

Description of Programs Providing Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues

Program	Day	Time
Eyewitness News This Morning	Monday – Friday	5:00 - 7:00 am
Eyewitness News at Noon	Monday – Friday	12:00N - 12:30 pm
Eyewitness News at 5:00	Monday – Friday	5:00 - 5:30 pm
Eyewitness News at 6:00	Monday – Friday	6:00 - 6:30 pm
Eyewitness News at 10:00	Monday – Friday	10:00 - 10:35 pm
Eyewitness News Saturday Morning	Saturday	8:00 – 10:00 am
Eyewitness News Weekend	Saturday Saturday	6:00 - 6:30 pm 10:00 - 10:35 pm
Eyewitness News Weekend	Sunday Sunday	5:30 - 6:00 pm 10:00 – 11:00 pm

All of KWCH-DT News programs are locally produced live news programs that present a mix on news, weather, sports, and issue related stories. The issue responsive program segments are usually two minutes in duration, unless otherwise noted.

Public Service All Days Any times

KWCH-DT broadcasts local and national public service announcements of varying lengths throughout its broadcast schedule. Some of the announcements are part of campaigns on one subject.

CBS Network Programming

Program

Day

Time

60 Minutes

Sundays

6:00 pm

This is a CBS public affairs program featuring investigative reporting on issues facing the American public.

48 Hours Mystery

Saturdays

9:00 pm

This CBS program is an hour-long investigation on one current issues with a different topic each program.

Sunday Morning

Sundays

8:00 am

Produced by CBS News, this hour and a half program presents news and current issue stories as well as human-interest features.

Face The Nation

Sundays

9:30 am

A weekly half hour CBS program discussing a spectrum of national and international issues.

CBS Up To The Minute

Monday - Friday

2:30am - 4:30am

Overnight Daily CBS News program features news, weather, issue-oriented stories, health tips and general interest items.

CBS Morning News

Monday – Friday

4:30am – 5:00am

Daily CBS News program features news, weather, issue-oriented stories, health tips and general interest items.

The CBS Early Show

Monday – Friday

7:00 – 9:00 am

The CBS Evening News

Monday – Friday

5:30 – 6:00 pm

The Saturday Early Show

Saturdays

6:00 - 8:00 am

Features in Newscasts

Newstalk

Monday through Friday Morning & Noon Newscasts

Locally produced segment that runs approximately 2-4 minutes during the Noon and morning Newscast with live call-ins answering questions about healthcare, pet care, plant care, and home economics.

Daily Birthdays

Monday through Friday Morning Newscasts

Community Involvement

Viewers send in their birthday announcements for any relative or friend and the birthday person's picture is shown. A daily winner of the Channel 12 Morning Newscast coffee mug is awarded to one of the birthday persons.

Answerback 12

Sundays 10:00pm

Locally produced feature including viewer's comments and answering viewer's questions about programming and other general questions about KWCH 12.

FactFinder 12 Investigations

Newscasts on various days and times

Locally produced investigative reports of consumer complaints.

Crime Watch

Newscasts on various days and times

Locally produced reports on local/state crime and safety.

Education

Newscasts on various days and times

Locally produced stories on local/state schools and education issues

Economy

Newscast on various days and times

Locally produced stories on local/state economy and on issues that affect viewers' economic livelihood.

Consumer Watch

5pm Newscast Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday

Various other times

Stories on new products available and whether they work.

Also anything related to product recalls, and other consumer-type situations.

KWCH TSRs May 2006

DRUNK DRIVING HALL OF SHAME

4/27/06 10pm

We show viewers the worst drunk driving offenders on the road today. These are Kansans with the most DUIs who offend time and again. We talk to the victim of a repeat offender. We also interview a drunk driver who killed a teenager, and is now in jail for his 10th DUI.

CHILD SAFETY EXPERT

5/1/06 – 5/5/06 10pm

America's child safety expert, Bob Stuber, helps parents and kids know how to stay safe. He has practical advice on what a child should do to prevent becoming a victim, and what to do if a stranger approaches. He also shows parents how to educate their children and have family discussions.

CRIME WHERE YOU LIVE

5/8/06 10pm

We break the Wichita area into zip codes and find out the crime you're most likely to become a victim of, depending on where you are. People are at a higher risk of having their car stolen, property vandalized or home burglarized than being the victim of a violent crime. We find out where those crimes happen most and how to protect yourself.

GERM WARFARE

5/10/06 10pm

We test several areas that are common for collecting germs, like shopping cart handles, bathroom doorknobs and pay phones. We swab and test these surfaces to see what kinds of germs and bacteria most people come into contact with.

GHOST STORIES

5/11/06 10pm

We look into some of the most well-known ghost stories in the Wichita area. We also talk to people who say they've had strange experiences in places they believe are haunted.

METHAMPHETAMINE

5/22/06 10pm

We talk to authorities about their battle against methamphetamine in Kansas. A chemist explains why meth and its ingredients are so dangerous. We also interview a recovering meth addict, whose quality of life suffered because of his drug problem.

ELLSWORTH

5/23/06 10pm

One of country music's most popular bands, Rascal Flatts, sings a song about Ellsworth, Kansas. We interview the songwriters to find out what inspired the lyrics about the town. We also talk to Ellsworth residents, who remember what the town was like decades ago.

DOES IT WORK

5/06 10pm

Each Wednesday in May, Kim Setty tests a product on the market. With help from volunteers, she shows viewers if the product works. If a product fails, we contact the manufacturer for a response.

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SECOND QUARTER 2006

QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT

Covered the period beginning April 1, 2006
Ending June 30, 2006.

Station KWCH –TV is a CBS Network affiliate in its service area. In carrying out its responsibilities as a public trustee, the station deals with and is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community on a continuing basis. A variety of specials, public service announcements, public affairs programs and broadcasts on matter of concern to our community are supplemented, in some cases, with in-community projects. Our most significant programming, which has dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, is set forth below.

Specific Treatment of Community Issues

News stories carried in any of five daily newscasts, Monday through Friday, and on two per day newscast on Saturday and Sunday, ranging in length of 45 seconds or more, address community issues.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

Crime - Channel 12 reports regularly on criminal activity throughout the entire Channel 12 viewing area as well as the rest of the country and the world. Here we are listing just a few of the stories that were included in our newscast this quarter.

Community - Events impacting the quality of life, including community caring and involvement.

Economy - The economy is of major importance to Kansas residents. Continuing growth keeps our employment rate high; new contract acquisitions by the local aircraft manufacturers, old businesses leaving town, new businesses coming in, proposed tax increases/decreases, and major weather concerns for residences and businesses. All of these factors impact the community, and are of ongoing interest and concern for our viewing audience.

Education - Channel 12 has updated its method of covering educational issues in its viewing area, with the assignment of one reporter to focus solely on education.

Environment - Environment issues and concerns are of interest to the Channel 12 viewing area and are aired regularly in our newscasts to keep our viewers as informed as possible of the latest in Environmental technology, treatments, advisories, etc.

Health & Safety - The well-being of Channel 12 viewers is always our top concern and the Channel 12 News Team is on top of every issue from traffic hazards to severe weather warnings, school closings, fire safety, disaster preparedness and emergency situations. And, with severe weather season, storm spotter training meetings are held several times a week in locations throughout the Channel 12 viewing area all over the state.

Politics - Channel 12 makes sure to convey to viewers the issues and decisions by city, county and state government can affect them.

KWCH-12
SECOND QUARTER
APR., MAY. & JUN.
2006

CRIME Q-2

04/01/06
9am

Two workers at a Wichita work release center face disciplinary action after the death of an inmate. 41 year old Alexis McCullough died Sunday after complaining about not feeling well. He was later found unresponsive and rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. The Department of Corrections investigated the situation and said policies for dealing with a sick inmate were not followed. It recommends the first shift lieutenant who was on duty be fired and the second shift master sergeant be suspended without pay. The D.O.C. also recommends a nurse be barred from providing health care services in Kansas correctional facilities. The warden will make a final decision on any disciplinary action next week.

04/02/06

10pm

Wichita police say they're trying to find the men responsible for putting another man in the hospital. Officers say a man was taken to the hospital in critical condition early this morning after he was jumped by two others on 31st street. The suspects stole the man's wallet, and then drove off in a green Honda Accord. The victim's injuries are not life-threatening.

04/03/06

6am

Deputies start chasing a suspected drunk driver in a Wichita neighborhood early Sunday but the driver cut the chase short by running his car into a house. Sedgwick County Sheriff's deputies say the chase started along South West Street and only lasted about a minute. A deputy used his taser to get the suspect under control, but authorities say they're not sure whether the man was actually hit by the taser. He was taken to a Wichita hospital with minor injuries. A woman riding along with him was arrested on unrelated charges. As for the car deputies say it was stolen.

04/04/06

5pm

A man leads Wichita police on a chase; driving more than 90 miles an hour. The chase started at 13th and Grove in the middle of the night. It took police through Northeast Wichita and ended at 17th and Santa Fe when a train crashed into the car. Police say they started chasing the car when they saw it going more than 90 miles an hour. They put down spikes to stop him but the driver swerved around them. When he approached the train tracks he slowed down to about 30 miles an hour tried to turn around, but lost control and ended up on the tracks; the train hit him and pushed him about 50 feet. The man was taken to the hospital but police say he was combative and uncooperative, he had to be restrained. He'll be booked on DUI charges, outstanding warrants and driving on a revoked license.

04/05/06

10pm

Wichita parents get a call late Saturday night. It's the police from Oklahoma City telling them their underage daughter was drinking at a concert with her science teacher. We looked at the police report for the CrimeWatch. It says, the heights high school teacher and the teenage student were dancing and sloshing beer on the guy next to them. Officers say the teacher had trouble standing and was swaying back and forth. The student told police her teacher gave her the beer. Police arrested the 36-year-old woman. She is accused of furnishing beer to a minor and public drunkenness. The teacher says she didn't give her student the beer. The district suspended the teacher with pay pending the outcome of the investigation. She has not been charged.

Crime Q-2 cont.

04/06/06

6am

A Garden City teacher resigns after being charged with five counts of unlawful sexual relations with a 16-year-old student. 40 year Nadine Nunnelee submitted her resignation this week after being suspended by the school district. She's scheduled to be back in court Monday. While 16 is legal consenting age in Kansas, state laws prevent school employees from having sexual relations with any student 17 or under.

04/07/06

10pm

Also new tonight warnings of a utility collection scam. Callers pose as collectors for Westar Energy asking customers for personal information. The fake collection agency may offer four digits of a social security number to assure you they are legit. So far residents in Topeka, Wichita and Andover have all been targeted. The Attorney General reminds you never give out your social security number, date of birth or banking information.

04/08/06

8am

First a shooting then a six hour stand off. Wichita police were busy overnight. Around 10 last night a 16 year old boy was shot in the head near 15th and Hydraulic. After he was shot he went to a friend's house to call his parents. His parents then took him to Wesley where he underwent surgery. At that time police started investigating what happened. They wanted to talk with some people in an apartment near 15th and Kansas about the shooting. An unknown number of people inside wouldn't come out so after six hours the SWAT team took action. Police say the shooting and the stand off are likely connected but they aren't sure how yet. More information should be released later this morning.

04/10/06

6pm

No suspects, no leads. Wichita police try to figure out what led to a morning shooting that left a 40 year old woman in critical condition. Authorities say the victim called a relative to say she'd been shot. That relative then notified police. Once officers got to this house on bluff view, they found the woman with a single gun shot wound to the shoulder. She was taken to the hospital in critical condition. Police are investigating.

04/11/06

10pm

Patrick Chavez says he's innocent. The Fort Hays student is charged with having more than 35 pounds of marijuana on a high school campus where he was working as a student teacher. Chavez today pleaded not guilty to charges of marijuana possession with intent to distribute on school property. Authorities say they found the drugs earlier this year in Chavez' car during a routine drug sweep at Thomas Moore Prep-Marian in Hays. Chavez is free on 30-thousand-dollar bond.

04/12/06

6pm

A Sumner County man faces the rest of his life behind bars for killing this woman. Carrie Blake was shot and killed in her Wellington home in September. Zachary Smith admits to her murder. Prosecutors say he shot Blake while trying to rob her. Smith pleaded guilty to first degree felony murder and aggravated robbery. Smith's sentencing is set for mid-May.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

04/13/06

6pm

A Winfield police officer is cleared in a deadly shooting. Danny fruits died March eighth after police say he held up a tobacco shop. An officer shot fruits, believing he was reaching for a weapon. Prosecutors say the officer's actions were justified. The report says officers pursued fruits in a getaway vehicle after the holdup. After catching up with him, authorities say fruits refused orders to get out of the vehicle and told police they would have to shoot him. A search found that fruits had about 12-hundred dollars in cash but no weapon.

04/14/06

5pm

Police say two gun-shot victims are expected to survive a shooting from last night. But there are still plenty of unanswered questions surrounding the incident. It all happened at the intersection of Lincoln and Woodlawn in Wichita, around 8:-30 last night. Police say two people on a motorcycle were having some sort of fight with people in a car. Officers say someone in the car fired on the motorcycle and

injured the riders. The victims ended up taking themselves to the hospital on board their motorcycle. No word on any arrests in the case.

04/15/06

8am

A suspected killer's sister turns him in after a woman dies on her front steps. Early yesterday morning some teenagers were coming home...when they saw a woman lying in blood on her front steps. The teens went to get help when they came back the woman was dead. Police say the victim is 57-year-old Joyce Jones. As police waited for EMS a girl came up and told them her brother was responsible for the woman's death. Police arrested a 26-year-old man in a home across the street. Police booked the man in jail on first degree murder. Formal charges aren't expected until early next week.

04/16/06

5:30pm

Also on the CrimeWatch...police say a party got out of hand and led to a fight that put two people in the hospital overnight. It happened on South Lahoma Street around eleven thirty. Police tell us there were no weapons involved in the fight. Authorities say the primary suspect is one of the ones who were injured. No word yet on possible charges.

04/17/06

5pm

A Wichita man who held up a bank and then tried stealing a plane for his get away is sentenced to 32 years in federal prison. Bennie Herring the second admits to holding up a branch of Capitol Federal Savings in Olathe last year. He forced several bank employees to strip to their underwear and drive him to an airport. Police shot herring as he ordered a student pilot and flight instructor out of a plane while it sat on a runway. Herring had apparently worked out a plea agreement for 27 years, but the judge ended up sentencing him to more than 30 today. Herring's mom says she's disappointed the judge didn't adhere to the plea agreement, but understands he needs to pay for his crime.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

04/18/06

6pm

Two teens are arrested. Police say they're connected to a shooting that left another teen with a gun shot wound to the head. The 15 year old and 17 year old were taken into custody last night. Police say they're connected to a shooting in northeast Wichita almost two weeks ago. That's when a 16 year old was shot outside of a convenience store. The investigation into the crime that night led police to this nearby house where a standoff followed. It ended hours later and the people inside were questioned. Three people total have been arrested, but police say they anticipate even more.

04/19/06

5pm

A former Wichita school board member pleads guilty to writing bad checks and now waits to be sentenced. Kevin Graham was in court today. He admitted to two counts of writing bad checks, one for about 700 dollars, and the other for about 800. Graham will be sentenced June first. He resigned from the school board after the charges were filed.

04/20/06

6pm

They say he's guilty, now the same jury goes to work deciding whether the killer should die for his crime. Sidney Gleason faces the death penalty for the murders of a Great Bend couple. The sentencing phase of the capital murder trial got underway today. Yesterday, Gleason was convicted of first-degree murder

in the shooting death of 19-year-old Miki Martinez and her boyfriend, 24-year-old Darren Wornkey. Prosecutors say Gleason and his cousin Damian Thompson killed Martinez, afraid she might tell police about an earlier robbery. Wornkey was with Martinez when the two men went to her house to confront her. Thompson previously pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in Martinez's death and is serving a life sentence.

04/21/06

5pm

An anonymous tip leads police to the man accused of robbing this Wichita bank of America last weekend. 30-year-old Bill Dean Walker was charged with two counts of bank robbery today. A 911 caller told investigators where to find Walker. He was walking down the street and officers say he matched the picture in the surveillance photos. Walker's also accused of robbing a Fidelity Bank branch last October. In both cases prosecutors say he went inside the bank and wrote on a blank deposit slip that he had a gun demanding money.

04/22/06

8am

A Barton County jury recommends the death penalty for one man convicted of killing a great bend couple. 19 year old Miki Martinez and her boyfriend 24 year old Darren Wornkey were killed in 2004. This week a jury convicted Sydney Gleason of their murder and sentenced him to death. Damian Thompson was already convicted for his part in the killings sentenced to life in prison last year after reaching a plea agreement.

04/23/06

6pm

Charges could come this week against the Kansas girl who faked her own kidnapping. Kelsey Stelting called 911 saying she'd been taken at gunpoint. That sparked an Amber Alert but Stelting turned up the same day unharmed. She then admitted to the FBI that it was all a lie. She could face charges for making a false call.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

04/24/06

10pm

Jurors heard the killing as it was captured on a 911 call. Today they were asked to decide if it was pre-meditated. The defense admitted Ruben Warledo killed his mother but claimed he snapped after years of physical and emotional abuse. Marsha Squirrel was stomped to death--then set on fire. Jurors found Warledo guilty of first degree murder and arson. He faces life in prison when he's sentenced next month.

04/25/06

6pm

A Mexican citizen uses the identity of a U.S. Marine to get a job in Dodge City. Now he's headed for prison then back to Mexico. 23 year old Sergio Hernandez-Soto was sentenced to 17 months in prison Monday. Hernandez pleaded guilty to using false documents and making a false claim of U.S. citizenship. After his prison-time he'll be deported and banned from re-entering the U.S. The Marine whose identity was stolen was stationed in Afghanistan at the time. His wife reported it to authorities after she started receiving bills on accounts the couple never opened.

04/26/06

5pm

Two teenage girls lead authorities on a high speed chase through three counties. Sedgwick county sheriff's deputies try to pull over the girls near Harry and Webb. The 16-year-old driver took off into Butler County making it all the way to Augusta. From there, the driver took highway 77 into Cowley County. She tried to ditch officers on a dirt road but drove into a muddy field where she and her passenger were arrested. Deputies say the girl is a possible runaway. Both girls are facing felony charges.

04/27/06

10pm

It took just more than an hour -- for a Reno County jury to convict a Hutchinson woman of running over her son. Rochelle Bale's blood alcohol was almost two times the legal limit when she backed over 11-year-old Shawn Casey. Casey was physically disabled and used a walker or crawled around. The incident happened February of 2005. The family was cleaning at its Reno County campground after the ice storm. A detective told the jury Bale admitted to drinking 3 or 4 beers with in an hour. Despite the tragic circumstances the D.A. hopes people taking drinking and driving more seriously.

04/28/06

6am

Escape charges could come today against this man after walked away from his work release job in Hutchinson Tuesday. Michael Hodges was found near Kinsley yesterday morning. Hodges had been scheduled to be released in December. A woman accused of helping him get away was also captured.

04/29/06

8am

New this morning a fourteen year old Wichita boy is in the hospital after being shot late last night. It happened in the 14-hundred block of North Brunswick around midnight. Police tell us some teens were gathered near the intersection, when - for some reason a teenager pulled out a gun and shot the fourteen year old. The victim's friends took him to get help. This morning, that teen is in serious condition at the hospital. Police are working to identify the suspect.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

05/01/06

6pm

The man accused of killing 23-year-old Matt Schrag in Hutchinson back in January pleads guilty in the murder. Robert Blanchette pleaded guilty to first degree murder and kidnapping. An aggravated burglary charge was dropped. Police say Blanchette beat Schrag to death, and then stole his money and wallet. Blanchette will be sentenced in June.

05/02/06

5am

Also in the crime watch...the man charged with shooting a Quik Trip clerk last month will go to trial without a preliminary hearing. 18 year old Jonathan Garrison is charged in Butler County with attempted murder and aggravated robbery for a hold up at this Quik Trip April second. The clerk was shot in the face but survived. Monday garrison waived his right to hear prosecutor's evidence in the case. His trial is set for July.

05/03/06

5pm

A bank employee thinks a package is suspicious. Hours later the bomb squad blows it up. The package was delivered to the Intrust Bank downtown on North Main. An employee thought it was suspicious, it was hand addressed and taped in a strange way. The bomb squad moved it the building's garage, took x-rays and then detonated it. Police won't say what was inside the package. Intrust Bank says it closed down to the public during the situation but employees were not evacuated.

05/04/06

5pm

Police say they've found the people behind this string of vandalism in riverside last week. Four businesses were shot up ...left looking like this. Police arrested a 19 and 20 year old. They say one of the men told them he planned to shoot his ex-girlfriend's home and then started shooting at the businesses too. Investigators say they also found the rifle they think he used.

05/05/06

5pm

Wichita police arrest a man after a shooting behind this Quick Trip. As we first told you yesterday a 26-year-old man was shot in the leg and drove to the Quick Trip for help. Investigators now say it all started

with an argument at a bar between the victim and the suspect's girlfriend. Police say the victim followed the suspect to his house the suspect then opened fire.

05/06/06

6pm

A fight inside a nightclub spills out into the parking lot and leads to gunfire. It happened at Club Taboo around 1-30 this morning. Police say one woman was hit in the leg...she showed up at the hospital a little while later. No word on what the fight was about or if police have any suspects.

05/07/06

10pm

New information on a racial profiling complaint against Wichita police; we first told you about the story last month. That's when the Kansas human rights commission sided with 46-year-old Aaron Patterson. Patterson said he was pulled over and searched by Wichita police just because of his race. Today we learned Patterson has a long history of filing similar complaints. The commission says it's gotten 17 others from Patterson in the last 16 years, most of them for racial discrimination. Patterson's attorney says he was standing up for his rights in all the complaints. Police maintain discrimination was not a factor in the traffic stop.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

5/8/06

6pm

Jury selection is underway in the same Reno County courthouse for a step-mother on trial for child abuse. Lori Wilson is accused of locking her step children in their rooms without food, water or blankets. A jury already convicted her husband Rodney Wilson for the same crimes. She's charged with keeping food and water from the two children, keeping them locked up and denying them the chance to use the bathroom. Opening statements are expected tomorrow.

05/09/06

5pm

Attorneys had to start part of jury selection all over again today in a child abuse trial in Reno County. Lori Wilson is accused of locking her stepchildren in small rooms without food or water. Her husband, Rodney was convicted of the crime earlier this year. During jury selection this morning a potential juror mentioned the previous trial, saying a coworker had been in the jury pool. Attorneys said that tainted all potential jurors & they were all dismissed. A new jury pool was called in this afternoon ...and jury selection began again.

05/10/06

6pm

A western Kansas capital murder trial is moving to Wichita. Bob Fox is accused of killing his two young sons by setting fire to the camper they were in two years ago. A judge granted Fox's request for a change of venue saying he could not get a fair trial in Seward County. Fox faces the death penalty if convicted, his trial starts in July.

05/11/06

10pm

A Hutchinson pediatrician tells jurors a teenager was so malnourished, his body ate his liver for protein. Prosecutors say Lori Wilson abused her husband's two children over the course of several years. The defense calls it discipline not abuse. Wilson's lawyers say the children exaggerated. But other witnesses claim the children told them they had to go days without food. Both children are expected to take the stand tomorrow.

05/12/06

5pm

A Haysville man admits he robbed a bank earlier this year. 43-year-old David Heath pleaded guilty to bank fraud for holding up this Southwest National Bank branch in February. Heath admitted he handed a note to the bank teller saying he wanted cash in a bag. Prosecutors say he wrote on the note "I hate to do this, stay calm, don't hit your alert switch." He also warned the teller against putting any dye packs in

with the money and then told the teller to count to ten after he left the bank. Heath now faces up to 20 years in Federal prison. He'll be sentenced in July.

05/13/06

9am

Charges are filed against the Independence teenager who faked her own kidnapping. Last month 16 year old Kelsey Stelting called 911, claiming she'd been kidnapped at gunpoint from her home. Police issued an Amber Alert. Local police, the KBI and FBI all spent time trying to find her. Stelting showed up 16 hours later and eventually told police it was all a lie. Here's a look at the charges the Montgomery County attorney filed Friday. Stelting faces one count of falsely reporting a crime, a misdemeanor charge. Three counts of obstructing official duty, felony charges. That means she prevented police from doing their duty by tying them up with her fake kidnapping case. In a statement released by the Montgomery County attorney's office, it says "every decision and every action has consequences." "It's important the public understand that with these charges, Miss Stelting will be held accountable." If Stelting was an adult she'd face prison time. Since she's a minor its likely probation will be her only punishment.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

05/14/06

5:30pm

Wichita police investigate an early morning shooting. This story tops tonight's CrimeWatch. Police say officers on patrol near 21st and Arkansas heard shots just before 2 am. When officers arrived on the scene they found a man lying on 19th street between Waco and Jackson. Paramedics took the man to Saint Francis with critical injuries. Police say they don't know what led up to the shooting. Police questioned several people at the scene. They also took a few people into custody but it's not known what connection, if any, they have to the shooting. The victim is in fair condition.

05/15/06

5pm

The man who founded the Kansas Cosmosphere will spend three years in federal prison. A judge sentenced Max Ary to three years in prison followed by three years probation. It'll take about another month to decide how much restitution Ary will have to pay. The defense wanted Ary to get probation so he could pay that money back faster. But the judge said Ary had to be punished for stealing artifacts from the Cosmosphere and selling them. Ary did not want to comment after his sentencing. He is free on bond until the prison system asks him to surrender.

05/16/06

5pm

A fight ends with one man getting stabbed late last night. Police say the man went to his ex-girlfriend's house in the 600 block of north poplar...and found her arguing with her new boyfriend. The two men then started fighting the woman's boyfriend then stabbed the ex several times. The man was taken to the hospital in critical condition. Police know who the suspect is they're looking for him he's wanted for attempted first degree murder.

05/17/06

10pm

We'll learn how much restitution the former director of the Kansas Cosmosphere will pay next month. A restitution hearing for Max Ary is set for June first. He was sentenced to three years in jail and three years probation Monday for stealing artifacts from the space museum Monday.

05/18/06

6am

A preacher is charged with sexually abusing a child. 48 year old Bryan Sprung preaches in the town of Miltonvale. According to the Salina Journal Sprung is charged with sodomy and indecent liberties with a child under 14. Sprung is a minister at Miltonvale Wesleyan Church and substitute teacher at Glasco Elementary School. A preliminary hearing is set for June 16 in a Cloud County Court.

05/19/06

5am

A Hutchinson police officer is dragged during a chase after he tried pulling someone over. Police say the driver tried turning onto 43rd Street from Highway 61 but he was going too fast and took out a stop sign and crashed into a barrier. A few blocks earlier the officer says he went to the man's car and tried taking the keys out of the ignition that's when the man took off. The police officer is ok. The man driving the car is in the hospital.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

05/20/06

6pm

Wichita police say they don't know who attacked two men early this morning. That story leads off tonight's crime watch. Officers found one man stabbed, another with cuts when they arrived at the 500-block of South Osage around 4-am. Paramedics rushed the stabbing victim to the hospital. He has since been released. The second man didn't need treatment. So far, police do not have any suspects.

05/21/06

5:30pm

In CrimeWatch tonight...a Hutchinson man should find out this week how long he'll spend behind bars. Karl Valentine admits to stealing the identity of a navy veteran in order to collect the man's health benefits. Valentine faces up to five years in prison he is scheduled to be back in court tomorrow for sentencing.

05/22/06

6pm

You better buckle up. Police are looking for those of you that aren't. Today law enforcement agencies around the county kicked off the "Click It or Ticket" campaign. More officers will hit the road looking for violators. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says 48 million drivers in the U.S. Don't regularly wear seat belts. 69 percent of Kansas drivers buckle up. Officials say seat belts save lives. Warner also says to be aware of your surroundings while on the road, reduce your distractions like cell phones or d-v-d players and don't drive while you're tired.

05/23/06

5pm

Police are looking for the robber who held up this Commerce Bank on South Woodlawn this morning. Armed with a handgun the robber asked for money to be put in a bag, and then took off in a black mustang. This is not the first time this bank has been robbed recently but police say employees are dealing with it. The FBI has just released this picture of the robber. As you can see he was wearing a lot of clothes including a hooded jacket and a bandanna over his face making it hard for employees to give a good description.

05/24/06

6pm

Police say there are fewer guns on Wichita streets tonight than there were a year ago. Today they showed off the 500 guns confiscated during the first year of an operation by the Wichita area gun task force. The program targeted known gang members, drug dealers, and convicted felons. And it's not just the guns off the streets. It's the criminals too. The operation resulted in 50 federal firearms cases. The sentences in those cases averaged five years without parole.

05/25/06

10pm

Pratt police arrest a suspect in the reported molestation of two young girls. The incident happened today at a playground & swimming pool area. Witnesses told police that the man was molesting two ten year old girls in the girl's bathroom. He fled on a bicycle and was later taken into custody by police. Charges are pending.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

05/26/06

6pm

In the CrimeWatch tonight...Salina police tased and arrested a man they say kidnapped his wife. They say the man took his wife at knife point from their Clearwater home. Salina police later spotted the couples vehicle at a gas station. Police say the man threw a bottle at police, let the woman go, and tried to flea in his car. They tased the man but he was able to drive away and dragged an officer with him for about 200 feet. Eventually police were able to disable his car by hitting it with one of theirs. The man's been arrested; he now faces charges of attempted murder, battery and resisting arrest. The officer who was dragged wasn't hurt.

05/27/06

6pm

Wichita police are still on the lookout for Edmundo Cerda-Annnema. He's the prime suspect in the murder of a Louisiana woman. He recently lived in Wichita and police think he may be headed this way if he's not here already. He was last seen driving a blue, Ford F-150 pickup with the Kansas license plate WJT384.

05/28/06

5:30pm

The Salina police department is conducting an internal investigation into an officer involved shooting. The officer is on administrative leave after shooting a burglary suspect Friday night. The bullet hit the suspect in the leg. Paramedics took the suspect to Salina Regional Health Center. He has yet to be booked into the county jail.

05/30/06

6pm

A Salina police officer is on administrative leave after being involved in a shooting incident. The officer was responding to a burglary call at a store when she spotted a suspect. Police say the officer lost her balance and her gun fired, striking the suspect in the leg. He was treated at a hospital and then taken into custody on burglary, theft, damage to property and drug charges. Police continue to investigate the incident.

05/31/06

10pm

Police nab two illegal immigrants who hid for two hours in a park city neighborhood. The men were among 18 illegal aliens who were packed into a van traveling north on I-135 through Park City. State troopers pulled over the van after getting a tip. Two men ran into a nearby field. Late this afternoon a police dog sniffed them out as they hid behind a hedgerow in Doug Ward's backyard about a half mile from where they fled. All eighteen have been turned over to federal immigration authorities.

06/01/06

A woman pleads guilty to smuggling a convicted killer out of Leavenworth prison inside a dog crate. Toby Young admits to driving John Maynard out of the prison in February. Authorities captured the pair in Tennessee 12 days later. The plea agreement calls for young to spend 21-months in prison. She'll be sentenced July 12-th.

06/02/06

6am

In this morning's CrimeWatch...a former high school teacher will spend the next 13 years behind bars. A judge gave Matthew Williamson that sentence yesterday. He admits to raping one girl and sexually abusing several others. Williamson was a shop teacher at Campus High School in Haysville when he abused the girls that were 14 to 16.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

06/03/06

8am

Half of inmates released from prison re-offend. Now the state is trying to cut those numbers. It's started an inmate re-entry program in Sedgwick County. High risk inmates can volunteer about a year before they're supposed to be released. During that time they'll learn job and social skills. Then once they're released...workers will help them find jobs and places to live. The Sedgwick County sheriff says this program has great potential to keep prisoners from coming back into his overcrowded jail. The program will cost 75 thousand dollars. It will handle 150 inmates a year. The first group of inmates will be released in January.

06/04/06

5:30pm

A man convicted on two counts of murder may learn his fate this week. Back in 2001 jurors found Wallace Dixon guilty of setting an apartment complex on fire. An Emporia woman and her baby died. The state Supreme Court later ordered a new trial because of mistakes made by the prosecution. Dixon's second trial ended with a guilty verdict. He's scheduled to be sentenced tomorrow.

06/05/06

6pm

Just under three years in prison for a butler county woman who pled guilty to hiring someone to kill her husband. Frank Herrod was killed in 1997. His body was never found. Today his wife Kelly Bishop was sentenced to 32 months in prison for hiring a man and wife to kill Herrod. That couple was arrested last year for the murder. The wife has pled guilty. The husband is awaiting trial.

06/06/06

6pm

A preliminary hearing got underway today for four men suspected in two separate shootings. 18 -year-olds Karlan and Kendrall Ransom and 19-year-olds Jeremy Miles and Christopher Grant are charged with first degree murder in the death of Dahntay Mc-Donald in March. The men are also suspects in another shooting. Christopher Spain Bey was killed a couple of hours after and a few blocks away from Mcdonald. The hearing is expected to wrap up tomorrow.

06/07/06

6pm

A two year prison sentence in America may await six illegal immigrants arrested last week. A routine traffic stop on north I-135 led to the arrest of the seventeen illegal immigrants a week ago today. Six of the seventeen were charged with various Federal crimes in court today. If they are convicted all will face deportation following their prison sentences. The remaining eleven from the van have either agreed to deportation or are in immigration proceedings.

06/08/06

5am

Sheriff's deputies find a woman's vehicle crashed in a ditch by Cheney Lake. An hour later they find her 4-week-old daughter home alone. Police say the woman had been at the lake Tuesday night and was drinking. She'd lost control of her SUV. At the scene the woman told medical workers she'd left her baby home. The child was found in a car seat at the west Wichita house. Police don't know why or how long the baby was left alone.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

06/09/06

5am

New information on a domestic violence incident first reported as a shooting. Police say the ex-wife drove to the man's home in the 29-hundred block of South Fern Wednesday night and opened fire.

Investigators say she then jumped out of the car and fired again. Police say the man tackled the woman after the gun appeared to jam. He held her down until police arrived.

06/10/06

8am

A Wichita attorney loses his license because he took money from his own firm. The Kansas Supreme Court disbarred Christopher Christian. He admitted taking almost 37-thousand dollars his clients paid for services in seven cases and using it for personal reasons. Christian said he suffered from depression and anxiety and that impaired his judgment. The court had previously suspended his license for six years back in 1985.

06/12/06

10pm

Numbers released by the FBI show crime is up across the country for the first time in five years. And that includes here in Kansas. Nationwide there was a 2 point 5 percent increase in violent crimes since last year. And that increase is mirrored in four of the states largest cities. In Overland Park, it increased almost 50 percent overall, most were aggravated assaults. In Olathe, rapes went up by five percent but property crimes were down. Kansas City saw an increase of 15 percent in violent crime including assaults and robberies, the number of murders stayed the same. And in Topeka, burglaries went up 22 percent. The FBI doesn't have any available numbers for Wichita.

06/13/06

5pm

Also in the CrimeWatch tonight...a man takes police on a chase with a toddler in the car. The chase only lasted a few blocks, it ended in the 17-hundred block of South Mosley. Police say the driver tried to get away while his three year old son was in the car with him. He was finally arrested and booked for running three stop signs, a suspended license, and no insurance and for trying to elude police. The boy was taken into protective custody.

06/14/06

6pm

Fire investigators say a blaze that destroyed a Haysville night club was set on purpose. That announcement came today more than a month after a fire that left little behind. Fire Marshall Tim Millspaugh says there was an ignitable liquid placed inside the club the night of the fire. He says they have a few suspects in this case. And there is a five thousand dollar reward for any information leading to an arrest. If you have any information, call 660-90-90.

06/15/06

6pm

A possible case of road rage sends one man to the hospital. The victim tells Wichita police he and another driver got into an argument after the other man ran a stop sign. Police say one of the people in the second car stabbed the victim in the face and shoulder. Paramedics rushed the man to the hospital in serious condition. He was treated and released. So far, Police have not made any arrests.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

06/16/06

6am

Five workers at a processing plant in Liberal have been indicted on federal immigration charges. All five are illegal immigrants from Guatemala and Mexico. Prosecutors say they used names and social security numbers of U.S. citizens to work at the plant. The men worked at the plant for at least two years.

06/17/06

10pm

Wichita police are looking for a man who walked into a Wichita bowling alley and fired a shotgun at a customer. It happened at Thunderbird Lanes on South Seneca around five this afternoon. The intended

victim was grazed in the shoulder he's expected to be ok. Police say three people came into the building I.D. the victim while he was bowling then one suspect returned with a shotgun. Police don't know what if any connection the victim has to the suspects. So far no arrests have been made.

06/18/06

10pm

We could learn this week, if three Southeast Kansas teens accused of plotting an attack on their school will be tried as adults. They are among five students arrested in Riverton earlier this year. Police say they were planning a columbine-like attack on Riverton High School. According to a transcript of a hearing earlier this month, Riverton's principal said school officials who initially questioned the students found nothing to indicate the teens planned anything serious.

06/19/06

10pm

Two people are dead tonight in Kiowa County after what sheriff's deputies are calling a murder-suicide. It happened in the town of Greensburg. Authorities say an employee of the Duckwall's variety store shot and killed his co-worker and then shot himself. Deputies still don't know why Matthew Towner opened fire on his co-worker Alicia Huebler. Friends of Huebler say they were shocked to learn about the killing. The KBI is working with the sheriff's department.

06/20/06

10pm

Police ask for help in Chelsea's murder investigation and get it. The cell phone investigators say Chelsea had with her has been found today. They say she borrowed the phone from a friend the night of her disappearance. This morning police asked for help finding the phone. It was recovered in or near Andover. Police think the suspects in Chelsea's killing threw it out the window, and it may hold text messages that could help explain what happened to her the night she died.

06/21/06

6pm

The managers of three Wichita scrap metal yards are going to trial. John Marks, Louie Marks and Mark Fernandez all waived their right to a preliminary hearing this morning. The three men were charged with theft after raids earlier this month at two Kansas Can and one American Can locations. Investigators say an undercover sting found the three yards cheated people out of money by under weighing metal. They should go to trial in September.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

06/22/06

5pm

Garden City police say a body found in a camper will be sent to Wichita for an autopsy. A code enforcement officer found the body of a man in his 50's during an inspection this morning. Police don't know who the man was or the cause of his death. The camper is behind an abandoned house in Garden City. And it's not the first death investigation at that location. We'll have a full report from garden city on eyewitness news at six.

06/23/06

6pm

A summer part here at this park in northeast Wichita is interrupted by gun fire. Police say about 7:30 last night this park was packed with people about 70 were here when some sort of domestic dispute broke out between a 19-year old girl and her ex-boyfriend. That ex-boyfriend left the party came back with two friends in a car and fired several shots. A few vehicles were found with bullet damage but no one was hurt. Police say after the shootings some people from the party followed the suspects and fired shots at them a stray bullet hit this rent-a-center at 13-th and hillside. Again no one was hurt. Neighbors say this

is a safe park and kids are out here all the time. Police say the shootings are gang related and that they have three people in custody but they're looking for more suspects.

06/24/06

9am

A Rice County man is guilty of kidnapping his daughter and beating her mother. The jury started deliberating shortly after five yesterday evening. By seven o'clock they found James Thurman guilty on seven different counts including kidnapping, aggravated burglary and violating a protection order. Once Thurman was arrested he also beat up two officers and broke a security camera.

06/25/06

5:30pm

Testimony resumes tomorrow in a Sedgwick County courtroom in the capital murder trial of Greg Moore. Moore is accused of shooting and killing a Harvey County Sheriff's Deputy last year. Kurt Ford was responding to a domestic violence call when he was shot. Moore is also accused of shooting a Hesston police officer. Jurors heard from Moore's girlfriend on Friday.

06/26/06

6pm

A man wanted in connection with a shooting in great bend is behind bars tonight. Authorities in Cass County, Texas arrested Adolfo Nunez-Martinez. Police believe Nunez-Martinez shot Saul Garcia in the early hours of June 18th. Garcia survived the shooting. It's not known when Nunez-Martinez will be extradited back to Kansas. Police in great bend also arrest a suspect in a stabbing. Officers arrested bobby Charles Stark Sunday afternoon. He faces charges of first degree attempted murder. Police believe stark stabbed 18-year-old Derrick Hearn in the neck. Hearn is in fair condition at a Wichita hospital.

06/27/06

12pm

The defense rests and the jury will soon start deliberating the fate of Greg Moore. That's after both the prosecution and defense have wrapped up presenting evidence in the shooting death of a sheriff's deputy in Harvey County. The defense wanted an expert in toxicology to testify today that Meth inhibited Moore's ability to make a decision. But the judge ruled there wasn't enough evidence to prove Moore was on Meth at the time let alone the impact it had on the situation. After the judge made that decision, the defense said it was finished. Moore is charged with capital murder in the death of Kurt ford. If convicted Greg Moore could face the death penalty.

CRIME Q-2 cont.

06/28/06

5pm

An appeals court agrees to hear this man's case. Former Westar CEO David Wittig was sentenced to 60 months in prison in a bank fraud case. But Wittig says the sentence violates earlier rulings. His attorney's say he should get no more than six months. A Federal Appeals Court will consider whether to reduce the sentence in September. Wittig's also appealing his conviction of looting Westar.

06/29/06

6pm

Vandals strike in Hutchinson again. Police say there were at least a dozen reports of broken windows overnight. It all happened around the 200 block of East Avenue B. It's not the first time this has happened. Similar reports came in this weekend. Seven windows were broken out at a bank, and one woman had to pay nearly 200 dollars to have her driver's side window replaced. Authorities say about 50 windows have been damaged so far. Police don't know who is responsible but they do know how they're doing it. They're using a bb gun. If a suspect is caught, they'll be charged with a felony.

COMMUNITY Q-2

04/01/06

10pm

They say they can figure out your personality just by looking at your writing not your diary on anything you've written. They're called Grapho-analysts. And they say they use a scientific method to determine your personality just by analyzing your handwriting. A group of Grapho-analysts from around the Midwest held a conference today in Wichita studying fears and defenses in writing. If you want your handwriting analyzed it'll cost you. Rates are anywhere from 30 to three hundred dollars.

04/02/06

10pm

They say the first step is public awareness. So hundreds of advocates for the homeless gathered tonight outside Wichita's downtown library to rally in support of a full-time homeless shelter. The event was set up by a group called Advocates for Ending Chronic Homelessness. Officials with the group say there are more than 700 men, women and children sleeping on the streets of Wichita every night. They say a 24-7 homeless shelter that accepts anyone who walks through the door is an essential step in fighting the problem. Tonight's event was also a food drive. Hundreds of cans were collected and will be donated to the Lord's Diner.

04/03/06

10pm

The city of Wichita is looking to spend nearly two million dollars for a new explosives range. The police department will use the range to blow up any illegal fireworks and devices. The city council is expected to approve the purchase tomorrow. The new site will be located in Southwest Sedgwick County.

04/04/06

5pm

A small Kansas town is getting a big spiritual center. Followers of the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi known for transcendental meditation are building a center near Smith Center in the exact geographical center of the

U.S. The group bought 480 acres of land. It already broke ground on the 14-million dollar World Capital of Peace center designed to be a haven for transcendental meditation and organic farming. Smith Center's mayor says the place will bring an economic boost to the area.

04/05/06

5pm

Continuing coverage tonight on a crowded jail; beds at the Sedgwick county jail are coming at a premium. The jail needs hundreds more beds to house an increasing number of inmates who're sent there. A jail expansion project, worth almost 50 million dollars, was approved today by county commissioners. It'll add 384 new beds. The plan also includes money for programs designed to reduce recidivism and cut down on the number of inmates sent to the jail. They range from a mental health assessment center to a separate DUI/drug court to a new work center.

04/06/06

6pm

A 13-year old girl is killed after this crash in eastern Sedgwick County. It happened last night. Troopers tell us a family of six was in their s-u-v when they came upon a slower moving van. As they tried to avoid it they lost control and rolled. 13-year-old Kinnie Hall died at the scene. One man remains in the hospital. Troopers say the girl wasn't wearing a seatbelt because she was thrown from the vehicle.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

04/07/06

6pm

About two-hundred Kansas National Guard members are on their way to fight the war on terror. The men and women will be in Iraq about a year. They are part of an air assault helicopter unit, flying black hawks. Friends and family said goodbye in Topeka, the soldiers say they're ready for the road ahead. The unit will do a little training at Fort Hood in Texas and then head to Iraq.

04/08/06

9am

About a thousand citizens want a grand jury to investigate the case of a Texas woman who died last year after an abortion at Dr. George Tiller's clinic. Today, Operation Rescue gathered outside the courthouse with petitions to convene a Grand Jury. They say the public needs to know what happened to this woman. The board of healing arts already conducted a nine month investigation clearing Tiller of any wrong doing. But Operation Rescue says it wants another look into the issue. Dr. Tiller's attorney says the petition is a waste of public resources. He says if a Grand Jury is convened they'll agree with the Board of Healing Arts.

04/11/06

5pm

A plan to build a baseball complex in northeast Wichita has been in the works for years. Now it's getting closer to reality. Wichita city council members approved partnering up with a non-profit group to build the complex near 29th and Greenwich. The city bought 60 acres of land here adjacent to the Stryker Soccer Complex and put a million dollars aside for the project. It turned out the plan would cost much more so the parks department decided to partner up with the Central plains youth sports.

04/12/06

6am

The animal shelter in Hutchinson says it has no idea how it will spend a huge donation. But they say they are thankful for it. A long-time Hutch resident left the bulk of her estate, as much as one-and-a-half million dollars, to the facility. Gladys Gossage died in February. She and her husband, who passed away years ago, never had children. An attorney for the family said Gossage loved animals. The shelter doesn't know how the money will be spent, but says it's thinking about a low cost spay and neuter clinic.

04/13/06

6am

A crop duster crashes in a northern Kansas field. The pilot walks away. It happened around 11:30 this morning off Highway 36 East of Smith Center. Smith County sheriff's deputies say the pilot flew over a

hill too low & turned and then slid. He spilled 120 gallons of a non-toxic chemical into the ground. A deputy says the pilot only had his temporary license about a month. Authorities say he was lucky. This afternoon deputies were working to move the plane without spilling the fuel inside. Haz-mat crews will have to go out to clean up the contaminated dirt. No one was hurt. The FAA will be out in the morning to investigate.

04/14/06

10pm

There's a new way for parents to keep tabs on their kids. Sprint's new family locator uses G.P.S. technology to locate your child's cell phone. You can follow the interactive map on your own phone or pc. It costs about ten bucks a month and tracks up to four phones. You can even set alerts to let you know when your child gets to a set location, like school. Parents told us these days it could bring peace of mind. Disney Mobile and Verizon wireless are expected to launch similar services in the next few months.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

04/15/06

6pm

The Wichita River Festival is just weeks away and this week; we will learn more about this year's big party. Organizers say they'll talk about concert performers, new events and festival merchandise Monday afternoon. This is the 35th annual river festival it kicks off on May 12th.

04/16/06

10pm

After a two year hiatus Joyland Amusement Park opened back up today, just in time for a long-standing Easter tradition. Not all the rides are open yet; but Joyland's new owners wanted to open up the park in time to resume Joyland's annual Easter egg hunt today. 10-thousand eggs were hidden around the park this afternoon and hundreds of kids turned out to hunt for them.

04/17/06

6pm

Wichitans, how do you feel about living in the air capital? The city wants to know so it's conducting a citizen survey. Three thousand Wichitans were selected at random to take part in the survey. Those people will receive a postcard in the mail letting them know they've been chosen this week then the actual surveys will arrive next week. City leaders talked about the new survey at city hall today. The last time the city conducted a survey like this was twenty years ago. City manager George Kolb says it was time to do it again. If you don't get a survey, but want to get involved, head to the City of Wichita's website, www.wichita.gov surveys are available in English and Spanish.

04/18/06

6pm

If you're worried about getting bird flu-one group says it has a way to stay healthy. PETA put on this demonstration in old town over the noon hour-trying to convince people its better, and safer to be vegetarian. A giant chicken warned of a payback from eating poultry, as two nearly naked women in coffins said they wanted to alert people to conditions that could make them sick. While PETA warns of farming conditions that allow bird flu to spread. The Center for Disease Control website says there is no evidence properly cooked poultry or eggs can be a source of infection for bird flu viruses.

04/19/06

6pm

Paint ball fans will soon have a new place to play in Sedgwick County. Commissioners approved a new paint ball park today near K-96 and Ridge Road. But several area homeowners told the county it's a bad idea. Shook hopes to open the park called the Edge in July. He operated another park in the area for ten years. It closed because of a new residential development.

04/20/06

10pm

The last time a Grand Jury investigated Wichita adult stores, they found only one DVD that broke obscenity laws. But a local anti-porn group wants them to try again. Today, Operation Southwind turned

in 38-hundred signatures calling for a Grand Jury to investigate nine Wichita porn shops to see if they are breaking any obscenity laws. Members of the group say this is a community issue that needs to be looked at. That last Grand Jury investigation was last fall. Priscilla's on West Kellogg was indicted for one DVD it was selling.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

04/21/06

6pm

You can add one to the Kansas population of eagles. A mature female bald eagle flew into Mid-Continent, and boy is her arms tired. Actually, she flew on an airline. The bird was shot in Oklahoma and has been recovering in North Carolina. But when it became obvious she would never fly again so arrangements were made to have her brought to the Eagle Valley Raptor Center near Cheney. The first step is to let the frightened bird get settled. Local animal lovers raised the money for the bird's airline ticket, and three months of food.

04/22/06

6pm

It's a step back in time - in your own back yard. Today marked the first day of the Great Plains Renaissance Festival. As you can see plenty of people dressed and even acted for the occasion. Folks come from all 'round to check out the food, entertainment and culture of the renaissance period. The festival also boasts plenty of shops for people to check out some of the wares of medieval times. The Great Plains Renaissance Festival continues tomorrow at Sedgwick County Park. It runs from ten to six...and will set you back eight dollars for adults and three bucks for kids.

04/24/06

6am

The fee you pay to get into state parks could be a thing of the past. Governor Kathleen Sebelius wants to get rid of the fee and support state parks with lottery funds and tax dollars. But lack of funding is just one problem. Governor Sebelius wants to use 4 million dollars in lottery money to help the state parks. Her plan would also give them more than one- million dollars from the state's general fund.

04/25/06

6pm

Looking for big laughs or little musicians? Then Hutchinson is the place for you this September. The state fair announced its final lineup for this year's fair today. Comedian Bill Engvall of Blue Collar Comedy fame takes the stage September eighth. Also new to the lineup Raven Symone and Lil' J they're set for Friday, September fifteenth. Then, on Saturday the 16th its country acts Sugarland and Trent Tomlinson. Tickets for all of the acts go on sale may thirteenth. You can go to our website for a complete list of state fair acts.

04/26/06

12pm

After months of waiting, pictures of the downtown arena are unveiled. Architects presented county commissioners with three designs today. Design A is made of brick with its front entrance off Emporia with two entry pavilions. The arena bowl sits on a diagonal and there are two exterior roof decks off of the main concourse. Design B is made of both brick and limestone. Its arena bowl sits east to west with the main entrance facing south toward Kellogg. The main entrance will be elevated by an eight foot staircase. And design c is the most contemporary. Architects kept Wichita's aviation history in mind with its wing like roof. This arena bowl sits north to south with the entrance also on Emporia. Architects say all three designs fit within downtown and fall within budget. The county will host six arena design meetings to gather public input. For more information on the meetings, go to our website at www.kwch.com

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

04/27/06

5pm

Crews spend most of the day trying to clean-up after a train derailment in El Dorado. The train went off the tracks late last night because of a failed rail. Six cars derailed off the 27-car train as it was traveling at low-speed... up to 10 miles an hour. No-one was hurt but three intersections were closed for a while. As of late this afternoon Gordy and 4th was still closed.

04/28/06

5pm

Some companies plan to close Monday because of the immigration rallies. Tyson Foods is planning to close nine of its more than 100 plants we checked with the company. It told us the plant in Hutchinson will stay open. We also talked with Cargil after speaking with employees; the company decided to close its Dodge City plant Monday, it will however stay open Tuesday through Saturday. It's also closing four other beef plants and two pork plants around the country.

04/29/06

8am

Its advice no one's ever told you; easy, practical ways to keep your family safe. Next week, watch our series of reports with one of America's most recognized safety experts, Bob Stuber. Be sure to watch Eyewitness News each night at ten. Then join us Thursday, for a family safety presentation. Stuber shows you and your kids how to make a safe escape from dangerous situations. His free, entertaining show could save your life. That's Thursday night at Messiah Baptist Church.

05/02/06

6pm

Via Christi says it wants to build a new emergency room to provide free primary care. The hospital says it sees a lot of people in their ER who don't have insurance and can't afford to pay for treatment and they want to remedy that. Doctors we talked to say the clinic will help doctors and nurses focus on emergencies and patients will spend less time in the waiting room. The clinic will open this fall. The one million dollar project will be paid for through donations and the Via Christi Foundation.

05/03/06

5pm

A false alarm in a Wichita neighborhood; despite what your ears may have been telling you, there was no tornado threat in Wichita today. County officials say a malfunction caused sirens to go off in the southeast part of town. Students at southeast high started safety procedures after the sirens sounded. Officials still aren't sure *why* the sirens went off.

05/04/06

5pm

Businesses in the area where Wichita's downtown arena will be built are about to find out how much money they'll get to move. Sedgwick County planned to send letters to property owners this week telling them the appraised value of their property. Instead arena leaders will visit each property owner and then begin negotiations. That's expected to take a couple of months. If a business doesn't cooperate the county will begin the condemnation process to get the property.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

05/05/06

5pm

A Kansas family sues an animal sanctuary where their teenage daughter was mauled and killed by a tiger last year. 17-year-old Haley Hilderbrand was posing for a picture with the Siberian tiger at the Lost Creek Animal Sanctuary in Southeast Kansas when the tiger attacked. Hilderbrand's father says his daughter wanted to have her picture taken with tiger cubs but the sanctuary's owner decided to use a 550 pound adult tiger instead. The wrongful death lawsuit also claims the owner didn't have anything to restrain the animal when it started attacking.

05/08/06

5am

A state commission found police racially profiled him. But now that same agency discloses he's filed racial discrimination complaints multiple times. The Kansas Human Rights Commission sided with Aaron Patterson last month saying police profiled him during a traffic stop. The commission also says Patterson has filed 18 other complaints with them 6 involve some type of racial discrimination. Patterson's attorney says his client was standing up for his rights in all of the complaints. Wichita police have repeatedly said they did not racially profile him.

05/09/06

6pm

Wichita is a smart city. At least that's what Kiplinger's says. The financial magazine has compiled a list of the top 50 cities. Wichita is ranked 46th. The magazine took cost of living, health care and crime rates into consideration. It also ranked cities based on cultural and recreational activities available. Kiplinger's really liked near-by Kansas City; it came in at number 6. The smartest place to live is Nashville, Tennessee.

05/10/06

5pm

A one car crash leaves two teens in critical condition. It happened this afternoon at 49th Street and Alexander in North Wichita. Police say speed was a factor here. Six teens were in the car; officials say they were skipping class. The driver lost control of the car taking out a fire hydrant and utility pole. Two teens are in critical condition tonight at a Wichita hospital, including the driver. Four other kids in the car received minor injuries. Half of the teens attend North High the other half go to heights high. Height's principal went to the hospital this afternoon to see the kids. It's not the first accident to touch him personally. You'll hear his part of today's story tonight at ten.

05/11/06

5pm

Kansas farmers and ranchers get a chance to brush up on what's new in their industry. The 3-I show kicked off today in Great Bend. For the next couple days vendors from 30 states will line this 4 mile stretch. This year many booths focus on fuel conservation and E-85. G.P.S. features on larger equipment are also a big push. Not everyone's in the market to buy. Coming up tonight at six we'll show you how farming takes flight at the 3-I show.

05/12/06

5pm

Mail carriers across the country will collect food for the hungry today. This is the 14-th year for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. All of the food collected here will go to the Kansas Food Bank. Last year, mail carriers in Wichita collected 170-thousand pounds of food. They hope to beat that number this year. You can help. Just place non-perishable food next to your mailbox before mail delivery on Sat.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

05/13/06

6pm

Most people know Kansas as the fictional home of Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," now one Wichita woman thinks Dorothy's dog, Toto, needs some recognition too. Annette McDonald is leading a petition drive to name the Cairn terrier as the official state dog. McDonald is asking veterinarians and county extension offices to display the petitions. She's also collecting signatures at Dorothy's House in Liberal

and the Oz Museum in Wamego. McDonald plans to present the petitions to lawmakers during the next legislative session.

05/14/06

5:30pm

Tomorrow is your last chance to comment on proposed designs for the new downtown arena. Last month, Sedgwick County unveiled three designs for the arena. Since then, the county has hosted a series of public meetings to gauge public support for each design. Design "A" is made of brick with the front entrance located off Emporia. Design "B" consists of brick and limestone with the main entrance facing Kellogg. Design "C" includes a wing-shaped roof to honor Wichita's aviation history. The arena is scheduled to open in late 2008 or early 2009.

05/15/06

10pm

Flags flew at half staff in Kansas and around the country today. It was in recognition of National Peace Officers Memorial Day. It honors law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. 55 officers have been killed in the U.S. so far this year one in Kansas. A Seward county corrections officer died in a car accident in January while transporting a runaway.

05/16/06

6am

A Marine from Kansas is dead. He was killed fighting in Iraq. The Defense Department says Lance Corporal, Jose Marin Dominguez Junior of Liberal died Sunday. He was 22 years old. It happened during a battle in the Al Anbar Province in Iraq. Marin Dominguez was based out of Hawaii.

05/17/06

5pm

Kansas now has a minimum marriage age. Today Governor Sebelius signed a bill setting 18 as the minimum age to marry in the state. Teenagers who are 16 or 17 years old may marry only if they have consent from one parent or legal guardian and a judge or from both parents. Teenagers who are 15 may marry if a district court judge allows it...after an investigation finds it's in the best interest of the teen. No one under 15 will be allowed to get married in Kansas.

05/18/06

6pm

In Wichita at Century II it smelled a bit like Bourbon Street today. River Festival goers dined on red beans, sausage and seafood gumbo as part of the Cajun Food Fest. All the money raised goes to Goodwill Easter Seals. There are now officially only two days left in this year's festival. Here's a look at tomorrow's highlights; you can start or end your day with the garden party at Botanica. It goes from nine in the morning to 8:30 at night. They have lunch from Piccadilly's... special activities for the kids and music from some of Wichita's finest musicians. There's also the ice cream social. It's from 6 to 7-30 at Kennedy Plaza by Century II. You can get ice cream free for the whole family with a button. And, it's the block party from five to ten. The festivities take place along Douglas near Century II. There'll be games, food and music. The highlight of the evening will be the oldies concert featuring Tommy James and the Shondells and the Turtles.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

05/19/06

6am

The same group that last month sparked an investigation into Wichita porn shops is now going after Topeka. Operation Southwind has collected enough signatures to have a grand jury to investigate whether Topeka adult stores are breaking state obscenity laws. During the Wichita investigation one adult store was indicted. The Topeka effort is led by area ministers.

05/20/06

8am

A two-year old boy dies from being run over. It happened this yesterday afternoon in the 24-hundred block of North Rosenthal. Police say a family frierd was backing out and didn't see the boy. He was taken

to the hospital but died a short time later. Detectives are investigating but they say at this point it appears to be a terrible accident. No names have been released.

05/21/06

5:30am

A Kansas soldier is laid to rest in Liberal. Marine Lance Corporal Jose Marin-Dominguez died while fighting in Iraq. Police say three-to-five hundred members of the patriot guard attended today's service. The Patriot Guard routinely provides a barrier between mourners and anyone wants to disrupt a military funeral.

05/22/06

6pm

A 15 person Grand Jury convened today to investigate the death of a woman who had an abortion performed by Wichita doctor George Tiller. An abortion activist group petitioned and collected enough signatures to form the jury. The group says doctor tiller caused the woman's death. The Kansas Board of Healing Arts already investigated the case and found dr. tiller didn't do anything wrong.

05/23/06

6pm

He's flown it into the record books. Now millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett is piloting the global flyer to its new home at the national air and space museum. He took off for the museum today. Fossett made aviation history using Salina municipal airport as his base of operations. In March of 2005, he made the first non-stop flight around the world without refueling.

05/24/06

6pm

He inspires kids and helps them on bad days. But now riverside elementary kids must say goodbye. Meet Levi, he's a service dog. Levi listened to the kids at Riverside read and helped them with math using dog treats. He also greets kids at the bus. Levi is getting up there in age. He's 13 and a half, that's 94 and a half in dog years. It's time for him to retire. The kids at Riverside threw him a party today to say goodbye. Riverside kids may see a little of Levi next year. He plans to stop in for short visits to check on the kids reading and math skills.

05/25/06

5am

A record attendance for this year's River Festival. Despite an increase in button prices, an estimated 370 thousand people visited the nine day event. A mere 305 thousand people attended the 2005 festival. Organizers credit good entertainment and good weather for the record numbers.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

05/26/06

7am

The state is years away from construction but people in Goddard have a better idea of how changes to Highway 54 will affect their area. The department of transportation last night showed off designs for a flyover. It's a way to deal with more traffic on the highway. The plans show where the road will go and what land the state would need to buy to make it happen. The state doesn't have enough money to build the fly-over now...and it doesn't know when it will.

05/28/06

5:30pm

It will definitely be hot for Memorial Day events around Wichita tomorrow. One of those events is Resthaven Cemetery's 28th annual Memorial Day Celebration. The ceremony starts around 11 o'clock with a concert followed by a KC-135 flyover from McConnell Air Force Base. There's another ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery. That's in the 12-thousand block of 13th street North. Scottish bagpipers will perform. There will also be a presentation on the history of flag folding at military funerals, the firing squad and taps, that service starts at 10am.

05/29/06

10pm

President Bush marks Memorial Day with a bill signing. The new law keeps demonstrators from disrupting military funerals. It's called the "Respect for America's Fallen Heroes act". It prevents protests within 300 feet of the entrance of a national cemetery. And that's just about how far Fred Phelps's group stood from the entrance of Arlington Cemetery today. The bill that the president signed is aimed right at this Kansas church group. The Westboro Baptist Church says soldier deaths are god's vengeance for what the group considers American support for gays. A uniformed Marine lunged toward one of the church protesters outside Arlington today. A counter protest across the street in support of troops drew friendly honks and waves.

05/30/06

6pm

The lakes weren't the only busy spots this Memorial Day weekend. Wichita ER's also saw more people than they're used to. Wesley's ER saw 680 patients over the three day weekend. A normal three-day average is 546. Via Christi's two emergency rooms had a total of 986 patients. Saturday and Sunday were about average. But the 347 ER patients who came in Monday were a 25-percent jump. The normal Monday average is 280. Doctors say they treated people after boating accidents, car wrecks, and heat exhaustion.

05/31/06

5pm

The county buys its first two properties to build the downtown arena. Commissioners approved a contract today for about one point four million dollars. It's to buy the nightclub Tabu which is located at 305 South St. Francis and a parking lot on the same street. The county needs to buy 24 other properties to build the arena. Several property owners tell us they're not happy with the county's first offer and are still negotiating. If the county can't reach an agreement with each owner it will condemn the property.

06/01/06

6pm

Researchers at K-State predict a shortage of large-animal veterinarians in the next ten years. Experts say a shortage could hurt scientists' ability to detect diseases such as foot and mouth and mad cow. The study finds that while demand for rural vets is expected to increase 12 percent in the next decade, 4 out of 100 vet openings will go unfilled. The department of agriculture has yet to comment on the report.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

06/02/06

5pm

You may have watched today's episode of Oprah. But it was a re-run. The talk show star wasn't anywhere close to her studio in Chicago. Today you'd find Oprah in Kansas! The owner of the Marchell Ranch Restaurant says this Friday was shaping up like any other when Oprah, her best friend Gayle and about 18 others came in. Oprah says she's just passing through. Her team is working on a show traveling from California to New York and they only stayed about an hour. Everyone at the restaurant was so surprised nobody thought to take any pictures. One man who's been a tour guide in Dodge City for years was one of the lucky ones to bump into her. Charles Meade is 71 years old. He says his wife is a big Oprah fan... She records the show everyday. Meade says his wife is having a hard time believing the story.

06/03/06

8am

And things appear to be looking up for a group of Reno County horses. You may recall the four horses were taken away from their owner two weeks ago. That's after neighbors complained they looked like they had been neglected. We talked with a veterinarian who has been caring for the animals. He says they seem to be doing better and gaining weight. He tells us he's separated the skinniest from the others so it doesn't get muscled out when it's time to eat.

06/04/06

5:30pm

Free speech advocates say the current push to limit protests at military funerals may violate the first amendment. Advocates say while people may disagree with what groups like the Westboro Baptist Church say, the groups have a constitutional right to say it. However, supporters of the restrictions say limiting free speech is necessary to give grieving families their privacy. The Topeka based church claims military deaths are caused by U.S. acceptance of homosexuality.

06/05/06

6pm

Genesis won't be getting any tax breaks from the city. Genesis health clubs filed a lawsuit against the city after it took back tax breaks that it originally approved for the health club. City leaders called it a mistake after another fitness club filed for the same tax breaks. Today a judge rules the city has every right to take the breaks back.

06/06/06

6pm

Today's the day some expectant mothers were hoping not to give birth. It's June 6th, 2006. In other words 6-6-6 is a number associated with the Anti-Christ in the bible. Hollywood producers are taking advantage of the hype and the fear surrounding the date. They released The Omen today, a movie about a demon-child. While 6-6-6 is known as the mark of the beast; there's nothing in the bible that says there's anything wrong with being born on that day. That's good news for a handful of new mom's and dad's in the Wichita area. So far today five babies have been born at Wesley. Hospital officials say they have at least four more on the way. Nine moms gave birth today at Via Christi Saint Francis. They're also expecting a few more tonight.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

06/07/06

10pm

Chalk one up for the residents of a south Wichita neighborhood. They've convinced the county commission not to let a landfill go up near their homes. The county was considering approving the 59 acre landfill to be built here near Macarthur and the big ditch. Residents in the area complained it would hurt property values. Kathy Perry says she started shopping for a new home the day she heard the landfill might be moving in. She says it's not just the property value she was worried about but the air, water contamination, and more debris and traffic. County commissioners heard several complaints from people living in the area. Today they voted unanimously not to allow the landfill.

06/08/06

10pm

Residents of a Shawnee neighborhood say they knew there were cats in the house next door to them but they had no idea how many. The odor was coming from the 36 cats living in a house next door. Officials say when they arrived at the home today they found feces covering the floors and other unacceptable living conditions. Turns out it was just the cats living in the home. The owner says she rented it just for them. She lives somewhere else. The cats were taken out of the home and to a local vet. No word on what charges the owner could face.

06/09/06

5am

A warning from the postal service about a mail scam. Many of the victims have been contacted on internet chat rooms by e-mail and over the phone. The scam involves an offer to pay you for your help in cashing a money order then wiring the money to someone else. The problem comes when you discover the money order is a counterfeit, and your bank account takes the hit. Postal inspectors say most offers

of quick and easy money are rip-offs. For more information on how to make sure a postal money order is legitimate and how to file a complaint if you've gotten a fake one log onto our website at www.kwch.com

06/10/06

6pm

It's not open yet but Wichitans had a chance to get a sneak peak at the city's newest athletic club this afternoon. Hundreds turned out for an open house at the northwest YMCA. The branch is the largest in the state at 102-thousand square feet. And while they're already six YMCA's in the Wichita area; visitors say they can't wait for this one to open. The Y opens for good on Monday.

06/11/06

5:30pm

One teenager is dead and the search continues for two more along with a teacher from Labette County, missing in Costa Rica. They were swimming on a school trip last night when strong currents swept them away. Missing is 17-year-old Jessica Pierce of Altamont, 7-year-old Andrew Harpstrite of Cherryvale and 26-year-old teacher Brett Carlson of Parsons. A third student 18-year-old Danielle Tongier of Altamont died.

06/11/06

6pm

One group that knows how valuable volunteers can be is Big Brothers Big Sisters. The organization matches adults with at-risk youngsters to act as mentors. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kansas is the largest mentoring organization of its kind in the country. It served more than 56-hundred kids last year. The organization says Kansas volunteers tend to pass along their good nature. Despite the number of volunteers, Big Brothers Big Sisters still needs more help. There are three thousand kids across the state that needs mentors most of them are boys. You can call 1-888- KS-4-BIGS for more information on how to become a big brother or a big sister.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

06/13/06

10pm

A new survey shows Wichitan's want the city to make changes when it comes to dangerous dogs. The survey conducted by Wichita Independent Neighborhoods got what the group calls an overwhelming response. It was released at the city council meeting today; one day after a Wichitan Blaine Tharp was attacked by two pit bulls while playing golf at Rolling Hills golf course. City Councilman Bob Martz was playing golf that day and witnessed the attack. Tharp says the dogs were unprovoked and shouldn't be in the city. Wichita independent neighborhoods isn't calling for breed specific bans, but wants better enforcement of laws already in place even if it means hiring more animal control staff.

06/14/06

10pm

You might say the city of Wichita is trying to build on Wal-Mart's success. That seems to be the driving force behind the city annexing nearly 200 acres of land. It is located at 53rd and Meridian behind a proposed Wal-Mart site. Developers want to build 270 homes in the area. The plan also calls for 58 acres to be developed into commercial property. The development would be called Northgate.

06/15/06

6pm

No sign of 14 year old Chelsea Brooks. Her parents say she disappeared last Friday and police are particularly concerned because the eighth grader is nine months pregnant and due any day. Police tell us they've received just one tip since Chelsea's story made the news yesterday. We talked to her father tonight... He says they haven't heard anything from police.

06/16/06

6pm

Dozens of family and friends are remembering the four victims at a service right now in Parsons. The service is being called a celebration of life rather than a memorial service. In addition to their teacher, students Andrew Harpstrite, Jessica Pierce, and Danielle Tongier drowned during the ten-day trip to Costa Rica. We'll have more on the service coming up tonight on eyewitness news at ten.

06/17/06

6pm

As the fight over immigration continues some groups want to change the way the debate is presented. Hispanic groups from around the state met this afternoon in downtown Wichita. Organizers discussed everything from the immigration debate, to education to succeeding in business. The meeting was sponsored by the Hispanic American Leadership Organization and the Future Latino Leaders of Wichita.

06/18/06

10pm

They're known across the country for picketing at soldier's funerals. Today they were on the receiving end of a protest. A Florida rock band staged a protest of its own against Westboro Baptist church. The group Biteboy traveled from Florida to perform at a home next to the church in Topeka this afternoon. The event was meant as a protest against the church, which says god is killing soldiers because America tolerates homosexuality. The concert was cut short, however because of a noise complaint. Concert goers continued their protest with a march...without the music.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

06/19/06

6pm

It's certainly a contrast in vacation options. This commercial promoting Kansas tourism will start airing this week in the heart of New York City. It'll run about a dozen times a day in Times Square for the next three weeks. Its part of the states rejuvenates campaign... to draw tourists to the sunflower state. Airing the commercials in Times Square costs about 40-thousand bucks.

06/20/06

6pm

Across the country small town police departments are short-handed. That includes communities in southwest Kansas. Dodge City's police force is down 5 officers and so is Garden City, Pratt is down two officers. Liberal's missing one and Larned is down two. Many police departments in southwest Kansas now recruit at job fairs in other states. They especially need bi-lingual officers and pay more for those skills. Most officers in the region start at 30-thousand dollars a year.

06/21/06

5pm

Nearly half of the house fires in Wichita last year could have been prevented. Crews hope a new grant will help keep that number down. The Wichita Fire Department got a 20-thousand dollar check. It will be used to buy what's called a Hazard House. That's a small scale house that firefighters will use to help people identify hazards in their home. Officials say out of the 285 fires they battled last year, 135 of those incidents could have been prevented. The grant comes from IMA of Kansas and the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.

06/22/06

5pm

Why did the duck cross the road? You know the answer right; to get to the other side. But, getting to the other side in one ducks case proved to be a traumatic trip for ten of its babies. This was the search and rescue scene at William and Topeka when *ten* baby ducks fell into a storm drain. About a dozen people showed up to get them out. After two hours all ten babies were recovered. They were released into the river just a few blocks away.

06/23/06

6pm

Those who find it hard paying the rent can soon apply for help. The city of Wichita will soon take new applicants for section 8 housing. The waiting list for the aid has been closed for over four years, but there are new openings. The city will take applications for one week only starting Monday, June 26 through the 30th. Families must meet certain income requirements. Section 8 does give preference to families whose head of household is a victim of domestic violence, homeless, or enrolled in school or training. Families in the program pay 30 percent of their annual adjusted income to the landlord and section 8

picks up the rest of the tab. Applications can be picked up at several locations around town or you can also apply on line. For a link and the application locations go to our website at www.kwch.com

06/24/06

8am

For the twentieth year there won't be a Wichita State football team this fall. But there are efforts being made to revive the program. Yesterday Mayor Carlos Mayans met with WSU President Don Beggs. The mayor suggested a plan involving tax money as well as private donations to kick off a new era at Cessna Stadium. But Dr. Beggs fears that would take a toll in other areas. Beggs says he'd love to bring back football but it would have to be funded by private donors. Wichita state dropped football in 1986 because the program was losing millions of dollars.

COMMUNITY Q-2 cont.

06/25/06

5:30PM

The family of a soldier killed in Iraq receives a one of a kind gift. Army Major Paul Syverson died in June of 2004. Nellie Miller took Syverson's Fatigues and turned them into a quilt. Today she presented the quilt to Syverson's widow Jackie, and his son Paul Junior. Miller says she didn't do it alone. She got help from her quilting group at church.

06/26/06

5pm

Family and friends filled a school auditorium today to remember a Kansas teacher who died trying to save his students. Brett Carlson died earlier this month in Costa Rica he was swept away by currents. He was a Spanish teacher at Labette County high school and was in Costa Rica with students on a language and arts trip. Brett Carlson grew up in Arkansas City. His funeral today was held at the middle school there.

06/27/06

6pm

Cowtown says it's putting off paying some bills to pay its employees. Despite cutting its deficit in half, the museum is still juggling bills in order to meet the payroll. The museum has 17 full-time employees and hires 15 more during the summer. Museum officials say they are considering cutting hours, having a benefit concert, or forming a committee to discuss fund-raising efforts.

06/28/06

5pm

It was supposed to be open by the time the state fair began. But tonight there's a delay in the opening of the Kansas Underground Salt Museum in Hutchinson. Construction there has been going on for years. The idea was to have the museum open in early September to boost tourism during the state fair in Hutch. Tonight officials at the Reno County historical society say they had to push that back. They're still waiting for approval of the sale of four-point-eight million dollars in bonds. That puts the first phase of the museum's visitor center on hold. Officials still hope the museum will be open in October.

06/29/06

6pm

The great race is making a pit stop in Wichita. It's the country's longest running vintage car rally, and it's a race against time. Participants are driving their cars across county hoping to be the first to cross the finish line. Tomorrow Wichita is on their agenda. They went through Hays a couple years ago. Here's a look at the schedule. The classic cars will start arriving around six tomorrow night and will roll in for a couple hours. The finish line is in front of Century II. Later in the evening you can watch the 1965 classic movie "The Great Race" at the Orpheum. It costs five dollars to get into the theatre. The race started five days ago in Philadelphia and it ends in San Rafael, California, July 8th.

ECONOMY Q-2

04/02/06

10pm

A Wichita phone company is accused of defrauding poor customers. According to the Kansas corporation commission, best phone company bilked thousands of customers out of three dollars and fifty cents each a month. The KCC says that fee was supposed to go toward federal credits to help pay their bills but didn't. State regulators also accuse the company of over-charging customers and selling long distance without a license. Company officials say they didn't do anything wrong with the federal credits and they're working to solve some of their other problems.

04/04/06

5am

A national survey on airline quality finds, once again the low-fare carriers are on top. For the third consecutive year Jet Blue gets the prize. Second place goes to a name you're familiar with, AirTran. Independence Air ranks third. 2005 is the first year it was included in the study. Southwest and United round out the top five. The study ranks an airline based on mishandled baggage, on-time performance, denial of boarding the plane, and consumer complaints. The study shows overall the airline industry performed worse in 2005. The increase is due largely to a significant increase in mishandled bags.

04/06/06

10pm

The price of gas is up again. The change happened overnight and it went up 15 cents a gallon. The average price for a gallon of unleaded regular is 2.59 in Wichita. Some say it's the usual hike-right before the summer travel season. Others say it's the low supply with political tension in oil producing countries. But some analysts say energy traders also influence gas prices by bidding on the price of oil-and cashing in on fears of low supplies.

04/07/06

10pm

Hong Kong is banning beef from a Kansas processing plant. That's because bone was found in a shipment from Wichita based Cargill Meat Solutions. Hong Kong fears mad cow disease could be spread through the bone. This is the second time Hong Kong as suspended American beef imports.

04/08/06

9am

Workers at this Ark City meat packing plant have the day off Monday so they can protest immigration reform. The government is considering making it a felony for illegal immigrants to be in the country. Many Creekstone Farms workers say they want to take part in a peaceful protest on the issue next week.

04/10/06

10pm

Your summer vacation could eat into your wallet more than you expected. From the Consumer Watch...prices at the pump have steadily been rising for a couple months. According to the Lundberg survey prices jumped 17 cents in the last two weeks. Nationally, a gallon of gas is averaging two dollars and 67 cents. That's up 42 cents since February. The survey blames the price hike on last year's hurricanes and predicts prices will drop soon. Other analysts predict gasoline shortages due to summer travel and say prices will rise even higher.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

04/12/06

5pm

Experts forecasted it and we told you it would happen and it did. Gas prices went up again overnight, up 15 cents. In Wichita you now have to pay two dollars 75 a gallon that's a big increase from a month ago when you could buy gas for 2.28.

04/13/06

5pm

Airlines say they have to make up for paying more for fuel. So that means ticket prices are more expensive. They're also tacking on extra fees and even though more people are flying now than in the past five years airlines are cutting back on the number of flights to save money on fuel. But that doesn't stop people from flying; in fact the average flight is now fuller than ever. Analysts say ticket prices are going up now faster than ever before. They're up 12 percent since 9-11 and experts say they're expected to go up another 10 percent by the end of the year. Airlines are tacking on extra fees most recently a 50 dollar fee on their unrestricted coach prices. And it gets even worse depending on the destination. For example, a flight from Chicago to Washington D.C. costs 399 dollars, that's 71 percent increase from last year. So the best thing you can do is plan way ahead. The earlier you book the better deal you'll get. Experts also say you can sometimes save money by looking for flights into cities that are near your destination. Check the dates you want to travel sometimes changing that can make a difference in the price.

04/15/06

6pm

We have two extra days to file taxes this year - but that doesn't mean people aren't procrastinating. Your returns or extensions must be postmarked by midnight Monday, the seventeenth, or you'll face penalties. The Internal Revenue Service says it expects 1-hundred-35 million returns this year. The average refund is more than 23-hundred dollars this year. Also a warning the Wichita postal service won't be extending hours to take in last minute returns. The last collection in Wichita on Monday is 8 pm. That's at the general mail facility near the airport.

04/17/06

10pm

Boeing not the only one making cuts tonight. Kansas courts could be in danger of a temporary shut down. The judicial budget is short more than 3 and a half million dollars. The Legislature has allowed the court to levy a service charge on certain court fillings. But this year law makers aren't likely to approve that. The high court will have to get creative to make up the money. In past budget crunches the court has considered shutting down some days or cutting hours in filing offices. Adding to the crunch, judges are due a 9-thousand dollar raise this year.

04/18/06

5pm

A new development in Wichita would bring another Home Depot store to town. The city council approved the new development near 47th and Broadway today. It's an eight-point-six million dollar project with the home improvement store as an anchor. One and half million dollars will be paid through tax incentives. The plan still needs a public hearing and approval from Sedgwick County commissioners and the school board.

ECONOMY

04/19/06

10pm

There seems to be no relief in sight for sticker shock at the pump. For the third day in a row, crude oil closed at a record high of 72 dollars & 17 cents a barrel. That has some calling for the government to investigate price gouging. When you adjust for inflation prices are nearing levels reached during the energy crisis in the 1970's when waiting in line for hours for gas became a daily exercise for drivers across the country. The high prices at the pump are also causing this year's congressional election to turn to pump politics. Today New York Senator Charles Schumer used a gas station as a political prop calling for the Federal Trade Commission to investigate if oil companies are withholding gas production to drive up prices. OPEC ministers say they do not have the capacity to increase oil production because of increasing demand in China and the U-S.

04/21/06

6pm

Here's some news you don't want to hear. Once again today crude oil hit an all time high. It's at 75 dollars a barrel now. And you know what that means for you. Nationwide, a gallon of unleaded averages 2.85 that's 60 cents higher than it was a year ago. Here in Wichita, it's about 2.77 a gallon. The record here is 3.19 that happened last year after hurricane Katrina.

04/22/06

10pm

With fuel reaching extreme prices so are the measures drivers are taking to be able to fill up. Some are even resorting to pawning items to pay for gas. DVD's and jewelry is a couple of the items. Sometimes even their livelihood. Like this construction worker who has pawned some of his work tools to be able to fuel up. Pawn shop management says they've always had people coming in to pawn things for gas.

04/26/06

12pm

A Park City company gets a multi million dollar contract. The contract will bring new jobs with it. Miami Dade County in Florida is ordering 300 buses from Optima Bus Corporation, the biggest transit bus contract in the history of the U.S. transit industry. The 178 million dollar contract will mean 70 new jobs at the company in the next 6 months.

04/27/06

5am

There's some good news for the economy in Wichita. Invista is bringing 60 new jobs to the area each with an annual salary of 85 thousand dollars a year. The Wichita based manufacturer will also be expanding its facilities here in the metro. Back in 2003 Koch industries bought Invista and relocated the company to Wichita. It makes Stainmaster and Lycra.

04/28/06

6pm

Gas prices can hit the average person pretty hard but in rural America where salaries are lower and driving distances greater the pain at the pump can be excruciating. Kim Hooper runs a farm in rural Iowa. She also drives to town for another job. Hooper spends 5-hundred dollars a month on gas commuting from her farm to work. She spends another 2-hundred dollars a month to run her farm equipment. At a total of \$700 dollars, it's 20 percent of her family's monthly take home income. Triple-A says right now the average cost of a gallon of unleaded gasoline is 2.93. The cost to get a gallon of diesel is 2.95.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

04/30/06

10pm

Annoyed by soaring gas prices? Get used to it. The U.S. Secretary of Energy took up the pain at the pump this morning on NBC's "Meet the Press". He says prices are on the rise because suppliers can't keep up with demand and that means the high prices could stick around for another three years. Some web-surfers think they have the solution. Check out this e-mail. It advises readers to boycott Exxon-mobile until prices come down. An entire county in Texas is going to give it a shot, starting tomorrow. Here in Wichita, we found gas for two-73.

05/02/06

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Gas prices have been pretty steady for the past week or so but they're still high, about 2.70 a gallon at most places. You might think that would impact local charities that depend on volunteers to drive their own cars. FactFinder 12 checked and found that's not really the case. We called Meals On Wheels which uses volunteers to deliver hot meals to elderly Wichitans who can't cook for themselves. The charity says its lucky very few volunteers have stopped because of high gas prices. It's working to keep delivery routes as short as possible so drivers don't have to go as far but with both the city and the need growing that's becoming more difficult. We also talked with catholic charities and the Salvation Army. They haven't noticed a change in the number of volunteers because of gas prices. Both charities did say they have to absorb more of the cost and that really adds up, especially when it comes to heating costs over the winter.

05/04/06

6pm

How much money will property owners on the new downtown arena site get for their land? They'll find out this week. Last year county commissioners decided on this site for the area near the old Spaghetti Warehouse building. The county is meeting with 27 property owners, in the area, to tell them how much their property appraised for. Then the county will begin negotiations.

05/07/06

10pm

Getting married in Kansas could soon cost you less. Right now you pay 75 dollars for a marriage license but it could soon go down to 50. Since 2002 courts have charged a 25 dollar surcharge to cover a budget shortfall. State lawmakers have agreed to add more money to the court system making that extra 25 bucks unnecessary. It's not official yet; both lawmakers and the governor must sign off on it. If approved, it will become law on July first.

05/08/06

6pm

A new survey finds high gas prices are forcing Americans in all income levels to make lifestyle changes. The poll says Americans are driving less, trimming vacations and cutting back on heating and air conditioning. The pressure is being felt increasingly by middle-income and higher-income families. Seven in ten people say gas prices are causing a financial pinch. When asked what would be a fair price for gasoline, many of those surveyed said two-dollar a-gallon on average. But according to Triple-A that price hasn't been seen consistently in the U-S for more than a year.

ECONOMY Q-2

05/09/06

6pm

With high gas prices everyone is looking for alternative energy sources. Kansans won't have to go far. Today investors broke ground on the Goodland Energy Center. It will go up five miles west of Goodland in Sherman County. Construction on the coal-fired power plant starts today. The Center is still waiting on permits for the ethanol and bio-diesel plants to begin construction. Developer's estimate all plants will be up and running in a year. The complex is expected to create between 70 and 80 jobs.

05/10/06

10pm

So how much does a teenage driver affect your insurance? FactFinder 12 has the answer. According to K-DOT the average parent pays 600 dollars a year for car insurance. When a teen starts driving the premium goes up to 14 hundred dollars. If the teen gets a ticket your insurance can jump to one

thousand 680 dollars. With two tickets its two thousand dollars. If you're teen gets in a crash its 22 hundred dollars. With two teen wrecks you'll pay more than 28 hundred dollars a year for insurance.

05/15/06

10pm

New tonight, not just more to fill your car but the cost of gas to heat your home may go up. Kansas Gas Service wants a rate hike with an average of 7-dollars 65 cents a month. The last increase was in 2003 and since then, KGS says it invested 170 million in its distribution system. The company also proposed a different rate structure for homeowners that it calls more flexible. The Kansas Corporation Commission has about 8 months to decide on the request.

05/16/06

10pm

We're spending more and saving less. The average U.S. household with debt has plenty of it, 10 to 12-thousand dollars. And savings dropped last year to the lowest level since the great depression. But no matter how much you owe or how much you make, there are ways to save. Saving can be even harder if you have a lot of credit card debt. Witherspoon recommends people at least try to save while they pay off debt but it's not always possible. You can check out all of our top 5's plus online extras. All this week on our website www.kwch.com just scroll down on the home-page and click on FactFinder 12 top 5.

05/17/06

10pm

Amidst the soaring prices at the pump there is some good economic news. The Center for Economic Development released its employment forecast today. It predicts 49 hundred new jobs will come to the Wichita area this year. More than nine thousand new jobs have come to the metro in the past two years.

05/18/06

10pm

Tuition rates are on the rise again. All six public universities in Kansas asked the Board of Regents for permission to raise tuition and fees. Wichita state is asking for a 6 point 7 percent raise or fifteen more dollars a credit hour. KU asked for the most, 13 point 7 percent, or another 25 dollars an hour. Traditionally, tuition hikes pay for faculty and staff salaries, library books and operating expenses. Students here at WSU say they don't like it but there's nothing they can do about it. The board of regents asked the universities for more information about where the new money would be spent. The Regents will make their final decision in June.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

05/21/06

5:30am

Governor Kathleen Sebelius will be Wichita this week. Tomorrow the governor will sign a bill that eliminates the property tax on business machinery and equipment. The governor says the tax discourages companies from expanding. Later in the day she'll meet with members of a Chinese delegation from Henan Province Kansas's sister state in China.

05/22/06

5am

We probably don't need to say this...but there aren't too many people who like the price at the pump right now. But don't go telling that to someone from another city because Wichita's gas is the cheapest in the nation right now. That's in our Consumer Watch. The Lundberg survey checked about 7 thousand gas stations around the U.S. over the last few weeks. It found Wichita's average price for a gas of unleaded at 2.59. Wichitans were happy to have the cheapest gas around. But when the lowest gas prices are hovering about 2.60, it's not much to celebrate. The most expensive gas in the U.S. can be found in San Diego at 3.40 a gallon. The nation's average price of gas has gone up 70 cents since late February.

05/23/06

6pm

Eyewitness News is helping you find the best gas prices. Today we found it at 2.54 a gallon. That's at the Kwik Shop at 37th and Meridian with a Dillon's discount card. Throughout the summer, Eyewitness

News will help you get the most for your money. Call us with the best price you find at 831-6082. You can also e-mail us at www.cheapgas@kwch.com Eyewitness News at six fills you in on the best deal every night.

05/25/06

5pm

You may have noticed...it happened again -- just in time for the holiday weekend. Prices at the pumps jumped as high as 15 cents in some places around Wichita. Across the country, people are looking to save. And some states are thinking about helping by cutting gas taxes. You may surprised how much of your money at the pump goes to taxes

05/26/06

5am

Triple A estimates more than 37 million Americans will drive at least 50 miles or more this holiday weekend. Eight-four percent will go by vehicle. Eleven percent plan to take a plane. The remaining five percent will travel by train or bus. We wanted to know what you're planning. In a FactFinder 12 scientific survey we asked 450 people if the price of gas is weighing on your decision to travel this weekend. 54 percent say it is a major factor. 44 percent of you say you're not driving because of prices at the pump.

05/27/06

8am

Many of you will be hitting the road this weekend. An estimated 37 million Americans will travel this weekend 84 percent of them by car. That's 200 thousand more than last year. Today we found gas prices at two dollars and 65 cents here in Wichita. And prices at the pump don't see to be affecting your holiday plans. Many bed and breakfasts nation wide are offering incentives to draw Memorial Day travelers by giving them gas cards.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

05/28/06

5:30pm

Most businesses and government offices will be closed tomorrow. Federal, state and local government offices in the Wichita area will close their doors. Most banks and libraries will also be closed. There will be no mail service. Also liquor stores will not be open.

05/31/06

12pm

Ethanol's popularity is giving corn farmers something they haven't seen in years rapidly rising corn prices. The price for a bushel of corn has jumped 50 cents to two dollars and fifty cents in the last six months. Industry experts think the trend will continue through the next decade because last year's federal energy bill mandates alternative fuels be used across the country.

06/03/06

6pm

Another demonstration today in Wichita puts protestors against payday loan companies. These people say too many people are getting trapped by these types of loans. Payday loans are short-term loans that people use to get cash in between pay periods. Wichita has more than 50 companies protestors say too often, people take out loans when they can't afford to. The group will hold a public meeting about the issue. They've invited representatives from the state bank commissioner's office state lawmakers and city officials. If you want to go it's June 10th at Tabernacle Baptist Church. The meeting starts at 11 a.m.

06/05/06

5pm

New numbers paint a grim picture of the Kansas housing market. A study by realty-track shows there were more than twice as many foreclosures in Kansas in April of this year compared to last year.

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6am

New numbers paint a grim picture of the Kansas housing market. A study by Realty-Track shows there were more than twice as many foreclosures in Kansas in April of this year compared to last year. But what's causing all the foreclosures? Wichita state real estate expert Stan Longhoffer says an increase in foreclosures isn't as bad a sign as you might think. He says a steady upward trend is a natural result of having more property on the market. And the big, state-wide jumps are not playing out in Wichita where foreclosures are up only 23 percent. So, how can the state-wide numbers be so high? KU real estate expert Kirk McClure says declining home values in Western Kansas are likely to blame for many recent foreclosures. He says that's causing too many home owners to go upside down on their mortgages. Plus he thinks there are just too many homes for the market to support.

06/08/06

6pm

The Kiowa area straddling the Oklahoma-Kansas border has received less than two inches of rain since October. That lack of rain is expected to hurt this year's wheat crop. A normal winter wheat crop is worth between \$16 million and \$18 million dollars to the local economy. This year's crop is expected to be worth about half that amount. But the news is not all bad. The wheat did better than many farmers expected given the lack of rain.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

06/09/06

6pm

Senator Sam Brownback is upset about congress' decision to cut four-billion dollars in farm disaster aid from a new spending bill. The money was intended to help farmers and ranchers cope with high energy prices and losses from drought, floods and other natural disasters. Senators added the funding to an emergency spending bill for the Iraq war and Hurricane Katrina. Brownback supports a pledge by President Bush to veto the measure if it tops 95-billion dollars.

06/10/06

6pm

Hays isn't the only place to catch big bikes this weekend. The Big Dog Tornado Rally starts tomorrow in downtown Wichita. The rally started three years ago with an open house attended by three-thousand people. Last year, 12-thousand people came out and this year Big Dog expects more than 30-thousand people to show up.

06/11/06

5:30pm

Flying is about to get more expensive. A Consumer Watch Alert for you tonight. United says it plans to raise domestic ticket prices by five-to-ten dollars each way this summer. The airline says high fuel costs are the blame. Other airlines are expected to follow suit. This is the sixth jump in airfares by major carriers since the first of the year.

06/12/06

10pm

New tonight the company's been around just over ten years. But tonight, ICM of Colwich is honored with the governor's award of excellence. ICM'S CEO accepted the award at the ceremony at the Wichita Marriott. ICM designs ethanol processing facilities around the world. It started with 20 employees in 1995 and now has more than 300. Great Plains Manufacturing of Salina was named the governor's exporter of the year. Great Plains makes agricultural machinery for planting, seeding, tilling and spraying. It exports to more than 25 international markets.

06/13/06

10pm

If you're in the market to buy a house count yourself lucky to live in Wichita. According to National City Corp the average price for a house in Wichita is 95 thousand dollars. The study looked at the market in terms of income and employment rates and found homes in Wichita are actually undervalued by 12 percent. In Topeka the average house is priced just above 100 thousand dollars. In Lawrence homes range around 155 thousand dollars. And in Kansas City the average house costs 136 thousand dollars.

06/14/06

5pm

The contract that keeps Air-Tran flying into Wichita has a new name on it. Sedgwick County Commissioners voted today to take over the contract. The change helps Wichita with a government complaint that by subsidizing Air-Tran it discriminates against other airlines. Since 2002, Wichita has given Air-Tran subsidies to keep it flying into town believing the competition keeps prices down. The new contract gives Air-Tran 7 million dollars a year. Wichita and Sedgwick County will each pay one million- the rest will come from state money.

ECONOMY Q-2 cont.

06/15/06

6pm

The Convention and visitors bureau hopes four groups will bring in more than a million dollars to the Wichita economy. The national federation of the grand order of pachyderm club will be here next June. The group is a Republican Party organization. Then in October 2007 the American Bonanza Society will be in town. The group has more than 10-thousand members with interests in bonanza type planes. The society of allied weight engineers will hold its international convention in May of 2009. The National Watershed Coalition comes to town later that year. The group deals with national resource issues.

06/23/06

5pm

Workers at one of Hutchinson's largest employers heard details today of plans to close the Eaton plant. Eaton makes parts of hydraulic pumps, motors and gear products. 453 people work at the Hutchinson plant. Eaton says the company is looking to consolidate to cut costs and be more efficient. Some of the work from the Hutchinson plant could be moved to other locations or to outside suppliers. Eaton says a final decision will come in about a month.

06/25/06

5:30pm

Governor Kathleen Sebelius will be in Wichita tomorrow. The governor will visit Mid-Continent Airport sign Senate Bill 475. The bill creates the state affordable airfare fund. The fund calls for five million dollars each year to provide more flight options, more competition for air travel, and lower fares.

06/26/06

10pm

It was mostly ceremonial but Governor Sebelius says she had to show just how important the bill she signed today is the bill creates a fund to bring more flights, more competition and cheaper airfares to Wichita's airport. The bill creates a 5-million dollar fund each year. The money will be given as grants the state will pay 75 percent, local governments will come up with 25 percent.

06/27/06

6pm

The aviation industry isn't struggling. A new study foresees five years of growth for it. Wichita State's Center for Economic Development and Business Research put out the new forecast. Director Janet Harrah says aviation will continue to create high-wage jobs, but perhaps not at the rate it did in the past. The study predicts five years of employment growth in Kansas, followed by three years of decline before another growth spurt.

06/29/06

10pm

Cowtown is short 150 thousand dollars and asks the city and county for help. The two met in a closed door session today. Afterwards, the city and county told us they have ideas to help keep Cowtown afloat without spending money. One idea is reducing the days of operation. It won't share other ideas until they can talk to the Cowtown board about them. But Cowtown's director says they've cut back as much as they can without jeopardizing programs. The city and county say if Cowtown takes suggestions everything should work out. Cowtown already received more than 700 thousand dollars this year from the city and county.

EDUCATION Q-2

04/01/06

8am

The superintendent of the Wichita school district wants to know who put students up to a walkout Friday morning. More than a hundred students cut class to march to Wichita's City Hall. They're protesting proposed changes to immigration policy. Winston Brooks says he doesn't think the walkout was the students' idea. Because the students walked out during state assessments they were told they couldn't go back to school. They'll need a parent to come in with them Monday but their absence will still be considered unexcused.

04/03/06

10pm

This Goddard school bus driver passed out and died while taking kids to school today. The Goddard School District tells us Bob Waygerrer veered off the road. He came to a stop in a field. A student used the buses radio to call dispatch and told them what happened. School police came out and tried giving him first aid. Waygerer was pronounced dead at the hospital. Eight students from the middle and high schools were on the bus. Counselors were on hand today... to talk with those students about what happened.

04/11/06

10pm

Abstinence only, abstinence plus, or abstinence until marriage? That's the debate among Kansas State Board of Education members meeting at North High School. Kathy Martin is a board member proposing changes to Wichita's sex education. But she is not supporting an abstinence only curriculum as many believed. What she wants is abstinence until marriage. Wichita's public schools have taught both abstinence and preventative sex for the past 16 years.

04/12/06

5pm

Wichita police believe a 16-year-old set up a drug lab in his Riverside home; making batches of the date rape drug. Police arrested two students at Northeast Magnet yesterday afternoon. They say the teens were distributing the drug at school. That led them back to one of the student's homes where police spent all night dismantling what they described as a drug lab.

04/13/06

6pm

Barton county community college hires a replacement for the president fired last year in a scandal involving the athletics program. Carl Heilman accepted the appointment last night, he starts July first. Right now, Heilman is President of Lincoln Trail College in Illinois. Barton County Community College fired President Veldon Law last July, saying he failed to provide adequate oversight of the basketball program. A federal investigation has led to indictments of several members of the athletics department in recent years. Charges include falsifying student athletes' academic records and doctoring work-study records.

04/20/06

6pm

Another Kansas high school is trying to scare kids away from drugs. Eudora High School invited two former meth dealers serving prison time to its career fair. The Lansing inmates told students that if they choose the line of work they did, they'd make 29-dollars a month working behind bars. The two described prison life including crooked guards who smuggle drugs, and sexual activity among inmates. They also talked about inmates they'd have to pay for protection, and female impersonators who use kool-aid for makeup.

EDUCATION Q-2 cont.

04/21/06

6pm

The athletic department at Barton County Community College is under new leadership tonight. Kurt Kohler has been selected to take over the athletic director position there. Kohler is currently the volleyball coach at the college. He takes over A.D. duties next month. Kohler replaces Neil Elliot. Elliot was indicted last year accused of theft of federal funds and embezzlement from student work-study programs.

04/25/06

6pm

Lawmakers will have a school finance plan to look over when they get back to work for their wrap-up session tomorrow. A senate panel agreed on the plan today that plan would call for 450-million dollars in aid to public schools phased in over three years. The education committee still has to figure out how to spend the money. Lawmakers are working under orders from the state supreme court to increase school spending.

04/27/06

10pm

Kansas senators approve a funding plan that gives schools 466-million dollars more over three years. The money would come entirely from existing, or expected state revenue. Opponents predict that will create a shortage within a few years and lead to tax hikes or expanded gambling. The bill goes to the House next.

04/29/06

10pm

The Wichita school district has a warning for parents and students. The district says it will not excuse absences tomorrow to allow people to take part in the "Day without an Immigrant" demonstration. Students brought home a letter detailing the district's plan on Friday. Many students we spoke with on Friday told us they won't be able to skip class because their parents won't let them.

04/30/06

10pm

There's a new push to get your kids prepared for school. This week Governor Sebelius will announce a new pilot program in Kansas for Pre-Kindergarten kids. The pilot program will run in seven counties, including Sedgwick and Reno. The governor says quality Pre-K schools can keep kids from dropping out later or even committing crimes. It's estimated the program in Kansas would cost tens of millions of dollars.

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10pm

Adding rather than taking away that's what the Wichita school board is looking to do. For the first time tonight, members saw the priority list the district has put together. Superintendent Winston Brooks went over the numbers tonight. Explaining what an expected 28-million dollars from the legislature will buy. It's heavy on teachers with the focus on increasing student achievement. And though the wish list is 10 pages long--the money will fund only part of the first page. Gramke says while it looks like high schools get a lot under this plan--lower grades benefited last year. Nothing is firm until the legislature comes up with a final school funding plan and the school board takes a vote on its budget in August.

EDUCATION Q-2 cont.

05/03/06

5pm

It's not just the food you eat that packs on the pounds. It can be what you drink too. And the former president who publicly battled weight problems is behind a deal to get soft drinks out of the country's schools. Bill Clinton was surrounded by pop makers as he announced a plan to phase out soda in schools. The hope is to add years to their lives, by slimming down millions of children. Elementary and middle schools will have water, unsweetened fruit juice and low fat milk instead of soft drinks. Older kids will still have access to diet sodas. The plan should be implemented in three years.

05/04/06

12pm

The mail could bring a letter that changes your child's school for next year. The bus lottery for Wichita public schools has taken place this week. And the district says parents should receive a letter in the mail today if their child was selected.

05/08/06

10pm

Voting unanimously, the school board approved a new K through 8th grade school in the 21st and Hillside community. The location is just north of the new boys and girls club site. The school will look like Horace Mann Magnet School. Using the same architect will save the district money. By building a new school, the district hopes class sizes will get smaller and fewer students will be bussed for desegregation. The district is also talking with the Boys and Girls Club about sharing athletic fields, gymnasiums and computer labs. Neighborhood kids say that relationship makes sense. The school will be a neighborhood magnet school. Out of the 600 seats, 400-450 will be reserved for community kids. The district says it already has the funding from capital outlay monies and some bond leftovers.

05/09/06

6pm

In Goddard, an elementary school principal is being punished for a prank. Back in March Natalie Rust announced over the intercom that dangerous people were in the building, and the school should be locked down. It happened after school hours and Rust later said she was joking, but the prank sparked anger in parents and an internal investigation. Last night, the board voted to put Rust on employment probation for one year.

05/10/06

10pm

New tonight...Governor Sebelius says she'll sign the legislation giving more money to Kansas schools. The State Supreme Court must also sign off on the school finance plan. Justices mandated the increase now they'll decide if this is enough. It's a 541 million dollar finance plan phased in over three years. Because the bill relies on existing revenue some worry that will create budget problems in 2008. The final vote to approve the plan came just after midnight. It was one of the last pieces of legislation before lawmakers adjourned the session. Wichita schools will get about 28 million dollars under the school finance plan.

05/11/06

6pm

A group of Goddard teachers are back on solid ground tonight. The teachers spent six hours today on the roof of Oak Street Elementary School. Why you ask? The teachers challenged their 3rd and 4th grade students to do their best on the state assessment tests. If they did; the teachers promised to spend an entire day on the roof. The students succeeded and today the teachers headed to the roof.

EDUCATION Q-2 cont.

05/14/06

5:30pm

The Wichita School District is looking to another country for teachers. The personnel director says it's a struggle to find qualified math, science and special education teachers in Kansas and surrounding states. The district is hiring from the Philippines...because most people speak English there. But teachers unions are upset they say the district wouldn't have problems finding teachers if the pay was better.

05/17/06

6pm

It's that time of year again. It's time for college students to pack up and move out of the dorms; for some that means leaving some of their prized possessions behind.

05/18/06

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05/19/06

6pm

New at six, Governor Sebelius puts her signature on the school finance legislation. The governor called the package a historic commitment to the schools that will help every child in Kansas, and also help close the gap for those children who are in poverty. The package increases state spending for the schools by 466 million dollars during the three years, as well as providing an additional 75 million dollars in teacher pension contributions. But it relies only on existing state revenues to pay the bills and some projections show that unless new revenue is found, the state will face deficits by the third year.

05/21/06

5:30pm

The districts of Washington and North Central in Haddam will become Washington County Schools next year. In Jewell County, the White Rock and Mankato districts are merging. And in Decatur County, students from the former Prairie Heights school district will attend schools in neighboring districts.

05/22/06

6pm

A flaw in the states school finance law will put legislators back in their seats this week.

The bill gives a 541 million dollar increase in state aid to the public schools over a three year period. But legislative leaders discovered a drafting error dealing with the allocation of additional dollars to urban school districts. House speaker Doug Mays calls it a glitch, but not a big one and he says it shouldn't take more than a few minutes to fix it.

EDUCATION Q-2 cont.

05/23/06

12pm

It's the end of a huge tradition for West High graduates tonight. Seniors will make the last walk ever from West High to Century II and their graduation ceremony. That's because in the future graduation will be a week earlier and conflict with River Festival. So the ceremony will be moved to Koch Arena at the WSU Campus and too long for a walk. Graduates have walked to their graduation as a class for decades.

05/24/06

5pm

It's a popular website for kids and college students but Kansans are split on whether what's posted on it should be protected by freedom of expression. As we first told you yesterday an Illinois school district voted to hold students accountable for what they post on www.myspace.com while students may be upset about it a media attorney told us, they shouldn't be surprised if their comments come with consequences. So we wanted to know what you thought. Our exclusive scientific FactFinder 12 survey found 48 percent of Kansans think comments publish on my space should be protected by first amendment free expression rights. 44 percent think it shouldn't. Most Kansans who answered our survey said they have a negative opinion of www.myspace.com 77 percent think the website is not a safe place for children.

06/10/06

6pm

After 26-years as head of the Independent School in Wichita, Karen Norton is retiring. Friends, family, current and former students held a farewell party for Norton this afternoon. Norton came to the private school when it opened and says she's enjoyed every minute of it. The Independence school has grown from a K-5 school with just eight students; to a K-12 school with more than 7-hundred students.

06/12/06

10pm

New tonight, Salina and Dodge City school districts are taking the school finance issue back to the Kansas Supreme Court. Today a brief was filed with the court claiming legislation lawmakers passed last month is not enough. The districts say the legislation is 985 million dollars short of what was mandated because it was not based on actual costs. According to the suit another 56 million dollars should be allotted to the Wichita school district. The case will be argued at the Supreme Court June 22nd.

06/13/06

10pm

Tomorrow the state board of education is expected to vote on a compromise to sex education. The board heard comments on the proposal today. The plan would require districts to offer abstinence only until marriage program. There would be no specific penalty for districts that don't comply.

06/14/06

10pm

The Kansas board of education passes a new policy on sex education, focusing on abstinence. The board says each district should offer a complete course of abstinence until marriage. But it also wants students taught about contraception and sexually transmitted diseases. The policy has no penalties for districts that do not comply.

EDUCATION

06/15/06

6pm

School's out for the summer But don't tell that to kids at Stanley Elementary in Wichita. Once a week the library there opens and kids get a good chance to read. And teachers say it really makes a difference.

06/22/06

5pm

Does the state owe public schools nearly a billion dollars more? That's what the Kansas Supreme Court is deciding. Lawmakers approved a plan to boost funding by 541 million dollars over three years. But attorneys who sued the state over education funding say that's not enough. They say according to a court ordered study; the state needs to come up with another 985 million dollars. Both sides made their arguments in front of the Kansas Supreme Court today. The ruling is expected to come down in the next few weeks.

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5pm

Its official, Kansas college students can plan to spend more this fall when tuition is due. The board of regents approved tuition hikes at all six state universities today. Wichita state students will pay about six percent more or 142 dollars per semester. The biggest jump is for KU students. They'll pay almost 14 percent more per semester--that'll add almost 370 dollars onto their tuition bill. The lowest hike is at Fort Hays State. Tuition there is going up a little less than five percent--about 70 dollars. This year's hikes are part of a five-year plan that's increased tuition each year since 2002. Student costs are increasing in part because the state is covering less. In the 1990- 91 school year state tax dollars covered 48 percent of universities' operating costs. This year it's down to less than 29 percent.

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06/27/06

6pm

Elementary school teachers in Southwest Kansas have a new way to help students learn English. A new program allows students at Dodge City, Garden City and Seward County Community colleges to receive English as a second language training through Kansas State without having to go to Manhattan. Officials hope to create a pool of E.S.L. teachers so rural areas do not have to recruit from other communities. About 30 students, most of them at Dodge City Community College, have expressed interest in the new program.

06/29/06

10pm

The Goddard school district incorporates the internet into its bullying policy. Tonight the school board unanimously voted to approve changes to the policy. It now says the district will not allow students to threaten others in person, on the Internet or in emails. The policy was also expanded to include students' conduct off campus.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

04/01/06

10pm

Here's a look at some preliminary damage report information. In the Great Bend area...we're told there are roofs off buildings. Right now, no estimates on just how many are damaged. In the Pawnee Rock area...that's southwest of Great Bend...there's a report of a home with damage. And in community of Coats, that's south of Pratt...we've had reports of power lines blown down.

04/02/06

10pm

Wind was to blame for two accidents on the Kansas Turnpike today. The first one happened when witnesses say a strong gust of wind caught hold of this driver's SUV causing her to lose control. A few minutes later this motorcycle accident also on the turnpike. This time witnesses say the wind forced the motorcycle and driver to go up the side-wall and drag along it about 100 feet. The driver was taken to the hospital with serious injuries. Troopers at both accidents say the best thing drivers can do on windy days is slow down. Trooper David Hime says on windy days staying in a low and heavy vehicle would be the best thing to do.

04/03/06

5pm

Many in Western Kansas are still cleaning up from weekend thunderstorms. Rain, hail and high winds pounded through Barton County Saturday night. It tore part of the roof off "After Hours Computers" in

Great Bend. It's the second time in two years the store's owner has to replace the roof because of weather.

04/04/06

5pm

If it's not the dry weather it's the wind. Fire crews say high winds helped turn a small controlled burn into this grassfire today. The farmer who was burning on his property at 295th west and 47th street south did have a permit. The problem came when winds carried embers from his fire across the street to another field. The fire burned about two acres before crews got it under control. No one was hurt.

04/06/06

6pm

Heavy rain and hail also in Salina. Here's a look at the storm when it rolled through the city. Witnesses say the wind and rain blew through first. Then the storm left town blanketing it with hail. Greta Lagerberg from Salina sent us this picture. She lives on the east side of town. Greta tells us she took this picture around four this afternoon. She says the hail stripped the leaves off trees.

04/07/06

6am

More high winds in Goddard. Winds there were so strong they pushed a power line into a light pole. The power line then snapped and went down into the ditch next to the road. Sparks from the downed power line caused the ditches on both sides of the road to catch on fire. The grass fire was put out quickly and the power is back on this morning in Goddard.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2

04/08/06

10pm

Ever heard of a saug-eye? Fishing enthusiasts in South-Central and Western Kansas will get the chance to hook one this spring. It's a cross between a Walleye and a Sauger. State officials will be stocking three lakes with them later this month. Scientists manipulated the fish's DNA so they're sterile. That way the new hybrid won't dilute the pure genetics of the Native Walleye in Kansas. They'll be released into Wellington City Lake, Lake Afton and Harvey County Lake. Experts say they're safe to eat.

04/10/06

5pm

Winds fuel a grassfire this afternoon. Tonight a home is burned down. The fire broke out along Highway 160 near Winfield. It jumped the highway and got close to four or five buildings. This is what's left of Neil Booher's home. His wife saw the flames coming, grabbed the family dog and got out. But by the time fire crews got there it was too late. Two units from eight firefighting agencies were at the scene when the fire broke. Before the flames were out they charred two-thousand acres. Crews are watching out for hotspots. The fire marshal will look into what started this grassfire.

04/16/06

10pm

Check out this video of a twister that touched down in Nebraska, near the Kansas border. Storm chasers in the area caught several tornadoes on the ground in gage county, Nebraska last night. This one left behind a path of destruction at several farm buildings and caused major damage to a hog farm. No one was hurt and the animals were also unharmed from the storms.

04/17/06

5pm

They're cleaning up in northeast Kansas today, after last night's spring storms. Damage was reported in Brown, Wabaunsee, Pottawatomie, Nemaha, Jackson and Jefferson counties. One woman in Jackson County said several families from the area skipped Easter dinner to help her after a twister hit her farm. No serious injuries were reported.

04/18/06

5pm

Investigators are trying to figure out what started a fire that caught a propane tank in flames. Fire crews were called to the fire in the 98-hundred block of North Oliver... to find some outbuildings on this farm complex on fire. They say the flames also caught up with a propane tank and there's only one thing crews could do was let it burn off. Investigators now have to determine how the fire started and how much damage it did to the outbuildings on the farm.

04/19/06

10pm

Wind, warm temperatures and no rain; all weather conditions we're used to this year in Kansas. And all conditions that helped trigger the dust bowl in the 30's. Experts warn weather conditions now are eerily similar to 70 years ago. The dust bowl lasted from 1931 to 1939. It was the worst drought in history and covered 75-percent of the country.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2 cont.

04/20/06

6pm

Streets shut down, a school locked down, and firefighters on the scene more than 6 hours all because of some salt. A crack in a 10-thousand gallon tank allowed the leak of a salt mixture heated to nearly one thousand degrees. Firefighters responded to apex engineering at 6:30 this morning. Their main concern was the salt mixture coming in contact with hydraulic oil or other flammable liquids in the factory. The building suffered no structure damage. One firefighter suffered a minor burn to his face. The salt mixture was very slow to cool and gave firefighters a big challenge most of the morning. Firefighters used sand to channel the salt mixture outside.

04/21/06

6pm

Five years ago today, the face of one Kansas town changed forever. A tornado ripped through Hoisington destroying homes and businesses. One man lost his life, 28 others were injured. The F-4 tornado tore a path two blocks wide and two miles long through Hoisington. The twister destroyed 182 homes, 12 businesses and tore a roof off the hospital.

04/22/06

6pm

If you want to recycle locally, Sedgwick County and the city of Derby have set up a city-wide recycle day today. Just drop by Derby High School to drop off things like paint, aerosol cans, antifreeze, even old computers and electronics. They ask that you don't bring things like tires, explosives or appliances. The city of Wichita will also have folks on hand to test your car's emissions for free. For more information on what you can and can't bring check www.derbyweb.com

04/24/06

10pm

Hail also did lots of damage to Wichita police cars. Tonight 17 squad cars are out of commission. Windshields and window were broken out by the hail stones. Some of the emergency lights were even busted. Patrol West is now doubling up officers in one. They may borrow vehicles from other bureaus until all the damage is fixed.

04/25/06

10pm

If you spent the weekend putting plants in the ground you have more work to do tonight. Many parts of Kansas are under a frost advisory so storm team 12 is making sure you're prepared with tips to take care of the tender plants you just put out. Nurseries like tree top, took the most at-risk plants inside. If yours aren't portable you might consider a cover-up even a bed sheet will work. Annual flowers and tender vegetables like tomatoes and peppers may need the protection. It all depends on how cold it gets. Denneler says don't use plastic sheeting. It can cause harm if you don't get it off soon enough in the morning. And don't worry about trees and shrubs that have leafed out they should make it through the night okay.

04/28/06

5pm

The weather may be to blame for shutting down part of i-235 this morning... from Kellogg to Central. This was the scene there after a lightning strike downed power lines near the highway. A semi that was trying to get through found itself in the ditch. The situation also knocked out power to about 500 customers. The highway was closed for a couple of hours, it's now reopened.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2 cont.

05/01/06

10pm

It's still not known tonight what has been killing hundreds of fish in the El Dorado area. The situation was first noticed late last week along the walnut river on the north side of El Dorado. Wildlife and parks officials have counted at least 130 dead fish. Different sizes, different species, and no real clue as to what killed them. Crews from wildlife and parks have collected samples in the area, and are hoping to get an answer in the next week.

05/04/06

6pm

A near disaster avoided. Farmers around Wichita say they'll have a crop this year. It looked like drought until the rain came. Farm leaders have just finished a tour of the state's wheat crop. They say between drought stress and freeze damage the crop this year will be much smaller than the original estimate.

05/09/06

10pm

New tonight...heavy rains could put a damper on River Festival activities. The city of Wichita says their big concern is high floodwaters. Parents are encouraged to keep a close eye on kids playing in the river this year. The second concern is bacteria levels. The city began testing the river on Monday. At this point, recreation on the river should be just fine. But the city suggests taking a shower once you get out, and staying out of the water all together if you have any open cuts. Festival organizers say they don't expect any cancellations right now. To check on the Arkansas River's water quality, you can check out Wichita.gov For any cancellations or rain locations, log onto Wichitariverfestival.com The 35th annual River Festival kicks off this Friday.

05/10/06

5am

Heavy rain yesterday caused some flash flooding around Wichita. But one street we'd typically tell you to avoid during a storm didn't have the flooding problems it used to. Neighbors near West Street tell us, the new drainage system the city installed in that area is turning the usual ponds into mere puddles. Last summer the city installed eight foot drains down First Street replacing the old drains, which some of were just 15 inches wide. The flooding used to create lots of detours. The city has plans to fix several major problem areas in Wichita. At one time city-wide repair costs were estimated at more that 300-million dollars.

05/11/06

6pm

We have continuing coverage of a fish kill in El Dorado a few weeks ago. More than 130 fish died in this stretch of the Walnut Creek in late April. We followed up with KDHE today, they tell us the fish apparently died of a lack of oxygen. They aren't sure what caused oxygen level to go down, but believe it may have been tied to the recent rainfall. KDHE forwarded their findings to the department of agriculture for possible follow-up.

05/13/06

8am

We're in the middle of severe weather season and one small Kansas town is without its tornado siren. Little River, a town of 500, says it's relying on its fire whistle for right now. It's a siren that can be heard up to five miles out of town. But the whistle relies on electricity a big liability if a bad storm knocks the power out. A generator-based tornado siren was installed here in 1992, but was taken down two months ago when the old firehouse was demolished. Finding a new home and a new generator for the siren took a little while. But Monday, the council decided to hook it up across town to the generator at sandstone heights nursing home. The tornado siren's new location will increase the town's coverage area.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2 cont.

05/15/06

7am

The governments interested in your lawn mower...or more specifically...what comes out of it. The E.P.A. wants to make it more environmentally friendly. But what's good for mother-nature could cost you. The government wants manufactures to put catalytic converters on new lawn mowers. The cost would be passed on to the consumer.

05/17/06

10pm

Sedgwick County says it is looking into the possibility of killer bees being here but has not started training emergency responders. So how did killer bees reach the United States? FactFinder 12 takes a look. Geneticists brought the bees to Brazil in 1956 to breed with honey bees. Scientists hoped to increase honey production. But a year later the killer bees escaped. They traveled one to two hundred miles north each year arriving in Texas in 1990. Six people have died in the U.S. from killer bee stings. You can find more information on killer bees on our website www.kwch.com

05/23/06

10pm

New tonight harvest could start as soon as next week here in Kansas. 96 percent of the wheat crop is headed-out, 12 percent has turned color. The bad news is 44 percent of the wheat crop is in poor to very poor condition. Another 34 percent is rated as fair. 21 percent is in good condition. Only one percent of the crop is excellent. Many custom cutters are starting their harvest run in Kansas because of poor crops in Texas and Oklahoma.

05/31/06

5am

The winter wheat harvest is now underway in South Central Kansas. A grain elevator in Kiowa has already taken in at least 150-thousand bushels. The elevator says the quantity isn't great, but the quality is. Test weights are running between 61 and 64 pounds per bushel, that's pretty good but yields are in the mid to upper 20 bushels per acre, which is ok. Usually farmers in the area don't start cutting wheat until June 5th.

06/01/06

6pm

First it was the lack of rain that had farmers worried about their wheat crops. Now all the rain we've had recently is holding up harvest. Barber County farmers were delayed in their cutting due to this week's rain. They say there's not a lot of wheat this year but what they do have is of good quality. Today farmers played the waiting game as their crops dried out. We also checked with farmers near Wichita some told us they'll start cutting this Saturday. Further to the north farmers tell us their harvest is still about two weeks off.

06/02/06

6am

Warmer weather is here. And you're probably itching to head outside. But you'll also be itching once you get there. These fishermen tell us the mosquitoes are biting just as well as the fish most evenings. So what attracts the mosquitoes to some folks...And makes them steer clear of others? Other great bait that attracts mosquitoes includes perfumes, deodorants, and scented soaps. Studies also show mosquitoes like beer, stinky feet and cheese. To avoid getting bit, the best advice is to cover up and use bug sprays containing Deet.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2 cont.

06/06/06

12pm

A new government report puts 53 percent of the Kansas wheat crop in poor to very poor condition as harvest begins. Today's update from the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service shows 31 percent of the wheat in fair condition. Fifteen percent is rated good, with just one percent of the wheat in excellent condition.

06/07/06

6am

Power is back on to parts of Reno County this morning after storms early yesterday leave behind a mess. Yesterday many in the town of Turon spent the day cleaning up; broken power poles were just part of the problem. Everywhere you looked there were signs of the storm, big buildings like this collapsed grain bin, to little limbs and branches in the streets and yards. Neighbors were out yesterday helping each other with the clean up. No one was hurt in the storms.

06/08/06

5am

No grass and no water. That's the situation for many Western Kansas ranchers these days. The state farm service agency says it's trying to change that. It wants to release conservation land for emergency grazing in 45 Western Kansas counties. County F.S.A. offices had to submit drought information to the state office by the end of today.

06/10/06

5pm

The drought is taking its toll on the wheat harvest. A new government forecast says harvest is not going very well; not only here in Kansas but across the country. In the new report the U.S.D.A. projects wheat production nationwide at one-point-26 billion bushels. Four percent less than predicted last month and even less than last year. In Kansas the estimate is about 291 million bushels 23 percent

06/12/06

6pm

Parts of western Kansas pick up some rain overnight. What does it mean for the wheat? According to one K-State wheat breeder, lower test weights. When the kernel reabsorbs moisture it creates thousands of tiny cracks. That lets more air in so it weighs less. K-State's Joe Martin says wheat that still retained a lot of moisture before the rain may be okay. Martin says he doubts many farmers in the rainy areas were able to cut wheat today. The moisture did benefit other crops, such as grain sorghum, dry-land corn and soybean.

06/13/06

6pm

Dry weather forces the USDA to release conservation land for emergency grazing. But not all Kansas counties in need made the cut. Tuesday the USDA said 31 of the 45 proposed counties fit the bill for emergency grazing. Ranchers who participate can release cattle on CRP or land under the Conservation Reserve Program until September 11th. Simply put the government pays farmers and ranchers not to use the land. Under emergency grazing ranchers will take a 25 percent pay cut. They say it will offer some relief. Counties not chosen in this first round plan to submit additional data to show they need emergency grazing.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2 cont.

06/14/06

6pm

There's still a lot of wheat to cut. This week's dry weather should give farmers a chance to get into their fields. Those in Hays are busy cutting their crop; they've taken in about 10 thousand bushels there. In Smith Center and Goodland, some of the wheat is still too green to cut. Farmers we talked to today say they're not seeing the lines at the elevators like normal because yields aren't up to par. The Agriculture Department says Kansas should produce close to 300-million bushels this year. That makes the crop 23 percent smaller than last year's harvest.

06/16/06

6pm

The governor dedicates a new wind energy farm in Spearville today. The state of the art facility is a joint effort between the community and the Kansas City Power and light company. With the cut of a rope and a hope for the future a new wind turbine is unveiled. A partnership the community, the power company and even the governor are delighted to have. The idea started last fall when Kansas City Power and Light asked land owners about creating a wind farm on their property. They made an agreement and wind mills began arriving. And for people of Spearville this is also chance to boost their economy. And one thing on everyone's mind today is they certainly picked the right place for the wind farm. Spearville is one of the windiest places in the nation. Plenty of wind and plenty of energy is something Governor Sebelius says is exactly what Kansas needs to breeze its way into the future of energy efficiency. And as the completion of the plant gets closer the eight hundred people in Spearville happily celebrate their role in supporting alternative energy.

06/18/06

5:30pm

Construction will begin next year on a new ethanol plant in Stevens County. Orion Ethanol says the new plant will be built west of Hugoton. The company says the plant will generate 55-million gallons of fuel per year. This isn't the only ethanol plant in the works. Workers are building one near garden city and another in Pratt. There are also proposals for plants in Seward, Grant and Haskell Counties.

06/21/06

6pm

Crop damage forces the governor to declare parts of the state an agricultural disaster area. The declarations are for Cherokee and Morton counties. Drought, high winds, wildfires, and above normal temperatures destroyed the crops. Farmers in these counties are now eligible for low interest emergency loans from the government.

06/22/06

6pm

It stinks and they've got three years to clear the air. We're talking about the K-State Ag Research Center in Hays. The state just granted it a three-year permit as long as it agrees to do something about the smell generated by the thousand head of cattle kept at the facility. University officials say they are cleaning pens more frequently. They are also experimenting with new surface treatments, and are shipping manure off site.

ENVIRONMENT Q-2 cont.

06/23/06

10pm

Despite recent storms counties across the state are experiencing extreme drought conditions. 14 counties in all have now been declared agricultural disaster areas. That means ranchers there are eligible for federal aid to compensate for their losses. The drought is especially affecting the cattle business in southwest Kansas. Many ranchers have to sell cattle now instead of waiting 'til they weigh more and could get more money for them. If dry conditions across the state continue... several more counties may also be declared disaster areas.

HEALTH & SAETY Q-2

04/02/06

5:30pm

A young girl riding her bike near her home is hit by a car. Tonight she's in the hospital as police look for the driver. It happened just after noon today at the Lakeside Mobile Home Park on South West Street. She was taken to the hospital in serious condition.

04/03/06

5pm

A man goes to the hospital in critical condition this afternoon after what officials are calling a flash fire. It happened in the 56-hundred block of East Lincoln in the last hour. Investigators say there was a gas leak at a bakery there that ignited somehow. There was no damage to the building. We'll have more on this story tonight at six.

04/04/06

10pm

Also new tonight; troopers shut down one lane of 1-70 after a hazmat call in Trego County. Around 5:30 tonight a semi was pulled over after someone saw something leaking from the truck. It happened near mile marker 117 just east of Collyer. Hazmat crews tell us the truck was leaking an alcohol/kerosene mixture. No one was hurt, and traffic is back open.

04/05/06

6am

Iowa officials call it an epidemic. The biggest outbreak of Mumps in nearly 20 years. And Eyewitness news confirmed there's a link to cases here in Kansas. It's a HealthWatch alert this morning. State health officials tell Eyewitness News they are tracking 11 cases in these counties. Two are confirmed, one each in Saline and Douglas Counties. The other cases are probable or suspected. The number is higher than health workers usually see. Most years there are just a handful. Last year, there were no reported cases of mumps. Already in this year there have been at least the 11 cases officials are tracking now. Most are in young adults-between 19 and 26. What's odd is doctors say they have been immunized against mumps. In this case it looks like hundreds who had the vaccine still got sick. This latest outbreak may have come from England. Almost 60 thousand cases have been reported there and one theory is, someone from Iowa went there and brought the disease back to the states.

04/06/06

7am

As we've seen, severe weather season is here. But when tornado sirens go off where do you go if you don't have a basement? That's what people in area apartment complexes have to think about this storm season. Quarters at Cambridge has a basement for people in the clubhouse. But most complexes don't have one. Remington tells people to go the YMCA a mile away. But depending on the storm there might not be enough time to get there safely. By law, apartment complexes don't have to have storm shelters. They usually encourage people who live there to go to the nearest shelter such as a church. For more severe weather safety tips, just go to our website, www.kwch.com

04/07/06

10pm

The cases of Mumps in Kansas keep increasing. Tonight there are 23 confirmed cases. Sixteen of them are KU students in Lawrence. The roommates of sick students in are being moved to other rooms. And sick students living off campus are asked to stay home until they are no longer contagious. Health officials stress good hygiene will help stop the spread of the virus. Medical experts warn that if you were born before 1992, chances are, you're not completely protected against the virus. Until then, only one dose of the vaccine was required.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

04/11/06

6pm

A HealthWatch alert tonight...there are 48 cases of mumps now reported in Kansas. Most of the cases are in Douglas County. The virus has also showed up in Geary, Johnson, Leavenworth, Norton, Saline and Shawnee counties. Mumps is a virus that can cause swelling in the jaw. It's transmitted through saliva, sneezing or coughing. The Kansas department of health and environment says vaccinations and common sense can keep you from becoming a statistic. Kansas is among a handful of Midwest states experiencing an increase in mumps cases. Iowa has more than 500 cases, Nebraska confirms 30 cases.

04/12/06

12pm

In our HealthWatch...what could be a new treatment for the millions who suffer from asthma it's called Bronchial Thermoplasty and doctors at Saint Vincent's Medical center are now testing it on patients with moderate to severe asthma. Here's how it works, Doctors put a tube into the airways. Then they deploy a wire device that uses radiofrequency energy to heat the surrounding tissue to about 150 degrees Fahrenheit. As the muscle dissolves, the airway opens up at least that's the hope. Studies have shown patients feel better.

04/13/06

5pm

Health officials say the disease spread by air travel. Two infected airline passengers may have spread the mumps from Iowa to six other states including here in Kansas. Health officials say this mumps outbreak is the first in the country for 20 years. 67 cases of the disease have been reported in Kansas & the number keeps going up. Iowa, where it may have begun, is dealing with more than 500 cases. Coming up at tonight at six an infectious disease specialist explains just how easy it is to spread the mumps simply by traveling.

04/14/06

5pm

Next time you head to Wichita's city hall. Leave the scissors at home. Here's a preview of what it'll be like as you walk into city hall, starting Monday. That's when this new screening process will get underway. The new security check-point is part of a package of upgrades made possible by some grant money, awarded in 2003. It's located in the new atrium, connecting the parking garage with city hall. Starting Monday, anyone without an employee badge will have to go through the screening and might have to leave some items behind. Here's a quick look at some of the things that won't be allowed in city hall; any kind of weapon or replica of a weapon, hazardous chemicals like bleach, or acids including batteries with acid, paint, animals that aren't service animals and lock-picking tools or handcuff keys.

04/15/06

6pm

The mumps outbreak in Kansas shows no signs of slowing down. Health officials now say the viral infection has been reported in 20 scattered counties. The latest tally from Kansas Health officials shows 78 confirmed and probable cases...most of them are in Douglas County. Mumps usually is a relatively mild viral infection with symptoms like fever and swelling of the glands around the neck and jaw.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

04/17/06

6pm

Prom season is here and that means more teens are out driving cars. Police, parents and schools are concerned because sometimes, alcohol is involved. That's why the "Out Loud" program at Goddard High School is spreading the message about safe driving and staying away from booze. Students are using posters and newspaper ads to remind classmates about dangers. Senior Jessica Womack says she takes part in the program because she wants to see her friends around as long as possible. Over the last few years seven students at Goddard High have died in car crashes. The school says it's trying to prevent these accidents in the future.

04/18/06

5pm

After cases of the mumps showing up in northeast Kansas they're now in Sedgwick County. We begin with this HealthWatch alert tonight...health officials just told us in the last half hour a 30 year old and 2 six year old in Sedgwick County have suspected cases of the mumps. The kids are students in Wichita

schools, parents will be notified tomorrow, and the school district has not released the names of the schools. The cases are not related; they were discovered by the patients own doctors. Officials say this is not an outbreak but they want people to take precautions and make sure children are immunized. Count on us to keep following this story for any developments.

04/19/06

10pm

Budding trees and green grass they're all signs of spring time. And so are allergies. Doctors are beginning to see more and more patients seeking relief. Depending on the severity of your symptoms an allergy program could range from over the counter medication to prescription pills or nasal spray. If you have allergies you should keep your windows and doors closed. And don't exercise or work outdoors in the early morning when pollen counts tend to be higher.

04/20/06

6pm

The numbers continue to climb around Kansas. The Kansas department of health and environment reports 170 probable cases of mumps around the state. The majority of the cases are in Douglas County. 87 cases are reported there. The numbers actually went down in Sedgwick County. Four people now have probable cases of the mumps. The county reported five yesterday, but tests for one case came back negative. If you're interested in getting a mumps vaccine the Sedgwick County Health Department says it has plenty. An administrative fee is being charged for it, the cost ranges from two dollars to 14.80. The location to get the shot is 2716 West Central in Wichita. For more information you can call the health department at 660-7300.

04/21/06

10pm

Time is running out for seniors to sign up for the Medicare prescription drug plan. That's why the Sedgwick County Extension Office is holding programs, like this one, to educate senior citizens about their choices. Prescription drug providers were available to share information about their companies' plans. But at least one senior say she still wasn't able to get her questions answered. The deadline to sign up for the Medicare prescription drug plan is May 15th.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

04/22/06

6pm

A Hutchinson man is recovering after an accident while trimming trees at his home. Forty year old Jesse Nisley fell out of a homemade lift and dropped nearly thirty feet to the ground. He was life-watched to Wichita, but is expected to recover.

04/24/06

12pm

A new study finds that more than a third of breast cancer survivors gradually stop getting annual Mammographies. The study's lead author says it may indicate women grow complacent about medical screening once they get past the medical scare. Others say it's more likely survivors avoid screenings because they dread a recurrence of the cancer and additional treatment. The study found that just 63 percent of women were getting annual mammography's five years after breast cancer surgery.

04/25/06

10pm

The mumps outbreak is once again spreading in Kansas. Tonight the health department says there are now 241 cases in these 31 counties. That includes two additional cases in Sedgwick County. Health officials are urging anyone who hasn't received two Mumps vaccinations -- to get them. Saturday the Sedgwick County Health department is holding a free immunization clinic for infants four and under. Families who attend will also get a free gas cards.

04/26/06

5pm

A gas leak forces a Wichita school to evacuate this morning. Students and staff members at Cessna Elementary had to leave school after someone noticed a gas smell in the kitchen. The school followed its evacuation procedures and took everyone across the street. The gas leak was from a stove knob that wasn't turned off all the way. Everyone lined up and returned to school after about an hour. A lunch-aide felt light-headed but wasn't seriously hurt. The school ordered lunches for students and staff members.

04/27/06

5am

More information this morning about mumps cases in Kansas. The Maize school district tells us one child there has been diagnosed with the mumps. Maize schools have a phone system that calls all parents to notify them. The child will be out of school for nine days, that's district's policy. Sedgwick County health officials say there are no new cases of the mumps to report, 12 people have been diagnosed so far. In the state there are 241 cases in 31 counties.

04/28/06

6pm

A Wellington adult care home with an unblemished record is suddenly shut down. The state says staff at Friendly Acers left residents unsupervised putting them in danger. A Kansas Department on Aging report says most nights no one was in the home with the four residents. Some of them were prone to falling. State regulations require 24-hour supervision at the premises. An attorney for the facility says night staff didn't stay in the house. They listened to an electronic monitor from a detached garage. On past inspections that's been enough. Peggy Fincher owns a second home that is on the same block. The state has threatened to pull its license if she doesn't get it up to code.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

05/01/06

6pm

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment wants to know why people who've received their vaccinations are getting the mumps. Representatives from the centers for disease control and prevention are arriving in Kansas to help the department figure it out. As of today, 340 Kansas have come down with the mumps. The experts will also look into why the disease is primarily affecting the Midwest. The outbreak started in Iowa where more than 12-hundred cases are reported.

05/03/06

12pm

For the third time in three years, the sale of the former Halstead Hospital has fallen through. A one-point-nine (m) million-dollar contract was supposed to close Monday. Mike Wilson owns Wilson Manufacturing in Rockford, Illinois; he had planned to lease the 265-thousand-square-foot building to mostly medical-related businesses. But he said city officials didn't give him what he wanted...to open a mental health facility. City administrator J-R Hatfield said Wilson never gave the city a business plan.

05/04/06

12pm

In our HealthWatch...more cases of the mumps. Mumps cases have surpassed the 400 mark in Kansas. State health officials said today they have received reports of 408 confirmed and probable cases in 43 counties. An additional 62 people with potential symptoms of the viral infection are being checked by local health departments.

05/05/06

6pm

Measles and the Mumps; the numbers of those infected with the viruses aren't going down. In a HealthWatch Alert. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment says four people have Measles-a 5th case is suspected. All are under age 21. It's the first time Measles have been reported in Kansas

since 2000. Everyone infected lives in Harvey County, but health officials say don't expect the virus to stay there. K.D.H.E. says measles is much easier to transmit than Mumps, meaning more cases are possible.

05/06/06

10pm

Hundreds of people turned out for a free skin cancer screening in Wichita today and get this almost half tested positive for cancer or pre-cancerous cells. It was the 18th straight year for the free screening. Organizers say 639 people showed up and 293 tested positive for some sort of cancer or pre-cancer. There was one case of melanoma the most serious form of skin cancer. Doctor Chris Moeller says today's numbers are typical for the event. It's sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

05/07/06

10pm

A man's goes to the hospital tonight, after he's run over by an airplane. It happened at Westport Airport, it's a small private airport in the 25 hundred block of south Kessler. Fire officials say the plane was being towed by a vehicle, when the man in his 60's was hit with the wing. He fell back on the asphalt runway striking his head. We're told he was taken to the hospital in serious condition.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

05/08/06

5am

Here's a look at the latest outbreak numbers from Kansas health officials. So far there are four confirmed cases of measles in Kansas and three more possible cases. All seven patients are under 21 years old. They're the first cases in the state in five years. The state's also dealing with 461 cases of mumps. Along with another 81 people who have mumps-symptoms. Half of those cases are people between 18 and 24 years old.

05/09/06

10pm

In a HealthWatch Alert...there is new information about the mumps outbreak in Kansas. There are now 528 cases in 54 counties, another 89 people have symptoms. Health officials say the outbreak started in Iowa where there are now more than 16 hundred cases.

05/11/06

5pm

Good evening, they had all the symptoms of a disease not seen in Kansas for years, but tonight the alarm over the Measles is over. Health officials now confirm there is no measles outbreak in Harvey County. But now they admit they don't know what they're dealing with.

05/13/06

6pm

You've seen them, signs along the road warning you of deer in the area--but a new study finds they don't do much good. The university of Kansas study finds roadside deer warning signs do not prevent accidents. Kansas requires posting a sign when three deer crashes or more occur within a quarter-mile in a single year. But the state is now considering removing the signs in areas where the deer population is small. Officials believe drivers will pay more attention to the signs if there fewer of them. They are also looking at installing fences in high accident areas.

05/14/06

5:30pm

Tomorrow is also the last day to sign up for the new Medicare drug program. Senior citizens have until midnight on Monday to do so. Nearly six-million people who are eligible haven't signed up yet. A common complaint is that the program is too complicated. You can still have your questions answered. All you need to do is call the Medicare hotline...that number is 1-800-633-4227. There is extra people on-hand to answer your calls.

05/15/06

6pm

Officials are trying to get those of you who drive pick-ups to listen up and buckle up. But about 48 million people in the U-S still don't buckle up. The latest report on seat belt use by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says the holdouts are often young men who live in rural areas and drive pickups. It says men account for 65 percent of the number of people killed each year in passenger vehicles. The government's highway safety agency hopes to change that with the "Click It or Ticket" campaign. It's being launched across the nation. The effort involves extra checkpoints, patrols and advertisements to help enforce seat belt laws. More than 31 thousand people died in traffic crashes in 2004. 55 percent of those killed were not wearing their seatbelts.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

05/16/06

6pm

New at six a new law you need to be aware of. Today Governor Sebelius signed a bill that requires drivers to turn on their headlights in bad weather. It takes effect July first. It requires headlights to be turned on whenever the windshield wipers are in continuous use because of rain, sleet or snow or when drivers can't see a vehicle one-thousand feet ahead of them. The law makes violations a secondary offense. That means a driver couldn't be stopped by an officer unless the driver violated another law, nor could a citation be issued unless there was another violation, such as speeding, involved.

05/17/06

6pm

The Haysville High School is evacuated after an electrical problem. It happened just after three this afternoon. Fire crews say the light fixtures in the building started smoking. The fire alarms went off. Westar crews were sent to the building to look over the wiring. There was no major damage to the building and no one was hurt. School officials say classes are scheduled to be in session tomorrow.

05/18/06

5pm

Scientists say they've found a vaccine that prevents cancer. Now the question is will the FDA approve it? An advisory committee recommended the vaccine. It would prevent cervical cancer by stopping the spread of a sexually transmitted virus. The drug maker says the vaccine could be used in females between the ages of 9 and 26. The vaccine would be given in three shots over six months and cost between 300 and 500 dollars.

05/20/06

6pm

This is something you don't see everyday, firefighters posing in front of a burning home. But don't worry nobody lives there. Firefighters from Newton, Walton, Lehigh, and Hillsborough practiced their technique on this empty house today. The training gave volunteer fire departments, many of which don't normally handle building fires, to get some practice.

05/21/06

5:30pm

Emergency crews use the jaws-of-life to rescue two horses trapped after an accident. Authorities aren't sure what caused the s-u-v and horse trailer to crash this afternoon. The horses were trapped...until crews freed them using the jaws-of-life. Rescue workers say it's a tough job because animals are usually panicked. The horses suffered minor injuries. The people involved in the crash are all ok.

05/22/06

5pm

It's not new that obesity can cause health problems. Tonight a new study shows overweight women could double their risk of developing breast cancer, especially those who've gained lots of weight after college.

05/23/06

5pm

We have continuing coverage of a case of neglected horses in Reno County. That county's health department has seized the animals. Three weeks ago neighbors told eyewitness news horses on the property were starving. The health department gave the owner a deadline to give the animals' proper care. That deadline was Thursday, Friday the horses were taken from her. The district attorney has not decided yet whether or not to press charges.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

05/25/06

5pm

A new emergency room opens its doors on Wichita's East side. Galichia Heart Hospital opened an e-r this week. The facility has 14 beds and can handle pretty much anything except major traumas. You can choose to go to the new emergency room. Patients will also be transported there if an accident happens nearby. Dr. Joseph Galichia says he wanted to provide care for people who live on the east side. Coming up tonight at six we talk with area emergency room doctors preparing for the holiday weekend. Find out why it's the busiest time in the E.R.

05/26/06

10pm

As we told you last night Memorial Day weekend is the busiest time for ER's. And there are some things you need when you come through the emergency room door. In tonight's continuing coverage...start with your insurance card. Know which medications you're taking and the dosage. Make a list of allergies, especially drug allergies. Know the date of your last tetanus shot. Be familiar with your medical history. It may help to have a family member on hand. Doctors advise against driving yourself to the emergency room. The pain and distress of your injury or illness could lead to an accident.

05/27/06

6pm

A twelve-year child is hit by a truck while crossing the street. The accident happened near 13th and Terrance. Police say the driver of a truck hauling a trailer didn't see the boy in the street. The child was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Police are still investigating how fast the driver was going and whether the boy ran out into the street. This is the third Wichita child hit by a vehicle in the last two weeks.

05/29/06

5am

A lot of folks will spend time outside this weekend...and with temps in the 90's...you may not be prepared. Heat exhaustion can sneak up on you while you do your favorite activities. It may sound like common sense...but doctors remind you to drink lots of water and take time in the shade. Signs you are suffering from heat exhaustion include dizziness nausea and vomiting.

05/30/06

6pm

They braced for a busy weekend and that's what they got. We told you last week that Memorial Day is the busiest weekend of the year for emergency room staff. From boating accidents, to car wrecks, to heat exhaustion. Local hospitals say more people make their way to the ER on summer holidays. Plus, the long weekend sends people with run of the mill problems into the emergency room because doctor's offices are closed. Today the numbers confirm those predictions. Wesley's ER saw 680 patients over the three day weekend. A normal three-day average is 546. Via Christi's two emergency rooms had a total of 986 patients. Saturday and Sunday were about average. But the 347 ER patients who came in Monday made up a 25% jump. The normal Monday average is 280. Hospital officials say many ER patients could go to minor emergency clinics instead but don't know about them, or don't know they're open on holidays and weekends.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

05/31/06

5am

In this morning's HealthWatch...It's supposed to be a rare form of skin cancer, but now doctors say they're seeing an increasing amount of cases. The cancer is Melanoma. It's formed toward the top of the skin and often creates a mole. Doctors aren't sure why it's increasing but some theories are the types of rays the sun's emitting, the popularity of tanning and more people going outdoors. Dr. Moeller suggests checking your body often to see if any new moles appear and always wear sunscreen when outdoors.

06/01/06

6pm

Today marks the official start of hurricane season and many experts predict it could be another disaster. But if a Wichita company has anything to do with it emergency vehicles will be better equipped to stay fueled up to save lives. When storms knock out electricity pumps at gas stations won't work. But Great Plains Industries has created a solution. Its new emergency fuel pump system can keep police cars, fire trucks and ambulances filled up and on the road. Up until now, the only way to fuel vehicles during a power outage has been with a gas generator or hand pump. Great Plains has sold several units in Florida so far and has generated interest in other parts of the country where severe weather or earthquakes are a concern. The systems sell for around 15-hundred dollars.

06/03/06

6pm

The number of mumps cases in Kansas tops seven-hundred. There are now seven-hundred & 19 confirmed cases statewide. A week ago there were just 674 cases. Douglas County has the most cases at two-hundred-58.

06/06/06

6pm

It's dry and no rain means no fireworks in one western Kansas county. A couple weeks ago we told you Ellis County Rural Fire had warned commissioners of a possible ban if it didn't get some moisture. Monday commissioners made it official. With little to no rain the county decided to ban fireworks for the summer or until conditions improve. The ban affects the unincorporated areas of the county. People caught shooting fireworks will be ticketed and could pay up to a five-hundred-dollar fine.

06/07/06

5am

Kansas prison officials are changing the way high-risk offenders are released back into the Wichita community. Yesterday the Department of Corrections hosted an open house in Wichita to explain it to the community. From now on the most high-risk offenders will start preparing for life outside of prison a full year before they're released. Inmates will each get an individual plan... Tailored to their own problems and risk factors. Officials say a similar program going on for two years in Topeka has been successful. The re-entry plans will include everything from help finding jobs and housing to mental health and drug abuse counseling.

06/08/06

5am

In the HealthWatch this morning...five brain tumors in eight years and KU officials wonder if Wescoe Hall is responsible. The building is known around the Lawrence campus for being gloomy. Its weak ventilation, poor water quality and lack of windows have been the bane of faculty and staff. Now the school will hire an epidemiologist to check the building for mold lead and air quality. But university officials say there's no link between the tumors and the building. Testing will begin this week and last about seven months.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2 cont.

06/09/06

10pm

Just in time for the blistering hot temperatures, there are lots of outdoor activities scheduled this weekend for kids. It can be fun but also dangerous for your child. Symptoms of heat stroke include nausea, dizziness and muscle cramps. If you notice any of these symptoms in your child experts say you should cool them off and get them to a doctor as soon as possible.

06/10/06

6pm

The number of mumps cases in Kansas continues to grow. In a HealthWatch Alert...There are now 744 cases statewide. That's up from 674 a few weeks ago. Douglas County continues to have the most cases with 267.

06/11/06

5:30pm

A rough landing for people onboard a small plane; the pilot of the experimental plane crashed near Saint Francis, Saturday morning. The pilot says when the plane lost power he tried to land in a field but couldn't. The plane clipped a fence and overturned. Luckily the pilot and his two passengers escaped unhurt.

06/12/06

5pm

New information is released for couch potatoes. Researchers found, it doesn't take much to reverse their health risks. People who never exercise are often at high risk for heart problems, high cholesterol and diabetes. But a new study found after six months of exercise they reduced their chances of health problems. The study found walking just a couple of miles a day can make a big difference. Study participants didn't change their diet at all. KWCH 12 encourages you to get up and move it. For a healthier life, log onto our website for information and how to track your progress.

06/13/06

10pm

Your county prescription discount card could also give you a break on pet prescriptions. 70 percent of all pet prescriptions can be filled at a regular pharmacy. That means this card covers them. The nationwide county prescription plan is free and gives discounts to people without health insurance. 75 pharmacies in Sedgwick county pharmacies take the card. To see if your county has the prescription plan log onto www.kwch.com

06/14/06

10pm

The justice department says it's time to take a close look at the safety of tasers. As we've reported, Wichita police officers were issued tasers earlier this year. Nationwide, more than 180 deaths are being blamed on the weapons which are designed to be a non-lethal alternative to firearms. The government says it won't look at whether the stun guns were used appropriately, but just make a medical assessment in cases where the weapons were used.

06/15/06

6pm

A flash fire sends two Wichita workers to the hospital. It happened this afternoon at Powder Tech on 37th Street North. Firefighters say the flames burned the men below the waist. Their conditions are not known. Investigators do not know what caused the fire.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

06/16/06

6pm

Wichita police say speeding may have caused a deadly rollover crash early this morning. Police say 16-year-old Jason Ayers died when he and his friends rolled this jeep near 34th and Woodlawn.

Investigators say the teens had just left the Quick Trip at 37th and Rock Road. The two passengers inside the jeep survived. Both of them are under the age of 21.

06/17/06

6pm

A two year old girl is rushed to the hospital this afternoon after falling into a swimming pool. It happened at Park East Apartments about two hours ago. Police say the little girl was in the care of a 13 year old relative who didn't know how to swim. Apparently the toddler wandered off and fell into the deep end, and was under water for at least five minutes. Neighbors came to her rescue and performed CPR, but when emergency crews arrived the girl was not breathing. Crews were able to get a slight pulse on the way to the hospital.

06/18/06

5:30pm

Wichita police have more money in their pocket tonight. Dillon's and Milk-Bone donated five-thousand dollars to the department this afternoon. The money will go toward the K-9 unit specifically the W.P.D.'s four police dogs. The department also received four-thousand dollars from another company to help pay for incidentals. W.P.D.'s newest dog, Andy, is already on patrol.

06/19/06

5am

A Wichita girl remains in intensive care after a near drowning Saturday afternoon. It happened at the swimming pool at Park East Apartments. The two year-old fell into the deep end and was underwater for at least five minutes. Neighbors performed CPR emergency crews were able to get a faint pulse on the way to the hospital. Police say a 13 year-old relative who didn't know how to swim was watching the girl.

06/20/06

6pm

Proposed changes could mean thousands of people in Kansas won't get treated for drug and alcohol addictions. In July, resources for rehab may be cut in half. Some treatment centers call the new standards unnecessary. We wanted to know why the state feels changes are needed. There's a meeting on the proposal Wednesday, in Topeka. For details on that meeting, go to www.kwch.com

06/24/06

6pm

It will be a little while longer before Wichitans can ride the roller coaster at Joyland again. The vintage wooden coaster was supposed to make its debut yesterday but that was delayed because inspectors discovered problems with the ride. The inspectors work for a company that provides insurance for the amusement parks. They also found problems with the ferris wheel and one other ride. The problems are considered minor...but joyland will have to fix them before the rides can be used. The coaster was built in 1949 and has been designated a classic by the American Coaster enthusiasts organization.

HEALTH & SAFETY Q-2

06/25/06

5:30pm

The Kansas Department of Transportation say the state's interstate highway system needs five-hundred-15 million dollars over the next decade to widen critical roads. That means Kansans may be asked to open up their wallets for another highway program. The current 13-billion dollar transportation plan expires in 2008. Officials already are starting to drum up support for another one.

06/27/06

5am

Doctors in Britain warning tonight, against using a cell phone during lightning-after a 15 year old is struck and hurt. You may not give it a second thought talking on your cell as storm clouds move in. And the Wireless Association says it'll wait for research to show there's cause for concern. Experts say a number

of factors could have played a role in the girl's accident. Lightning is the 2nd leading source of weather related deaths in the United States, behind flooding. National Weather Service data shows 67 people die out of the 400 people struck by lightning each year.

06/28/06

10pm

Children under eight years old will soon get a boost in the car. Saturday a new law goes into effect requiring children to ride in booster seats. They'll have to stay in boosters until they're eight years old or 80 pounds or four feet nine inches. Safe Kids Coordinator Rhonda Lusk says the change is for safety. Booster seats help kids fit better in a seat belt. For more information on booster seats there's a clinic Saturday. It's at Donovan Car and Truck center on west Kellogg. The clinic is from 9 until 1.

06/29/06

6am

Wichita police say they're stepping up patrols in the old town area. But the department says keeping the streets safe takes more than extra eyes and ears, it also takes good design. The Police Department is putting a new program in place called Community Policing through Environmental Design. It uses architecture, landscaping and lighting to attract customers and curb crime. Seitz says he'll be walking through the Old Town area this week, to see what changes property owners could make to stay safe. The program will also be used from Central to Kellogg and from Washington street west to the River. To see how your home or business could benefit log onto www.kwch.com

POLITICS Q-2

04/03/06

6am

Immigrant rights are again on the minds of Wichitans. Over the weekend, many in the Hispanic community came together to remember Cesar Chavez, a man who fought for immigrant rights more than 40 years ago.

04/04/06

10pm

Tonight people in the town of Ellis say yes to a one-cent sales tax hike. 363 voted yes, 33 said no. The 10 year increase will help fund water treatment and distribution for the city.

04/05/06

10pm

The so called pig book ranks Kansas at 39. Not bad, and that's an improvement from last year, when we were ranked 23rd. Alaska takes the number one spot again. The watchdog group called "Citizens against Government Waste" says congress has reached an all-time high in federal spending with some \$29 billion in extra programs. A few examples sited in this year's pig book include 550 thousand dollars in Federal money for a glass blowing museum in Ohio or another half a million taxpayer dollars for a teapot museum in North Carolina and 13 and half million for the International Fund for Ireland, which includes funding for the World Toilet Summit. For this year's pig book release yes, real pigs were taken to the

capital today for a photo opportunity. While some of it is for humor, The President of Citizens Against Government Waste says what his organization found in Congressional spending concern the average American. As tens of millions of Americans anguish over their tax returns this week, they should be thinking why they are paying so much in taxes and what they are getting in return. The 2006 Pig Book is evidence of what happens when all that money stays in Washington. And a few things listed as a pork barrel spending in Kansas remember this is what the watchdog group lists not us. 200 thousand to Neosho County for an in car digital video project for police, a 750 thousand dollar grant to the Kansas Attorney General's office and 2 point five million for testing and analysis of energy storage systems for telecommunications. And if you want to check it out the groups web site has what it calls the "oinker awards" and Kansas is not on that list.

04/08/06

6pm

Workers at a Kansas meatpacking plant get Monday off to protest. Officials at Creekstone Farms Premium Beef in Ark City say the majority of their workers are Hispanic and may want to attend immigration protests. The protests are aimed at proposed federal legislation that makes illegal immigrants guilty of a felony. Creekstone officials say they support their workers' right to give their opinion and say all of their employees must pass I.N.S. background checks. Closing the plant Monday won't be cheap; they'll have to re-schedule about 30 trailers of live cattle and workers may have to work longer hours next week.

04/09/06

10pm

A nation-wide protest against anti-immigration legislation is making its way to Kansas. Two weeks ago Wichita high school students skipped class to march to City Hall. Tomorrow several businesses will close to allow workers to protest. In Ark City several companies will close. That's so employees can participate in the National Day of Action March that's going on throughout the U.S. One of the largest businesses to close is meat-packing plant Creekstone Farms. Plant operators say more than 500 of its 700 employees are Hispanic. William Figerohuh owns his own business and says he'll close that too; all so he can take part in the march. In Wichita, a march and forum are planned; the march starts at 4pm in front of City Hall. The forum is at Wichita State University at 6:30.

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

04/10/06

10pm

New tonight, churches have been among the loudest voices in the immigration debate. Bishops around the country are calling for priests to defy any law that would punish those who help illegal immigrants. Many religious missions provide food and shelter for those in need and sometimes those people turn out to be illegal immigrants. Sanchez was part of a forum at WSU tonight. She's glad to see the rallies calling attention to the immigration issue and says her church hopes for legislation that offers a humane way of dealing with it.

04/11/06

6am

It is hard to understand just how much of an impact immigrants have on our economy. That is why immigrant supporters are planning "a day without an immigrant" on may first. They are asking all immigrants to say home from work and school and to boycott all American products by not shopping.

04/12/06

5pm

Kansas Senator Sam Brownback talked about possible changes in immigration at the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. Brownback says immigration is the hottest issue right now it will shape the future face of America. The senate plan would put some illegal immigrants on track to become U.S. citizens and it includes a guest worker program. Brownback says he expects it will be tough to get an agreement between the senate, house and the president.

04/14/06

6pm

The Great Bend case inspired a bill lawmakers are considering right now. Miki's Bill is in a Senate Judicial committee for review. Miki's bill, named for 19-year-old Miki Martinez, would create a public registry of released violent criminals. Both Sydney Gleason and Damien Thompson were convicted felons out on parole when the murders happened. Count on Eyewitness News to let you know what happens.

04/17/06

10pm

Governor Sebelius signed the bill that makes the intentional killing or injuring of an animal a felony. Back in 1998 this puppy's case made it to the Legislature. Scruffy was beaten and set on fire in Kansas City; his abusers videotaped themselves doing it. Now Scruffy's bill is signed into law. Anyone convicted under the law is required to have a psychological evaluation and complete an anger management program.

04/18/06

6pm

The governor also introduced a plan to let you get into state parks for free. She wants free admission to state parks for all Kansans starting next year. But that would require the state to set aside four million dollars in lottery revenues and more than a million in general tax revenues. Right now people pay seven dollars a vehicle to use a state park.

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

04/19/06

6pm

The Kansas Attorney General may not be done fighting the teen sex case. Phill Kline says he is likely to appeal a ruling by a federal judge that not all underage sex has to be reported to authorities. Judge J. Thomas Marten ruled health care providers have discretion to determine if there is reason to suspect a child has been abused. Kline says all underage sex is abuse. If the attorney general decides to, he would appeal to the 10th circuit court of appeals in Denver.

04/20/06

7am

It looks like the Kansas Attorney General will fight the verdict in the teen sex case. Phill Kline says he will likely appeal the ruling by a federal judge that not all underage sex has to be reported to law enforcement. The judge ruled health care providers have the ability to determine if a child has been abused. Kline says all underage sex is abuse. If the attorney general decides to appeal, he would appeal to the 10-th circuit court of appeals in Denver.

04/21/06

5PM

Governor Sebelius is under investigation tonight. The Governmental Ethics Commission is looking into whether the governor's re-election campaign illegally solicited contributions from lobbyists. The investigation surrounds an email Sebelius' campaign team sent out to supporters. It contained a link to the governor's campaign website where potential donors could make financial contributions. Kansas law makes it illegal for statewide officials, lawmakers or anyone running for those offices to solicit contributions from lobbyists while the legislature is in session. The governor's spokeswoman admits the e-mail may have gone to several lobbyists. The Ethics Commission plans to talk about the issue next week.

04/24/06

10pm

Lawyers get another chance to make their case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. Tomorrow Justices will re-hear the case over the Kansas death penalty. They first heard arguments on whether the death

penalty is constitutional in December. But the court deadlocked on the case after Justice Sandra Day O'Connor retired. This time Justice Samuel Alito the newest member on the bench will get to hear from both sides. Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline will argue in favor of the death penalty. At issue is whether the law unfairly recommends death.

04/26/06

5pm

From the Statehouse dozens of people rally for more gambling in Kansas. State employees and pensioners held a rally before spreading out to lobby lawmakers. They support a plan for state-owned casinos and for slot machines at dog and horse tracks as a way to raise money for public schools. Last month the Senate rejected a bill to expand gambling and it's not expected to come up again during the wrap-up session.

04/27/06

6pm

The Kansas Ethics Commission fines another politician. This time it is the governor. Governor Sebelius is fined 15-hundred dollars for violating a law against soliciting campaign contributions from lobbyists. That comes from an e-mail sent out two weeks ago. State law bars a candidate or officeholder from seeking contributions from lobbyists while the legislature is in session. Last month, the same panel fined the attorney general 15-hundred dollars for a similar violation.

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

05/02/06

5pm

Deadbeat parents in Kansas could soon find themselves with restricted driver's licenses. The house and senate both passed a bill that would put driving restrictions against parents who owe more than 500 dollars in back child support. Those parents could drive only to work, school, or in case of a medical emergency. SRS helped write the bill; it's working on more than 130-thousand back child support cases right now. The average Kansas deadbeat owes more than 7-thousand dollars.

05/03/06

5am

A bill to give public schools more money is also moving through the Legislature. Democrats and moderate Republicans have joined forces in the house and approved a plan that could give schools an extra 633 million dollars during the next three years. But it's not a done deal yet. The full house has to approve the plan so does the senate.

05/04/06

6pm

A bill that sets a minimum marriage age in Kansas also awaits the governor's signature. Approval from the house came today. The senate signed off on it yesterday. The Legislation allows somebody who is 15 to marry, but only if a District Court Judge decides it's in the person's best interest. The law also sets new restrictions for 16 and 17 year olds who want to wed. The bill was prompted by a case in which a 22 year-old Nebraska man got a 14-year-old girl pregnant, and then brought her to Kansas to marry her.

05/05/06

6pm

Mothers now have something to show people who try to stop them from nursing in public. K.D.H.E. and the La Leche League are distributing cards to breastfeeding mothers. They provide details about a new state law that protects a woman's right to breast-feed her baby in public. Health workers hope to distribute 40-thousand of the laminated cards.

05/06/06

10pm

Sex offenders will be looking at more prison-time under legislation the house and senate will look at next week. Kansas is one of several states considering a version of Jessica's Law. It's named for a Florida girl killed by a convicted sex offender. But the bill in Topeka was almost derailed when senators

combined it with a measure clearing the way for private prisons in the state. Negotiators agreed last night to untangle the two proposals and submit them as separate bills. Leaders in both chambers predict the bill will pass.

05/07/06

10pm

The next time you vote you better check the location carefully. More than half of Sedgwick County polling places will not open to comply with the Help America Vote Act. That may sound backwards but the Federal act is supposed to make it easier for people with physical disabilities to vote. To comply election officials have gotten rid of polling sites that aren't handicap accessible. Remaining polling locations will be larger and better staffed. The county also will make it easier for you to vote in advance. But party officials worry the changes will hurt voter turnout.

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

05/08/06

10pm

Also new tonight Kansas lawmakers pass Jessica's Law. First the senate, now the house approves the measure that will keep sex offenders behind bars longer. Anyone convicted of a violent sex crime against a child under 14 would face a minimum 25 year sentence. A second conviction, no matter what the victim's age would mean a 40 year term. The law is named for a Florida girl who was abducted and killed by a convicted sex offender.

05/09/06

5pm

It's now up to the governor to sign a bill to help abused or neglected Kansans with disabilities. The bill was prompted by this couple; Arlan and Linda Kaufman were convicted of abusing and forcing mentally ill people in their care to work without pay. Some of the victims went to lawmakers last month asking them to help others by putting more controls on group homes like the Kaufmans'. The House and Senate both passed the bill unanimously. It calls for the state to act faster after reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of people with disabilities or mental illness.

05/10/06

5am

Members of congress move to restrict protests at military funerals; prompted by the actions of a Topeka church. The Patriot Guard blocked family from seeing protestors at the service for Sergeant Donald Hasse last year. The Fred Phelps's group claims U.S. military deaths in Iraq are a sign of divine punishment for America's tolerance of homosexuals. The house voted 408 to 3 to make it illegal to demonstrate at a military funeral at any federal burial ground. There would be time and distance restrictions. Violations could mean a year in prison and 100-thousand dollar fine.

05/11/06

5am

Governor Kathleen Sebelius now has a bill that would make records about concealed gun permits confidential. It bars the public from learning the names of Kansans requesting or obtaining the permits. She hasn't said whether she'll sign it.

05/12/06

6pm

A member of a judicial review board says Kansas Supreme Court Justice Lawton Nuss broke the rules when he met with two state senators. A complaint filed with the commission on judicial qualifications says Nuss discussed school finance issues with Senate President Steve Morris and Senator Pete Brungardt. At the time, an education funding lawsuit was still before the court. The Supreme Court could censure Nuss or suspend him from the bench.

05/15/06

6pm

New at six...the governor signs a bill to help abused or neglected Kansans with disabilities. The bill was prompted by this couple. Arlan and Linda Kaufman were convicted of abusing and forcing mentally ill people in their care to work without pay. Some of the victims went to lawmakers last month asking them to help others by putting more controls on group homes like the Kaufmans'. It calls for the state to act faster after reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of people with disabilities or mental illness.

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

05/16/06

6pm

Attorney General Phill Kline is appealing a federal judge's decision on the reporting of underage sex. The judge ruled that doctors and other professionals are not required to report underage sex between consenting youths. Kline says that calls into question the Kansas law which requires the reporting of child rape, and he hopes the 10th circuit court of appeals will reverse the ruling.

05/17/06

10pm

Also out of Topeka, Governor Sebelius will have to start looking for a new running mate. Lieutenant governor John Moore says he'll retire at the end of his term. Moore says he wants to spend more time with his family in Wichita. Moore's term ends next January.

05/18/06

6am

Kansas now has minimum age to get married. Yesterday the governor signed a bill saying you have to be at least 18 years old to get married in Kansas. Teenagers who are 16 or 17 years old can get married if their parents and a judge agree. Teenagers who are 15 can get married if a judge says so and an investigation finds it's the best thing for the teen.

05/19/06

5pm

Governor Sebelius vetoed an abortion bill. That bill would have forced doctors to give out detailed information about their patients. The bill would have required information about each late-term abortion and whether there was something wrong with the fetus. Sebelius said the bill would do nothing to cut the number of abortions and would force women to provide sensitive health information to the government.

05/22/06

5am

Governor Kathleen Sebelius will be in Wichita today. She'll be signing a bill that eliminates the property tax on business machinery and equipment. The governor says the tax discourages companies from expanding. Later in the day she'll meet with members of a Chinese delegation from Henan Province, Kansas's sister state in China.

05/23/06

6pm

A new law signed today is designed to help Kansas grandparents raising grandchildren. Governor Sebelius signed the legislation that takes effect July first. The bill allows grandparents with legal custody to receive 200-dollars a month with a limit of 600-a month for three grandchildren. To qualify, the grandparents must be at least 50 years old with an income no greater than about 22-thousand dollars.

05/24/06

5pm

Millions of illegal immigrants could eventually become legal if congress agrees to it. Senators vote to limit debate on immigration changes today. Tomorrow they'll vote on the bill which is expected to pass. It still includes tougher border security and a guest worker program. It would also give millions of illegal aliens a chance to become American citizens. But this bill has some new changes. Here's a look for FactFinder 12. Businesses could face tougher penalties for hiring illegal workers; fines as high as 20-thousand

dollars and even prison time for repeat violators. Employers will also be required to use a new screening system that would include information from homeland security, the social security office and the IRS.

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

05/25/06

5am

The u-s senate votes to restrict protests at military funerals. The law targets a Topeka group-that says the deaths are god's punishment for tolerating homosexuals. The measure puts limits on when, and how close demonstrators can be to a military funeral at national cemeteries. The House has to approve senate changes before it can go to the president.

05/26/06

6pm

Governor Sebelius has made it official -- she is seeking a second term. The Democratic governor today announced her re-election plans from the Statehouse. She described the state's future as boundless as the Kansas sky, and hopes her track record pays off. The governor has yet to name a running mate, after Lieutenant Governor John Moore announced his retirement earlier this month. Six Republicans are running for the chance to oppose Sebelius in the upcoming election.

05/29/06

5pm

Governor Sebelius honored Kansans killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom during a Memorial Day ceremony on the Statehouse grounds. She told family members and friends gathered, that we should always remember the freedom we enjoy every day is because they fought and gave the ultimate sacrifice. 27 Kansas soldiers and 65 Fort Riley soldiers have died during operation Iraqi freedom.

05/30/06

5pm

It's election year and Sedgwick County's election commissioner is getting ready. He'll request money from the county commission tomorrow to buy more voting machines. Election officials want to buy 60 optical scan voting machines. Voters would fill out paper ballots then feed them into the machines. The results would be counted electronically but the paper ballot would also be kept. The election commissioner told us today that each polling place would have one of these machines to accommodate people who don't want to wait for the next available touch screen machine. Each optical scan machine costs 5-thousand dollars, bringing the total to more than 301-thousand. The money would be transferred from the county's general fund.

05/31/06

10pm

Governor Sebelius picks a former Republican as her running mate. Just yesterday former Republican Party Chairman Mark Parkinson switched his party affiliation. Today Governor Sebelius announced him as her running-mate in her bid for re-election.

06/01/06

6pm

The primary election is exactly two months from today. Candidates still have a week and a half to file. This year's election includes the gubernatorial race. Just yesterday, Governor Sebelius named her running mate former GOP Chairman Mark Parkinson. Tonight at ten, we kick off our campaign 2006 coverage with exclusive fact finder 12 scientific surveys. We'll track voters' opinions on issues and candidates from now until November. This week, we surveyed 500-registered voters. We asked them which issues will be the most important in determining how they will vote this year. Among the choices abortion regulations, education funding, health care, illegal immigration and taxes. We also asked voters which issue character, their stance on the economy or their position on moral issues will determine how they vote for governor. We'll have the results tonight on Eyewitness News at ten.

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

06/05/06

10pm

The city of Wichita won't spot a Wichita health club. Today a judge ruled Genesis Health Clubs will not get tax breaks from the city. The company filed a lawsuit against the city, after city leaders approved tax breaks for the clubs then reversed that decision saying they had made a mistake. That's after another fitness club owner asked for the same tax breaks.

06/06/06

10pm

The city of Lawrence has decided not to pass what would have been one of the toughest cell phone bans in the country. The city's Traffic Safety Commission votes against a proposal that would have banned the use of all cell phones while driving even those with hands free devices. 14 people spoke at last night's meeting...only two of them supported the idea. The measure failed by one vote.

06/08/06

5am

Senator Brownback says the fight for a constitutional ban on same sex marriage won't end until marriage between a man and woman is protected. His opponents say they're not sure what it is that he's trying to protect. Those that are for the ban picked up one more vote this round than the last one.

06/09/06

10pm

BTK author and Wichita attorney, Robert Beattie wants to be your next Secretary of State. Beattie, a Democrat, filed for the office today. The Republican field is made up of incumbent Secretary of State, Ron Thornburgh, seeking a fourth term, and State Senator, Kay O'Connor of Olathe.

06/10/06

8am

Voters in Reno County will decide this summer if they're willing to pay for a new jail. The sheriff says the jail doesn't meet national standards for its current facility. Some of the big problems include narrow walkways that put jailers in danger of getting attacked by inmates. The building's ventilation system is inadequate and there's a lack of cell space. Sheriff Randy Henderson says the quarter of a percent tax increase would last for eleven years and is cheaper than a potential lawsuit. There is another jail in Reno County but Sheriff Henderson says it's not big enough to house all of the inmates. The new jail would cost 20-point seven million dollars.

06/11/06

10pm

Folks running for elective office this year have until noon tomorrow to file with the secretary of state's office. Candidates in the August first primary and November seventh general elections must have their paperwork and filing fee in order by the deadline. The secretary of state's office will have tables set up in memorial hall to handle the filings.

06/12/06

5pm

The state's top cop announces he'll run for re-election. Attorney General Phill Kline filed on the last day to do so. Kline was in Wichita today making stops across the state to campaign. Kline says while in office he's helped fight internet crimes against children. He's proud of his track record and says Kansas law enforcement is behind him. Kline faces Johnson County District Attorney Paul Morrison. Political watchers say this could be the hottest race to watch in Kansas this year.

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

06/13/06

6am

Ten candidates are in the race for Kansas governor but another political match-up promises to steal the headlines. The Kansas Attorney General race pits the incumbent against a long time prosecutor.

06/14/06

10pm

Ever wonder how much the politicians representing you in Washington are worth? Disclosure forms released today tell the story. The forms show Senator Sam Brownback is the richest of all Kansas congressmen. They put his worth at anywhere from one point six to seven point two million. Senator Pat

Roberts has assets ranging from 725 thousand dollars to two point four million. And Congressman Todd Tiahart whose district includes Wichita is shown to be worth between 120 thousand and 375 thousand dollars. The financial disclosure forms are filed every year by all 535 members of congress.

06/21/06

5pm

Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline says there's just not time to come up with the extra money for the upcoming school year. Kline was in Wichita today for a political forum. Along with Paul Morrison whose running for Attorney General as a Democrat.

06/23/06

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06/25/06

10pm

Former Wichita mayor Bob Knight says he's considering a run for governor. Knight agreed to allow supporters to circulate petitions that could put his name on the November ballot as an independent. He would have to gather more than five thousand signatures by the end of July. Knight is a Republican but lost the GOP nomination for governor in 2002.

06/26/06

10pm

Governor Sebelius is running for re-election and with this year's primary just a few weeks away there are plenty of Republicans who want her out of office. The question tonight is how much do Kansans know about Sebelius' potential opponents and how much do they like them? FactFinder 12 asked that question in our exclusive scientific survey. The answer is clear, very little. Let's take a look. Ken Canfield had the highest favorable opinion from those polled but only with 11 percent. Canfield is the founder of a National Center of Fathering. Nine percent said they have a favorable opinion senator Jim Barnett. Dennis Hawver a Libertarian party leader got eight percent. Seven percent said they have a favorable opinion of former Kansas house speaker Robin Jennison. Five percent said that about Rex Crowell a former Kansas house member. And four percent had favorable opinions of Kansas City Attorney Tim Pickell and retired automotive engineer Richard Rodewald. What was also clear when looking at the survey results, Kansans don't know much about the candidates. Almost 50 percent of those polled said...they were unfamiliar with almost every republican candidate. The primary elections will be held august first.

POLITICS Q-2 cont.

06/27/06

5am

This was the second time the Supreme Court heard arguments on the Kansas death penalty. In December the court was dead locked. Eight men are currently on Kansas' death row. They are Gary Kleypas, Michael Marsh, Gavin Scott, John Robinson, Jonathan and Reginald Carr, Douglas Belt and Sidney Gleason. Since the Kansas death penalty was re-instated in 1994 No one has been executed.

06/29/06

10pm

Many of you will head to the polls this fall. But what campaign issues will you find most important? In a FactFinder 12 scientific survey we asked 500 registered voters. 23 percent say education funding is most important. Next on the list is health care, followed by illegal immigration and abortion regulations. That's changed slightly since one month ago when healthcare and illegal immigration topped the list.

Public service announcements air that address community issues free of charge for various nonprofit organizations.

KWCH 12, KBSL 10, KBSH 7 & KBSD 6 combined donated approximately \$380,000 for airtime for the second quarter.

PSAs

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>TITLE/ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>Runs</u>
Family	Ad Council Booster Seats	550
	KAB "Talk to Kids"	440
	Girls & Boys Town	200
	Reading is Fundamental	120
	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	410
	March of Dimes "Premies"	60
	Episcopal Services	480
	Habitat for Humanity	170
EDUCATION	Foundation for a Better Life	650
	Writing Foundation	200
	Wounded Warriors	40
	American History Resource	20
	Church World Service	20
	Communities in Schools	120
	American Veterinarian Medical Assoc.	90
	Catholic Campaign	80
	American Red Cross	40
	Ad Council "Tsunami Help"	150
	Air Force	130
CRIME	National Crime Prevention	100
	Ad Council "Online Predators"	120
ECONOMY	Episcopal Services "jobs"	390
	Choose To Save	280
	Fed Citizen Info Center	90
	Homeownership Preservation Fnd.	370
ENVIRONMENT	Ducks Unlimited	60
	Save Energy	50
	World Wildlife Fund	90
	Ad Council "Environmental Giving"	30
HEALTH	Alzheimers Association	180
	PI Awareness "Kids Health"	400
	National Institute on Drug Abuse	100
	Society/Women's Health Research	140
	National Kidney Foundation	50
	American Hospital Association	320
	American Cancer Society	140
	Prostate Cancer	100
	EPA National Radon Test	150

Public Engagements

KWCH12 serves the community by attending various special events where our employees emcee, educate, entertain and motivate throughout the year. Our employees have made special appearances to the following organizations.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
April 2006			
4/23	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Bowl-a-thon	100
4/25	The Hutchinson News	Emcee Taste of Home Cooking school	1000
4/08	Good Will Easter Seals	Telethon	Viewers
4/10	KTWU Public television	Reception for Jim Lehrer	100
4/26	WSU/Elliott School of journalism	Advisory Board	20
4/25	Urban League	Annual meeting/dinner	300
4/15	Sedgwick Co. Zoo	Easter eggstravagana	5000+
4/06	Sacred Heart School	Weather talk	75
4/07	Ellsworth High School	Emcee Honors Banquet	50
4/13	Barton Co. Speech Class	Weather tour	30
4/17	East Shepard Group	Senior citizen gathering	25
4/26	Cedars Nursing Home/McPherson	Weather talk	60
4/23	Big Brother Big Sister	Bowl for Kids Sake	100
4/27	Wichita Chamber of Commerce	Emcee annual honors night	600
4/21	Pleasant Valley Elementary School	Read to Kids	15
4/08	Friends of Education	Emcee Awards Banquet	100
4/08	Goodwill Ind. Easter Seals	Telethon	75
4/15	Rotary	Lunch speaker	50
4/30	Muscular Dystrophy race	run across Kansas relay	10
4/13	Kingman High School	Career fair-weather talk	37
4/03	Mueller Elem.	Read Weather book	25
4/04	Maize Elem. 5 th grade	Weather Talk	230
4/07	Goodwill/Seals	Telethon	Viewers
4/11	Pray-Woodman Elem. Maize 2 nd grade	Weather Talk	130
4/12	Moundridge MS 6 th -8 th grade	Weather Talk	110
4/18	Independent Living Resource Center	Emcee Shoppportunity Event	70
4/23	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Bowl for Kids Sake	100
4/26	E.A.R.T.H. Program, Sedgwick Co. Ext.	Weather Presenter	130

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
May 2006			
5/4	KWCH Child Safety Seminar	Workshop for parents	400
5/6	KWCH Top of the Class	Recognition of Seniors	200
5/18	Goodwill Board Meeting	Quarterly Meeting	25
5/4	Stock Broker Meeting	Weather Talk	25
5/8	5 th grade Morgan Elementary	Weather Talk	50
5/10	Kansas Envirothon, Salina	Climate Presentation	400
5/24	Pleasant Valley Elem. School	Read to kids	20
5/03	Newton Elem. 2 nd and 5 th grade	Weather talks	220
5/04	Union Valley Elem. Hutchinson	Weather talks, after school program	120
5/09	All Saints Catholic School 5 th grade	Weather talk	30
5/11	Andale HS	Senior Job Shadow	1
5/15	South Breeze Elem. Newton 2 nd grade	Weather Talk	130

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
June 2006			
6/3	Victory in the Valley	East Meets West Run/Walk	1600
6/15	City Arts	News Media Class for Youth	10
6/16	Meadowlark Elem. Andover	Weather talk Summer School program	90

NON-BROADCASTING ENHANCEMENT

Joan Barrett, Vice President & General Manager

Elliott School of Communications Advisory Board member
Kansas State University Miller School Journalism Advisory Board Member
Kansas Assoc of Broadcasters Board Member
Carole Kneeland Project for Responsible Television Journalism Chair
Kansas Food Bank Board Member
Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Board Member
Boy Scouts of America Volunteer
Church of Magdalen Lector/Volunteer
Collegiate Booster Club Volunteer
NE Baseball Coach

Laverne E. Goering, Director of Programming & Production

Music Theatre of Wichita, Board Member
Harvey County Zoning & Planning Commission, Vice Chairman
Harvey County Economic Development Council, Board Member
Newton Rotary Club Member
American Quarter Horse Association Member

Terry Johnson, Account Executive

Music Theatre of Wichita, Board Member
Music Theatre of Wichita, Performer's Card Committee, Co-chair
Music Theatre of Wichita, Standing Ovation Committee
Wichita State University, Alumni Association member
Broadcast Professionals of Wichita, member

Kim Setty, Anchor

Junior Church teacher, Riverside Christian Church
Brownie Girl Scout Leader, McCollom Elementary
Library Volunteer, McCollom Elementary
PTO member, McCollom Elementary

Mark Larson, Meteorologist

Bel Air Shooting Stars 4-H Club, volunteer
Risen Savior Lutheran Church choir member
DataStreme/Oceans Instructor

Merril Teller, Chief Meteorologist

Kansas Children's Miracle Network, Advisory Committee
AYSO Volunteer Referee

Annie Work, Receptionist

Big Brothers & Sisters volunteer
Breast Cancer Awareness volunteer

Jeff Gibson, Engineer

C.E.R.T.
R.A.C.E.S. Emergency Operations Management volunteer
Brooks Leadership program
Northeast Magnet High School JROTC program.

Ronda Schwab, Sales Assistant

Parent Teacher Organization, USD 262
Teacher Appreciation Week Volunteer (Organizer)
Big Brothers / Sisters Bowling Tournament Volunteer
WSU Alumni Association / Career Mentor
Friends University Alumni Supporter

Doug Schrag, Photographer

Sunday school teacher, First Mennonite Church, Pretty Prairie, KS
USD 311 School board member
Albion township treasurer

Jeffrey Graber, Promotion Producer

Fountainhead Theatre of Kansas, Inc.: Treasurer of the Board

Felicia Rolfe, Reporter

Elliot School of Communication Advisory Board Member
Wichita Chapter of Links Inc. Member – Community Civic Organization
Miss Kansas USA Advisory Board Member
Goodwill Easter Seals Festival of Trees Volunteer

Amy J. Wintz, Account Executive

HCC communications strategic planning board member
Morgan PTO
Morgan Head room mother
Big Brothers and Sisters Reno county volunteer
HCC Leadership Program Mentor Board Member
Delta Zeta Alumni Chapter President

Mark Moore, Account Executive

Soccer Coach - Sedgwick County Soccer Association

Doug Wagner, Account Executive

Ambassador with the chamber of commerce
Volunteer to help on the United Way campaign
Youth sponsor at Bible Christian Church

Audrey Martin, Reporter

WSU Alumni Association

Jason Massingil, Production Manager

Young Life Youth Ministry

Liz Collin, News Anchor

Big Brother/Big Sisters
Derby H.S. Journalism Advisory Board

Casey Lowmiller, Production Assistant

American Red Cross Member

Alana Rocha, Anchor/Reporter

Ellis County Emergency Management Advisory Board

Kerri Baker, Sales Manager

Soroptimist

DC Chamber Ambassador

Small group leader, Minneola United Methodist Church

Sarah Pierik, Reporter

Victory in the Valley East Meets West Walk

The Creel Institute, Leadership Series

Djordje Maricic, Photojournalist

Big Brother/Big Sister

Kansas Association of Broadcasters student member

Bethel College International Student Club Advisor

Community Calendar

The “KWCH 12 Community Calendar” is a website feature at www.kwch.com. KWCH 12 Community Calendar promotes the maximum number of community church, school and nonprofit benefits.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & GROUPS

April 2006

Mead Street Gallery
St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church
Wichita Women’s Crisis Center
Wichita Grand Opera

May 2006

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve
EPBMX Race for Life
Maude Carpenter Children’s Home
Grasshopper Festival
Theatre on Consignment
Wichita-Sedgwick Co. Historical Museum
Orpheum Performing Arts Centre, Ltd.
Boy Scout Troop
March of Dimes WalkAmerica
Salina Parks and Recreation Dept.

June 2006

Music Theatre of Wichita
Make-A-Wish Foundation
Mental Health Assoc. of South Central KS
Kechi’s 21st Annual Garage Sale
Advocates to End Chronic Homelessness
Amputees Across America
Catholic Charities
American Cancer Society Relay for Life
Salina Rescue Mission
Good Grief of Kansas
Kansas Aviation Museum
Old Town Farm & Art Market
Kansas Air National Guard
Wichita Grand Opera

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FACE THE NATION

- 04/02/06 1) Interviews with Sen. Richard Durbin and Rep. James Sensenbrenner about immigration: the bill that has passed in the House focused on tightening borders and including the building of a 700 mile fence, as opposed to: a proposed guest worker program enabling people who enter the U.S. to stay and work legally/the creation of a legal path for currently undocumented aliens
2) Discussion with David Brooks about: debate in the House and the Senate about immigration legislation/impact on the Republican party/the announcement of a new White House Chief of Staff
Guests: Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL), Assistant Democratic Leader (1); Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Chairman, House Judiciary Committee (1); David Brooks, Columnist, The New York Times (2)
- 04/09/06 1) Immigration legislation: Democratic vs. Republican viewpoints: the possibility of a compromise immigration bill before the November elections/pros and cons of the guest worker program/defining the term 'amnesty'/sensible reforms aimed at keeping illegal immigrants out and returning those already in the U.S. to their original countries
2) Interview with Rick Wagoner about the future of General Motors: the possibility that the company will declare bankruptcy/a possible government bailout/the claim that more Americans are buying Japanese cars/the question of whether Wagoner will resign/the impact of a strike by Delphi, the auto parts-making company/retirement buyouts offered to GM employees/his reaction to comments by Kirk Kerkorian, a major investor in GM
Guests: Rep. Thomas Tancredo (R-CO), Chairman, House Immigration Reform Caucus (1); Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA) Member, House Committee on Ways and Means and Congressional Hispanic Caucus (1); Richard Wagoner, CEO and Chairman, General Motors (2)
- 04/16/06 1) Interview with Sen. George Allen about: the future of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld/criticism of Rumsfeld by retired U.S. generals/the situation in Iraq/the need for the Iraqi people to form a unity government; Allen's stand on U.S. immigration policy/the impact of immigration legislation on the Republican Party; Allen as a possible presidential candidate
2) Interview with Gov. Bill Richardson about: his reaction to Sen. Allen's comments regarding Secretary Rumsfeld/his opinion that a date should be set for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq; Iran's progress toward the possession of nuclear weapons/the need to engage the Iranians in direct talks; Richardson as a possible presidential candidate
Guests: Sen. George Allen (R-VA), Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations (1); Gov. Bill Richardson (D-NM), Chairman, Democratic Governors' Association (2)
- 04/23/06 1) Interview with Major General John Batiste (Retired, U.S. Army) about: his suggestion that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld should step down from his post/what he considers to be flawed strategic decisions in the conduct of the war in Iraq/his belief that the U.S. Army is over-committed and under-resourced/Secretary Rumsfeld's claim that the military is against him because he is in favor of change; the possibility that Iran is developing a nuclear weapon
2) Interviews with Patrick Buchanan and John Podesta about: reaction to General Batiste's comments/evaluation of President Bush's decision to back Rumsfeld/significance of changes in the White House staff/impact on the fall elections
Guests: Major General John Batiste, retired, U.S. Army, former Commander, First Infantry (1); Patrick Buchanan. Former Reagan White House Communication Director (2); John Podesta, former Clinton White House Chief of Staff (2)

FACE THE NATION (continued)

04/30/06 1) Interview with Dr. Condoleezza Rice about: former Secretary of State Colin Powell's claim that his recommendation that a much larger force be sent to Iraq in order to keep peace was rejected/the issue of what Iraqis can contribute to their own security/American casualties in Iraq/progress on the political front; the situation in Iran/possible imposition of sanctions; the issue of immigration
2) Interview with Senators Maria Cantwell and Lisa Murkowski about: rising gasoline prices/finding short term and long term solutions/addressing the problem of price-gouging and the over-dependence on foreign oil/possible impact of rolling back the gas tax/the windfall profits tax/giving everybody a \$100 rebate
Guests: Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State (1); Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) (2); Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) (2)

60 MINUTES

04/02/06 "Bin Laden's Bodyguard"- 60 MINUTES traveled to Yemen to interview Abu Jandel, once Osama bin Laden's personal bodyguard and still an al-Qaeda sympathizer, who claims that America's best chance to kill bin Laden came and went before 9/11. Also includes an interview with Mike Scheuer, a former CIA analyst and now a CBS News consultant. (C: Bob Simon - P: Draggan Mihailovich)
"What's Good For America..."- focuses on financial problems faced by General Motors resulting from high labor costs - especially healthcare and pension payments - and tough competition. Includes interviews with: David Cole, Chairman of the Center for Automotive Research; Rick Wagoner, General Motors Chairman; Gary Chaison, professor of industrial relations at Clark University; Ron Gettelfinger, UAW president; and Bob Lutz, General Motors Vice Chairman. C: Steve Kroft - P: L. Franklin Devine)
"Working 24/7"- the digital revolution now enables people to work their jobs in just about any location and at nearly every waking hour. Includes interviews with Joe Hurd, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur and his wife Christina Mireles, as well as other Americans for whom a 40 hour work week is a thing of the past. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Karen Sughrue)
Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy's Views On The News" - Andy shares some of his views on recent articles he found in newspapers.

04/09/06 "Death Of A General"- an interview with Chief Warrant Officer Lewis Welshofer, who faced court-martial for murder when Iraqi General Abid Hamed Mowhoush died after Welshofer interrogated him using a technique that he says was sanctioned by his superiors. Also includes interviews with: Frank Spinner, Welshofer's attorney; and Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), Member of the House Armed Services Committee. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Harry Moses)
"The Orphanage" - a visit to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Kenya-based orphanage for elephants who were abandoned when they were less than two years old. Includes interviews with: Dame Daphne Sheldrick, the orphanage founder who has been working with elephants for 50 years and Edwin Lusichi, head of the elephant keepers. (C: Bob Simon - P: Michael Gavshon)
"Michelle Wie" - followup to "Michelle Wie" (OAD: 04/11/04), an interview with the 14-year-old golfing sensation. The followup consists of an interview with Michelle Wie, who at sixteen is the highest paid woman golfer in the world, with endorsement deals worth \$10 million. Also includes an interview with David Wirtchafter, president of the William Morris Agency. (C: Steve Kroft - P: Kay Lim)

Andy Rooney Topic: "Reading, Writing, Arithmetic" - Andy says due to the new emphasis on reading and math in schools other subjects may be getting neglected

60 MINUTES (continued)

- 04/16/06 "Terror Behind Bars"- a visit to Israel's top-security prison including interviews with: Abdullah Barghouti, mastermind behind Hamas' deadliest suicide bombings; Muhammed Jalala, a nurse turned terrorist; and Gilad Cohen, a guard at the prison. Also includes an interview with Anna Muna, a terrorist held at Hasharon Prison for women; and Israeli Major Yuval Biton, the prison dentist. (C: Bob Simon - P: Michael Gavshon, Solly Granatstein, Israel Goldvicht)
"Too Many Men"- in China, many more men are being born than women, an imbalance, created in part by the country's one-child policy, that has led to social instability and an increase in crime. Includes interviews with: Zhao Baige, vice minister of the family planning commission; and Valerie Hudson, political scientist of Brigham Young University and co-author of a book on Asia's male surplus. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Karen Sughrue)
"Jamie Oliver"- an interview with Jamie Oliver, a 30-year-old British celebrity TV chef who is campaigning to improve the eating habits of school children, not just in Britain but in the United States. Just over three years ago, Oliver put up over \$2 million to finance a non-profit restaurant staffed with disadvantaged young people. (C: Ed Bradley - P: Jeanne Langley)
Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Gets A Lot Of Stuff" - things that people send to Andy
- 04/23/06 "A Spy Speaks Out"- former CIA official Tyler Drumheller charges the Bush Administration with ignoring intelligence that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Also includes interviews with: former ambassador Joseph Wilson; Rocco Martino, a former spy for Italian military intelligence; and Elisabeta Burba, a reporter for an Italian news magazine. (C: Ed Bradley - P: David Gelber, Joel Bach)
"Aging In The 21st Century"- an investigation of the new multi-billion dollar field of anti-aging medicine, in which diet, exercise and even controversial drugs, including the human growth hormone, play a role in helping people feel and look younger. Includes interviews with: Dr. Alan Mintz, founder of the Cenegenics Medical Institute of Las Vegas and Dr. Shlomo Melmed, Director of Cedars-Sinai Research Institute in Los Angeles. (C: Steve Kroft - P: Andrew Court)
"The Star Of Starbucks"- an interview with Howard Schultz who turned a few local stores selling coffee beans and machines into a \$29 billion multinational corporation. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Tom Anderson)
Andy Rooney Topic: "A Women President" - Andy asks why the U.S. has never had a woman president
- 04/30/06 "Lethal And Leaking"- a visit to the site along the Columbia River in Hanford, WA., where waste left over from the production of nuclear weapons is stored. The Department of Energy has been trying to clean up the site for 16 years at the cost of billions of dollars and has accomplished virtually nothing. Includes interviews with: Charles Anderson, an Energy Department official; Gene Aloise, General Accounting Office; Gary Jones, a GAO investigator; Tom Carpenter, the Government Accountability Project; and Gov. Christine Gregoire of Washington State. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Richard Bonin)
"Priory Of Sion" - a report on the controversy over whether a central element of "The Da Vinci Code", the best-selling novel by Dan Brown -- a mysterious European society known as the Priory of Sion -- is fact or fiction. (C: Ed Bradley - P: Jeanne Langley)
"The Colbert Report"- an interview with Stephen Colbert, host of Comedy Central's popular "fake news" program "The Colbert Report." (C: Morley Safer - P: Alden Bourne)
Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Goes Back To The Future"- segments CBS News made 20 years ago predicting what life would be like in the year 2001

48 HOURS

04/01/06 PREEMPTION

04/08/06 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Love Lost" - focuses on new evidence in the investigation of the July 2005 disappearance of honeymooner George Smith from the cruise ship Brilliance of the Seas. Four young men who had been drinking and gambling with Smith and his bride Jennifer in the hours previous to his disappearance were considered prime suspects. Includes an interview with Dr. Jerry Askins, a podiatrist whose son Josh, a college student from California, was one of them. Josh and his companions told police that they escorted a drunken Smith back to his cabin and left him on his bed and that his wife, Jennifer Hagel Smith, was nowhere to be found. Also includes interviews with George Smith's parents, Maureen and George Sr., and his sister Bree. George Smith is presumed to have gone overboard into the waters off Greece at approximately 4:30am, almost the exact moment when a crew member found Jennifer on the other side of the ship, slumped over on the floor with no memory of what happened. The families of George Smith and Jennifer Hagel Smith plan a joint wrongful death lawsuit against the Royal Caribbean cruise line. (C: Hannah Storm - Sr. P: Judy Tygard - P: Clare Friedland, Mary Noonan Robichaux, Marc Goldbaum, Liza Finley)

04/15/06 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "A Knock On The Door"- in 1982, in the town of Olathe, Kansas, a young banker named David Harmon was bludgeoned to death in his bed. His wife Melinda told authorities that two men intent on robbing the bank where David worked had broken into their home and committed the crime. Investigators believed, but could not prove, that Melinda was involved in a secret affair with family friend Mark Mangelsdorf, and that the two were involved in David's murder. Nearly 20 years later, armed with new forensic technology, police zeroed in on the couple: Mangelsdorf, an independent business consultant in New York City, is now married with five children and lives in Pelham, N.Y.; Melinda, now living in Columbus, Ohio is married to a dentist and is the mother of two. Melinda was tried and found guilty of murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Facing a sentence of life in prison, she offered the prosecutor information about what happened the night of the murder in exchange for a lighter sentence. Melinda and Mangelsdorf, who entered a guilty plea, will be sentenced on May 12. (C: Hannah Storm - Sr. P: Al Briganti - P: Lisa Freed, Deborah Grau)

04/22/06 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Marilyn Tapes"- an investigation of the apparent suicide, on August 4, 1962, of actress Marilyn Monroe. In 1982, amid public outcry concerning allegations of conspiracy and a cover-up following Monroe's death, the Los Angeles District attorney was forced to re-examine the evidence. Using the California Public Records Act, 48 HOURS filed a petition and obtained 309 pages of internal documents and approximately five-and-a-half hours of audio taped interviews with key sources. Included are interviews with: Jeanne Carmen, a close friend of Monroe's; Anthony Summers, biographer and journalist who acted as a consultant to 48 HOURS; actor Tony Curtis; Playboy publisher Hugh Hefner; Dr. Hyman Engelberg, Monroe's personal physician; Eunice Murray, her housekeeper; Dr. Steven Karch, a forensic pathologist; Rick Stone and Ken Hunter, ambulance attendants who were dispatched to Monroe's home; and Daryl Gates, former Los Angeles Police Chief. (C: Peter Van Sant - Sr. P: Judy Tygard - P: Nancy Kramer, Taigi Smith, Christopher Young)

48 HOURS (continued)

04/29/06 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Deadly Proposal" - in February 1999, Stephanie Pepper, a Louisiana Tech University professor, married David Sims, an accountant, ten years her senior. Two years into their marriage, David and Stephanie were growing apart. In November 2002, Stephanie and her friend, Ginger Steward, visited a local bar where Stephanie met Wayne Guidry, Jr. who claimed to be a professional golfer spending some time in the area hunting during the off season. Less than a week after Stephanie met Guidry, she told David she wanted to separate, and five weeks after the affair began, Stephanie disappeared. With the help of Erik Dufrene, a childhood friend of Wayne Guidry and Guidry's father, Stephanie's body was found in the Jackson Bienville Management Preserve. Guidry was arrested, tried and found guilty of the murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole. He is appealing his conviction. (C: Peter Van Sant - Sr. P: Anthony Batson - P: Peter Henderson, Mead Stone)

CBS RELIGIOUS SPECIAL

04/23/06 "A Fair Harvest"- an interfaith religion program about attempts to achieve dignity for migrant farm-workers, focusing on a story in southwest Florida (Immokalee) about a group of tomato pickers from Central America and Haiti who organized their own workers' coalition. Another story touched upon is the Mt. Olive Pickle Company in North Carolina where, with the help from the National Council of Churches, local councils and the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, cucumber pickers in the Mt. Olive area succeeded in getting a boost in wages. Discussing these stories and some proposals being made for national immigration legislation are: Rev. Bob Edgar, of the National Council of Churches, and Rev. George Anderson, an editor of the Jesuit magazine "America." The migrant farm-workers' dignity and fairness issues are presented by Robert Mendez and Eucebio Rodriguez, both full-time pickers and part-time union activists for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Also included are comments by Lucas Benitez who helped found the Coalition and interviews with: Father Joe Clifford, pastor of St. Columbkille Catholic Church (Ft. Myers); Rev. Jim Boler, (Sanibel Is.) UCCC; Rev. James McDonald, Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples, Fla.; Rev. Noelle Damico, liason between the national Presbyterian Church and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers; and Bert Perry, of the National Farm-workers Ministry. (Executive Producer/Director: John P. Blessington - Producer/Narrator: Ted Holmes)

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FACE THE NATION

- 05/07/06 1) Interview with Sen. John McCain about: the resignation of CIA head Porter Goss/the nomination of Michael Hayden, an Air Force General and former director of the National Security Agency, to replace Goss/debate over eavesdropping without a warrant; McCain's agreement with Vice President Cheney's comments about Russia/President Bush's attendance at the G8 summit meeting in St. Petersburg; the situation in Iran; the possibility that Sen. McCain will seek the Republican nomination for president
2) Roundtable discussion about: the nomination of Gen. Michael Hayden to head the CIA/reorganization of the CIA; Sen. John McCain as a presidential candidate
Guests: Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), Member, Armed Services Committee (1); Colbert King, Columnist, The Washington Post (2); David Brooks, Columnist, The New York Times (2)
- 05/14/06 1) Interview with Stephen Hadley about: reports that the National Security Agency was eavesdropping without court orders on some telephone calls coming into and out of this country involving people suspected of having terrorist ties/the legality of the terrorist surveillance program/the inclusion of some domestic-to-domestic calls/Gen. Michael Hayden's confirmation hearings following his nomination to head the CIA; President Bush's upcoming speech on immigration/the possibility that National Guard troops will be stationed on the U.S. border
2) Interview with Sen. Arlen Specter and Rep. Jane Harman about: reaction to Stephen Hadley's statements/charge that Congress has not been properly briefed about the surveillance program and that court warrants are needed/proposed legislation giving the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court authority to rule on the constitutionality of the program/hearings involving the three telephone companies; the nomination of General Hayden to head the CIA
Guests: Stephen Hadley, National Security Adviser (1); Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA), Chairman, Judiciary Committee (2); Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA), ranking Member, House Intelligence Committee (2)
- 05/21/06 1) Interview with Alberto Gonzales, U.S. Attorney General, about: immigration/the role of National Guard troops to be stationed along the U.S. border /the possibility that President Bush will opt for fencing off the entire border/the future of an amnesty program for those who are already in this country, many of them illegally/the Senate bill designating English as the national language of the U.S./the chance that there will be an immigration bill this year
2) Interview with Rep. James Sensenbrenner and Sen. Dianne Feinstein about: pros and cons concerning the limited guest worker program proposed by President Bush; assessing the effectiveness of putting National Guard troops along the U.S. border
Guests: Alberto Gonzales, U.S. Attorney General (1); Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Ranking Member, Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism Technology and Homeland Security (2); Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Chairman, Judiciary Committee (2)
- 05/28/06 1) Interviews with Senators Mitch McConnell and Chuck Schumer about: Republicans' ability to hold majorities in the Senate and the House; immigration legislation; the impact of President Bush's low approval numbers on the upcoming election; speculation on what the overriding issue in the campaigns will be
2) Discussion about: assessing the past five years of the Bush Administration; the FBI search of a Democratic Congressman's office; the immigration situation
Guests: Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Assistant Majority Leader (1); Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY), Chairman, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (1)
Guest Interviewer/Discussion Participant (2): Elisabeth Bumiller, Columnist, The New York Times

60 MINUTES

- 05/07/06 **"SallieMae"** - making government-backed loans to college students has become so lucrative for the SallieMae Corporation that its stock has skyrocketed 2,000 percent in the last decade. But some students, unable to repay their loans, are left dealing with high interest rates and growing debt. Includes interviews with: Alan Collinge who started a website to help others with student loans; Michael Dannenberg, New America Foundation; Elizabeth Warren, professor of bankruptcy law at Harvard Law School; and Rep. Thomas Petri (R-WI). (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Janet Klein)
- "The Ethanol Solution"** - a report on a group of farmers in Iowa who have invested their life savings to build a factory that turns corn into an alternate fuel called ethanol. Includes interviews with some of the farmers on the plant's board of directors; Professor Daniel Kammen, head of the Renewable Energy Lab at the University of California, Berkeley; Rick Wagoner, head of General Motors; and Red Cavaney, head of the American Petroleum Institute. (C: Dan Rather - P: Michael Rosenbaum)
- "Long John Daly"**- an interview with professional golfer John Daly about his struggles with addictions to both alcohol and gambling; his multiple marriages; and his ups and downs on the PGA tour. (C: Morley Safer - P: Deirdre Naphin)
- Andy Rooney Topic:** "What's In Your Medicine Cabinet?" - the naming and labeling of drugs in America's medicine cabinets
- 05/14/06 **"The New Boss"**- an interview with Andy Stern, president of SEIU, the Service Employees International Union, the second largest union in the country. Stern claims that strong unions are America's best anti-poverty program. Also includes an interview with Rose Ann Demoro, executive director of California Nurses Association, who accuses Stern of going too far in pursuing a partnership with corporate America. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Denise Schrier Cetta)
- "The Harlem Children's Zone"**- an interview with educator Geoffrey Canada who, using vast private funds, founded The Harlem Children's Zone, in an effort to offer free social, medical and educational services to neighborhood children. Also includes an interview with Stanley Druckenmiller, chairman of the board of The Harlem Children's Zone. (C: Ed Bradley - P: Tanya Simon)
- "Not Ready To Make Nice"**- a report on the negative reaction following Dixie Chicks' lead singer Natalie Maines' comment, on the eve of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, that she was ashamed President Bush was from her home state of Texas. Later this month, the group, currently trying to make a crossover group between country and rock, will release their first album in nearly three years. (C: Steve Kroft - P: John Hamlin)
- Andy Rooney Topic:** "What's In A Name?" - public places and things named after famous people
- 05/21/06 **A Mike Wallace Tribute** - a retrospective of Mike Wallace's career (P: David Browning, Warren Lustig)
- "Mike"** - highlights from Mike Wallace's interviews with public figures including world leaders and others in the public eye. (C: Ed Bradley)
- "The Interrogator"**- examines Wallace's technique as an interviewer, looking as his special talent for getting people to reveal information about themselves. (C: Steve Kroft)
- "The Entertainers"** - highlights of Mike Wallace's interviews with some of the world's best known entertainers. (C: Lesley Stahl)
- "Myron"**- reflects on Mike Wallace, actually named Myron, his career on radio and television; the death of his son Peter; his relationship with his colleagues at 60 MINUTES and Executive Producer Don Hewitt; controversial topics he has covered; and the depression that plagued him for years. (C: Morley Safer)
- Andy Rooney Topic:** "Andy Pays Tribute To Mike Wallace" - Andy reflects on his colleague Mike Wallace

60 MINUTES (continued)

05/28/06 **"Mafia Cops?"**- ex-New York detectives Stephen Caracappa and Louis Eppolito, are charged with the murders of 10 people, murders committed on the orders of a Mafia boss. In an interview, Caracappa calls the charges ludicrous. Includes a portion of an interview ("The Most Feared Gangster" OAD: 09/20/98) with mob boss Anthony "Gaspipe" Casso; and an interview with Ed Hayes, Caracappa's attorney. Louis Eppolito (not interviewed) also contends that he is innocent of all charges. (C: Ed Bradley - P: Michael Radutzky, Tanya Simon, Patti Aronofsky) (OAD: 01/08/06). Includes an update about their conviction.

"Wounds Of War"- some American soldiers severely wounded in combat in Iraq were able to return home, thanks to body armor and improved medicine. Includes interviews with Melissa Stockwell who lost a leg; Brian Newman who lost his left arm; Edward Wade who lost his right arm and sustained serious brain injuries; and Thomas Young who became an anti-war activist after a bullet left him paralyzed. (C: Mike Wallace - P: Robert Anderson) Casey Morgan) (Part I of an expanded version of "Wounds Of War" OAD: 02/12/06)

"Jessica Clements"- an interview with Jessica Clements, a former model, who underwent extensive surgery after a roadside bomb shot shrapnel into her brain. Jessica talks about the surgery that saved her life, the pain she still suffers, and her plans for the future. (This was an expanded version of an interview originally aired as part of the "Wounds Of War" segment. (C: Mike Wallace - P: Robert Anderson, Casey Morgan) (Part II of an expanded version of "Wounds Of War" OAD: 02/12/06)

Andy Rooney Topic: "A Memorial Day Worth Remembering" - what Memorial Day means to Andy Rooney and how he thinks it should be remembered

48 HOURS

05/06/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Last Dance"**- in July 2002, 18-year-old Catherine Woods left her home in Columbus, Ohio to pursue a career as a dancer in New York City. On Sunday of the 2005 Thanksgiving weekend Catherine was savagely murdered. David Haughn, a rap musician and Catherine's live-in boyfriend was the initial suspect. In the fall of 2004 Catherine had met Paul Cortez, a 25-year-old vocalist in a rock band. He called her parents, Jon and Donna Woods, and told them that Catherine was performing at a topless bar, and suggested that she was involved with both drugs and prostitution. Police say that Paul Cortez' fingerprints match one bloody print found in Catherine Woods' apartment and, on December 23, 2005, he was charged with her murder. Prior sexual assault charges against Paul Cortez were dropped, but he is expected to go to trial next fall for the murder of Catherine Woods. If convicted he could be sentenced to life in prison. (C: Erin Moriarty - Sr. P: Peter Schweitzer - P: Patti Aronofsky, David A. Spungen)

05/13/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Cheatin' Heart"**- Randy Hardison, a successful country songwriter, was assaulted outside his Nashville apartment on June 1, 2002; he died three days later. He had been helping Catina Skipper, an aspiring singer. They began an affair and, according to Hardison's friends, Skipper's husband, Ronnie, threatened Hardison. Police considered Ronnie Skipper to be the prime suspect but, three days into the investigation, a man calling himself 'Julius' called the homicide bureau claiming that he had been hired to beat up Hardison by a Dr. Jones. The lead proved groundless, and Ronnie Skipper and Orlando Smith, one of his employees, were brought to trial. Despite Catina Skipper's claim that she was responsible for Randy Hardison's death, both Skipper and Orlando were found guilty of aggravated assault. After serving seven months in jail, they were released. Catina Skipper was convicted of perjury and served two months in jail. Includes interviews with country music stars Lee Ann Womack and Darryl Worley. (C: Peter Van Sant - Sr. P: Peter Schweitzer - P: Jay Young, Mary Noonan Robichaux)

48 HOURS (continued)

- 05/20/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Duty, Death, Dishonor"**- 25-year-old U.S. Army Specialist Richard Davis, from a military family, began his career in the Army as a peacekeeper in Bosnia and was later assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division based in Fort Benning, GA. and took part in the March 2003 invasion of Iraq. Davis survived his tour of duty in Iraq and returned to the U.S. on July 13, 2003. After celebrating his homecoming with four Army buddies in Columbus, GA, Davis disappeared and was listed by the Army as AWOL. In September, two months after Davis' disappearance the Army opened an official investigation and on November 7th, 2003, a tip led to the discovery of his body. Nearly four months later, four soldiers who were last with Davis -- Jacob Burgoyne, Alberto Martinez, Mario Navarette and Douglas Woodcoff -- were arrested. Jacob Burgoyne, previously diagnosed with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), identified Alberto Martinez as the sole killer. Douglas Woodcoff agreed to cooperate with authorities once murder charges against him were dropped. A jury found Alberto Martinez and Mario Navarette guilty of murder with a sentence of life in prison. Jacob Burgoyne, who pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter, received a twenty year sentence. Douglas Woodcoff pled guilty to concealing a death and was sentenced to five years of probation. Both Navarette and Martinez are seeking new trials. (C: Erin Moriarty - Sr. P: Anthony Batson - P: Paul Ryan, Daria Hirsch)
- 05/27/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Pretender"** - a report on Christian Longo, a man on the run, charged with killing his wife and three children, who assumed the identity of Michael Finkel, an award-winning New York Times reporter. Finkel, who admitted to fabricating a portion of a story on child slavery in West Africa, was subsequently fired by the newspaper. Curious to learn why someone would want to steal his identity, Finkel met with Longo and, based on conversations, a series of letters and phone calls, put together an account of events leading up to the murders and Longo's apprehension. Christian Longo was tried, found guilty of all four murders and sentenced to death. He has since changed his story and is working on an appeal. The broadcast was based on an excerpt of "True Story: Murder, Memoir, Mea Culpa" a book on the murders written by Michael Finkel. (C: Maureen Maher - Sr. P: Peter Schweitzer - P: Miguel Sancho, Chris Young) (OAD: 05/31/05)
- 05/30/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Deadly Obsession"**- Carl "Charlie" Brandt, a Big Pine Key, Fla. man appeared to be devoted to his wife of 17 years, Teri, and close to her family. When Hurricane Ivan threatened the Florida Keys in September 2004, the Brandts sought refuge in the Orlando home of Teri's niece, Michelle Jones, a television executive at the Golf Channel. A few days after the Brandts' arrival, police discovered the bodies of: Teri Brandt who had been stabbed to death; Michelle Jones, also dead and brutally dismembered; and Charlie, who had hanged himself in the garage. Lead investigator Rob Hemmert's first clue came when Brandt's older sister Angela revealed that in 1971, Charlie, then 13, had shot both his father and mother in their Ft, Wayne, Ind. home. Brandt's mother, eight months pregnant, died of her injuries. Because Brandt was a juvenile, state authorities never charged him with murder but sent him to a mental institution for a little more than a year. Further investigation indicated that Brandt had committed a number of other murders. Michelle's parents, Bill and Mary Lou are pushing for a public database to include anyone of any age who killed another person, regardless of the circumstances. Investigator Rob Hemmert is trying to win the release of Charlie Brandt's mental health records in an effort to understand the motivation of a serial killer. (C: Susan Spencer - Sr. P: Judy Tygard - P: Steven Reiner)

FACE THE NATION

- 06/04/06 1) Interview with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice about: the arrest by Canadian police of 17 people on suspicion of terrorism/a possible connection with two Americans from Georgia; Dr. Rice's assessment of the situation in Iraq/the charge by the Iraqi prime minister that Iraqi civilians are being attacked by U.S. troops/the unwillingness of Iraqis to cooperate with U.S. troops/investigation of the alleged massacre at Haditha/the question of whether the U.S. is undermanned in Iraq/possibility that American troop levels can be reduced this year; a potential nuclear buildup by Iran/a timetable for the Iranian response to a serious offer by the international community/a military option
2) Interview with Mike Duffy about: how Time magazine got the story of the massacre at Haditha/investigation of the incident/reaction by the U.S. military
Guest: Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State (1)
Guest Interviewer/Commentator: Michael Duffy, Assistant Managing Editor, Time magazine (1) (2)
- 06/11/06 1) report on the death of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi: overnight developments in Baghdad; the impact on U.S. troops and the Iraqis. (C: Elizabeth Palmer, Lara Logan)
2) Interview with Gen. George Casey about: the impact of the death of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi; the possibility of terrorist attacks across Iraq; how U.S. troops can take advantage of the situation; increased security in Baghdad/timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops; al-Zarqawi's plan to extend his power beyond Iraq
3) Interview with Thomas Friedman about: the significance of the death of al-Zarqawi/his reaction to Gen. Casey's comments; prisoner suicides at Guantanamo Bay; Hamas attacks on Israel; a proposed multinational agreement with Iran concerning nuclear power
Guests: Gen. George Casey, Commander, Multi-National Force, Iraq (2); Thomas Friedman, Columnist, The New York Times (3)
Guest Correspondents: Elizabeth Palmer (Baghdad) (1); Lara Logan (London) (1)
- 06/18/06 1) Interview with Tony Snow about: report that two U.S. soldiers were captured Friday and taken prisoner in Iraq; report of a planned al-Qaeda poison gas attack on New York City subways; reports that North Korea is threatening to begin missile testing; the current situation in Iraq/polls showing U.S. public's failure to support the war in Iraq
2) Interview with Senators Joseph Biden and Lindsey Graham about: reaction to Tony Snow's comments; debate in Congress over the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq; the question of whether the prison at Guantanamo should be closed
Guests: Tony Snow, White House Press Secretary (1); Sen. Joseph Biden (D-DE), Ranking Member, Foreign Relations Committee (2); Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Armed Services Committee (2)
- 06/25/06 1) Interviews with Senators Richard Lugar and Barbara Boxer about: setting a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq/Iraqi President Maliki's plan to grant amnesty to insurgents; U.S. response to the threat of nuclear missile testing by North Korea
2) Roundtable discussion about: debate over withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq/resistance to Iraqi President Maliki's amnesty plan; looking forward to the November elections; projecting into the presidential campaign
Guests: Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN), Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee (1); Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Member, Foreign Relations Committee (1); Doyle McManus, Los Angeles Times, Washington Bureau Chief (2); Dan Balz, Columnist, The Washington Post (2)

60 MINUTES

- 06/04/06 **"Dying To Get In"**- the U.S. Government's efforts to secure the Mexican border have not only failed to stop the flow of illegal immigrants into the U.S., but have had the effect of driving more into the desert where over a thousand died last year. Includes interviews with: border patrol officer Garrett Neubauer; Dr. Bruce Parks, Tucson's medical examiner; Mark Reed, immigration official in San Diego; T.J. Bonner, head of the Border Patrol Agents Union; Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-CO); and Wayne Cornelius, an authority on immigration at the University of California. (C: Ed Bradley - P: David Gelber, Joel Bach) (OAD: 12/11/05)
- "A Different Kind Of Grocery Store"**- an interview with John Mackey, the CEO and founder of Whole Foods Market, a chain of stores cashing in on the growing demand for food grown organically without chemicals or pesticides. With 184 stores across the country, Mackey plans on expanding to Europe. (C: Dan Rather - P: Kyra Darnton)
- "Carl Hiaasen"** - an interview with Carl Hiaasen, an award-winning children's author and former investigative reporter-turned-columnist for The Miami Herald. Hiaasen has made a career of documenting, analyzing and interpreting the idiosyncrasies of his home state of Florida. (C: Steve Kroft - P: L. Franklin Devine) (OAD: 04/17/05)
- Andy Rooney Topic:** "If The Shoe Fits" - it's so hard to get shoes that fit perfectly
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- 06/11/06 **"Plan B - Levonorgestrel"** - focuses on the FDA's failure to approve over-the-counter sales of the emergency contraceptive Plan B. Includes interviews with: Dr. Susan Wood, former FDA director of women's health, who is critical of the agency's decision; "Evelyn," a rape victim who was not offered the drug by St. Vincent's Hospital in New York; and Dr. David Hager, a gynecologist, who claims that promotion of the product would result in increases both in teenage sexual activity and sexually transmitted diseases. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Karen Sughrue) (OAD: 11/27/05)
- "The Hobbit"**- a report from the Indonesian island of Flores where a team of Australian and Indonesian archeologists announced in Nature magazine that they had unearthed the bones of a previously unknown humanoid species. The scientists decided to call them Hobbits because of their diminutive height and the small size of their skulls. Includes interviews with: Douglas Hobbs, an Australian archeologist; Professor Mike Norwood, lead scientist on the Australian team; and Dr. Teuko Jacob, dean of Indonesian paleontology. (C: Bob Simon - P: Michael Gavshon) (OAD: 05/01/05)
- "Mel Brooks On Broadway"**- interview with actor/producer Mel Brooks about "The Producers," the Broadway musical based on his Academy Award-winning film, and the impact of his Jewishness on his life and work. (C: Mike Wallace - P: Jay Kernis) (OAD: 04/15/01)
- Andy Rooney Topic:** "What Have They Done To Milk?" - different types of milk in the grocery store (OAD: 11/06/05)

60 MINUTES (continued)

- 06/18/06 **"Burning Rage"**- a report on the Earth Liberation Front and the Animal Liberation Front, extremist environmental and animal rights groups whose increasingly violent tactics -- including arson and bombings -- make them the biggest domestic terror threat. Includes interviews with: Jeff Carle, San Diego Fire Department; Ron Coronado, a former ALF leader; John Lewis, FBI deputy assistant director for counter-terrorism; Dr. Jerry Vlasak, trauma surgeon and spokesman for several animal rights groups; and David Strange, FBI investigator. (C: Ed Bradley - P: Graham Messick) (OAD: 11/13/05)
- "Kinky For Governor"**- an interview with irreverent Jewish country singer Kinky Friedman, who, despite his lack of experience is campaigning as an independent to be the next governor of Texas. Includes an interview with Friedman's campaign manager Dean Barkley. (C: Morley Safer - P: Alden Bourne) (OAD: 01/22/06)
- "Swimming With Sharks"**- because tour operators use food to attract sharks for their "shark tourist" customers, critics say surfers and swimmers are in more danger now because the dangerous fish are associating humans with food. Includes footage of Bob Simon's trip to Shark Central at the tip of South Africa where he got a close-up view of great whites from the vantage of a shark-proof cage; and interviews with Aidan Martin, an Australian scientist; Chris Fallows, a shark tourism operator; Chris Bovim, a surfer; and Helgo Schelmer, a psychologist and surfer. (C: Bob Simon - P: Michael Gavshon, Solly Granatstein) (OAD: 12/11/05)
- Andy Rooney Topic:** "Ike Was Right About The War Machine" - military spending and what is being cut to fund the war in Iraq and the hurricane cleanup (OAD: 10/02/05)
- 06/25/06 **"The Oil Sands"**- a report on the oil boom in Alberta, Canada, where the oil sands produce a million barrels a day and hold reserves eight times those of Saudi Arabia. The oil companies, which pay some of the highest salaries in North America, are faced with problems including the shortage of labor and charges by environmentalists that they are destroying both the atmosphere and the land. (C: Bob Simon - P: Draggan Mihailovich) (OAD: 01/22/06)
- "Rex" (Parts I & II)** - followup to "Musically Speaking" (OAD: 09/28/03), a report on Rex Lewis-Clack, an eight-year-old boy whose incredible musical ability coexists with blindness and severe mental impairment. Part I of the followup consists of recent interviews with Rex, now ten-years-old; his mother, Cathleen and David Pinto, one of Rex's piano teachers. Part II consists of expanded interviews with Rex's mother Cathleen, and with Derek Paravincini, another musical savant and his teacher Adam Ockelford. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Shari Finkelstein) (expanded version of "Rex" OAD: 10/23/05)
- Andy Rooney Topic:** "When Did This Become Art?" - modern art in public places (OAD: 01/02/05)

48 HOURS

06/03/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Secrets & Lies On Grapevine Lake"** - in April 2002, the body of successful real estate agent David Nixon of Grapevine, Texas, was discovered in a storm drain in a nearby town. He had been shot in the heart and his remains burned beyond recognition. At the time of the murder Nixon and his live-in girlfriend Tracy Frame were in the process of splitting up and were fighting over the house where they both lived. Police investigating the crime focused on Frame who denied any wrongdoing. Three years after Nixon's death, Tracy Frame was tried, found guilty of murder and sentenced to 40 years in prison. She will be eligible for parole in 20 years. She is appealing the verdict. Includes interviews with: Tracy Frame; Donna Lella, David Nixon's first wife; Nicholas, their son; Jerry Vowell, a used car dealer, who was scheduled to meet David Nixon the night he disappeared; Detective Larry Hallmark; Donald Feare, Tracy's defense attorney; and the prosecutor, Assistant D.A. Sean Colston. (C: Troy Roberts - Sr. P: Anthony Batson - P: Peter Henderson) (OAD: 10/22/05)

06/06/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Sex, Lies And The Doctor's Wife"** - Karen Tipton, a mother of two and the wife of prominent psychiatrist Dr. David Tipton, was found stabbed to death in her Decatur, Alabama home in March 1999. Police quickly ruled out the husband as a suspect, and a month later arrested 24-year-old Daniel Wade Moore, who worked for the alarm company that had installed a security system in the Tipton home. Moore, a drug user, had initially confessed to his uncle to being present at the scene of the murder, but later retracted his statement. Despite the lack of physical evidence, Moore was tried, convicted and sentenced to death row. Eight months following the conviction, Moore's defense attorneys discovered that prosecutors had withheld potentially conclusive information in the case including an FBI report suggesting that Karen was having multiple affairs, and may have known her killer. In a stunning reversal in February 2005, the same judge who sentenced Moore to death released him from prison. The state appealed the decision and Daniel Moore is now awaiting a new trial that could set him free. (C: Erin Moriarty - Sr. P: Pater Schweitzer - P: Katherine Davis, Marc B. Goldbaum, Susan Mallie) (OAD: 11/12/05)

06/10/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Scared To Death"**- Jim and Vickie Barton, a Springboro, Ohio couple owned and lived on a horse farm. Jim was lieutenant with the Springboro police department, with aspirations of becoming police chief, and Vickie was a head nurse at the local hospital. In April 1995, Jim came home from work and found Vickie had been shot to death. For three years there were virtually no leads in the case and no arrests, but in 1998 Gary Henson, a career criminal, told police that his half-brother, Will Phelps shot Vickie by accident while he and an unidentified accomplice were in the process of burglarizing the Barton home. Four months later, Phelps committed suicide. In 2003, a county-wide cold case team was formed to take a second look at Vickie's murder. The squad discovered a portion of audiotape from Jim's 911 call which revealed a discrepancy in his testimony. Subsequently, Gary Henson told police that Jim Barton was responsible for his wife's death because he had sent Phelps to the house to scare Vicki in hopes of driving her to live in town where Jim supposedly needed to live to become police chief. A jury found Jim Barton guilty of involuntary manslaughter and he will serve at least 15 years in prison. He plans to appeal the verdict. There is no legal requirement for the Springboro Police Chief to live within city limits. (C: Peter Van Sant - Sr. P: Anthony Batson - P: Jay Young, Jamie Stolz) (OAD: 10/29/05)

- 06/17/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Written In Blood"** (9:00-11:00p)- an expanded version of "Written In Blood" (OAD: 09/25/04), a report on the brutal 1994 murders of the Rafay family -- Sultana Rafay, her husband Tariq and their autistic daughter, Basma -- in Bellevue, Washington, focusing on the pursuit and arrest of the two primary suspects: Atif Rafay, the only surviving family member, and his friend Sebastian Burns. Focuses on the key role of the Canadian Mounted Police in the investigation and the elaborate sting operation put in place by the CMP in order to obtain confessions from Rafay and Burns. Having taken refuge in Canada, Rafay and Burns, who had written the script for a film called "The Great Despisers," whose plot paralleled the 1994 murders, were extradited to Seattle to face murder charges. They were tried in November 2003, found guilty of murder and sentenced to three consecutive life terms -- one for each life that was taken. The Burns family has launched a campaign for a new trial. Includes interviews with the two accused men; Carol and Dave Burns, Sebastian's parents; Jimmy Myoshi, a friend of the suspects; Detective Bob Thompson; Sgt. Haslett, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Jeff Robinson and Song Richardson, defense attorneys for Sebastian Burns; Roger Davidheiser and James Konat, King County's prosecuting team. (C: Peter Van Sant - Sr. P: Nancy Kramer - P: Nancy Kramer, Jenna Jackson, Gayane Keshishyan) (OAD: 08/06/05)
- 06/24/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Back From The Dead"** - a report from Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia where a community lived in fear of a serial killer following the disappearance of nine-year-old Keyra Steinhart; 14-year-old Natasha Ryan; 19-year-old Sylvia Benedetti; 37-year-old Beverly Leggo and 39-year-old Julie Turner. Police picked up Leonard "Lenny" Fraser, a meat cutter at a local slaughterhouse, who had previously served prison time for assault. Fraser claimed innocence, but a search of his car revealed traces of Keyra Steinhart's blood as well as other human blood. Fraser led police to the nine-year-old's body but refused to admit to the other murders. Subsequently, police received an offer of help from Allan Quinn, a con man and a fellow prison inmate of Fraser's who not only got Fraser to confess to the killings, but to lead police to the bodies of three of his other victims. Despite the fact that Natasha Ryan's grave was not located, Fraser was brought to trial for all the murders. On the 12th day of the trial it was revealed that Natasha Ryan was not a murder victim but had run away from home with a boyfriend and had been living in hiding nearby. At the conclusion of the trial Fraser was convicted and sentenced to prison for the other killings. (C: Bill Lagattuta - Sr. P: Al Briganti - P: Chuck Stevenson, Doug Longhini) (OAD: 09/24/05)
- 06/27/06 **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "'Strange Truth'"**- in the early morning hours of March 21, 2003, Romona "Mona" Krotine left an office party just outside Cleveland, Ohio, and was never seen alive again. Nearly 24 hours later, she was found in the trunk of her car, beaten and shot to death. At first, police suspected a botched robbery because Mona was carrying the cash receipts from working at a concession earlier that day. Subsequently, Mona's husband, Jeffrey, began acting suspiciously, and the focus of the police investigation shifted to a domestic murder. Authorities believed that Mona had actually returned home after the party and that Jeffrey, having killed her, attempted to cover up the crime by destroying evidence, including portions of bedroom carpet and a large headboard. The case, largely circumstantial, went to trial twice, both times resulting in a hung jury. The jury at a third trial found Krotine not guilty. Officially, the murder of Mona Krotine remains an open case, but Jeff Krotine can never be retried for his wife's murder. (C: Susan Spencer - Sr. P: Anthony Batson - P: Paul LaRosa, Taigi Smith) (OAD: 10/08/05)

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CBS RELIGIOUS SPECIAL

06/25/06 **"Sacred Arts, Ancient Sounds"** - a CBS religion special examining the ways in which the arts are manifested in different religious cultures. The program features a performance by the Multiphonic Singers of Drepung Loseling Monastery, a group of Tibetan monks living in exile in Southern India. It also looks at the art of sand mandala-painting, where grains of varied colored sands are used to create intricate designs. The Venerable Thupten Chosang-la explains the basic tenets of Buddhism and how they are reflected in the rituals of this Eastern faith tradition. The broadcast visits a Choral Evensong Performance with the Men and Boys Cathedral Choir at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. The segment features interviews with the Cathedral Director of Music, Michael McCarthy, and Rev. Canon Carol L. Wade, the Canon Precentor. The broadcast includes a report on calligraphy, considered a sacred form of art in the Islamic tradition including an interviews with Mohammed Zakariya, an Islamic calligrapher. Also includes an interview with Lisa Sokolov, a New York jazz vocalist, improviser, composer, and Jewish Cantor. (Narrator: Ted Holmes - Writer/Producer: Liz Kinecke - Director: John P. Blessington)

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