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Rep. Moran votes 'no' on bailout

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The U. S. House of Representatives Monday stunned the Bush Administration, the leadership of both the Republican and Democratic parties, the two presidential candidates Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama, and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, when it rejected the Paulson bailout plan 205-228.

Rep. Jerry Moran of the Big First District voted 'no'. Also voting 'no' from Kansas were Representatives Todd Tiahrt (R) and Nancy Boyda (D). The lone 'yes' vote came from Democrat Dennis Moore.

Congressman Moran, in a late afternoon dispatch from Washington, told The Telegram why he voted against the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008

"Just a few moments ago, the U.S. House rejected a \$700 billion financial

industry bailout plan designed to resolve the credit crisis in our financial markets," Rep. Moran said. "Congress remained in session over the weekend to finalize the bill. Though improvements were made to add some taxpayer protections and additional Wall Street accountability, the Administration's original proposal remained largely intact. The final legislation would have authorized the Secretary of Treasury to purchase up to \$700 billion in troubled assets — mostly mortgage-related securities — from financial institutions, to be sold at a later time. The Treasury Department would also establish a federally-backed insurance program for holders of troubled assets to be financed by assessing premiums on participants."

He continued: "I voted against this bill, but I expect some version of this legislation to be considered in a few days. Clearly, our country is facing very difficult economic times.

We have known there was a day coming when there would be consequences to the amount of debt on the books of individuals, corporations and our nation. While I want to take every step to avoid everyday Kansans from suffering the consequences of problems on Wall Street, I am opposed to legislation which brazenly shifts the burden of risk from Wall Street to taxpayers. This legislation authorizes an increase in our national debt to \$11.3 trillion dollars. There is no moral high ground in requiring another generation of Americans to pay for our failures, with interest. Moreover, the plan does not provide the fundamental reforms to our economy needed to avoid additional problems from occurring."

According to Congressman Moran, "In a rush to action, I am disappointed the Administration and Congress did not adequately consider alternatives to unprecedented government intervention

that will affect the nature of our economic system and the lives of generations for years to come.

"No elected official likes to be in a situation where there are no good options. I do not discount that the Kansans I care about and represent in Congress are going to face more difficult times. I think this is true with or without this legislation. There are consequences to years of a growing burden of debt. This legislation might have postponed the consequences but would not have eliminated them. I fully expect more financial problems to occur during the next few months. In Kansas, interest rates will rise and retirement balances will fall. Many lives will be impacted — but today's bill provided false hope.

"During this past week, I appreciate the hundreds of comments from Kansans who have contacted me on this issue," Rep. Moran said.

Norton, Kansas
Home of Gale Schulze

Briefly

Telegram Poll

McCain - 79

Obama - 63

Ron Paul - 3

Gov. Palin - 1

Bob Barr - 2

Total: 148

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Council meeting here Wednesday

Norton's City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the council chambers at the city building. Some of the items include: Accept Certificate of Substantial Completion for the water treatment plant; announce citywide fall clean up days; discuss informational letter to public regarding water quality; city administrator's report; discuss status of Elmwood Park restroom project; parks committee meeting report; and utility committee meeting report. The meeting is open to the public.

Booster club to gather Wednesday

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Speakers will be head football coach Lucas Melvin, head volleyball coach Peggy Cox, head cross country coach Tom Hehn and head tennis coach Marianne Wicker. Coach Melvin will also show the video of Friday night's 40-0 shutout of Osborne.

Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear with a low around 46. Calm wind becoming northwest around 5 mph. **Wednesday** — Sunny with a high near 76. North wind around 10 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 41. **Thursday** — Sunny with a high near 75. **Thursday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 48. **Friday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 75.

Kingham report:

Sept. 26 Low 57, High 89
Sept. 27 Low 56, High 78
Sept. 28 Low 51, High 86
Sept. 29 Low 46, High 73
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord of constant presence, thank you for bringing others into my life to walk with me. **Amen**

Maybe a dog's what you need

By BRANDY LEROUX
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October is National Adopt-A-Dog month, but you don't have to wait for that special month to adopt a pet.

Sherry Hickman, Norton Animal Control officer, manages the city pound, located on KQNK Road. She had five dogs that could be adopted, but one, a basset hound named Ace, has already found a home.

Eleanor, pictured at right in the cage, is a boxer/lab mix, about a year old.

"I came to the shelter to take care of the animals one day, and she had been left here. She has manners, and knows how to sit, shake, and.....," said Mrs. Hickman.

Boxer, a lab/chow/boxer mix, is also about a year old.

"Boxer is very sweet, and very gentle. He's brindle-colored. He doesn't know any commands, but all it takes is time to teach him," said Mrs. Hickman.

Bailey is from the same litter as Boxer, but looks nothing like him. Bailey is slightly bigger and brawnier, and has medium-dark fur.

Lastly is Squirt, a chihuahua/minature pinscher mix. Squirt is about 4 1/2 years old and is fawn colored.

"Squirt is a nice little dog, and fairly calm for his breed. He's just waiting for his chance to have a family," said Mrs. Hickman.

The cost to adopt a dog from the city pound is \$45.

"The dogs here aren't purebred, they don't have papers, but that doesn't make them any less good pets. They want someone to play with, to love, to be loved by, just like every other dog. They can be taught manners, obedience commands and tricks," said Mrs. Hickman.

The city dog pound is funded by the city, and is inspected twice per year by the State of Kansas. "They come in and check to make sure the records are kept up-to-date, they check the animals' health, and the cleanliness of the facility," said Mrs. Hickman.

"We have a pretty successful record with the state, especially in the areas of cleanliness and upkeep. There can't be any food on the floor, and there has to be regular maintenance of the facility. The inspections are unannounced."



Sherry Hickman fed Eleanor, a lab/boxer mix at the animal pound Friday afternoon. Eleanor is one of the four dogs available for adoption at the Norton City Pound.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

The most dogs Mrs. Hickman has had at one time were about 17 (one dog had puppies), and the least 2. Unfortunately, the city pound is not a no-kill shelter for animals. Dogs and cats that spend too much time in the shelter, or are deemed "un-adoptable", are euthanized.

"Dogs that are aggressive or ill, not properly socialized with people and other pets, or who were severely neglected are euthanized. It helps me to think that they're in a better place," said Mrs. Hickman.

"We do not adopt out pit bulls. If one is surrendered or rescued, we try to find a rescue group to take it," said Mrs. Hickman.

One definite advantage to adopting a "pound dog" is the one-time 30 percent discount off vaccines, exam and spay or neuter at the Norton Animal Health Center, run by Drs. Aaron White and Sarah Ketterl White. "Adoption is a great way to bring a new pet into the home," said Dr. Sarah White.

"Make sure your new pet is in great health by taking him to a veterinarian. Spaying and neutering pets significantly reduces the number of unwanted, homeless animals and improves their quality of life."

"Lately the number of people being taken to court for their dog being 'at-large' has increased," said Mrs. Hickman. When someone sees a dog running loose, they call the sheriff's office, who in turn calls



Squirt is about four and a half years old, and is available for adoption from the Norton City Pound. He is a fawn colored chihuahua/minature pinscher mix.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Mrs. Hickman.

"The city police department can issue a warning or a ticket for the dog being loose, and if a ticket is given, there will be a court date. A judge will determine the fine, which is usually the \$25 ticket,

in addition to a \$75 court fee."

"Dogs need care and love. They need their owners to be responsible for them, to train them and teach them, play with them and make sure that they are healthy," said Mrs. Hickman.

Norton resident claims top Pick-Em prize

By DICK BOYD

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Twenty fans in the fourth week of the Telegram's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest missed just three games but Deb Thiele of Norton outguessed them all by missing just two and winning the \$15 scrip money first prize.

Deb's only misses were the Atwood win over Oberlin and Alabama upset of

Georgia.

Judges went to the 20 fans missing three games for the second and third prizes and the winners were all in the same family. Mark and Sady Keilig of Norton tied for closeness to the scores of the tiebreaker teams. Penn State defeated Illinois 38-24 in the tiebreaker contest. Mark picked Penn State by 38-27 and Sady chose them by 39-22, both a total of three points off.

A drawing decided that Mark Keilig won the second prize of \$10 in scrip money and Sady will receive the \$5 scrip money third prize.

As it turned out, another Keilig family member, Lacy, was also in the running for the weekly prize money. Lacy also missed three games and was just four points off on the tiebreaker score.

Others missing three games and points

off on the tiebreaker were: Bob Beadle, Norton, 6; Kathleen McConney, Norton, 8; Jared Foley, Wichita, 11; Randy Springer, Hoisington, 17; Dillon McConney, Norton, 17; Diana Smith, Norton, 17; David Riemann, Norton, 18; Christal Rose, Arapahoe, Neb., 18; Doug Ray, Norton, 21; Jeff Elliott, Norton, 24; Janae Talbott, Hays, 27; Donna Nelson,

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