

from our viewpoint...

New trash system goes on line today

Today marks the first of July, and the changeover in trash collection from the city to the Goodland firm In the Can. Contractor Chuck Redlin and the county commissioners hope most people won't be able to tell there was a change, but that things will work as well as when the city operated the system. The rules about what can and what should not be thrown in the dumpsters will not change, and the county and Redlin are putting out special dumpsters at the recycling site near Rasure Lumber to take toasters and other small appliances and that odd two-by-four or piece of brick you wanted to get rid of. These dumpsters are an experiment to see if they will work as well as the recycling containers have done. People who have larger debris or more pieces to get rid of can contact In the Can for arrangements for a special pick-up. The rates will depend on the amount or type of trash to be collected. The process leading to the changeover has taken many months and gone through several twists and turns, but in the end the city and county were able to reach an accord to keep the system in local hands. At least two Colorado firms wanted the business at one time or another.

For the county, the new system should mean a more streamlined process, and at the same time create a new business that will hire people and pay taxes. For the city, the change will mean city employees will not have to worry about what is in the dumpsters or sort trash at the transfer station. All that will be the county's problem now.

Over the past year, the joint city-county recycling effort has continued to grow, and reduce the amount of material that has to be buried in the county landfill. Collection points in Goodland and Kanorado collected a total of 293.8 tons in the past year, making Sherman County the largest user in the northern part of the Colorado recycling group.

Goodland produced a total of 279.3 tons, of which 235.7 tons were paper, 4.5 tons clear glass, 4.8 tons brown glass and 36.5 tons aluminum and tin cans. For the city, this was a savings of about \$9,500 in tipping fees.

County commissioners hope their 10 percent reduction of the annual solid waste fee will help some people. They agreed it was not much of a cut, but it was the first one they have been able to make in five years. The plan is that with continued growth in the recycling, and the addition of a solid waste bailer system, the amount of cardboard going to the landfill can be reduced to give an added savings.

Nationally, landfill figures suggest that without a cardboard recycling program, as much as 40 percent of what is being buried is cardboard, which does not crush easily and takes up lots of space. With a bailer and a cardboard recycling program, the county could save by reducing the amount of material having to be buried by as much as the 40 percent. Also, the bailed trash is easier to haul to the landfill and would not need to be compacted since it already is in cubes which can be buried at much less cost.

The commissioners hope to help the new collection contractor and find ways to improve the service to the city and rural customers, as well as find ways to make the overall system more efficient. We are sure there will be some bumps along the way — as with any change in operation — but that the In the Can system will prove to be efficient and workable for the citizens of the city. — Tom Betz


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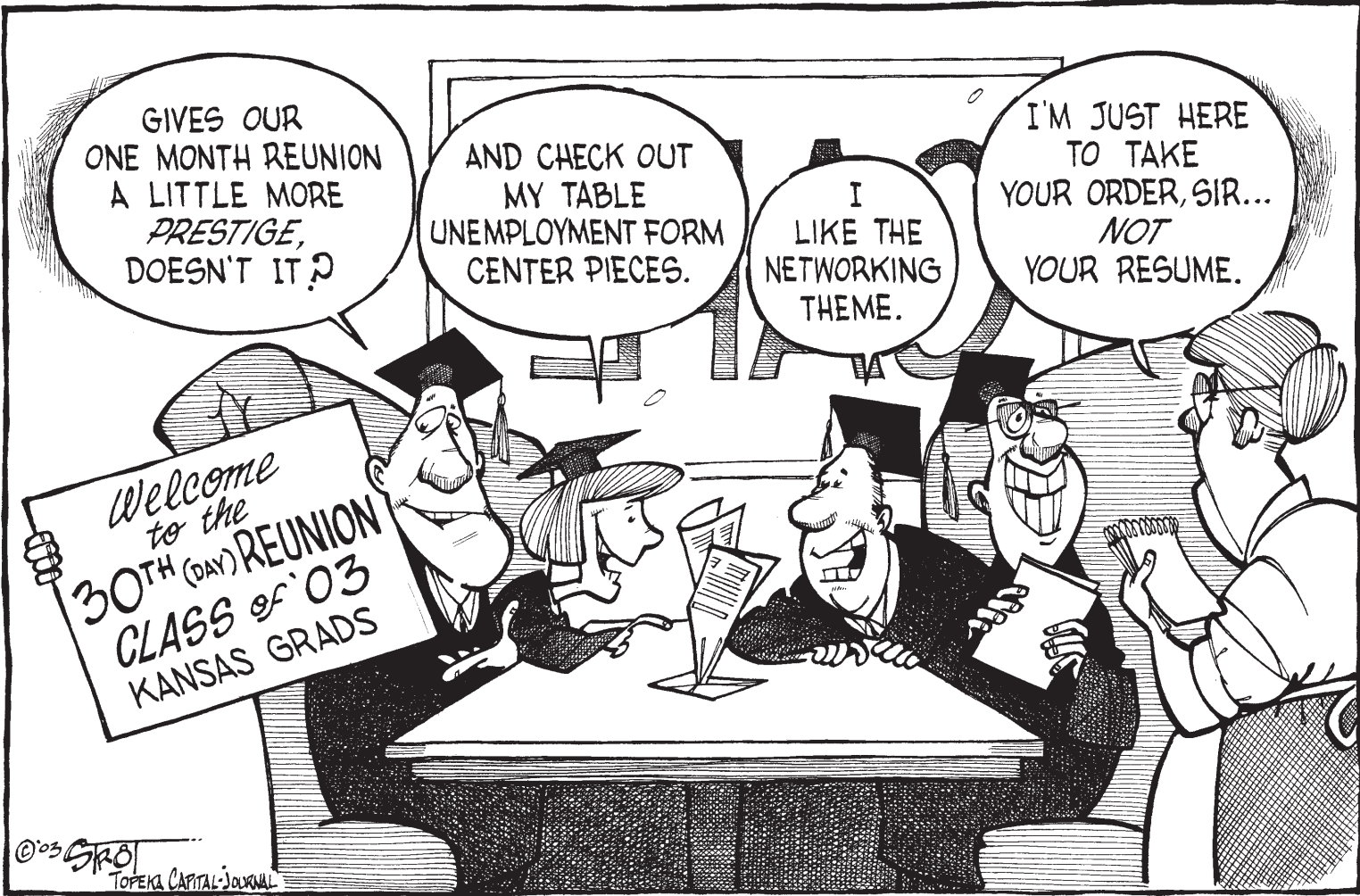
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No-call changes begin today

Dear Attorney General Kline:

I have heard that there is now a national no-call list like the Kansas one created last year. Do I have to sign up for that if I'm already on the Kansas list? Who should I contact if I get illegal calls?

Dear Kansas Consumer:

On July 1st, the Federal Trade Commission will begin collecting names for a national no-call list regulating interstate telemarketing calls. This kickoff will include radio and television ads for the trade commission website and toll-free number to sign up for the national list. As a result, many Kansans are already contacting my office with questions like yours.

The new federal rule, while based on the laws of 28 states that have no-call lists, differs from the Kansas No-Call Law in several respects. The most significant difference is that it applies only to interstate calls, while the Kansas No-Call Law applies to all calls to Kansas consumers regardless of origin. The trade commission rule also allows cellular phones to be placed 'off-limits,' while Kansas law applies only to residential numbers. There are several smaller differences as well, which means that a call could conceivably comply with Kansas law while breaking the national rule or vice versa.

To reduce confusion and to ensure that Kansas consumers have the maximum protection



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consistent with both laws, my office is working with the FTC in the following ways:

The current Kansas No-Call list will be combined into the nationwide list and maintained by the FTC. There will no longer be a separate list containing only Kansas phone numbers. The result is that all Kansans who are currently on our no-call list will automatically be part of the national list. There is no need to sign up again.

Signup remains free and once you're signed up, you will remain on the list for 5 years. After 5 years you will need to sign up again. Also, if you move or get a new phone number, you will need to sign up again, as registration goes with the phone number, not with your name.

Kansans who want to sign up after July 1st will be provided a single phone number and web site, maintained by the FTC. As of this writing, the FTC has not announced the new phone number, but it will appear on the Kansas Attorney General's site at www.ksag.org as soon as possible. It will also be featured in

the FTC's advertising campaign.

All no-call complaints will continue to be handled by my office. This will provide Kansans a single contact point, and because the Kansas law is tougher in several respects, better protection. If an investigation reveals that a call violated the national rule but not the state law, it will be turned over to the FTC by my office. To file a complaint, you may call my Consumer Protection Division office at 785-296-3751 or 1-800-432-2310.

It is our goal that Kansans will not notice any interruption or change when the new FTC rules are implemented in July. By combining our Kansas list with the national list, Kansas consumers will not have to sign up for multiple lists and businesses which telemarket nationally will have an easy way to comply with our law.

Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help you avoid becoming a victim of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints or questions.

For further information or to file a complaint, please write Attorney General Phill Kline, Consumer Protection Division, 120 SW 10th Ave., 2nd Floor, Topeka, Kansas 66612, or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline, 1-800-432-2310.

Thailand exchange student says thank you

To the Editor:

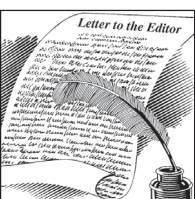
My name is Nopwakun Pholpho. I am an exchange student from Thailand. I'm staying with Art and Cindy Hurst, the most wonderful family, it Goodland. Now it's almost a year with new experience, culture, lifestyle and the weather.

Living here gives me hard times to adjust lifestyle in a small town compared to my hometown, Bangkok, with 8 million people. When you get used to it, it is fun to do nothing and ride a bike around town. Also the weather became the hardest thing for me to adjust; anyway I'm survive.

I so appreciate with every supported through this year. I would like to thank you all of them through this letter.

First of all, my host family, who love me, care about me, and of course I love them so much too. Thank you for letting me be part of your family, your daughter and your sister. Thank you, Mom for everything you done for me, every yummy foods you prepared. Dad for let me helped you paint the windows. It was fun. Matt for sharing some fun times with me. And of course Katy, who helps me, drove me to school, done my hair for prom and so many things you done for me. I love you!

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from our
readers

• to the editor

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Thank you, Mrs. Porterfield and Mrs. Felver, for helped me through this year. I learned how to live like an exchange student, how to ad-

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