

Road info system improved

The Kansas Department of Transportation reminds travelers that the just-enhanced Kansas 511 Phone system is a great resource for holiday and winter travel information. Some users who have gotten used to the previous version may have to adjust. To hear road condition and weather information, users should select "highways" and the route for which they want information.

"KDOT has been informed that 511 users have been mistakenly requesting transfers to transit authorities and asking for road condition information," said department spokesperson Barb Blue. The menu structure has been changed and new information added. There is no change for requesting road condition and weather information. "We encourage travelers to call

511 before they travel and callers to listen carefully to the new menu. Following the menu prompts will help callers easily navigate the system," Blue said. "We understand changes can cause confusion and we tried to keep the menu simple and user friendly." To access Kansas 511, call 5-1-1 from anywhere in Kansas or (866) 511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S.

Drivers given onions for speeding

MARATHON, Fla. (AP) - A chief in the Florida Keys is giving drivers something to cry happily about during the holiday season. Monroe County Sheriff's Office Bureau Chief Lou Caputo doles out onions instead of traf-

fic citations to motorists who violate the speed limit outside an elementary school in Marathon, Fla., by no more than 5 mph. Dressed as the Christmas "Grinch," Caputo doled out about 10 of the tear-provoking vegetables to motorists on last Monday

afternoon. He has donned the Grinch costume nearly every holiday season since seeing actor Jim Carrey in the 2000 movie of the same name. Drivers have the option of an onion or a ticket. Nine times out of 10 they accept the vegetable.

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