

The K-State men's basketball team will be headed to Tucson, Ariz., to play Utah State in NCAA Tournament. **B1**



## Briefing

### EARTHQUAKE



### California town a tsunami magnet

Since the tidal gauge was installed in the boat basin in 1934, the small port of Crescent City, on California's rugged northern coast, has been hit by 34 tsunamis, large and small. The latest on Friday took one life about 20 miles to the south at the mouth of the Klamath River, where a young man was on the beach with friends taking pictures. The waves also roared into the boat basin, ripping up docks, sinking 11 boats and damaging 47, causing untold millions of dollars in damage. **Page B6**

### STATE BUDGET

### Pension woes incite battle

School teachers in Kansas have worried about the state pension system for years. Now a solution is finally at hand. But teachers aren't feeling very relieved about it. To help close the financial gap, Gov. Sam Brownback wants to shift money from the state education budget and cut the annual base payment to school districts by about 6 percent. The cuts will increase class sizes and probably spur layoffs this spring, thereby solving the future problem by causing hardship in the classroom today. **Page A3**

### CRIME



### Two deputies killed in shootout

A small southwestern Virginia community is again dealing with a deadly shooting rampage that this time killed two deputies and wounded two more before the suspect who may have been trying to rob a salvage yard was fatally shot by police. Buchanan County deputies investigating at Roger's Service Center in Vansant on Sunday afternoon were met by gunfire from long range. Two were hit and died at the scene. Two others who arrived also were shot. **Page B6**

### EDUCATION

### Community colleges bulging

As more and more students flock to Kansas community colleges in search of a less expensive way to new careers, they're finding a system straining to accommodate the rapid growth. More tuition revenue isn't helping ease the pain of stagnant local property tax bases and dwindling state dollars, community college leaders say. **Page A7**

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## Incidents rise on Fake Patty's Day

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Emergency officials told Riley County commissioners Monday morning about a significant increase in incidents during Saturday's Fake Patty's Day celebration.

The Riley County Police Department responded to more noise complaints, more fights in progress and more victims of battery in 2011 than in 2010.

Police report, **Page A2**

From 7 a.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. Sunday, Riley County Police Department received 766 calls for service, a 65-percent increase from the previous record in 2010.

Brad Schoen, police department director, said the increase in calls occurred because more people were drinking, not because of an effort by the department. He said he wouldn't be sur-

prised if there were more than 15,000 people in attendance.

The majority of the calls occurred within Aggieville. Schoen said this information contrasts bar owners telling him that the main problems occurred in nearby neighborhoods.

"The evidence pretty clearly suggest by virtue of the map this year that while the problem is in the outlying areas in addition to Aggieville, Aggieville is the

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## Meltdown threat increases

Associated Press

SOMA, Japan — Water levels dropped precipitously Monday inside a stricken Japanese nuclear reactor, twice leaving the uranium fuel rods completely exposed and raising the threat of a meltdown, hours after a hydrogen explosion tore through the building housing a different reactor.

Water levels were restored after the first decrease but the rods remained exposed late Monday night after the second episode, increasing the risk of the spread of radiation and the potential for an eventual meltdown.

The cascading troubles in the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant compounded the immense challenges faced by the Tokyo government, already struggling to send relief to hundreds of thousands of people along the country's quake- and tsunami-ravaged coast where at least 10,000 people are believed to have died.

Later, a top Japanese official said the fuel rods in all three of the most troubled nuclear reactors appeared to be melting.

Of all these troubles, the drop

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## Feet of endurance



Runners join in for the final lap as Marvin Hachmeister (left) begins his 80th lap of Ahearn Feild House. Hachmeister ran 80 laps to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Staff photos by Rod Mikinski

## 80-year-old keeps up tradition

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Most days at Ahearn Field House you can find Marvin Hachmeister running the track. In fact, you would have seen the same sight several years ago as well. The octogenarian started running in the late

1970s for his health, but running turned into much more than a means of exercise for Hachmeister. It turned into a passion.

Hachmeister, who turned 80 on Wednesday, regularly runs in 15 to 16 10,000-meter (10K) and 5,000-meter (5K) races a year. Running that many races

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After completing 80 laps (more than 11 miles) for his 80th birthday, Marvin Hachmeister donned his new shirt with "Marv Made It" on it. He completed the 80 laps in one hour and 42 minutes.

## Spring on its way; wet snow is on ground, but not for long

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Manhattan drivers were met with slushy roads this morning thanks to a wet snow that blanketed the city Sunday night.

Weather forecast, **Page A2**

The Kansas State University Weather Data Library reported that nearly 3.5 inches of snow — including a half-inch of water — fell overnight, with 2.8 inches remaining on the ground this morning. Except for a couple of stray snowflakes reported on March 9, it was Manhattan's first snowfall this month.

"It was wetter than what we would typically expect," said Mary Knapp, climatologist with the Weather Data Library. "But it looks

like it's not going to be sticking around very long."

That's because spring-like weather is on its way — at least until the end of the week. The National Weather Service predicts high temperatures will be in the mid-50s Tuesday, upper-60s Wednesday and even the lower-70s Thursday.

"Actually, we're going to be warmer than average," Knapp said. "What's really interesting is that after our cold weather tonight — we're going to get down to around 30 — we may not get to freezing again before the weekend, and that's unusual. We usually don't stay that warm."

If forecasts are correct, this week's warm temperatures could even break a weather record. The warmest low temperature recorded for March 16 is currently 55, and

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## Young People's concert

Dr. Robert Edwards performs on the piano during the Young People's Concert Monday morning at All Faiths Chapel on the K-State campus. The 26th annual series is sponsored by the Manhattan Arts Center, KSU Music Department and USD 383. More than 1,200 kindergartners and first graders attended the performance. Dr. Craig Parker played the trumpet during the concert.

Staff photo by Rod Mikinski

