



Peeping Tom allegations lead to man's arrest

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The Brewster community is in shock and disgust today following reports over the weekend of an electronic Peeping Tom shooting video tapes of unsuspecting young girls in a shower room at Brewster.

Adam F. Juenemann, a 23-year-old Brewster man, was arrested and remains in the Thomas County Jail in Colby following Saturday's alleged incident during a junior varsity volleyball tournament at the school.

Mike Baughn, undersheriff, said a call was received from the Brewster school shortly after 6:30 p.m. They said they had apprehended the man and waited for deputies to arrive to take him into custody.

Earlier reports indicated some girls noticed a red flash in the shower room and immediately notified their coach.

It was not known from what school the girls were from as six different schools from the area were participating in the tourney.

Baughn said the video taping took place in a utility access area between the walls of the shower room.

Charges being recommended to County Attorney Allen Taylor include aggravated burglary, criminal damage to property, criminal trespassing, sexual exploitation of a child, as well as possibly eavesdropping, said Baughn

Baughn said the incident was believed to be isolated, but investigation continues to be sure.

No specific numbers of girls victimized were known at press time, yet Baughn told parents, "Please be patient as we work through this the best we can." Kansas Bureau of Investigation has been asked to assist in the case.

Colby College to feature works of two local artists

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As we enter the fall season, Colby Community College will be featuring the work of two local artists in the Cultural Arts Center Gallery. Marlene Carpenter and Fritz Ostmeyer will be displaying several oil paintings and water colors from. Oct. 7-25.

Both artists studied under the guidance of Ken Mitchell, former instructor at the college. Ostmeyer and Carpenter recently assisted him in painting the mural located in the Bedker Memorial Complex.

Carpenter, known to many as the "Sunflower Lady," specializes in sunflower oil paintings. She will display two works including a copy of a work previously created by master artist Monet. She will also display a seascape, two barn and windmill scenes and one of her watercolor portraits.

Carpenter expresses her fondness for sunflower scenes on mailboxes, license plates, jewelry boxes, ostrich eggs and birdhouses. "I don't know why, but sunflowers just became my thing," said Carpenter.

Ostmeyer will be displaying one pastel composition and several oil

painting scenic works. She has done some work emphasizing Southwest culture, Native Americans and Arizona landscapes.

She has also done some on-site painting in the mountains.

To display watercolor painting, she will be showing some buildings she painted and then highlighted with ink to create mixed media works.

Ostmeyer volunteers at the Colby Senior Center where she teaches art. She also donates some of her personal work for fund raisers.

"Art is a form of therapy and a fun past time," said Ostmeyer.

There is no admission charge. The Colby Community College Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m. Groups may make special arrangements for other times by calling Cathy Gordon, college art instructor, at the college.

Campus close-up

School superintendent killed

HAYSVILLE (AP)—The superintendent of the Haysville School District was killed Saturday in a two-car accident in McPherson County.

Kristen Swartzendruber was driving alone from Kingman to Gossell to meet her sister when the accident occurred at a rural intersection.

Swartzendruber was serving a one-year contract as superintendent after

being named acting superintendent in May.

She led a staff of 700 and a student population of about 4,800.

She was the second superintendent to serve Haysville since Lynn Stevens was fired for excessive credit card spending in April 2001.

Don Wells left earlier this year after less than a year in the post.

Instructions from the expert



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Nancy Barrett, a quilter and an artist from Edmond, Okla. held classes Friday and Saturday at the Colby Community Building, hosted by the Quilt Cabin. Participants worked on blocks for a Santa Clause quilt. Barrett studied fashion design at Oklahoma State University. Her quilt "The Children" toured the United States as part of the exhibit "Sewing

Comfort Out of Grief: The Oklahoma City Children's Memorial Art Quilts." Other examples of her work may be found in *Mastering Machine Appliqué* by Harriet Hargrave. Pictured above, Barret helped Sally Smith (left) and Nancy Saddler (right) or their blocks during a Saturday quilting session.

Sebelius' campaign theme: 'Been there, done that'

By JOHN HANNA

AP Political Writer

TOPEKA (AP) — Democrat Kathleen Sebelius eventually boils all of her campaign themes in running for governor down to "been there, done that."

She talks about solving budget problems, supporting education, improving health care services and stimulating economic development.

But her television advertising has stressed her two terms as insurance commissioner. During a recent interview Sebelius sought most to leave the impression that she's fully up to any challenge, especially as the state's serious budget problems persist.

"I've been there, done that, know how it works, know how to do it," she said. "I'm known for rolling up my sleeves, taking on tough jobs."

Despite the state's traditional Republican bent in politics, Sebelius is seen as leading the governor's race over GOP nominee Tim Shallenburger.

Sebelius is actively courting moderate Republicans, in part by suggesting Shallenburger is ready to cut aid to public schools, which he says isn't true.

Shallenburger and other Republicans have tried to paint Sebelius as a liberal by, for example, citing her votes

as a Kansas House member against capital punishment and other crime legislation.

Sebelius said Shallenburger supporters are really trying to convince voters that they don't know her well.

"Labels really have very little play, I think, in this campaign," she said. "I like to say the only liberal I'm interested in this election is Liberal, Kansas, and I'm happy to go talk about my issues there and any place else."

Shallenburger has said Sebelius is vulnerable on tax issues. He's promised not to increase taxes. Asked whether she makes a similar pledge, Sebelius usually says that's the wrong place to start and would begin with a top-to-bottom review of state government to make it more efficient.

So far, many Republicans — and reporters and commentators — have viewed that answer as a dodge.

But Sebelius said such a review could lead to some savings quickly. She ticked off a list of governments that have had successful efficiency initiatives: Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Texas and the city of Memphis, Tenn.

"We're looking now at models of five or six states that are very impressive in terms of what they've done, how quickly they've been able to do it, and what kind of savings they've

achieved," she said. "Most states do very similar kinds of services and budgets."

Like Shallenburger, Sebelius said she believes the state can save \$100 million or more by attacking fraud in the state's medical programs, despite some reports to the contrary. Also, she believes that being more aggressive in collecting delinquent taxes could bring in more than \$50 million.

In addition, Sebelius said she would support an expansion of legalized gambling.

Finally, she said, she believes the state can be drawing down more federal dollars.

Still, Sebelius said she is prepared to cut spending and make reductions quickly. She pointed to her experience

during her first months in 1995 as insurance commissioner.

"At that point, what I made a strategic attempt to do is just get new services out of the existing money," she said.

"We identified the fact that we wanted a toll-free number for consumers to call, which didn't exist; that we wanted new materials printed, because the materials were indecipherable; four or five very short-term, very strategic goals. We had no new line items. I asked for no new money. We had no new staff."

Shallenburger has appointed a committee, led by Pittsburg businessman Gene Bicknell, to advise him on how to make government more efficient.

Student is arrested at dorm

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Thomas County sheriff's deputies arrested a Colby Community College student this past week after receiving information about a felony warrant against him in Sedgwick County, said Cloyd Hopper, Thomas County Sheriff's office investigator.

Hopper said that Michael Bradley,

19, was arrested in his dorm room and was picked up by authorities on Friday.

Thomas County was notified by Sedgwick County that they had tracked Bradley down and knew he was attending classes at Colby. Local deputies then made the arrest.

Bradley had warrants for aggravated burglary, aggravated robbery, kidnapping, and theft in excess of \$500.

WeatherWatch Colby-Oakley area

The numbers
Sunday's high, 84
Low this morning, 53
Year ago today, 82 and 48
Temperature at 10:45 a.m. today, 72

Colby's month's rainfall, 1.23
Records for Sept. 30, 97 in 1938; 21 in 1985

The forecast
Tonight, Partly cloudy, upper 40s, slight chance for thunderstorms.

Tuesday, partly sunny, 30 percent chance for thunderstorms, middle 70s, strong winds 15-25 mph out of the south, becoming northerly with gusts to 35.

Tuesday night, cloudy, lower 40s, 40 percent chance for showers.
Wednesday, cloudy, middle 50s, 30 percent chance for rain.

Colby Water Usage
•Sept. 27-28-28= 1,822 million gallons daily

Briefly

Center awarded mini-grant

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center at Oakley has been awarded a mini-grant from the Kansas School to Careers, Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. The project is aimed at increasing student learning and achievement by developing connections between current learning and students' future careers. Career assessment is one component of the grant. The grant allows service center staff to seek out high school dropouts, providing them career assessment, career guidance and referral services. By offering all students the opportunity to tour businesses/industry, and colleges and technical schools, students will gain an understanding of expectations of employers and post-secondary schools as well as job opportunities in the area. Call Judy Taylor (785) 672-3125, ext. 160, or write her at 703 W. 2nd, Oakley, Kan. 67748 for additional information.

School carnival needs help

The Colby Grade School Parent Teacher Organization is seeking donations from area businesses for the raffle which will be held during the PTO Carnival on Oct. 26. Donations can either be mailed in or the PTO will pick them up. Contact Becky Butts at 462-2774 or Julie Price at 462-3506.

Commodities distribution set

The USDA Commodity distribution will be Monday, Oct. 21,

from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the RSVP office in the Senior Progress Center, Colby. Eligible persons may receive the commodities according to income guidelines on that date only. Expected commodities are potato flakes, peanut butter, raisins, cranberry juice, tomato sauce, instant milk, walnuts, applesauce and corn. For more information contact the RSVP office at 462-6744.

'Fly-In' at Colby this week

The third annual Colby Fly-In will be Saturday, Oct. 5, from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Colby Municipal airport. A variety of aircraft will be on hand. Plane rides will be available to the first 100 people who register. Breakfast will be served for \$3 per person. Two rides in a WWII fighter trainer will also be raffled off. For tickets and more information, contact Mark Ostmeyer, airport manager, at 462-4438. Further details in Tuesday's Free Press.

EMTB Course reminder

Kathi Wright, Thomas County EMS director, said today that an EMTB (basic) Course is currently underway, and is being held on Mondays and Wednesdays. The course will continue through April and additional information is available by calling Director Wright at 462-4585.

Oakley to host programs

The Western Plains Arts Association has a couple of programs

scheduled in Oakley in early October. The first is Sunday, Oct. 6, when "I Do! I Do! - A Musical About Marriage," takes the stage at the high school auditorium at 3 p.m. Admission is by WPAA season pass, or tickets at the door, \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Then on Monday, Oct. 7, "The Brave Little Princess" will be staged at 10 a.m., also in the high school auditorium and at 1:15 p.m., "And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank," will be presented in the high school auditorium. More details on these programs will appear in the Free Press later this week.

Auxiliary needs items

Donations of good new or used holiday items are needed for the *Recycled Holidays Sale* sponsored by the Citizens Medical Center Auxiliary. Donations may be left at 545 Woofter Avenue in the evenings after 5 p.m. or call 462-7777 or 462-6896. The sale will be Saturday, Oct. 19, from 8 to 11 a.m. at 545 Woofter Avenue.

Foundation seeks board members

The Thomas County Community Foundation is expanding its board of directors and is compiling names of those who might be interested in finding out more about the roles and responsibilities of board members. Adding your name is not a commitment to serve. If you would like to be considered, or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact Becky Donelan at 465-9152.

