

Colby site for poet series

MANHATTAN — Using technology that creates a statewide classroom, Kansas State University is bringing together Kansas poets — and bringing poetry to Kansans. In fact, Colby and 23 other locations are offering this type of classroom. In conjunction with the Kansas Arts Commission, K-State will present the “Kansas Poets Shoptalk Series” with two K-State faculty members as hosts. Kansas’ first poet laureate, Jonathan Holden, is a university distinguished professor of English and poet-in-residence at K-State. Lori Bergen is an associate professor of journalism and mass communications.

The series premier is 7:30-8:20 p.m. Tuesday. Kansas City-area poet Greg German will join the hosts in a discussion of poetry inspired by Kansas landscapes, life on the farm and the people it embodies.

The next scheduled event in the series is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2. Poet Amy Fleury will read from her book, “Beautiful Trouble.” More events in the series will come.

The series is offered on Telenet 2, K-State’s video conference network that can link as many as 25 Kansas communities in a statewide classroom. Participants can see,

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hear, talk to and learn from the instructor and one another.

The “Shoptalk” series was created to offer open discussion and education related to Kansas poets and their poetry. The series is free and being offered in 23 Kansas communities.

Anyone interested in poetry is invited to participate, especially teachers and students.

Audiences sometimes can be intimidated by poetry, and Holden said that is the legacy of poets like T.S. Eliot for whom poetry was impersonal. It changed in the late 1950s, he said.

The poets featured in “Shoptalk” should resonate with audiences across Kansas, Holden said.

“We’re writing about people’s lives and where they live,” he said. “It’s automatically relevant.”

Although working in a largely rural state, Kansas poets can stay well connected with Internet technologies, Holden said.

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“Shoptalk” is also being offered via Telenet 2 in Arkansas City, Belleville, Chanute, Concordia, Dodge City, El Dorado, Emporia, Garden City, Great Bend, Hays, Independence, Leavenworth, Liberal, Manhattan, Marysville, Overland Park, Pittsburg, Pratt, Salina, Sublette, Topeka and Wichita.

To reserve a seat for “Shoptalk” at one of the Telenet 2 locations across the state, call 1-866-379-2279 or e-mail t2net@k-state.edu.

Consumer skeptical of jobs from home or out-of-state companies

Dear Attorney General Kline: I've been looking for ways to increase my income but don't have the time for a second job. I noticed a newspaper ad that offered the chance for me to work from my home at my own pace by stuffing envelopes for an out-of-state company. It seems like it would fit my situation well but I guess I'm a little skeptical.



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 - Forms for advance paychecks included in your package.
- These envelope-stuffing “opportunities” also seem to be nearly everywhere, from your newspaper, to your mailbox and even your e-mail inbox. These businesses usually advertise that for a “small” fee they will advise you how you can earn big money stuffing envelopes in the comfort of your home. They also usually claim you will be paid a certain amount of money for each envelope you stuff which could result in hundreds to thousands of dollars each week.
- While these ads seem appealing,

It's also a good idea to do some research on any company with which you are considering a business relationship. I encourage you to check with my Consumer Protection Division and the Better Business Bureau both where the company is located in addition to the community where you live. By doing this you'll be able to determine whether any complaints have been filed against these companies and businesses.

But keep in mind that the absence of complaints does not necessarily mean the promotion is legitimate, because many unscrupulous promoters may settle complaints, change their names, or move to avoid being detected.

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Kansas House advances funeral picketing legislation this week

TOPEKA (AP) — The Rev. Fred Phelps will have to use a large megaphone to be heard by those attending Kansas funerals of soldiers killed in combat under legislation gaining first-round approval Wednesday in the House.

Under the bill, anybody picketing or protesting a funeral can't get closer than 300 yards one hour before, during and two hours after the service. It also makes it unlawful to obstruct or prevent the intended uses of public streets and sidewalks or other public space while protesting.

Violators can be punished by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. If passed on a final vote Thursday, the measure will be returned to the Senate.

Shirley Phelps-Roper, Phelps' daughter, promised a lawsuit over the 300-yard restriction.

“The U.S. Supreme Court has spoken on this issue and they can't put us out of sight and sound of our targeted audience,” she said.

“If they don't like what they see, they need to drink a frosty mug of shut-the-hell-up and avert their eyes.”

The House version departed from the Senate plan, which also forbids protests within 300 feet of the service for the same period.

Because of concerns about freedom-of-speech issues, the Senate

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exempted from the buffer zone streets, sidewalks and other public spaces, but the House struck that language.

As to whether the bill can pass constitutional muster, Rep. Mike O'Neal, R-Hutchinson, said, “I'm willing to try it.”

Current state law says only that it's illegal to picket “before or about” a funeral service.

While the measure doesn't single out Phelps or his followers at the independent Westboro Baptist Church, it was prompted by recent protests by them at soldiers' funerals around the nation.

Phelps and his followers contend the deaths are God's vengeance for the U.S. harboring homosexuals. For years, Phelps and his followers protested funerals of AIDS victims, but now have shifted to soldiers.

Kansas is among 21 states this year working on legislation to restrict protest activities around funerals. Indiana, Kentucky, Mis-

souri, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin this year put such laws on the books.

While some lawmakers expressed concerns about whether the measure can withstand a court challenge, Rep. Mike Peterson, D-Kansas City, said that shouldn't be an issue.

“What these people do is a gross obscenity and we'd be remiss if we don't take a stand,” Peterson said. “The public good embodied in this bill outweighs whatever might happen in court.”

Rep. Don Dahl said the bill is in keeping with Supreme Court rulings.

“A decent civilized society must protect individuals experiencing some of the darkest hours of their lives,” said Dahl, R-Hillsboro.

Earlier this month, the Senate approved a nonbinding resolution declaring what Phelps and his following do as “extremely egregious and offensive.”

TV LISTINGS

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SATURDAY												APRIL 1	
	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	La Gente	BusinessWeek	Good Morning America (CC)		Lilo & Stitch PJ	Emperor New	Proud Family	That's Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of Future	Kim Possible	Power Rangers	
KSNK/NBC (8, 8)	Today (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Kenny-Shark	Time Warp	Trading Spaces	Darcy's Wild Life	Flight 29	Endurance (E)	
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	Saturday Early Show (CC)				News				Little Bill (E) (CC)	Blue's Clues	WTA Tennis: NASDAQ Open		
K15CG (2)	Business	Market-Market	Thomas-Friends	Jay Jay the Jet	Bob the Builder	Real Wheels	Dragon-flyTV	Hand-Crafts	Little Bill (E) (CC)	Blue's Clues	WTA Tennis: NASDAQ Open		
ESPN (2)	SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)		SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)		College Basketball		
USA (37)	Paid Program	Thinner Thighs	Paid Program	Paid Program	WWE A.M. Raw		Nashville Star (CC)		Movie: The Players Club ** (1998, Comedy-Drama) LisaRaye. (CC)				
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie: Red Water **½ (2003, Suspense) (PA) Lou Diamond Phillips. (CC)		Movie: The Mothman Prophecies ** (2002) A moth-like being is a town's harbinger of doom. Richard Gere. (CC)							Movie: The Net	
WGN (39)	Enterprise	People-People	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Happy Days	Home Improve.	
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: Rush Hour (1998) Mismatched police partners seek a kidnapped girl. (CC)				Movie: Back to the Future **½ (1985) A boy travels through time to his parents' teenage years.						Movie: Blast From the Past ** (1999)		
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Mega Machines Monster Beasts (CC)	Mega Machines Task Masters (CC)	Mega Machines Technology Titans				Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies	
A&E (47)	Movie: Lean on Me **½ (1989, Docudrama) Morgan Freeman. (CC)				Ask This Old	Ask This Old	Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)	Airline (CC)		Movie: The	
HIST (48)	Automobiles Model T (CC)	Unknown Civil War Chickamauga (CC)			Wild West Tech Outlaw Tech (CC)		Heavy Metal DUKW Landing (CC)		Mail Call (CC)	Blue-print		Modern Marvels (CC)	
NICK (55)	Grown Up	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Oddparents	The X's (CC)	Danny Phantom	Danny Phantom	Cats-cratch	
DISN (56)	Koala Brothers	Higglytown	Einsteins	Doodlebops	JoJo's Circus	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Buzz-Maggie	American Drgn	Emperor New	
FAM (58)	Digimon-Digital	Dragon Booster	Spider-Man	A.T.O.M. (CC)	Get Ed ZG (CC)	Kong-Series	Power Rangers	Super Robot	Power Rangers	W.I.T.C.-H. (CC)	Full House	Full House	
HALL (60)	Little House on the Prairie (Part 1 of 2)	Little House on the Prairie (Part 2 of 2)			Movie: Ernest Goes to Camp **½ (1987, Comedy) Jim Varney. (CC)						Movie: The Big Green **½ (1995, Comedy) Steve Guttenberg. (CC)		

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	NBA Access	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	MLS Soccer: Chicago Fire at FC Dallas. (Live)				Paid Program	ABC Wid News	
KSNK/NBC (8, 8)	Jeopardy!	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	PGA Golf: BellSouth Classic - Third Round. From Duluth, Ga. (Live)						Paid Program	NBC News	
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	WTA Tennis: NASDAQ Open	Ten Greatest Games			Final Four	The Moment	Final Four Show	NCAA tournament semifinals preview. (N) (CC)			College Basketball: NCAA Tournament		
K15CG (2)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old	Home-time (N)	Woodwright	Real Simple	Paint! Paint!	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Piano Guy (CC)	Cabin Country	Revelations	
ESPN (28)	College Basketball	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Cleveland Cavaliers. Quicken Loans Arena. (Live) (CC)					ESP-News		Horse Racing: WinStar Derby. (CC)		Figure Skating: Season Recap. (CC)		
USA (37)	Movie: All About the Benjamins ** (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. (CC)				Movie: Friday After Next **½ (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps. (CC)				Horse Racing: Florida Derby. (Live)		Movie: American Wedding ** (2003)		
TBS (38)	(11:35) Movie: The Net **½ (1995, Suspense) (PA) Sandra Bullock. (CC)				Movie: Total Recall *** (1990) Strange dreams lead an earthing to intergalactic intrigue. (CC)						Movie: The Art of War ** (2000) Wesley Snipes. (CC)		
WGN (39)	Cosby Show	Moehsa (CC)	Soul Train		MLB Preseason Baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. San Diego Padres. Las Vegas. (Live) (CC)						Ultimate Arena Paintball		
TNT (40)	(11:00) Movie: Blast Frm Past	Movie: Serendipity (2001) Two destined lovers tempt fate and lose each other. (CC)			Movie: Fools Rush In ** (1997, Comedy) Matthew Perry, Salma Hayek. (CC)						Movie: The Wedding Planner		
DSC (42)	Stunt Junkies	Stunt Junkies	MythBusters Jet Pack (CC)		MythBusters (CC)		MythBusters Curing seasickness. (CC)		MythBusters Buster Special (CC)		MythBusters Human projects.		
A&E (47)	(11:30) Movie: The Professional (1994) A hit man takes an orphan girl under his wing.				Movie: Lean on Me **½ (1989, Docudrama) Morgan Freeman. (CC)				Being Mick Jagger (CC)		American Justice A Model Murder (CC)		
HIST (48)	Deep Sea Detectives (CC)	Deep Sea Detectives (CC)	Deep Sea Detectives (CC)		Deep Sea Detectives (CC)		Free Sea Detectives (CC)				True Story of the Bridge on the River Kwai (CC)		
NICK (55)	Cats-cratch	6teen (CC)	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Unfabulous	Zoey 101 (CC)	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Grown Up	Danny Phantom	
DISN (56)	Movie: Man of the House ** (1995, Comedy) Chevy Chase. (CC)				American Drgn	W.I.T.C.-H.	Kim Possible	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Buzz-Maggie	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	
FAM (58)	Movie: Now and Then ** (1995, Comedy-Drama) Christina Ricci, Thora Birch. (CC)				Movie: Look Who's Talking Too ** (1990, Comedy) John Travolta. (CC)				Movie: The Parent Trap *** (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. (CC)				
HALL (60)	Movie: What the Deaf Man Heard *** (1997, Comedy-Drama) Matthew Modine.				Movie: The Runaway (2000, Drama) Dean Cain, Debbi Morgan. (CC)				Movie: Rose Hill (1997) Four teens and an abandoned child form an unlikely family.				

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KLBY/ABC (4, 6)	News (CC)	The Insider	Movie: The Ring **½ (2002, Horror) Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson. (CC)				The Evidence Down for the Count (CC)		News (CC)	The Insider	Entertainment Tonight (N) (CC)		
KSNK/NBC (8, 8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Conviction Savasana (CC)		News	Saturday Night Live (CC)			
KBSL/CBS (12, 11)	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Semifinal		College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA. Indianapolis. (Live) (CC)						News (CC)	Drew Carey	Alias Salvation (CC)		
K15CG (2)	Sun-flower	Conversation	Keeping Up	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show	Red Green	Austin City Limits (CC)		Monty Python's Personal Best (CC)		Tavis Smiley		
ESPN (28)	Figure Skating: Season Recap. (CC)		Figure Skating: World Championships -- Men's and Pairs Short Program and Men's Free Skate. Calgary. (CC)								Fast-break		
USA (37)	(5:00) Movie: American Wedding		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Hall of Fame		Law & Order: SVU				
TBS (38)	(4:30) Movie: The Art of War (2000)		Movie: Underworld **½ (2003, Horror) (PA) Kate Beckinsale. (CC)				Movie: Gone in Sixty Seconds * (2000, Action) (PA) A retired thief must steal 50 cars to save his brother.				Movie: Batman		
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls. United Center. (Live) (CC)			News (CC)	Becker (CC)	Home Improve.	Movie: Double			
TNT (40)	(5:00) Movie: The Wedding Planner		Movie: Erin Brockovich (2000) A woman probes a power company cover-up over poisoned water. (CC)				Movie: Unfaithful *** (2002, Drama) A housewife has an affair with a charming stranger. Richard Gere.						
DSC (42)	Dirty Jobs Viewers' questions. (CC)		Dirty Jobs Chimney sweep techniques. (CC)		Dirty Jobs (CC)		Dirty Jobs Mushroom farming.		Dirty Jobs Viewers' questions. (CC)		Dirty Jobs Chimney sweep techniques.		
A&E (47)	City Confidential		Cold Case Files (CC)		Cold Case Files (N) (CC)		American Justice Mail Order Murder		American Justice		Cold Case Files (CC)		
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels The Atlantic Wall		Movie: Windtalkers ** (2002, War) A Marine protects a Navaho code transmitter in World War II. Nicolas Cage. (CC)				Navajo Code Talkers (CC)				Movie: Windtalkers ** (2002) (CC)		
NICK (55)	Oddparents	SpongeBob	The Kids' Choice Awards 2006 (Live)		Romeo! (N) (CC)	Hi-Jinks (CC)	Hi-Jinks (CC)	Hi-Jinks (CC)	Hi-Jinks (CC)	Rose-anne	Rose-anne		
DISN (56)	Hannah Montana	That's Raven	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	That's Raven	That's Raven	Zack & Cody	That's Raven	Hannah Montana	Emperor New	
FAM (58)	(4:00) Movie: The Parent Trap (1998)		Movie: The Parent Trap *** (1998, Comedy) Reunited twin girls try to get their parents back together. Lindsay Lohan. (CC)				Home Videos		Home Videos		Movie: Pizza My Heart (2005) (CC)		
HALL (60)	Movie: Follow the Stars Home **½ (2001, Drama) Kimberly Williams. (CC)				Movie: The Long Shot (2004) An accident blinds an equestrian's horse. Julie Benz. (CC)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	



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