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Study finds S.E. Kansas best bet for state casino

A destination casino in Galena could bring in as much as \$240 million a year in revenue, much of it from patrons in neighboring states, a Maine consulting firm's study says. Page 1B

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Judge orders rapist to 22 years in prison

A chance meeting at a downtown nightclub turned into a brutal attack on a 28-year-old Lawrence woman. Now her 20-year-old attacker is going to prison. Page 1B

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Visiting professor keeps eyes on the prize

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A Kansas University ROTC grad stands by his decision to defer his studies at Oxford University to serve with the Army in northern Iraq. Page 1B

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Fed chairman wants Social Security changes

The federal government cannot afford to meet all of its promises for Social Security and Medicare, Federal Reserve Chairman Allen Greenspan warns a congressional committee. Page 8D

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S. Korean parliament impeaches president

President Roh Moo-hyun has been impeached on charges of illegal electioneering and incompetence. The move comes as the government tries to balance tensions over North Korea's nuclear program with a fragile economic recovery. Page 3A

QUOTABLE

"I don't know what the fabric is. Just plain. It's just general military issue."

- Traci Billingsley, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Prisons, describing the bed linens at the Danbury (Conn.) Federal Correctional Institution, where Martha Stewart could be sent when she is sentenced in June. Page 2A

COMING SATURDAY

Efforts of a group of faithful Douglas County Senior Services volunteers are highlighted.

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Sheriff won't seek re-election

One term enough, Trapp says in surprise announcement



Trapp

By Eric Weslander

ONLINE: See the 6News report on the sheriff's successes and challenges during his term at www.ljworld.com

Douglas County Sheriff Glenn R. "Rick" Trapp made a surprise announcement Thursday that he wouldn't seek re-election this fall

— a decision he attributed mostly to personal reasons.

Trapp, 56, a soft-spoken former prosecutor, FBI agent and first-term sheriff, said he was ready for a change after nearly 40 years in law enforcement.

"I believe that now it is best to move on to something else," he said. "What that is, I do not know."

Undersheriff Ken McGovern, a Lawrence resident who holds the rank of major, is widely believed to be a likely candidate to succeed Trapp, but he was not yet ready to comment Thursday on whether he would run.

McGovern said Trapp's deci-

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Wearing the badge

Four men have been sheriff in the past 40 years: • Rick Trapp, 2001-2005 • Loren Anderson, 1989-2001 • Rex Johnson, 1965-1989 • Fred Broeker, 1961-1965

'BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS' BACKS JAYHAWKS



Richard Gwin/Journal-World Photo

KANSAS UNIVERSITY SOPHOMORE Kellie Robertson, from Hugoton, shows off a commemorative Wheaties box decorated with a Jayhawk. The KU Alumni Association and General Foods have teamed in a promotion to sell 2,500 of the boxes, which contain a "Wave the Wheat" T-shirt.

KU teams up with Wheaties

Commemorative cereal boxes contain T-shirts

By Mark Fagan

ONLINE: Hear the Wheaties song and see past stories at www.ljworld.com

DALLAS — Jayhawk fans awakening this morning in Dallas can sample a brand-new taste of KU tradition.

Special-issue Wheaties cereal boxes, emblazoned with a giant Jayhawk and lyrics to the fan-favorite Wheaties jingle, will be sold outside the KU Pavilion in Dallas' West End, in time to satisfy fans hungry for good karma before tonight's game against arch-rival Missouri in the Big 12 Tournament.

A few boxes — stuffed with commemorative "Wave the Wheat" T-shirts instead of high-energy cereal flakes — already have hit the streets but weren't expected to last long.

"They're going like gangbusters," said Kirk Cerny, a vice president for the KU Alumni Association, which produced 2,500 boxes under an agreement with General Mills Co. "People are eating them up. It's becoming a pop-culture collectors item."

The boxes honor a tradition that had been killed by the KU athletic department just before the season started, only to be restored in time for the postseason: The KU Pep Band's familiar rendition of the "Wheaties jingle," played after an opposing player fouls out.

The song — accompanied by fans' spirited waving of the wheat — had been an Allen Fieldhouse fixture since 1971, when the band adapted the jingle from a Wheaties

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It's KU vs. MU, part III

Kansas University will try to go 3-0 this year against Missouri when the two teams meet tonight in the Big 12 Tournament quarterfinals.

The game, 8:30 p.m. today at American Airlines Arena in Dallas, can be seen on Channels 4 and 13 or heard on the Jayhawk Radio Network (KLWN-AM 1320 and KLZR-FM 105.9).

For more on the game, see Sports, page 1C.

Same-sex marriages dealt setbacks

California court stops S.F. weddings; Mass. Legislature nears ban

By David Kravets

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court ordered an immediate halt Thursday to same-sex weddings in San Francisco as Massachusetts lawmakers gave preliminary approval to a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages in the only state where they have been ruled legal.

Teary-eyed couples were quickly turned away at San Francisco's City Hall, where 4,161 gay couples have tied the knot in the past month.

"We were filling out the application and they told us to stop," said Art Adams, who was the first to be denied as he and partner, Devin Baker, sought a license. "It's heartbreaking. I don't understand why two people in love should be prevented from expressing it."

On the other side of the country, Massachusetts legislators returned to the Capitol to consider a constitutional amendment that would strip gay couples of their court-granted right to marriage but allow civil unions.

The amendment won approval during two preliminary votes, but its final passage is far from certain. Gay marriage supporters were conducting procedural maneuvers that could ultimately lead to the proposal's defeat.

Massachusetts took center stage in the national debate over gay marriage after a landmark decision by its highest court in November that was reaffirmed last month. The rulings set the stage for the nation's first legally sanctioned gay marriages on May 17.

Lawmakers seeking to put a gay marriage ban before Massachusetts

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Aftershocks of blasts in Madrid reach Lawrence

By Lindsay Hanson

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The blasts that killed scores Thursday in Madrid, Spain, were thousands of miles away, but some Lawrence residents are feeling the shock here.

At least three students from the area who are studying in Madrid — one a 2001 Lawrence High School graduate and two Kansas University students — were safe, uninjured and tucked in hotels or in the homes of host families Thursday evening.

Thirty-seven other KU students are studying elsewhere in Spain, and the Office of Study Abroad has told them to stay put. Kansas University has several programs in Spain, including in Granada, Valencia, Seville and Santiago de Compostela.

The series of 10 bombings littered popular train station hubs throughout the city during morning rush hour.

Even those who don't live near the

Atocha station — which was hit by three blasts — probably pass through it frequently, said Maria Velasco, a Madrid native who has been living in Lawrence since 1995 and the United States since 1991.

Velasco, an associate professor of art at Kansas University, said she called her brothers and parents back home as soon as she caught news of the bombing.

"It would have been natural for them at any given point to be there," she said, adding that her family members were safe.

ETA or al-Qaida?

The attacks, which killed at least 192 and injured at least 1,400, were unlike anything the scapegoat Basque separatist group the ETA has ever performed. Velasco, who grew up in Madrid, never felt unsafe walking or

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AP Photo

RESCUE WORKERS collect the bodies of victims of an explosion at the Atocha train station, one of three Madrid train stations targeted by bombs. The blasts Thursday killed nearly 200 and wounded more than 1,400.