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**Man pleads guilty in Garden City homicide**  
GARDEN CITY, Kan. — A man charged with the murder of a woman in Garden City has pleaded guilty to the crime. The man, 34, was charged with the first-degree murder of a woman in Garden City on Oct. 11. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 20. The woman was 32 years old at the time of her death. The man was charged with the murder of the woman in Garden City on Oct. 11. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 20. The woman was 32 years old at the time of her death.

**Natural gas offers value as propane prices soar**  
LIBERAL, Kan. — Propane prices have soared in the past few weeks, and many consumers are turning to natural gas as a more affordable alternative. Natural gas offers a significant value as propane prices continue to rise. Consumers are looking for ways to save money on their energy bills, and natural gas is becoming a popular choice. The price of propane has increased significantly, making it more difficult for many households to afford. Natural gas, on the other hand, is generally less expensive and more readily available. This shift in consumer behavior is expected to continue as propane prices remain high.



**Miss Kansas Theresa Vail will be coming to Liberal**  
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**USD 480 hands present the Liberal Band Festival**  
LIBERAL, Kan. — The Liberal Band Festival is set to take place on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Liberal High School. The festival will feature performances by various school bands from the USD 480 district. The event is a popular annual tradition in Liberal, Kansas, and is expected to draw a large crowd of spectators. The bands will perform a variety of pieces, showcasing their musical talents. The festival is a great opportunity for students to display their skills and for the community to enjoy live music.

**Kan. students lobby against sex education bills**  
LIBERAL, Kan. — A group of students from Liberal, Kansas, are lobbying against proposed sex education bills. The students are concerned that the bills would mandate sex education in schools, which they believe is inappropriate for their age group. They are organizing a campaign to raise awareness and gather signatures in support of their cause. The students are working with local organizations and community members to voice their concerns to the appropriate legislative bodies.

**Five-year anniversary of Obama's stimulus renews partisan fight over jobs, economy**  
LIBERAL, Kan. — The five-year anniversary of President Obama's stimulus package has reignited the partisan debate over jobs and the economy. The stimulus package, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, was a controversial piece of legislation that aimed to provide economic relief during the recession. Supporters argue that it helped create jobs and stabilize the economy, while critics claim it was wasteful and increased the national debt. The debate continues as the economy shows signs of recovery but still faces challenges.



**Inmate released after more than 4 years in prison**  
LIBERAL, Kan. — An inmate who has been in prison for more than four years has been released. The inmate, who was charged with a crime in Liberal, Kansas, has completed his sentence and is now free. The release marks the end of a long period of incarceration for the individual. The case has drawn attention from the community, and there are discussions about the justice system and the length of prison terms. The inmate's release is a significant event for the local area.

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