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to be more than a crutch for people who can't handle drugs.



### School board meeting tonight only the beginning

**By Tom Schmitt**  
The 12th annual meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Topeka will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the City Administration Center. The meeting will be the first of a series of meetings that will be held over the next several months. The Board will be responsible for setting the agenda for the school district and will be expected to make decisions on a variety of issues, including the budget, personnel, and curriculum. The meeting will be open to the public and will be streamed live on the district's website.

### FSIS to host Job Fair

**By Tom Schmitt**  
The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) will host a job fair on Monday, December 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the FSIS Building, 1000 West 17th Street, Topeka, Kan. The fair will feature a variety of job opportunities in the food safety and inspection field. Interested applicants should bring their resumes and contact information to the fair. For more information, visit [www.fsis.gov](http://www.fsis.gov).

### Blowouts

**By Tom Schmitt**  
A major road construction project is under way in Topeka, Kan. The project involves the widening and resurfacing of several major roads in the city. The work is being completed by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year. This will result in improved traffic flow and safer driving conditions for motorists.

### TOPEKA HIGH SCHOOL TESTS HAIR FOR DRUGS

**By Tom Schmitt**  
Topeka High School has implemented a new policy of testing students' hair for drugs. The school district announced that it will be testing the hair of all students in the senior class. The testing is part of the district's ongoing effort to create a drug-free school environment. The testing will be conducted by a third-party laboratory. The school district is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.

### Miss Liberal 2013 Gewinner: Sara will lead off Saturday's Christmas Parade and will co-emcee

**By Tom Schmitt**  
Sara, the Miss Liberal 2013 Gewinner, will lead off Saturday's Christmas Parade and will co-emcee. Sara will be accompanied by her court members. The parade will take place on Saturday, December 14, at 10 a.m. The parade route will start at the City Administration Center and will end at the downtown square. Sara will be wearing a festive holiday-themed outfit. The parade is a popular annual event in Liberal, Kan.

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### L&T now accepting 'Dear Santa' letters

**By Tom Schmitt**  
L&T is now accepting 'Dear Santa' letters. The letters should be addressed to Santa Claus, P.O. Box 100, Topeka, Kan. The letters should be received by the newspaper by December 15. The letters will be published in the newspaper and may be read aloud on the radio. This is a fun way for children to share their wishes with Santa Claus.



### Man arrested for charging electric car at school

**By Tom Schmitt**  
A man was arrested for charging his electric car at a school. The man was caught by school security while using a charging station in the school parking lot. The man was charged with trespassing and using a school resource for personal gain. The school district is concerned about the safety of its facilities and the proper use of its resources.

### No hugs allowed? Madison targets pro cuddlers

**By Tom Schmitt**  
Madison is targeting pro cuddlers. The city has passed a ordinance that prohibits public displays of affection, including hugging. The ordinance is intended to maintain a professional and business-like atmosphere in public spaces. The ordinance has caused controversy among those who believe that hugging is a natural and positive expression of affection.

### Reindeer escapes from Santa at Colo. mall

**By Tom Schmitt**  
A reindeer escaped from Santa at a Colorado mall. The reindeer was seen running through the mall and was eventually captured by mall security. The incident occurred during a holiday-themed event. The mall management is reviewing the incident to ensure the safety of its customers and staff.

### 5 house fires in KC area blamed on fireplaces

**By Tom Schmitt**  
Five house fires in the KC area are blamed on fireplaces. The fires occurred in homes that had fireplaces. The fires were caused by faulty chimneys and blocked flues. Fire safety experts are warning homeowners to inspect their chimneys and flues regularly to prevent such fires.

### Kansas infant mortality rate higher than nation

**By Tom Schmitt**  
Kansas infant mortality rate is higher than the national average. The rate is a concern for public health officials. The high rate is attributed to a variety of factors, including lack of prenatal care, poor nutrition, and substance abuse. Public health officials are working to address these issues and reduce the infant mortality rate in Kansas.