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COMMENTARY



BARBARA SHELLY

# **Politics** in some pear trees

moment of silence please, for the ornamental pear trees, finally removed from their state of deprivation and

A trees, finally removed from their state of deprivation and ridicule.

For 17 years they have struggled to grow in 164 planters along Southwest Trafficway. The folly of the horticultural experiment has been well-documented. The poor trees were choked at the roots, assaulted daily by nozious furnes, pummeled with salt and sand in the winter, and baked in the summer.

They never thrived, yet the city persevered. A tree would die and then be replaced by another. Until now.

now. 'Finally, finally, finally, after "Finally, finally, finally, after years of trying to grow trees where trees aren's supposed to grow, they came to the realization that we'd be better off with some decorative pavement," said Bob Lewellen, a member of the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners.

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The trees are gone now, leaving only a brick strip to divide the northbound and southbound lanes of the busy trafficway.
I found one person who missed them.
"It looks kind of naked. Like when you don't wear earnings," said Mickey Simmons, a waitress at Nichols Lunch, which faces the trafficway at 39th Street. She's been serving coffee and platters long enough to see the trees planted, replaced and finally removed.

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Her customers seemed more in tune with Lewellen.

Trees just won't grow there, said lynn May, a regular.

No, they won't. Experts here and elsewhere had anticipated that, back in the 1980s. They predicted ruin for trees stuck in a median less than 6 feet wide.

But neighborhood and political leaders wanted something to distinguish the trafficway, the major north-south throughfare on the west side of midtown. The city has never been good at saying 'no' to such demands.

Think some people really took an interest in wanting it to be done. They wanted it so bady they kept trying different things, said Mark Govea, citywide services manager for the Parks and Received to Penartument experiments. The department experiments when the said of the property of the parks and grasses. The bills added up. Preparing the wells and planting the original trees, in 1986, cost \$415 s tree.

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Budget realities finally forced the decision.

"We're cutting people, We're cutting services. I said, 'Let's cut our losses,' Gowea said.

Of all the people who drive the trafficway, the number who have formally protested the deforest ion can be counted on one hand. One man wrote a 16-page letter expressing his concern. A woman suggested replacing the pear trees with redbuds. She further recommended getting Antheuer-Busch to sponsor the pear trees with redbuds. She further recommended getting Antheuer-Busch to sponsor the pear trees with the object of the pear tree with the object of the pear tree with redbuds. She further recommended getting Antheuer-Busch to sponsor the pixel so the pear tree with the pear tree with redbuds for anyone along the trafficway anyone. The tree wells have been paved over. The city is through trying to grow wegetation between flowing traffic, although it would consider banners if someone wanted to pay for them. Gowea said.

As a regular driver of Southwest Trafficway, I prefer the new, minimalist look. The trees were always painful to behold. May they rest in peace.

And sometime down another road, may common sense prevail over politics a little soone:

To leave a comment for Barbara

## More spending

Kansas City's school superintendent proposes restoring some budget cuts. B-3



### Yael T. Abouhalkah

Corporate upheaval has cost Kansas City two prominent civic leaders. Opinion, B-7

# **Prostitution sting** labeled a success

By CHRISTINE VENDER and GLENN E. RICE The Kansas City Star

Police said Wednesday that last weekend's prostitution sting netted several prominent people among the 100 arrested, and has reduced the number of Internet ads for es-

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cort services.

Among those arrested were a priest from St, Joseph, a Clay County sheriff's deputy, the head track coach at Shawnee Mission South High School and an executive vice president of a Baptist college in force.

The sting focused on escort ser-vices and involved 20 law enforce-

nent agencies in Kansas and Mis-ouri. It was the largest local sting if its kind, according to Sgt. Brad Dumit of Kansas City's vice unit. "Everyone worked very well to-ether." Dumit said. "We were very

gether. Dumit said. "We were very successful."
Dumit said he was planning similar stings in the future.
The sting began with police placing four ads in a weekly newspaper and on the Internet. Police said men who answered the ads and agreed to exhange something of value for sex acts were arrested. Police said women who agreed to provide sex acts in exchange for

# Teenager sentenced in death of classmate

Boy gets two life terms for rape, murder

By SHASHANK BENGALI

Zacheriah Tripp was sentenced /ednesday to two life terms in rison plus 15 years for the kidnap-ing, rape and murder of uchanan County teenager Sarah

life sentence attached to the murder conviction. Judge Randall Jackson ordered that the sentences be served consecutively.

Jurors had recommended the sentences for the convicting Tripp last month to conclude one of the longest criminal prosecutions in Buchanan County history. Tripp's first trial had ended in October in a mistrial after jurors deadlocked.

brought in for the retmal and se-questered. McCoy, a 15-year-old from hear by Easton, disappeared from her home on Dec. 3, 2001. Her body was found in a creek bed two days later. Tripp and McCoy had known each other as students at East Buchanan High School. Prosecu-tors called Tripp "a stone-cold

## Community tribute



Members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority honored Lucile Bluford on Wednesday at a community tribute and memorial service. The The Call, a weekly newspaper, for more than 40 years.

# Lucile Bluford recalled with tears, laughter

Mourners filled Walkins Brothers Memorial Chapel on Wednesday night to remember Kansas City journalist Lucile H. Bluford, who died last week at age 91. But as they mourned, they also laughed.

Some speakers described Bluford's powers of persuasion. Baseball legend Buck O'Nell said be first met Bluford 65 years ago in a

Kansas City nightclub. Blu-ford persuaded him to meet her the following morning in a for anyone who called upon her the following morning in a for anyone who called upon her to Thursdays—deadline day for The Call, the weekly African-American newspaper for which bluford began writing in 1932. Others detailed her insights into the city's political like of began writing in 1932. Others detailed her insights into the city's political like. Jackson County Executive Kathery Shields recalled that many Several speakers, recalling Blustiness of the country of the

resentatives.
Bluford was, and she published
an analysis that convinced many.
'When Miss Bluford wrote it,
people listened and believed,'
Shields said.
Wheat won election to the
House in 1982.
Some spoke of the journalist's
softer side. Arthur A. Benson II, a

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See TRIPP R-2 Sidewalk

# cafes to get KC Council

vote today By LYNN HORSLEY The Kansas City Star

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Cafes on public sidewalks are
not allowed in Kanasa City, but a
City Council vote today could
bring east to the streets—and alcohol.

The construction of the color of the color
and Economic Development
Committee endorsed a sidewalk
cafe measure Wednesday to promote a more dorsand a sidewalk
cafe measure Wednesday to promote a more dynamic street life
downtown and in other commercial districts.

The measure now goes to the
full council.

"This is a small step in providing
a more vibrant Kansas City," City
Manager Wayne Cauthen told the
committee. "It's something that as
a city we need to do."

Supporters want to move quickly to take advantage of the summer restaurant season.

Mayor Kay Barnes, downtown
boosters, and restaurant and bar
owners urged passage of the measure, which would require establishments to pay a \$50 application
fee and a \$250 annual permit fee,
and carry \$2 million in liability insurance.

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The fees would allow the city to hire additional enforcement staff to guard against violations.

Tables and chairs would be allowed only in commercial areas, would not be allowed to block pedestrian or wheelchair access to the sidewalks, and would not be allowed to endanger the public or cause a nuissans, and would not the allowed to endanger the public or cause a nuissance.

The permit requirements would apply to cafe owners whether they are selling doughnuts and coffee.

See CAFES, B-2

In search of a name

A 17-year-old Merriam tradition s about to quit using its name —

is about to quit using its namecold turkey.
Parks and Recreation Director
Susan Hayden said she had been
learing from residents who did
not know that the city sponsors
te annual Turkey Creek Festival.
"We think it's important that the
city of Merriam be recognized in
the title." Hayden said.
Suggestion annes must include
Merriam in the title and an explaantion of why the name is appropriate. Mall suggestions to Director
of Parks and Recreation, 7501 Merriam Drive. Merriam, IS 56203, or
email to susanh'emeriam.org.

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### Leaping tall buildings...

DUILCHINGS...
Wednesday's high of 88 probably inspired many residents to take refuge somewhere nice and cool. Ryan Funk, 9, of Kansas City, Kan, chose to cool down with a flying leap off Roeland Park Aquatic Center's high diving board. Kansas City's skyline served as a backdrop for Ryan's plunge. Today's weather is

CHRIS OCHSNER The Kansas City Star

### Funds and fur

The Wayside Waifs animal shelter in Kansas City raised enough at its 18 minute of the Market of the

we had anticipated, but it ended up being the largest fund-raiser in our history," said Courtney Dunn, spokeswoman. Last year, the Fur Ball brought in a little more than \$200,000, she

said.
Waysie Waifs opened its new fa-cility in 1998. The 32,000-square-foot-bullding cost about \$4 mil-lion. The shelter operates on an annual budget of about \$1.9 mil-

### Easy does it, leadfoots

Erin Fitzgerald/The

# Game dispute flared into murder, victim's family says

Dustin L. Thomas died over a bas-

Dustin I. Thomas died over a bas-kethall game.

That, said Rob and Michael Thomas, was the genesis of a North-land feud that boiled over Monday and ended with the slaying of their 18-year-old brother.

Flanked by family and friends Wednesday night, they lamented that a months-old community cen-erpickup game had despensared in-to a heated rivalry and, ultimately, the fatal fight on North Oak Traf-ficway.

ficway.
"All of this started over nothing," said Rob Thomas. "It was a basketball game that escalated into someone losing their life...

TRIPP:

Teenager

sentenced

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killer who was infatuated with
McCoy and bragged to a juvenile
inmate about raping her.
Tripp had been scheduled to be
sentenced lune 27, but that date
was moved up because of a
crowded court docket and because Tripps autories had
waved his client's right to a presentencing
investigation.
Wednesday's
sentencing lasted about an
hout. McCoy's a

sentencing lasted about an
hour. McCoy's
mother, Michele,
took the witness
stand and read a
statement. Prosecutors then
showed a 25minute video of
McCoy's life.
The defense
called no witnesses.

nesses.

Michele McCoy, who gave
tear-filled testi-

Tripp's sentence "was just what t should have been," she said. On this earth, justice has taken place."
The cost to Buchanan County
has been significant: more than

has been significant: more than \$40,000 to prepare for the two tri-als, not counting employee wages, said prosecutor Dwight Scroggins.

Missouri correspondent, call (816) 234-4759 or send e-mail to sbengali@kcstar.com.

CAFES:

Kansas City

Council

votes today

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or dinner with drinks. Establish ments selling alcohol, however would have to meet other condi

would have to meet other condi-tions.
Several members of the Liquor Ordinance Review Committee urged city officials to proceed slowly in adopting the ordinance to guard against the proliferation of too many liquor establish-ments, especially near residential neighborhoods.

"Please copsider restricting it to the entertainment areas of Kanssa City" said Dennis Carroll. "City-wide right now. I'm concerned about that."

Mark Brooks, manager at the Cup & Saucer in the River Market district, said sidewalk cafes could enhance safety and neighbor-hood ambiance and reduce crime.

"These places become the front orches of the neighborhoods," rooks said. "They make for a ore viable, livable city."

reach Lynn Horsley, City Hall re orter, call (816) 234-4317 or send mail to lhorsley@kcstar.com.

"He had just started his life."
An 18-year-old classmate of Dustin
Thomas remained in custody
Wednesday, accused of first-degree
murder. Her bond was set at \$2 mil-

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The woman, Vermonn T. Roberts,
also is charged with armed criminal
action. She is being held in the Clay
County Detention Center and is
scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday.
Police said the two, both new graduates of North Kansas City High
School, were in separate groups of
friends that began arguing early
Tuesday. That argument evolved into
fighting that spilled onto the street at
4020 North Oak and ended in the
stabbing death ofThomas.
The older Thomas brothers said
Wednesday that the groups had been
fighting since the basketball game

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Sex-abuse charges

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A 20-year-old Kansas City man
was arrested Wednesday morning
for allegedly sending sexually explicit messages over the Internet
to a 13-year-old Idaho girl.
Christopher M. Oliver was arrested at his home in the 10900
block of Ewing Avenue by members of the FBI Fugitive Task Force.
He was charged in Bonneville
County, Idaho, with three counts
of felony sexual abuse for Internet
exchanges April 13, 15 and 18. He
should have seen a service of the SBI SI and 18. He
should be supported by the SBI SI and 18. He
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Idaho Falls police said Oliver began a relationship with the girl
over the Internet, told her he
wanted to visit her in Idaho, then
sent her images over a Web camera.

The vicitivit's mother found out.

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The victim's mother found out about the exchanges and called authorities from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, who then called Idaho Falls police.

Teen fatally shot

A teenager was shot to death Wednesday evening in the 4100 block of Toos kwenue, police said. Officers found the body of the victim behind an apartment building. His identity was not released Wednesday night. Police were looking for a blue Chevrolet Caprice, model year unknown, in connection with the slaving.



ended in a melee.

On Wednesday, homicide investigators interviewed four persons who were in custody in connection with the slaving. No other criminal charges have been filed, said Officer Darin Snapp, a Kansas City police spokesman.

Michael Thomas. "He was the one kid you wouldn't expect to get a phone call over like this."

The Thomasses, standing at the crest of Kansas City's Water Works Park, fought back tears as they cradled their brother's plastic-bound blue senior book. — a journal he had completed as his high school tenure closed.

They talked about how Dustin Thomas had been working full time at an inrigation company since graduation. He had just applied to Penn State University and hoped to major in philosophy and sports medicine. He and his friends — the teens he was with the night he died — were jelling as a rap act. They were the Swagez, and their name graces his senior book.

When officers arrived on the scene

early Tuesday, they found Thomas sprawled on a grassy area across the street from his home, bleeding from a wound in his throat. Thomas died at the scene, Snapp said.

According to documents released Wednesday, a witness told police that Thomas head saked him to come to his residence after Thomas had seed from crac scrinding his neighborhood. On the second of the

court records said. Two males inside the car got out and ran.

The witness said Roberts then tried to run them over, but they moved. Roberts crashed the vehicle into a re-raining wall

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Roberts then drove away. Officers arrived and found Thomas lying on the pavennent.

Homicide detectives observed billy clubs, sticks, a crowbar and a pair of tree trimmers in the steer in the area.

Michael and Rob Thomas praised the Police Department's efforts.

The Thomases are talking about bolding a candleight vigil at Dustin's bouse. They have set up a memorial fund, and are planning his funeral.

"Anybody that the touched in his life, please come," Michael said. "Justin wants to be able to look down and see everybody there."

### METROPOLITAN DIGEST



# One, two, three...heave!

As downtown Kansas City's skyline seemed to beckon behind them, ground crew members for the Goodyear blimp Stars and Stripes launched the airship on a flight Wednesday. The dirighbe has been circling the area the past few days, giving promotional rides to Goodyear employees and their families. After the blimp finishes its last round of flights today, it will head for Dallas.

slaying. Anyone with information is asked to call the TIPS Hotline at (816) 474-TIPS (474-8477). All calls are confi-dential, and a reward is offered for information leading to an arrest.

Go-cart crash

A teenage boy was in serious condition at a hospital after a car struck the motorized go- cart he was riding Wednesday night.

The accident happened at 39th Street and Prospect Avenue. When police arrived, neither the boy nor the motorist that struck him was there.

there.

The boy had already been taken to a hospital. Police found the car and the driver at an apartment complex a dozen blocks away later in the evening.

Robbery arrests

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Police arrested two men
Wednesday aftermoon after a robbery at a fast-food frestaurant.
The robbery occurred about 2:10
p.m. at Church's Pried Chicken,
5500 Prospect Ave. Police said a
gunman approached the store
manager and demanded money.
The manager gave the robber
cash. The gunman fled in a maroon Cadillac occupied by another
man.

Witnesses gave police a descrip-tion of the getaway car; officers who were nearby saw a car match-ing that description. The Cadillac

stopped and the occupants jumped out near 62nd Street and Park Avenue. Officers arrested two men, and in the car officers found money believed to have been tak-en in the robbery. No charges

ery. s had been filed

Police promotions

Police promotions
Eight police officers were promoted this week.
A ceremony was held Tuesday night to honor the officers. The promotions will take effect Sunday.
Sqt. Rick Knith, who supervises a homicide squad, was promoted to captain. The following were promoted to sergeant: Officers Charles thuth, Lance Lenz, Joy Colmar and Patrick. Hoover, and Detectives Kevin Kilkenny, Matthew Lyons and William Brown.

Detective.

**Fugitive** arrest

Fügitive arrest
A Minnesora man wanted in
connection with the murder of his
girlfriend's husband was arrested
in Kansas City later Iwesday.
Cesar Manrique-Arredondo, 2.1.
was charged in Hennepin County,
Minn., in connection with the lune
I murder.
Members of the FBI Fugitive
Task Force arrested ManriqueArredondo about 11 p.m. at a bus
station near 11th Street and Troost
Avenue after authorities received a

tip he would be there. They be-lieved the suspect had been in town three to four days, FBI spokesman Jeff Lanza said.

Electrical fire

A fire early Wednesday heavily damaged one Kansas City house and caused minor damage to one next door.

next door. Fire investigators said an electri-cal problem sparked the blaze re-ported about 2:50 a.m. at 2603 lack son Ave. No injuries were reported. Authorities estimated total dam-age to the residence at \$50,000. The house at 2605 Jackson was dam-aged from heat.

The reward offered for informa-tion leading to an arrest in the De-cember slayings of a Kanasa City couple at their home was increased this week to \$18,000. Olivia Raya and Tony Rios were found shot to death in their home in the 5100 block of Hardesty Ave. Anyone with information should call the TIBs Keltine at 1916 474.

Anyone with information should call the TIPS Hotline at (816) 474 TIPS (474-8477).

JACKSON COUNTY

Family sought

The medical examiner's office is seeking relatives of Kenneth G.

Webster, 54.
Webster died June 1 at his home in the 1200 block of West 69th Terace in Kansas City, His body remains unclaimed.
Anyone with information about Webster or his next of kin is asked to call the on-duty investigator at (816) 881-6600.

Sex charges

Sex charges Jackson County prosecutors have accused a 23-year-old man of having inappropriate sexual relations with the daughter of a family friend. Phillip Jordon, of rural Jackson County, was charged Monday with three counts of child molestation and one count each of sexual misconduct and statutory sodomy. According to court documents, Jordon began touching the 12-year-old grid around Easter 2003. The incidents occurred at a home near Joak Grove.

A relative of the victim learned of the alleged relationship when she

A relative of the victim learned of the alleged relationship when she opened the victim's bedroom door and found the two. Jordon's bond is set at \$150,000.

GRANDVIEW

Children's advocate

Joan Parrott, vice president of the Children's Defense Fund, will speak on children's issues at 6 p.m. Satur-

day at Second Missionary Baptist Church, 5111 Harry Truman Drive. Parrott's speech will be part of a fund-raising banquet for the church's scholarship fund for grad-uating high school seniors. Admis-sion is \$25. Parrott directs the Children's De-fense Fund's Freedom Schools pro-ject, which helps establish programs that teach children leadership, citi-zenship and other civic skills.

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LEAVENWORTH

Drive-by shooting

Someone shot into a house occu-ied by a man and five children arly Wednesday, but no one was

early Wednesday, but no one was hur.
Police said eight shorts were fired into the house, probably from a 9mm weapon, about 12-45 a.m. A 27-year-old man who was in the house with the children 1 to 10 years old told police that he did not know who fired the weapon or what the motive could have been. Anyone with information should call the Leavenworth police at (913) 651-2260.

FORT LEAVENWORTH

Change of command

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Fort Leavenworth commander
L. Gen, James C. Riley will officially
relinquish his command duties at
10 a.m. June 28.
A change of command and retirement ceremony will be outside Bell
Hall at the fort. Riley, who had previously served as the Army's V.
Corps commander, assumed command of the post and the Combined Arms Center in July 2001. He
will be succeeded by Lt. Gen.
William S. Wallace, commander of
the Army's V. Corps.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday's winning lottery

Wednesday's winning lottery numbers:

Missouri Pick 3: 3-0-3. Straight-play winners won \$598. box-play winners won \$509. A 50-cent bet paid half.

Missouri Pick 4:4-8-5-8.

Missouri Show Me 5:6-11.7-2-3-31. No winner of \$50,000 jack-pot. Four numbers paid \$750.

Missouri Lotto: 10-14-18-28-32-38. No winner of estimated \$1.6 million jackpoe. Five numbers paid \$987; four paid \$29.

Kansas 2by2: Red, 9-21; white. 7-11.

■ Kansas Pick 3: 6-3-0. Straight-play winners won \$500; box-play winners won \$80. A 50-cent bet paid half.

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Super Kansas Cash: 4-9-13-20-22 — super cashball 11; no winner if estimated \$150,000 jackpot.

Powerball: 19-20-21-45-46 — owerball 20, for estimated \$82.7

million jackpot.

Please check with lottery officials for confirmation of these numbers.

# STING: Police tout success after 100 arrests in prostitution raid om a public health standpoint,"

omething of value also were a

rested.

On Wednesday, Dumit said he checked some Internet sites and saw that many ads for escort services had been pulled.

Dumit said he sometimes hears complaints that police should focus their efforts on crimes other than prostitution. 

"Some people don't take prostitution seriously," he said. "There are times when it's a victime there is a victim."

Dumit said victime include abil

our 39 percent of the time there is a victim."
Dumit said victims include children of women who work as prositutes and taxpayers who buy food stamps for prostitutes who earn thousands in unreported income. "Prostitution-related crimes lead to so many other things," Dumit added. "It's definitely worthwhile for us to pursue."

weighing whether to bring state charges against the men arrested in Missouri. In Merriam, all 11 men arrested were charged in municipal court with the misdemeanor charge of patronizing a prostitute. Among those 100 or so arrested, several stood out for their positions of public trust in the fields of educa-tion, law enforcement and the cler-ce.

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The Rev Vincent Rogers, pastor
of St. James Catholic Church in St.
Joseph, has not been charged.
Rogers told Bishop Raymond J.
Boland that he had been arrested
on suspicion of soliciting a prostitute. according to the Rev. Patrick
Rush, vicar general and spokesman
for the Diocese of Kansas City-St.
Joseph.

istrative leave "in recognition of the seriousness of this matter, the high standards of priestly accountability, and the grave community conse-quences that result from prostituquences that result from prostruc-tion."
Boland said he had not received any complaints of "similar miscon-duct" in the 10 years since Rogers'

rdination. Rogers' attorney, John P. O'Con-or, declined to comment until rosecutors are finished reviewing

prosecutors are misnen reviewing the case.

Preston Darity, a Clay County sheriff's deputy assigned to the partor division, has not been changed. Darity, who has been a deputy for seven years, is under suspension, said Maj. Roger Yates, the Clay County undersheriff.

Darity could not be reached for comment.

Michael B. Naster, head track coach for Shawnee Mission South High School since 1982, was charged in Merriam municipal

court.

A shawnee Mission School District spokeswoman said the district has not received notification of the arrest. If it does, the district would investigate whether Naster violated board policy.

Naster declined to comment.

Image A Collogan, executive vice president of Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary in Ankeny, Iowa, was charged in Merriam municipal court.

Collogan worked in Westwood from 1995 to 1997 ashead administrator of the now-closed Mission Oaks Christian Elementary School.

Collogan said his attorney advised him not to discuss the case. Meanwhile, Platte County Prosecutor Eric Zahnd estimated that 25 cases from the sting operation would be sent to his office for review. The decisions about whether to file criminal charges will be made in coming weeks.

"Prostitution is a serious issue "Prostitution is a serious issue"

from a public heath standpoint, he said.

Prosecutors in each county involved in the sting worked closely with vice officers to ensure that those arrested could face state criminal charges, Zahnd noted. Zahnd said he thought the sting was effective because it sent a message to communities where prositution is considered a problem. "From all appearances it was a very successful operation because of the number of folks who were arrested," he said. "We feel it would have a deterrent effect in the future."

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