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AREA NEWS IN BRIEF

Libhart salary is \$53,000 more in interim post

Martin Libhart will receive a base salary of \$182,000 a year as interim superintendent, according to a contract between Libhart and the Wichita school board. Libhart, for-mer chief



mer chief operations officer for the district, was named inter-im superin-tendent Monday. He will take over for Winston Brooks, who

Brooks, who recently was named superintendent for Albuquerque schools. According to the contract, Libhart also will receive \$750 a month for automobile expenses and \$417 a month for "professional, civic and incidental expenses associated with the role of interim superintendent."

dent."
As the district's chief opera-tions officer, Libhart made \$129,361 a year. The contract stipulates that he will return to that salary when a new superin-tendent takes over.

mmonia leak forces vacuations in luka

evacuations in luka

Some residents of the Pratt

County city of Iulia were asked
to evacuate their homes

Tuesday night as emergency
workers tried to stop an ammonia leak at the Kanza Go-op at
the east edge of town.

A Pratt County dispatcher said
residents living on the east side
of luka were being directed to
an emergency shelter at the
community center in Pratt.

A hazardous materials team
from Dodge City was headed to
luka on ty to contain the leak,
the dispatcher said,
tilda, which has about 180
residents, is 60 miles west of
Wichita and about five miles
north of Pratt.

County plans session for potential vendors

Sedgwick County's Purchasing Department will hold a training session Thursday for businesses interested in pursuing county

contracts.

The free session will be at 4 p.m. at 604 N. Main, Suite F. Registration is preferred. For more information, call 316-660-7255.



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February trial set for Schneiders

A federal judge on Tuesday set a Feb. 2 trial for a Haysville doctor and his wife who face 34 criminal charges related to their practice of distributing prescription pain medication from their clinic. District Judge Monti Belot said he

initially intended to set a November trial for Stephen and Linda Schneider But the delayed the case after prosecutors said it would overlap with another major trial in Topeka.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya
Treadway said many of her office's resources would be tied up this fall in the retrial of former Westar Energy executives David Wittig and Douglas

Lake, who are accuse the company.

Their 2005 convictions were overturned by a federal appeals court, and

Treadway said their 12-week retrial is scheduled to start in August. She also said the second prosecutor in the

Schneider case would be tied up in







At pound, color matters



Shelters say adopters shun black pets

They don't stand out in a crowd.
They're harder to photograph. They may come across as mean. And there are just too many of them.
Whatever the reason, black dogs, particularly big ones, have a harder time getting.
To see the Kansas Humane Society's adoption page, cilck on the life starter.

have a harder time getting adopted than canines of any other color. No one tracks the problem — called "big black dog syndrome" — nationally and shelters often keep only limited data on the sizes, breeds and color or euthanized, according to the Humane Society of the United States and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



"But anecdotally," said Stephen Musso, executive vice president of the ASPCA, "that's what we hear from shelter after shelter: Big black

dogs just don't get adopted." Unfortunately, it's also true at the Kansas Humane Society, said Jennifer Campbell, director of com-

munications.

If the shelter has a litter of seven Lab puppies, for example, "and six are black and one is blond — they'r eal blastically the same — the blond one will always go first," Campbell said. "It's really disheartening." Catching a potential adopter's attention is even harder for adult black dogs than for puppies, in that they are harder to see in the kennels where they are kept and "sind of blend in," Campbell said. "They don't show off, out show off out show off out show off out show off." And there's a thecory, Campbell said, that with darker animals, "the first thing you see is the teeth," which may lead some potential adopters to think the animal is aggressive or means.

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The Kansas Humane Society tries to fight "big black dog syndrome" by putting bright bandannas around darker dogs' necks, Campbell said, "to attract the eye and get them noticed."

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City adds to anti-prostitution zones

BY DION LEFLER The Wichita Eagle

The Wichita Eagle

Wichita Cyouncil members expanded the front Tuesday in the war on the
world's oldest profession.

The council broadened the area where
prostitutes and their customers face
increased penalities if caught by police.

The council added three zones to the
existing enhanced enforcement area, a
narrow strip that follows Broadway from
the north to the south ends of the city.
Deputy Police Chief Robert Lee said the
zone has to be expanded because prostitutes have been moving their business
outside the Broadway corridor to avoid

Outside the zone, the potential penalty for a prostitution offense is six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. In the zone, a violation can carry a penalty of a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine, Deputy Police Chief Robert Lee said.

the increased penalties.

He said prostitution brings other negative activities, such as drug dealing and

gang violence.

The boundaries of the three new

enforcement zones are:

Second to 21st streets between Main and Washington.

Waterman to 47th Street South between Wichita and Washington.

Second to 13th streets between Cleveland and Hillside.
Each of those areas has averaged about 80 to 150 prostitution arrests in recent years, he said.
Prostitution arrests in those areas are in the single digits so far this year, but traffic is expected to pick up as the weather improves, Lee said.
Outside the zone, the potential penalty

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Car-semi collision kills Wichita woman

BY TIM POTTER The Wichita Eagle

Around 8:30 Tuesday morning, Brad Begley stood outside a business along U.S. 54 between Wichita and Augusta and heard a truck horn blar-

he recalled.

In the flash of time he noticed the truck, a car also came into his view — headed straight at the truck. "No swerve," he said of the car, a red Chrysler 300. "She might have hit the brakes, but we sure didn't see it."

After the 1995 Kenworth semi failed to stop for a red light, the eastbound 2007 Chrysler struck the truck's

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another trial in Wichita.

"I just think, judge, that we' going to have a train wreck if you hurry this to November," Treadway said.

Belot agreed to delay the trial, but he said he couldn't

stick with an April 2009 trial date that had been set by another judge. "I realize this is a difficult case, but these defendants are presently in custody," Belot said. "I want them to have a speedy trial. I want the gov-ernment to have a speedy trial.

Treadway and defense lawyer Lawrence Williamson, who represents Stephen Schender, indicated they would support sending potential jurors in the case short questionnaires to ask such basic questions as whether they have ever been treated by Stephen Schneider. Jurors in criminal cases often are excluded when they know the

defendant.

"Mr. Williamson might be of the opinion that former patients would be good jurors," Belot said.

"I might have to argue that one," Treadway said.

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Even black cats can suffer from the discrimination. Campbell said black felines tend to get ignored more than kittles of other colors.

People who come to the shelter wanting to adopt a cat usually have a color preference, she said.

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It doesn't help that a quint of dark-dog biology has led to an overabundance of large black dogs, said Alter Yaffe, who founded Heartland Lab Rescue, a network for rescuing abandoned Labrador retrievers in Oklahoma. Labradors and pit bulls tend to have big litters of five or more, which increases overpopulation.

One black dog, Coal, took more than six months to find a home despite a sweet temperament, excellent recommendations and a featured spot on Yaffe's Web site. "He was just black," Yaffe said. "That was his one offense."

The Web site blackpearl-dogs.com, a resource devoted to increasing public awareness of the "big black dog phenomenon," offers some lighthearted reasons to adopt a big, black dog: Their color doesn't clash with furniture or clothing, hides dir well, and is easy to accessorize. In other words, black dogs could be the new black.

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for a prostitution offense is six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. In the zone, a violation can carry a penalty of a year

in jail and a \$2,500 fine, Lee

said.
Council members Paul Gray and Jeff Longwell expressed concern that enhanced penal-ties could force prostitutes to migrate to another part of

wn. Longwell questioned why the

city couldn't simply increase penalties throughout the com-

munity.
Lee responded that the penalties can be toughened only in areas with a history of prostitution.
And he said he doesn't think the problem will migrate to a

significant extent because prostitutes and their clients tend to gravitate to commercial areas that are known for such activity and that have large numbers of low-cost motels.

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