

**Timing has an awful lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance**  
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**Man pleads guilty in Garden City homicide**  
GARDEN CITY, Kan. — A man accused of murdering a woman in Garden City last year has pleaded guilty to the crime. The man, 33, was charged with the first-degree murder of a woman who was found dead in her car in Garden City on Oct. 11. He is scheduled to be sentenced to life in prison on Feb. 24. The woman was identified as 24-year-old Amberlynn Marie Smith, daughter of John and Nancy Smith of Garden City.

**Natural gas offers value as propane prices soar**  
DUNCAN, Kan. — Propane prices have soared in recent weeks, and many consumers are turning to natural gas as a more affordable alternative. Natural gas offers a significant value as propane prices continue to rise. Consumers can save money by switching to natural gas for their heating needs. The price of propane has increased by more than 50 percent in the past few months, making it one of the most expensive heating options available. Natural gas, on the other hand, is a much more stable and affordable option. Many consumers are taking advantage of this by switching to natural gas for their homes and businesses. This switch can result in significant savings on energy bills, especially during the winter months. Additionally, natural gas is a cleaner-burning fuel, which can be a benefit for those concerned about the environment.



**Miss Kansas Theresa Vail will be coming to Liberal**  
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**USD 480 hands present the Liberal Band Festival**  
The Liberal Band Festival is a community event that brings together students from various schools in the area. The festival features a variety of musical performances, including marching bands, jazz ensembles, and solo artists. The event is held at the Liberal High School gymnasium and is open to the public. The festival is a great opportunity for students to showcase their talents and for the community to enjoy a day of music. The USD 480 is responsible for organizing and funding the festival, ensuring that it is a high-quality event for all participants. The festival is held annually and is one of the most popular events in the Liberal area.

**Kan. students lobby against sex education bills**

LANSING, Mich. — A group of Kansas students has taken to the streets to lobby against sex education bills. The students, who are members of the National Student Reliance Council, are protesting against the implementation of comprehensive sex education in schools. They argue that such education is inappropriate for children and that it promotes a lifestyle that is contrary to their beliefs. The students have organized a series of protests and rallies across the state, drawing attention to their cause. They have also written letters to their state legislators and contacted their representatives in Congress. The Kansas State Board of Education is currently reviewing the proposed sex education curriculum, and the students hope that their efforts will result in a more conservative approach to the subject. The issue of sex education in schools remains a highly controversial and divisive topic in Kansas.

**Five-year anniversary of Obama's stimulus renews partisan fight over jobs, economy**



**Inmate released after more than 4 years in prison**  
A man who had been in prison for more than four years has been released. The man, 45, was arrested in 2009 on charges of armed robbery. He was sentenced to four years in prison, but his sentence was later reduced to 18 months. He was released from prison in January 2014. The man's release has caused controversy, as some believe that he is a danger to the community. However, his attorneys argue that he has been rehabilitated and is ready to return to society. The case highlights the challenges of the criminal justice system, particularly in terms of sentencing and rehabilitation. It also raises questions about the effectiveness of long-term incarceration in reducing crime and promoting public safety.

The five-year anniversary of President Obama's stimulus package has renewed the partisan fight over jobs and the economy. The stimulus package, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, was a controversial piece of legislation that aimed to stimulate economic growth and create jobs. It provided for a variety of tax cuts, infrastructure spending, and social programs. The package was widely criticized by Republicans and some Democrats, who argued that it was too large and would increase the national debt. However, it was supported by many Democrats and some Republicans, who argued that it was necessary to prevent a deeper recession. The debate over the stimulus package continues to this day, with some arguing that it was a success and others arguing that it was a failure. The current economic situation in the United States has reignited the debate, as many people are still struggling to find jobs and the economy remains sluggish.

**Prisoners in open trial**  
A group of prisoners is being held in an open trial. The prisoners are accused of various crimes, including drug trafficking and racketeering. They are being held in a federal prison in Kansas. The trial is ongoing and is expected to last several months. The prisoners are being held in a secure facility and are being monitored closely by prison guards. The trial is a high-profile case and has attracted significant media attention. The prisoners' attorneys are fighting to get them out of prison as soon as possible. They argue that the prisoners are innocent and that they have been unfairly treated. The trial is a test of the justice system and will have a significant impact on the lives of the prisoners involved.