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**Crime rates drop in last decade**

In 2012, 21 personal crimes were reported in Liberal, down from 28 in 2002. In 2012, more than 150 property crimes were reported in the city, down from 200 in 2002. The Liberal Police Department has seen a steady decline in crime rates over the last decade, but says that number has still been inflated by 911 or 900 calls.



**from China to Oz**

**Cassandra Norin moves halfway around the world to take position as children's librarian**

Cassandra Norin, 30, is moving from China to Liberal, Kansas, to take the position of children's librarian at the city's new library. She has a master's degree in library science from the University of Missouri and has worked in libraries in China and the United States.

**McElroy takes over long-time local mortuary**

David McElroy, 52, is taking over the Miller Mortuary in Liberal, Kansas, from the late owner, Miller Mortuary. McElroy has worked in the mortuary industry for over 20 years and has a degree in mortuary science from the University of Missouri.



**DINOSAURS INVADING LIBERAL**

After a week of rain, Liberal, Kansas, is experiencing a drought. The city is facing water shortages and is looking for ways to conserve water. The city council has passed a resolution to encourage residents to conserve water.

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