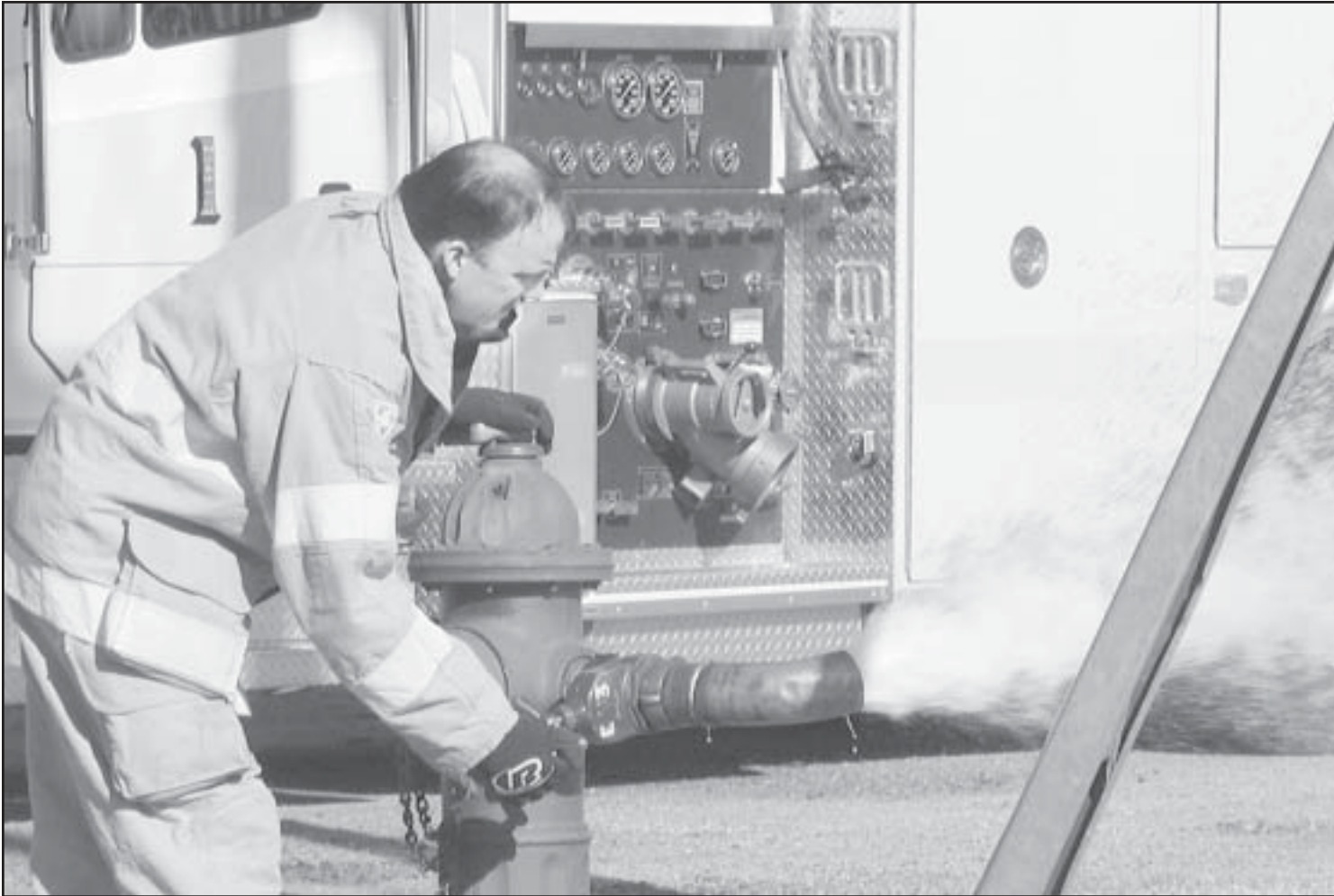


Going with the flow



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Sean Hankin with the Colby Fire Department flowed a hydrant Tuesday in the area of West 7th and School. Fire officials are

reminding residents of the hydrant maintenance, which will continue for the next several weeks, weather permitting.

Interest rates could stay low, economist says

By JEANNINE AVERSA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Extra-low borrowing costs are likely to stick around through most of the year as the anemic jobs market restrains the Federal Reserve from raising short-term interest rates.

That was the view expressed by a growing number of private economists after Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues said Tuesday they can be “patient” in ordering rate increases.

Federal policy-makers said that “new hiring has lagged” even though the economy is growing solidly.

The Fed’s latest thoughts on the economy came as policy-makers held the federal funds rate steady at a 45-year low of 1 percent, where it has been since June.

The funds rate is the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans and is the Fed’s primary tool for influencing economic activity.

“Don’t expect the Fed to raise rates anytime before the election unless we get an unexpected multi-month pop in payrolls and a rise in inflation,” said Sherry Cooper, chief economist at BMO Nesbitt Burns.

“Even a rate hike in November or December seems to be a long shot now.”

Cooper and other economists interpreted the tone of Fed’s comments on the nation’s current employment picture as a bit more discouraged than at January’s last meeting.

“Although job losses have slowed, new hiring has lagged,” the Fed said in Tuesday’s statement.

At the January meeting the Fed said that “although new hiring remains subdued, other indicators suggest an improvement in the labor market.”

Economist Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors, said the Fed’s new thoughts on the labor market “may be an admission that the (Fed) members, like the rest of us, have no idea when employment growth will rebound.

“It also was a bit of a retreat by

Greenspan, who has been a labor market optimist.”

Except for a few different words in two sentences, the January and February statements were the same.

But the change in the wording concerning the labor market was enough to make some private economists believe more firmly now that the Fed won’t begin to push interest rates higher until 2005.

“Until and unless there are significant increases in jobs over a period, tighter monetary policy is out of the question,” said Wells Fargo’s chief economist Sung Won Sohn.

Other economists, however, are hopeful that the job situation will improve and think the Fed could boost rates later this year.

Job growth has remained sluggish despite a rebound in economic activity.

The economy finally snapped out of the doldrums in the second half of last year, growing at its strongest

pace since early 1984. The economy is expected to grow at a healthy rate of more than 4.5 percent in the first half of this year, economists predict.

The Fed described the current

state of the economy as “continuing to expand at a solid pace.”

Nevertheless, the economy added a paltry 21,000 jobs last month — all of them in government. Private payrolls were flat.



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Tin containers, artwork to be featured in Logan

An exhibition of tin containers dating back to the late 1800s will be on display from Friday, April 2 through Saturday, May 16 at the Hansen Museum gallery in Logan.

“Nostalgic Tins” will feature tin containers collected by Liz Knitter of Downs who started her collection more than 50 years ago.

Her collection now has more than 1,600 tins and related items including tobacco, food product, pharmaceutical, candy, cosmetic, talcum, typewriter and household tins. Highlighted in the exhibit will be approximately 500 tins.

In addition to the tins, the museum will also feature a display of wroks by illustrator Mary Lane McMillan.

The 75 pieces on exhibit will span 75 years of her career.

Her illustrations appeared in Life, Harper’s Bazaar, The Saturday Evening Post and on the covers of Every Week, Judge, McCall’s, Pictorial Review, American Magazine and The Woman’s Home Companion.

The pieces will also be on display during the same timeframe as the tin

containers.

The illustrations in the “Parasols and Palmettos” exhibit are part of a collection assembled by Gary Hollingsworth, an art restorer based in Florida.

He has been collecting McMillan works since the mid-1970s.

For information, call the museum at (785) 689-4846.



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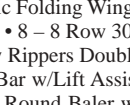
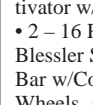
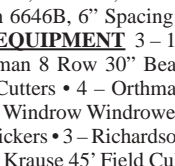
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**TRACT 1 - VACANT LOTS**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** All of Lots 12, 13 and 14, in Block 60, in Second or East Addition to the City of Colby, KS, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.  
**LOCATION:** Just North of the Coop elevator with frontage in the 600 Block of North Nashville  
**2003 TAXES:** \$163.20



**TRACT 2**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** All of Lot 15, 16 and the South 1/8 Feet of Lot 17, in Block 60, in Second or East Addition to the City of Colby, KS, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.  
**LOCATION:** 600 Block of North Nashville.  
**IMPROVEMENTS:** 40'x120' Quonset with concrete floor, sliding doors, grain package, floor auger  
**2003 TAXES:** \$615.46



**TRACT 3**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** All of Lot 20, 19, 18 and the North 6 Feet of Lot 17, in Block 60, in Second or East Addition to the City of Colby, KS, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.  
**LOCATION:** 600 Block of North Nashville.  
**IMPROVEMENTS:** 40'x120' Butler building with concrete floor, sliding doors, 3-phase electrical, pit & leg, top & floor augers, skylights.  
**2003 TAXES:** \$662.92



**TRACT 4**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Tracts located in Block 107 of North Addition to the City of Colby, KS, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.  
**LOCATION:** Vacant lots in the 700 Block of North Nashville  
**2003 TAXES:** \$89.41



**TRACT 5**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Bins and elevator located on the RR right-of-way (RR lease available to buyer)  
**LOCATION:** East 8th Street.  
**IMPROVEMENTS:** 38,000 bu Behlen bin w/air & unloading auger; 2) 38,000 bu Butler bins w/aeration fans; 2) 3,200 bu bins; 4) 1,700 bu bins, 10,000 bu elevator w/leg & 300 bu pit; scale house and scale.  
**2003 TAXES:** \$357.95



**TRACT 6 - VACANT LOTS**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** All of Lots 6-10 in Block 99. Lots 1-10 in Block 100, and Lots 1-10 in Block 101. North Addition to the City of Colby, KS, as shown by the recorded plat thereof. (Approx 107.5x790')  
**LOCATION:** Vacant lots in the 800 Block of North Country Club Drive  
**2003 TAXES:** \$110.87



**TRACTS 7 & 8 (Bins Only)**  
**TRACT 7:** 3,200 bu grain bin (South one) located on Tract 6 to be removed by Buyer  
**TRACT 8:** 3,200 bu grain bin (North one) located on Tract 6 to be removed by Buyer



**TRACT 9, WESKAN, KS**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.16+ acre tract in SE/4 of 3-14-42 in Weskan, KS  
**LOCATION:** Southwest edge of Weskan.  
**IMPROVEMENTS:** 30,000 bu. Quonset, 12) 9,000 bu. bins (11 w/pits); and 3) 1,700 bu. bins  
**2003 TAXES:** \$120.08

**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:**  
Kriss Farms, L.P. has rented its land and will sell this property at ABSOLUTE public auction beginning on-site at Tract 1 at 9:30 AM, CDT, and traveling to each tract thereafter. Tracts 2 and 3 are excellent for machinery, car and other storage. Tract 5 offers good grain storage and a lease with the railroad.  
Following the sale of Tract 8, we will travel to Weskan and sell the bins and real estate at 2:00 PM, MST

## Dodge City plans home show Friday

Dodge City is sponsoring its annual Home and Leisure Show starting Friday with the event continuing until Sunday afternoon.

The show will be held at the Village Square Mall in Dodge. Hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The show is free to the public and booths and demonstrations will bill both levels of the mall.

Dozens of door prizes will be presented to visitors this year, officials said.

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