial to Democrats' victory last November. With just a 32-seat majority in the House, Democrats can't afford to alienate their conservative flank. The reality was reflected in the six-point priority list Democrats unveiled last year and pushed through the House in January — a minimalist agenda designed to attract broad support, including from the Blue Dogs.

spring being the only chance each year, I would hate to miss out. You can find out more information on gardening by going to Riley County's K-State Research and Extension website at www.oznet.ksu.edu/riley And you may contact Gregg Eyestone at the Riley County office of K-State Research and Extension by calling 537-6350 or e-mail: geyestone@ksu.edu

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Fax: (316) 263-2126  
Web site  
<http://www.wichitagrandopera.org>

**Consumer Extravaganza  
Oakley**  
Dates: 3/10/07 - 3/11/07  
22nd annual home and garden show.  
Location  
313 Center  
Oakley, KS 67748  
Phone: (785) 672-4862  
Fax: (785) 672-4766  
Web site  
<http://www.discoveroakley.com>

**Home & Garden Show  
Hays**  
Dates: 3/10/07 - 3/11/07  
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plays and learn about lawn care and  
home improvement ideas.  
Location  
2918 Vine  
The Mall  
Hays, KS 67601  
Phone: (785) 628-1081  
Web site  
<http://www.themallhays.com>

**Kennel Club Dog Show  
Garden City**  
Dates: 3/10/07 - 3/11/07  
This National Point Show features  
hundreds of "man's best friend"  
strutting their stuff.  
Location  
307 Lake Ave  
Fairgrounds Exhibition Building  
Garden City, KS 67846  
Phone: (620) 275-4739

**Leavenworth's Home & Garden  
Show  
Leavenworth**  
Dates: 3/10/07 - 3/11/07  
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bath, landscaping, home improve-  
ment, decks, hot tubs, stonework.  
Location  
123 S Esplanade  
Riverfront Community Center  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
Phone: (913) 682-2313  
Fax: (913) 682-3928  
Web site  
<http://www.leavenworthmain-street.com>

**Wichita Symphony Classics  
Concert - Jumppanen for Joy!  
Wichita**  
Dates: 3/10/07 - 3/11/07  
The WSO presents Finnish phenom  
pianist Paavali Jumppanen in  
Grieg's famous Piano Concerto.  
Location  
225 W Douglas  
Century II Concert Hall  
Wichita, KS 67202  
Phone: (316) 267-7658  
Web site  
<http://www.wso.org>

**Hays Symphony Orchestra  
Concert  
Hays**  
Date: 3/11/07  
Performance by the Hays  
Symphony Orchestra comprised of  
students, faculty, and community  
members.  
Location  
600 Park  
Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts  
Center  
Hays, KS 67601  
Phone: (785) 628-4533  
Fax: (785) 628-4227  
Web site  
<http://www.fhsu.edu/music/sym-phony.shtml>

**Turandot by Puccini -  
Bulgarian State Opera  
Overland Park**  
Date: 3/11/07  
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dancers, and musicians performing  
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Location  
12345 College Blvd  
Carlsen Center of Johnson County  
Community College  
Overland Park, KS 66210  
Phone: (913) 469-4445  
Web site  
<http://www.jccc.edu/CarlsenCenter>

**Lawrence Art Auction  
Lawrence**  
Dates: 3/12/07 - 3/14/07  
Annual Art Auction..  
Location  
940 New Hampshire  
Lawrence Arts Center  
Lawrence, KS 66044  
Phone: (785) 843-2787  
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Date: 3/14/07  
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Location  
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Band Concert  
Hays**  
Date: 3/15/07  
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University department of music.  
Location  
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Center  
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Web site  
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Overland Park**  
Date: 3/15/07  
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Overland Park, KS 66210  
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Web site  
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**Steven Osborne, Pianist  
Manhattan**  
Date: 3/15/07  
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forefront of young British pianists.  
Location  
207 McCain Auditorium  
Kansas State University  
Manhattan, KS 66506  
Phone: (785) 532-6428  
Web site  
<http://www.ksu.edu/mccain>

**Fine Arts Exhibit  
Fort Scott**  
Dates: 3/15/07 - 3/16/07  
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exhibit.  
Location  
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Scottish Rite Masonic Temple  
Fort Scott, KS 66701  
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Olathe**  
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Dates: 3/16/07 - 3/18/07  
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California, showing home and  
leisure products.  
Location  
2601 Central  
Village Square Mall  
Dodge City, KS 67801  
Phone: (620) 225-2311

**Ozark Shorthair Field Trials  
Eureka**  
Dates: 3/16/07 - 3/18/07  
German Shorthair dog trials.  
Location  
957 G Rd  
Bechtel Ranch  
Eureka, KS 67045  
Phone: (417) 388-2474  
Web site  
<http://www.kansasfieldtrials.com>

**Smithsonian Traveling  
Exhibition: Between Fences  
Paola**  
Dates: 3/16/07 - 4/29/07  
Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition:  
Between Fences.  
Location  
12 E Peoria St  
Paola, KS 66071  
Phone: (913) 294-4940  
Web site  
<http://www.miamicoun-tykansashistory.org>

**Aggieville St. Patrick's Day  
Parade & Road Races  
Manhattan**  
Date: 3/17/07  
Parade, breakfast, and running  
events for children and adults.  
Location  
Moro St  
Manhattan, KS 66502  
Phone: (785) 776-8050  
Web site  
<http://www.letsgorun.com/RaceInfo/spat06.htm>

**Blarney Bash  
Salina**  
Date: 3/17/07  
2nd annual Blarney Bash..  
Location  
151 S Santa Fe  
Stiefel Theatre for the Performing  
Arts  
Salina, KS 67401  
Phone: (785) 827-1998  
Toll Free: (800) 585-3737  
Web site  
<http://www.stiefeltheatre.org>

**Boot Hill All Star Basketball  
Classic  
Dodge City**  
Date: 3/17/07  
Boys and Girls All Star Basketball  
Classic involving high school sen-  
iors.  
Location  
2110 1st Ave  
Dodge City Civic Center  
Dodge City, KS 67801  
Phone: (620) 227-9256

**Little House on the Prairie  
Opening  
Independence**  
Date: 3/17/07  
Season opening of Laura Ingalls  
Wilder's Kansas cabin with music,  
food, and wagon rides.  
Location  
2507 County Rd 3000  
Little House on the Prairie  
Independence, KS 67301  
Phone: (620) 289-4238  
Toll Free: (800) 882-3606  
Web site  
<http://www.littlehouseontheprairie.com>

**Saint Patrick's Day Parade  
Leavenworth**

Date: 3/17/07  
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historic downtown.  
Location  
Downtown  
Leavenworth, KS 66048  
Phone: (913) 682-9800  
Toll Free: (800) 844-4114

**St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Lillis**  
Date: 3/17/07  
Annual St Patrick's Day parade and  
dinner in historic Lillis Gymnasium  
Location  
2788 28th Rd  
Community Center  
Lillis, KS 66544  
Phone: (785) 396-4531

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# Ribble Named Director

Manhattan-Ogden USD 383 is pleased to announce that Dr. Mike Ribble has been named Technology Director.

Dr. Ribble has BS in Secondary Education, a MS in Educational Administration and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Kansas State University. He also has earned a MMIS in Management Information Systems from Friends University. Dr. Ribble has worked for Kansas State University in the College of Education as the Instructional Services Coordinator since 2002. Before that position, he worked as the Network Manager for Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska for five years. Dr. Ribble was also an assistant principal at Bishop Carroll High School in



Dr. Mike Ribble named Technology Director

Wichita for five years.

"We are please to announce that Dr. Mike Ribble has been appointed to the position of Director of Technology for Manhattan-Ogden USD 383," states Dr. Bob Shannon, Superintendent. "Dr. Ribble brings to our school district considerable knowledge, skill and experience in

the field of technology. Our staff and students will benefit from Dr. Ribble's leadership of programs and services desired by the Board of Education when the position was approved."

Dr. Ribble will begin his new position on May 1, 2007.

# School Finance Group Settles Open Record Lawsuit

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A group whose lawsuit forced a massive increase in state funding for public schools has agreed to comply with the Kansas open records and meetings laws as part of a legal settlement with The Topeka Capital-Journal.

Under the settlement, announced Monday, Schools for Fair Funding will also contribute \$12,500 to the Wichita-based Sunshine Coalition for Open Government. The money will be earmarked for public school programs about open government and civic responsibility.

Both sides will pay their own legal costs.

Schools for Fair Funding, financed by 19 public school districts, bankrolled a 1999 lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state's funding of K-12 education.

The Kansas Supreme Court ruled in the group's favor in 2005, leading the Legislature to approve an \$831 million increase in aid over four years.

The Capital-Journal filed suit last year to determine whether Schools for Fair Funding is a public entity subject to the Kansas Open Records Act, given that it is financed with tax dollars.

Under the settlement, approved by

Butler County District David Riche last week, Schools for Fair Funding effectively agreed to provide the newspaper a "clean" set of its business documents.

Last year, about 2,700 documents relating to revenues and expenditures from 1998 to 2006 were released to the newspaper. Large sections of text in those documents were blacked out to conceal details of Schools for Fair Funding's operations.

"They're going to provide everything that we asked for," said Mike Merriam, the Topeka attorney who handled the case for The Capital-Journal.

Pete Goering, the newspaper's executive editor, said the settlement affirmed the newspaper's contention Schools for Fair Funding was a public agency under Kansas law.

"The Capital-Journal is committed to the belief open government is good government," he said. "This decision affirms that commitment."

Alan Rupe, attorney for Schools for Fair Funding, previously had argued the organization was a private nonprofit corporation exempt from sunshine laws. He said last year The Capital-Journal was merely trying to sell newspapers with a meritless lawsuit intended to "harass, humiliate

and intimidate" Schools for Fair Funding.

Rupe said Monday in an interview that Schools for Fair Funding's board of directors agreed to the pretrial settlement to avoid a prolonged, expensive legal battle about its organizational status.

"They agreed to resolve it so they could concentrate their resources on their mission, which is school finance," Rupe said.

Merriam said The Capital-Journal's goal in filing the lawsuit was to serve in a surrogate role for the public.

"Ordinary people cannot afford to do this," he said.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, and House Speaker Melvin Neufeld, R-Ingalls, praised the settlement's significance.

"It's a reasonable outcome," Hensley said. "I, for one, always believed they were a public entity. The newspaper was right."

Neufeld said the settlement should apply to any coalition of publicly financed groups engaging in legal fights with the state. The 19 districts bankrolling Schools for Fair Funding contributed about \$3.2 million while pressing its lawsuit against the state, records show.

# Denver Firefighter Saves Struggling Dog

DENVER (AP) — A black Labrador named Pearl plunged through thin ice on a Denver lake and was rescued by a firefighter who scooted along the ice and scooped up the scrambling pooch.

The rescue was caught on video by two television stations. Pearl could be seen desperately pawing at the slick ice for several minutes, trying and failing to pull herself out of the water in a northwest Denver park.

Pearl's owner, Wanda Padilla, ran out on the ice after her and a passer-by called 911.

"I went out on the ice about 25 feet, but it started cracking," Padilla told The Associated Press.

Firefighter Tony Padilla, a 28-year veteran of the department — and no relation to the dog's owner — put on a

dive suit and pulled himself along the surface until he reached Pearl. A back-up diver was on shore and Tony Padilla was attached to a rope.

Once the firefighter pulled Pearl onto firmer ice, she ran to her owner and others on the shore, tail wagging vigorously. Her owner said the 14-month-old dog was at first frightened by her rescuer's frog suit and flippers but did go up to him.

"She's a lot better, once we got her dried off," Wanda Padilla said.

Fire Lt. Phil Champagne said Pearl was in the water for about 10 minutes, not long enough to get hypothermia. The fire department gets about 20 calls every spring about dogs falling through ice on city lakes, he said.

"They see the ducks out there and

they want to be macho. But the dog is heavier than the ducks," Champagne said.

That's just what Pearl was doing, Padilla said.

# Meteorite Hits Illinois Home

BLOOMINGTON, Illinois (AP) — An object that smashed through a window on its way to landing in a Bloomington home could be a meteorite, experts say.

The grayish, metallic object, which is about the size of a deck of cards, crashed into a computer table in the home of a surprised Dee Riddle. She said she came to investigate after she heard something smash through a bedroom window Monday morning.

Intrigued scientists from nearby Illinois State University said it was likely a meteorite.

"In my 36 years of investigating meteorite calls, this looks like the real

thing," said Robert Nelson, a geology professor at ISU. The last confirmed meteorite to strike Bloomington was in the 1930s, he said.

Nelson and other experts ruled out the possibility that it had been thrown by someone near the house, and they said it was not likely to have been space junk from a satellite or spacecraft. The U.S. Geological Survey's meteorite center in Flagstaff, Arizona, will help in trying to identify the object, Nelson said.

"We were just lucky no one was sitting at the computer when it happened," she said.

# Assaulted With A Catfish

BULLS GAP, Tenn. (AP) — The folks at Di's Diner were assaulted with a catfish dinner of their own making.

Employee Tina Henry and owner Dwight Jenkins told authorities a "blond, heavy-frame female" tried to slip out of their Bulls Gap eatery, about 60 miles northeast of Knoxville, with a pilfered catfish meal Friday night.

"Tina states that as the suspect was paying, they told her she would have to pay for the dinner in her purse," Hawkins County Sheriff's Cpl. David

Lafollette wrote in his report.

"She then became mad, throwing money at the cash register. The suspect then walked outside, and Tina and Dwight followed," the report said.

"The suspect then threw the fish out of her purse at Tina, hitting her in the back."

Henry wasn't hurt, but the \$7.99 catfish dinner was ruined.

Witnesses say the suspect fled with a man in a red and black Ford pickup. They didn't get the license number.

# Firms Recall Mineral Water

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning consumers not to drink certain brands of mineral water imported from Armenia due to the risk of exposure to arsenic, a toxic substance and known cause of cancer in humans. Symptoms of acute arsenic exposure usually occur within several hours of consumption. The most likely effects include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach pain. Over the period of a few days to weeks, the kidneys, liver, skin, and cardiovascular and nervous systems could be affected. Extended exposure could lead to cancer and death.

The products were distributed nationwide. The following products are being recalled: -Zetlian Bakery, Inc., Pico Rivera, CA is recalling product with labels that read: "Jermuk Original Sparkling Natural Mineral Water Fortified With Natural Gas From The Spring". The product is additionally labeled as "2006 Jermuk Mayr Gortsaran CJSC" and "Imported by: Zetlian Bakery Inc."

-Importers Direct Wholesale Company Los Angeles, CA is recalling the product with labels that read: "Jermuk Sodium Calcium Bicarbonate and Sulphate Mineral Water". The product is additionally labeled as "Bottled by ARPI Plant, Republic of Armenia" and "Exclusive US importer and distributor: Importers Direct Wholesale Co., Los Angeles, CA".

-Kradjian Importing Company, Glendale, CA is recalling the product with labels that read: "Jermuk, Natural Mineral Water Sparkling". The product is additionally labeled as "Bottled by Jermuk Group CJSC" and "Sale

Agent Kradjian Importing Co. Inc." in Glendale, CA

FDA sampled 500 milliliter (mL) green glass bottles and detected the problem. FDA is investigating whether other sizes or packaging are involved.

FDA testing of this water revealed 500 – 600 micrograms of arsenic per liter. FDA's standard of quality bottled water allows no more than 10 micrograms per liter. There have been no illnesses reported at this time. Consumers who drank this water and have concerns are encouraged to contact their health care provider.

FDA will continue working to remove all such bottled water products from the marketplace. FDA may provide additional updates as more information becomes available.

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