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Palestinian leader reported seriously ill



Yasser Arafat's wife left her home in Paris to rush to her husband's side today after the Palestinian leader, who has been ill for two weeks, took a turn for the worse. [Page 3A](#)

BUSINESS

Corporation prepares for Lawrence opening

Protection One's new corporate headquarters in North Lawrence prepares for its grand opening at the I-70 Business Center. [Page 1D](#)

JAPAN

Toddler rescued four days after quake

A 2-year-old boy, whose family's minivan was buried in a landslide during an earthquake over the weekend, was pulled from the mud Wednesday in a rescue operation carried on live television. [Page 10A](#)

OBITUARY

Former first lady dies

Meredith Docking, 78, the wife of the late governor Robert Docking, died Wednesday in Lawrence. [Page 1B](#)

QUOTABLE

"All the kids who are obese now will become obese adults. What will happen with the next generation of adults is really scary."

—Dr. Samuel Klein, director of the Center for Human Nutrition at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, on a new study measuring Americans' height and weight gains over the past 40 years. [Page 6A](#)

COMING FRIDAY

Ready for some new Halloween thrills? Entertainment editor Jon Niccum shares some of favorite lesser-known scary movies.



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City recycling would double bills

Cost main factor in report's favoring private, not municipal, program

By Chad Lawhorn

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If Lawrence residents want the city to create a weekly curbside recycling program, they must be willing to see their monthly sanitation bills double.

A new report by the city's Solid Waste Division estimates every household in Lawrence would have to pay an extra \$11.24 per month to begin a once-per-week curbside recycling program to collect items like newspapers, glass, tin cans and cardboard.

That would be nearly double the average monthly residential trash bill of \$11.48.

The department is recommending that city commissioners once again take a pass on establishing the program, which has been periodically studied since the early 1990s.

"We don't think a program would increase the total amount of material recycled to any great extent, and the cost of the program is pretty high,"

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Mike Yoder/Journal-World Photo

DOUG KING, solid waste loader, works Wednesday at the North Lawrence Recycling Center, 320 N.E. Industrial Lane, baling cardboard and newspaper. The city's Solid Waste Division has recommended against a city recycling program.

JUSTICE GOES FROM COURTROOM TO CLASSROOM



Mike Yoder/Journal-World Photo

U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS responds to questions from students Wednesday during a visit to a class at Kansas University's School of Law.

Thomas shares lessons from on and off the bench

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The teacher stepped toward the class and asked the question directly:

"How did the court find that diversity is a compelling state interest?"

Silence. He asked again.

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"Oh, God," he said. "Everybody's

"He was very easy-going and easy to talk to. We make them (justices) out to be demagogues. He's a guy who drives a Saturn."

— KU law student Holly Hydeman

diving for the bottom of their desk."

The tentative Kansas University law students had reason to be intimidated Wednesday: The

teacher in their constitutional law class was Clarence Thomas, one of nine U.S. Supreme Court justices trusted to interpret the law of the land.

The students might have been quiet during the start of the hour-long class — one of four the justice taught Wednesday during the first day of a visit to KU — but Thomas' candid discussion about daily life at the Supreme Court and occasional sports references seemed to

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Discovery of tiny human species may shake up understanding of evolution

By Robert Lee Hotz

Los Angeles Times

On an isolated Indonesian island, scientists have discovered skeletons of a previously unknown human species — tiny, hobbit-sized figures who lived among dwarf elephants and giant lizards as recently as 12,000 years ago.

Experts in human origins called the discovery, made public Wednesday, of an extinct human species barely 3 feet tall the most important — and surprising — human find in the past 50 years.

"It is probably the most significant thing that has happened in my professional lifetime," said George Wash-

ington University paleoanthropologist Bernard Wood. "It comes out of nowhere."

Found last year in a deep cave on an island called Flores east of Java, the creatures had the smallest brains and shortest bodies of any known human relative of the past 4 million years. Yet, on the time scale of human beginnings, the skeletal remains were so new that the bones had yet to actually fossilize. The creatures lived at the same time as modern Homo Sapiens.

In the past 13 months, a team of Australian and Indonesian researchers led by paleoanthropologist Peter Brown at the University of New England in

Homo floresiensis

Fossil remains of a pygmy-sized, small-brained hominid that lived 18,000 years ago on the remote Indonesian island of Flores.



Source: Nature

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Ads can mislead, parties warn

By Scott Rothschild

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TOPEKA — Cave at emptor. Leaders of both major political parties in Kansas on Wednesday urged voters to beware of campaign literature and ads in races throughout the state in the final days of the election.

State Democratic Party Chairman Lawrence Gates said anti-tax groups called Americans for Prosperity and Club for Growth were sending out tens of thousands of misleading campaign postcards.

"Our election should not be hijacked by greedy special interest groups who are out of touch with Kansas mainstream values," Gates said.

The leaders of Club for Growth and Americans for Prosperity defended

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Americans filled with doubt about election. [Page 8A.](#)

Inactive voters may be in for surprise

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Sterling Beebe's case is an electoral mystery. And other Lawrence voters may soon find themselves in the same situation.

Beebe, 59, swears he's voted five times — three times at Schwegler School, twice at the Douglas County Courthouse — since 1996.

But when he went to the courthouse Tuesday to cast an advance ballot, he was told his name was on a list of inactive voters.

"They said I hadn't voted since 1996," said Beebe, a bus driver for Brandon Woods Retirement Community.

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