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City approves land transfer for school expansion plans

By ELI GRIFFY
• Leader & Times

Much discussion was conducted over the future of the Liberal City Commission's property at its regular meeting Tuesday night, which took place in Liberal City Hall.

There was discussion of transferring real estate to Park Properties Inc. This property is at 12th Street and Cabrera in northeast Liberal. It is to be used by USD No. 480 for a stadium expansion project associated with the recently passed bond issue.

According to the meeting's agenda, the land is currently in the southwest of that time activity, that land been donated for previous owners

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Rep. Huelskamp pursues prairie chicken protest

TOPEKA (AP) — Kansas Rep. Tim Huelskamp disclosed Tuesday that he's working with other members of Congress on proposals to slash the budget of the federal agency fining the lesser prairie chicken as threatened.

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911 caller: Where can I buy some marijuana?

HELLBORN, Ore. (AP) — A man recently called a Washington County 911 dispatcher with an unusual request.

"Where can I buy some marijuana this morning?"

When the dispatcher asked him if he wanted to talk to the sheriff's office, the man said that was interesting, but he had a legitimate question and reported the request.

KATU reports the dispatcher told him to call back if he needed to report a crime. He thanked her and the call ended.

By the time the line at Mary's whan Marijuana Dispensary opened Friday morning, one of 910 straight

Manning seeking gender treatment, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel OKs move

In this undated file photo provided by the U.S. Army, Pfc. Chelsea Manning poses for a photo wearing a wig and lipstick. In an unprecedented move, the Pentagon is trying to transfer convicted leaker Bradley Manning to a civilian prison so she can get treatment for her gender disorder, defense officials said Tuesday. AP photo/Courtesy Army

By MALENE BRIDGE and LEORA CHIGBUR
• Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an unprecedented move, the Pentagon is trying to transfer convicted leaker Bradley Manning to a civilian prison so she can get treatment for her gender disorder, defense officials said.

Manning, formerly named Bradley, has been in a military prison since November for subsequently seeking to be addressed as Chelsea. The soldier has asked for hormone therapy and to be able to live as a woman.

The request was the first ever made by a prisoner to the military, officials set up a Mission Set the Defense Department. How to treat a soldier who is transgender has been a vexing issue for the military and other Immigrants people who are allowed to serve openly in the military. Defense Department officials have provided such treatment, but Manning is the first prisoner to request it while serving her 35-year prison sentence.

Defense officials have said precedent that keeping the soldier in a military prison and unable to have treatment could amount to cruel and unusual punishment.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has recently gave the Army approval to allow Manning to be transferred to a Federal Bureau of Prisons, which has provide such treatment. Any decision to transfer Manning to a civilian facility has been made, and any such move would have to be carefully balance the soldier's medical needs with our obligation to ensure. Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said.

"We are currently are just starting discussions about prospects for a transfer, the two officials said.

The Army has been negotiating an agreement with the Bureau of Prisons for use of several hundred beds and the Pentagon would have to be prepared to meet its military prisoner. But circumstances are different in Manning's case, officials said, and transfer some amounts to federal prisons after all military appeals have been exhausted. Her case is in the military service has been executed. Cases of national security interest are not normally approved for transfer from military custody to the federal prison system.

The former intelligence analyst was sentenced to 35 years in prison Aug. 21 wiskleaks and 19 other offenses for giving WikiLeaks more than 700,000 classified military and State Department documents, along with battlefield video, while working in Iraq and Kuwait. The soldier was granted later upheld the conviction, clearing the way for an appeal of the sentence to be heard in military court.

After the conviction, Manning announced the desire to live as a woman and to be called by a new name, change that was approved last month by a Leavenworth County judge. Officials say and that the military did not oppose.

But military has been disagreed by the Army's treatment of Manning, including her full-dress uniform of the Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, prison — a decision that officials say was not being a woman in a male body.

By November, a military doctor had diagnosed Manning with gender identity disorder, finding it need was not higher up the chain of command to approve the treatment. Officials say complaint that by Manning is that it over the delay in getting treatment.

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Consumers losing doctors with new insurance plans

By KELLY KENNEDY
• Associated Press

MIAMI — The first thing Michelle Pool did before picking a plan under President Barack Obama's health insurance law was check whether her doctor participated. Pool, who was diagnosed with a 30-year-old diabetic who has had back surgery and a hip replacement, said she was pleasantly surprised that the insurance was available.

Pool's $202 a month gold plan through Florida Blue covered her doctors, and she saw that what she'd paid under her husband's insurance and seemed like a good deal because the Miami-area resident was unemployed and after her insurance card came in the mail, the Vista, California market learned her doctor was not in the network.

"It's not like when you're had a doctor for years and years that you can explain to need be known you," Pool said. "I'm extremely discouraged. I'm stuck."

Across the Pool, are emerging as more consumers who have bought plans with limited doctor and hospital networks, some after rejection that considerably cut their doctors were included.

Under the last trade offset, experts warned that narrow networks could impact patients' access to care, especially in cheaper plans. But a Kaiser Health News analysis of insurance sites finding their access limited across all price ranges.

Pool, Mission underscore President Obama's 2009 pledge that "If you like your doctor you will be able to keep your doctor, period." Insurance companies also argue that they come in the Obama administration is still celebrating a victory with more than 8 million people signing up.

Narrow networks are part of the economic tools off for keeping premiums under control and preventing patients from turning away those with pre-existing conditions. Even before the Affordable Care Act, doctors and hospitals in the Medicaid program, for example, have joined "ever-narrower networks to maintain low-cost care.

Insurance lack group Americas Health Insurance Plans, which has been lobbying for better affordable consumer choice in place, Amazon say that if consumers want low premiums, they will have to pay for it.

Insurance companies also argue there's with variation in what doctors and hospitals charge, and that consumers can save money by choosing an Aetna little evidence that high-priced hospitals or doctors are actually delivering better care.

Further complicating matters, the trade group says that doctors and health plans often disagree about what it means to be "in-network" doctor, instead, in-network, on the terms of

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Michelle Pool, who is diabetic and has had a hip replacement, looks out the window of her home in Vista, Calif. AP photo/Lenny Ignelzi

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Happy Birthday, Reid Perry!

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