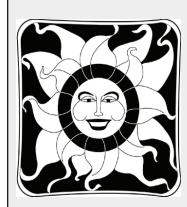
Weather Corner



Temperatures much warmer on Labor Day

Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds up to 5 mph.

Friday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Saturday: Mostly sunny.

Highs around 90. Saturday night: Partly

cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Sunday: Mostly sunny. A 20 percent chance of thun-

derstorms in the afternoon.

Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the

mid 60s. Labor day: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around

Monday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Wednesday's high: 84; low,

Water usage

Tuesday 2,272,000 gallons

Wednesday 2,279,000 gallons

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- 3 Consecutive Days over 4.0 million will put us in a water warning
- 3 Consecutive Days over 4.5 million will put us in a water emergency

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Colby graduate is delegate at Democratic convention

By Jan Biles

The Topeka Capital-Journal jan.biles@cjonline.com.

Clarissa Unger knows she is smack-dab in the middle of a history-making event.

Unger, 21, a University of Kansas student, is a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, the first political convention to nominate an African-American for U.S. president.

"It's my first time to vote in a presidential election, and it's kind of unbelievable I'll get to go to the convention," she said last week from her home in Lawrence.

Unger, a senior from Colby who is majoring in political science and international studies, said she became interested in the presidential election after attending events at the Dole Institute of Politics and reading Sen. Barack

A Colby man charged with the al-

leged rape a 12-year-old Colby girl

will learn what charges stand against

him when he appears in court in two

Casey L. Denneler, 22, was arrest-

ed at 6 a.m. Sunday, May 25, when

Colby Police Officers went to Sun-

flower Apartments looking for the

girl. The child's parents reported her

missing at 4:55 a.m. the same day

and told officers the girl had been

seen in Denneler's company. The

family has since moved from Colby

Denneler is scheduled to appear

before District Judge Glenn Schiffner at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 3

in Thomas County District Court in

Colby. While numerous court dates

have been set since Denneler's ar-

rest, according to court records

those court dates have been set aside pending plea negotiations between

his attorney, Allen Taylor of Colby,

and Thomas County Attorney An-

Following his arrest, Denneler

was charged with rape, obstruction

of duty, aggravated indecent solici-

tation of a child and contributing to a

At the time of the alleged incident,

Denneler shared an apartment with

Kristopher Kobus at 1170 S. Frank-

lin Ave. Kobus kept police officers

out of the apartment long enough for

Denneler to help the child get out

of the apartment, said former police

detective Gary Shull at the time of

Denneler's arrest. Kobus was ar-

rested for telling the officers the girl

was not in the apartment when they

arrived looking for her. No charges

were filed against Kobus.

child's misconduct or deprivation.

drea Wyrick.

and resides in eastern Kansas.

Court Notes

I was able to get my parents tickets to Invesco Field."

> Clarissa Unger, University of Kansas student

Obama's books, "Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance" and "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream."

"Then I found out someone at the Dole Institute was involved in his campaign," she said, referring to Steven Jacques, former associate interim director of the institute and now senior advance lead for Obama's presidential campaign.

In May 2007, Unger helped with the set-up for Obama's campaign kick-off in Kansas City,

Mo., and a year ago became the state coordinator for Students for Barack Obama. In that capacity, she helped organize nine new Students for Barack Obama chapters in Kansas. From October 2007 through Feb. 5, she worked at the Obama headquarters in Lawrence. During KU's 2007-08 winter break she helped with campaign efforts in Iowa and New Hampshire.

"I just got back from Chicago," she said, adding she worked 275 hours during the monthlong summer internship in the Windy City.

All of that experience helped Unger get selected earlier this year as one of 41 delegates representing Kansas at the Democratic National Convention. She said the delegates participated in conference calls throughout the summer and were invited to meet with Gov. Kathleen Sebelius at Cedar

Unger said the delegates will gather each day for a 7 a.m. breakfast, where they will be issued their daily credentials to get into the Pepsi Center, where the convention is being held. They are to arrive at the Pepsi Center no later than 3:15 p.m., because the convention starts at 4 p.m.

In the past few months, Unger said she has received invitations to a number of events being held during the convention, which culminates Thursday night with a rally at Invesco Field at Mile High.

"I RSVP'd to anything that has Sebelius' name on it," she said, adding she is excited to watch Obama's acceptance speech on Thursday night — she has seen him speak eight times — and "see the entire party come together."

Unger arrived in Denver a few days earlier than the majority of Kansas delegates so she could take part in the College Democrats of America convention, also in Denver.

Unger, who will be interning in the spring with the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Belgium, believes her enthusiasm for Obama may have persuaded her Republican parents, Jeff and Marilyn Unger, to vote for her candidate.

"I was able to get my parents tickets to Invesco Field," she said, "They'll be there for such a historical event.'

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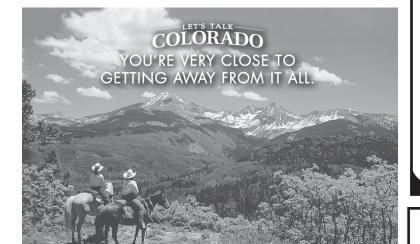
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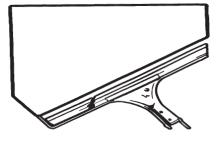


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