Jennifer Schmidt and Katherine O’Toole thought they were attending a meeting about a teacher mentor program when they were asked to be at the Gardner-Edgerton school district office at 2:40 p.m. Jan. 14.

However, when the women were escorted to a district conference room after they arrived, they discovered they were there for a totally different reason.

Schmidt, a social studies teacher at Gardner-Edgerton High School, and O’Toole, who teaches first grade at Sunflower Elementary School in Gardner, have been selected as recipients of the 2007 Horizon Award for first-year teachers.

The award, sponsored by the Kansas Department of Education, recognizes exemplary first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding. They are among only 32 teachers from across Kansas who will receive the award this year.

The award is more than deserving, and it’s a very rare occurrence when you have two teachers selected for the Horizon Award.”

After hearing the news that she had been chosen as an award recipient, Schmidt said, “I feel very honored and happy that the district even chose to nominate me, let alone (having) the state of Kansas choose me.”

She added that people are often amazed when first-year Gardner-Edgerton teachers tell them about everything school district staff members do to help them become successful educators.

“I think the award itself is pretty neat because of how it represents new teachers and all the work that goes into teaching your first year,” O’Toole said. “I think it’s great for Gardner to have two teachers represent our school district because of the support it gives new teachers.”

Schmidt received her bachelor’s degree in middle and secondary education from the University of Kansas. She was a student teacher and intern at Logan Junior High School in Topeka and at Lawrence High School. While she attended KU, Schmidt was awarded several scholarships and was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority. She also has volunteered with organizations such as the Kids Vote Campaign, Relay for Life, Adopt-A-School, Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross.

O’Toole graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education. During her college years, she was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi education honorary, the Kansas National Education Association Student Program and the American Ethnic Studies Student Association. She also served as a volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan.

Gilhaus said, “The Horizon program allows us to honor two of our deserving new educators each year and Katherine and Jennifer are in good company. We have numerous new professional teachers in the district whose potential we recognize and seek to nurture.”

Previous Horizon Award winners from Gardner-Edgerton include Jim Brockway, former third-grade teacher at Gardner-Elementary School and current member of the district’s professional development staff; Amber Nichols, Project Plus teacher at Sunflower Elementary School; and Amy Hill, fourth-grade teacher at Edgerton Elementary School.

Schmidt and O’Toole will receive their awards and have an opportunity to meet their fellow honorees at the Kansas Exemplary Educators Network’s annual conference in February.
Jennifer Schmidt, left, social studies teacher at Gardner-Edgerton High School, and Katherine O'Toole, first-grade teacher at Sunflower Elementary School, were surprised Jan. 14 to find out they are among 32 teachers in the state to win the 2007 Horizon Award for first-year teachers.

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KATHERINE O’TOOLE
Lawrence finds violations of KOMA expensive

Lawrence city commissioners have discovered breaking the state's open meetings law comes with a price.

For the commissioners, conducting business behind closed doors will mean an extra session of night school, a two-hour refresher course Tuesday on compliance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

For Lawrence, the closed-door meeting comes with a higher toll, the loss of a business expansion that might have added as many as 150 jobs to the city's economy.

That's the bad news. The good news is that the training session, negotiated by the Kansas attorney general's office, is open to anyone.

You know, like council members and commissioners from nearby cities.

Like, say, Topeka, where the city council is under investigation by the Shawnee County district attorney for possibly violating the open meetings act.

The subject is touchy. Governing bodies often mistakenly think they have a right to conduct business in private whenever they choose. They do have that right -- on a very small number of subjects, such as personnel matters.

Too often, though, they close the door at a whim.

The penalty, as the Lawrence commissioners learned, might not be particularly painful. But it's an embarrassment slap on the wrist.

The Lawrence commission got into trouble when it went into closed-door executive session to consider economic development incentives for a pharmaceutical company.

The plan backfired. After news emerged about the open meetings violation, the pharmaceutical company announced it was no longer going to accept the incentives package.

And then the kicker -- the company announced it had scuttled its plans to expand in Lawrence.

As part of their arrangement with the attorney general's office and to avoid prosecution, the commissioners agreed to attend the training course.

We'd like to see the room at Lawrence City Hall filled next Tuesday, and we'd be tickled if Topeka council members were among the crowd, which is expected to include Douglas County commissioners and Lawrence school board members.

University of Kansas professor Mike Kautsch will lead the two-hour session.

Oh, by the way, the meeting is open to the public.
Gov. Kathleen Sebelius on Monday called on Kansas lawmakers to confront climate change, increase education funding and make health care more available.

"Let us once again aim for the stars," Sebelius said in the State of the State speech to kick off the start of the legislative session.

Sebelius also reaffirmed her endorsement of a 50-cent-per-pack increase in the cigarette tax and a statewide ban on public smoking in indoor places.

Because of the state's natural resources, Sebelius said Kansas was poised to play a historic role in the nation's development of wind energy and alternative fuels.

Energy has been front and center before state officials since the Sebelius administration rejected two coal-burning power plants because of concerns about carbon dioxide emissions and global warming.

The political pushback from supporters of the $3.5 billion plants has been fierce and threatened to disrupt the session.

But during her address, Sebelius challenged the Legislature to work with her to put together a comprehensive climate change action plan. And she called for a reduction in greenhouse gases.

Pointing out her guests — 1-year-old twins Kimberlin and Samuel Lovell of Mulvane and their parents and grandparents — Sebelius called on lawmakers to do the heavy political lifting now for future generations.

"Let us tonight resolve to create a Kansas in which futures are bright, hopes are realized and our communities are safe and secure," she said.

Democrats said Sebelius' speech provided a good outline for the Legislature, while Republicans said the speech lacked details.

"She touched on a lot of things that most people agree with," state Rep. Tom Sloan, R-Lawrence, said. "We are trying to build a state for our children and grandchildren. Energy is important, education is important, but there were a lot of generalities and few specifics," he said.

State Rep. Lee Tafanelli, R-Ozawkie, agreed, saying, "The governor touched on all the critical issues that we have all been discussing. I was a little disappointed that she didn't go into how we are going address them."

But state Rep. Tom Holland, D-Baldwin City, said, "The governor framed the major challenges we are facing this session."

He said her appeal to work together was needed because of the political fury that followed the coal-plant decision.

Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, said he didn't believe there was enough support in the Legislature to approve a tax increase on cigarettes, but he agreed with Sebelius on the need to increase development of alternative fuels.

"I think that is one of the keys to our future in this state," Morris said.

Meanwhile, in a brief Republican response after Sebelius' speech, House Speaker Melvin Neufeld, of Ingalls, said the GOP would focus on slowing government growth, market-oriented fixes to health care, and a crackdown on illegal immigration.

"Like you and your family, the state and its many agencies must live within their means," Neufeld said.

Education

Sebelius said improvements were needed in the state education system to prepare Kansans for the "innovation economy."

She endorsed a $122 million increase for public schools next year, as part of a previous commitment. And she also proposed adding funds to implement full-day kindergarten and improve early childhood education.
Neufeld said he agreed with Sebelius on the need to improve prenatal and early childhood health care.

**Higher education**

Sebelius said her proposed budget, which was to be unveiled Tuesday, would include a $3 million increase in scholarships for higher education students.

State Rep. Barbara Ballard, D-Lawrence, said that will be important.

“This may be more crucial than we think. We may be going into recession, and parents are having a hard time paying for their children” to go to college, she said.

Sebelius said her budget also calls for increased training of pharmacists at Kansas University.

She also vowed to continue the approximately $5 million annual appropriation to the Kansas Cancer Center at KU for efforts to attain national cancer treatment center designation.

Dr. Roy Jensen, director of the Kansas Cancer Center, attended the address and was glad to hear of the commitments to KU.

The annual appropriation “is the lifeblood of the cancer center,” he said.

**GOV. KATHLEEN SEBELIUS** greets state representatives after delivering the 2008 State of the State Address on Monday at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Sebelius emphasized energy, education and the economy in her speech to a packed chamber.
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Kansas University and public employee retirees will get some help in a "lean" budget.
But kindergartners will have to wait.

That's part of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' proposed $13.6 billion budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

"She is recommending a lean budget. It keeps the commitments that have been made and also targets money to some key investments, like early-childhood programs," Sebelius' budget director Duane Goossen said Tuesday.

It also depends on gambling revenue before a slot machine or casino have been approved under the state's new gambling law.

The budget provides $6.4 million annually for a 1 percent cost of living adjustment for each of the next three years for retirees under the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System. If enacted, it would be the first COLA under KPERS since 1998.

Overall, higher education would receive a $35 million increase in its operating grant, which is approximately a 3 percent increase.

For KU, some of the projected new gambling revenue would be dedicated to expansion of the Pharmacy School. KU also would receive $5 million to continue its efforts to be designated a national cancer care institution.
Sixty-eight University of Kansas students from 25 departments completed the Global Awareness Program during the summer and fall 2007 semesters.

GAP recognizes students for studying abroad, taking courses with an international focus, learning foreign languages and being significantly involved in international co-curricular activities. All undergraduates are eligible to participate.

Area students included Lucinda A. Koenig and Alison Elizabeth Pendley of Leavenworth and Lara Ann Kindle of Basehor.

To receive GAP certification, students are required to complete two of three requirements. Beginning in the fall 2007 semester, students have been encouraged to complete all three tracks, which nine have now done, including Kindle.
Meeting to be held Thursday

The Kansas State Chapter of the Federalist Society and Americans for Prosperity are hosting an event Thursday in Dodge City featuring University of Kansas School of Law professor Stephen J. Ware. Ware will be discussing his recently published white paper, "Selection to the Kansas Supreme Court: Options for Reform."

The event will run from noon to 1 p.m. at Casey's Cowtown Club, 503 E. Trail St. Cost is $10, which includes lunch.

Send RSVP to domalley@fed-soc.org.
University of Kansas to offer photography degree

LAWRENCE (AP) — Pok Chi Lau has heard the question hundreds of times: Does Kansas University offer a major in photography?

Starting next semester, he can give a new answer. That’s because KU is rolling out its new photomedia major in the spring, with a full-blown start in the fall.

“It’s been so many years to make this happen,” says Lau, a photography professor. “No one in the Midwest has anything close to what we’re proposing.”

The new major is actually two majors — a Bachelor of Arts in photomedia and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in photomedia. The difference, in part, is that the BA requires a foreign language.
TOPEKA (AP) — Inaction from the federal government has prompted states to tackle immigration issues, and Kansas will be no exception when the Legislature begins its annual session Monday.

Lawmakers have a crowded agenda that includes developing energy policy, helping more Kansans find affordable health insurance and drafting the annual budget for state government.

But, with all 40 senators and 125 House members facing elections this year, many believe their constituents will be frustrated if they don't tackle illegal immigration. “It’s not whether we see it as an issue. Do the people see it’s an issue? I think all you have to do is go out in virtually any legislative district and people view there are some problems and the state needs to try to do something about it,” said House Speaker Melvin Neufeld, an Ingalls Republican.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley said legislators are frustrated, too, and unwilling to wait on Congress to deal with illegal immigrants, most of whom in Kansas are Hispanic.

“That is why we are going to see a proliferation of legislation in Kansas this year,” the Topeka Democrat said.

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But Hensley said he hopes lawmakers don’t repeal a 2004 law granting lower, in-state tuition to illegal immigrants attending state colleges or universities if they graduated from high school and are seeking legal status.

“We have to give these young people hope that at the end of the day there is a chance for them to go to a two-year or four-year college,” he said.

The National Conference of State Legislatures says 244 immigration bills were enacted last year in 46 states, including a Kansas law designed to ensure employers don’t hire illegal immigrants and misclassify them as independent contractors.

Census numbers show the state’s Hispanic population was 188,252 in 2000, a 100 percent increase from 1990. In 2006, it was 236,351, a 26 percent increase. The Pew Hispanic Center estimates there were up to 70,000 illegal immigrants in the state that year.

Despite constituents’ concerns, Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt said legislators should move cautiously.

“The hard part is translating interest into proposals that make sense,” said Schmidt, an Independence Republican.

“Even the best of intentions can go awry.”

Sen. Peggy Palmer, an Augusta Republican, drafted a bill with help from Kris Kobach, a University of Missouri-Kansas City law school professor.

“National security begins at home, and this legislation will protect Kansas against the foreign invasion that undermines our national security and drains the resources of legal aliens and U.S. citizens,” she said.

Rep. Lance Kinzer, an Olathe Republican, said the Palmer bill improves upon a similar proposal last year because it focuses more on employer sanctions than criminal penalties. Kinzer said he and other House members are drafting their own version.

Palmer’s proposal has penalties for employers hiring illegal immigrants and requires employers to use E-Verify, a federal database to check whether a person is legally allowed to work and has a valid Social Security number.

It also restricts public assistance for illegal immigrants to what is required by federal law — public schooling, emergency medical care and immunizations.

But Flavia Jimenez of the National Council of La Raza, the nation’s largest Hispanic civil rights group, said such immigrants obtain few services and aren’t a drain on state and federal economies.

“What is actually happening is decreasing the number of poor people who access these services because they can’t meet these requirements to prove citizenship,” she said.

Kobach, who specializes in immigration law, said the employer sanctions are modeled after an Arizona law he helped draft law.

Employers who knowingly hire an illegal immigrant would face a suspension of state and local business licenses from 10 to 30 days for the first offense and permanent loss for the third.

Employers using E-Verify wouldn’t be prosecuted if E-Verify cleared someone later found to be in the country illegally. Again, that’s modeled on the law in Arizona, the first in the nation to require the use of E-Verify.

However, Marlee Carpenter, Kansas Chamber of Commerce lobbyist, said the business community has concerns about E-Verify.

“It only states the name matches the Social Security number. It doesn’t say that the person presenting the Social Security card is that person,” Carpenter said.

David Ferreira of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce said the fallout would go beyond illegal immigrants.

“It impacts also documented immigrants because families tend to be of a mixed status. Hurting one individual hurts the entire family,” he said. “It creates an unwelcoming atmosphere to all immigrants, whether legal or not.”

Ferreira said the solution lies with the federal government.

“We want to fix the federal law, not have hundreds, if not thousands, of different types of laws making it impossible to do business in America,” he said.
Remarks as prepared for delivery by Governor Kathleen Sebelius:

- Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, Madam Chief Justice, legislators, justices, cabinet officers, elected officials, leaders of Indian nations, honored guests, and my fellow Kansans.

Good evening.

It is good to be back here in the newly renovated House chamber, where I once had the honor of serving.

Tonight, we have some special guests who represent all the children of our state and are the true inspiration for hope and optimism about our future. Twins Kimberlin and Samuel are here from Mulvane with their parents Christie and Tom Lovell and their grandparents, Nita and Don Payne. Kimberlin and Samuel were born on January 8, 2007, the day I was sworn into office to begin my second term.

The decisions that we make in the months ahead and in the years to come will help to determine what opportunities these two young Kansans and thousands more like them will have as they grow up in the Sunflower State. Will they have strong schools to attend? Will they acquire the tools they need to succeed? Will they find good jobs that allow them to compete in the global economy?

There are serious challenges facing our state and our nation. As Kansans, we are well-suited to face these challenges and capitalize on the opportunities. We start with some tremendous advantages: a resilient spirit; a strong work ethic; a shared belief in the power of education; a diverse and growing economy; and citizens in every corner of our state who believe in something greater than themselves.

Let us tonight resolve to create a Kansas in which futures are bright, hopes are realized, and our communities are safe and secure.

2007 began and ended with unprecedented storms. In May, the town of Greensburg was nearly destroyed by an EF5 tornado. And early last summer, Southeast Kansas experienced floods unlike anything in fifty years – only to see the damage exacerbated by an oil spill in Coffeyville.

Unprecedented storms may have wreaked havoc on our communities but they could not diminish our resolve. Kansans came together. Individual citizens donated their time, money, and supplies to aid in the recovery effort. Local, state, and federal governments worked to protect our citizens and begin rebuilding the affected communities.

We should be proud of our efforts and with us tonight are four local heroes, representing the hundreds more who helped and are still helping communities recover from the storms. Greg Allen, Coffeyville Fire Chief; Darin Headrick, the superintendent who opened the doors of the Greensburg schools on time; Pam Kemp, Clay County Emergency Manager; and Matt Mercer, Southwest Kansas Emergency Management Coordinator.

Let us take a moment to remember, those Kansans whose lives were lost and those families who still seek to heal and recover. And we say thank you to those who put the lives and families of others above their own needs; who helped strengthen our communities and our state.

When we look into the faces of children like Kimberlin and Samuel, we see the future, with both the challenges and the opportunities of a global, innovation economy. This economy is not waiting for the twins somewhere out on the horizon; the innovation economy is here - now - today.

Innovation, the new ideas powered by people. So we must redouble our efforts to educate and train ALL of our citizens for the third year of our historic investment in K-12 education. This will continue to ensure strong schools in every community across our state. And, I have proposed a fourth year of the school finance plan which includes all-day kindergarten.

We know that the most important factor in a child’s success in the classroom is a well-trained and inspiring teacher. We will not have more scientists, engineers or skilled technicians without great teachers encouraging students to enter those critical fields. Therefore, I am proposing $1 million for new teaching scholarships in math, science and technology.

High-tech industries represent the fastest growing sector of our economy. Children like Kimberlin and Samuel will need a strong math and science education to prepare them to enter the workforce. My budget includes funding for the Kansas Academy of Math and Science. Opening in 2009 at Fort Hays State University, the academy will ensure that talented young Kansans have the opportunity to be the next generation of world-class innovators.

We know that early education is key to preventing school failure. We can’t afford for any of our young Kansans to be so far behind that they never catch up by the time they enter kindergarten. My budget extends the state’s network of quality early learning opportunities for children during their most formative years. We have the opportunity to make sure that more Kansas children have a successful start by funding prenatal care and newborn screening, Parents as Teachers, Early Head Start and quality child care.

To further support our youngest Kansans, I am proposing a new Early Childhood Block Grant, driven by research-based programming and accountability measures, focused on at-risk children and under-served areas. The global
economy will demand much of our children later in life. We can’t afford to squander their earliest years of preparation and learning. But our commitment to education cannot, and will not, end with the 12th grade. There has never been a time in our history where higher education has been more closely linked to the future prosperity of our state.

Kansas is blessed to be the home of world class research universities, four year colleges, community colleges, and vocational and technical training schools, still too many Kansans find the doors of opportunity barred by rising tuition costs, room and board expenses, and textbook prices.

My budget takes significant steps to make college more affordable. I am providing an additional $3 million in scholarship money to ensure that 2,000 more students can afford the opportunity to compete in our new innovation economy. There are also significant new state resources proposed for post-secondary education, to lower the costs for parents, students and Kansas families.

Last year I signed into law the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority to ensure Kansans are able to gain the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in the workforce. Collaboration between education leaders and the business community is underway, so that training for new and current workers matches the skill sets needed for the innovation economy.

Our economic strategy also must focus on the prospects and promise of rural Kansas communities. I am pleased to announce the first Center for Rural Opportunity recently opened at Sterling College. Soon, centers at Colby Community College and Neosho Community College will open, concentrating on attracting investment, job growth, and business development to our rural areas.

With us tonight are Joe Glassman, Chairman of the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority, and Dr. Bruce Douglas, President of Sterling College, hosting the first Center for Rural Opportunity.

With the Kansas Comprehensive Transportation Program nearing project completion, now is the time to develop a vision for our transportation future, and preliminary discussions are already underway. We have learned that every successful economic development proposal in Kansas includes transportation. Our ability to move people and goods throughout our state and to market is an essential component of future growth.

We have incredible assets that promise future opportunity, whether it’s our thriving aircraft industry, our emerging plant animal and life sciences sector, or the barely-tapped potential of bio-fuels. I am issuing an Executive Order creating the Kansas Innovation Consortium. charged with overseeing the continued vibrant growth of Kansas. Key business leaders will join educators and agency heads to continue expanding and diversifying our economy.

A growing burden for business leaders, for workers, for families and for seniors is the continued rising costs of health care. Our economic prosperity depends on making real changes in the current system. A fundamental problem with health care in Kansas, and around the country, is that our costs continue to rise and the results are getting worse. The delivery system is inefficient and fragmented — it is broken.

Kansas can and must do better. The Kansas Health Policy Authority, under the direction of the legislature, has submitted a plan to transform this ailing system. At the core of the health reform package are three priorities: promoting personal responsibility for health and wellness, paying for preventive care, and providing all Kansans with affordable health insurance.

I thank the Kansas Health Policy Authority and the steering committee for traveling across the state, listening to Kansans, and developing these recommendations. I strongly encourage the passage of the health plan, in its entirety, this session. It will begin to fix our broken system, and provide better care for all Kansans.

In addition to making fundamental changes in the delivery of health care for Kansans, we have an important opportunity to provide cutting-edge treatment and develop cures for cancer. Every Kansas family has experience with a loved one with cancer, and too many of our citizens have to travel great distances or don’t have access to the best possible care.

My budget continues the state’s investment in the life-saving goal of attaining the National Cancer Institute designation for the University of Kansas Medical Center by 2010. The Cancer Center will ensure that all Kansans will have greater access to the best cancer research, therapies, and prevention. Equally critical to cancer treatment and overall health care is addressing the shortage of pharmacists throughout our state, especially in our rural areas.

My budget proposes the expansion of the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy. When completed, the capacity of the pharmacy school will nearly double, providing instruction to additional students, assisting with continuing education, and promoting residency programs in hospital pharmacies around this state.

As we assist businesses, workers and families with innovation in reforming our health care system, so too must we work together in meeting the unprecedented challenge of finding clean, affordable, and secure sources of energy to meet this nation’s growing demand.

We are at a moment in our country’s history similar to the moment nearly 100 years ago when two innovative entrepreneurs, Clyde Cessna and Walter Beech, came to Kansas and joined a fledgling industry, and made history. Today, over 50% of the airplanes flown in the world are made in Kansas, and our economy, our state and the country has benefited from their vision and determination.

We can again lead an American transformation — lead America to energy security by tapping our fertile resources, our workers, and the ingenuity of Kansas entrepreneurs. We can — and we must - reduce our greenhouse gas
emissions and increase our economic competitiveness by using our natural resources. Kansas is uniquely positioned to meet this challenge. So tonight, let us join together, roll up our sleeves, and re-dedicate ourselves to working for a better Kansas. Thank you for your service and thank you for the great honor of serving as your governor. May God bless the great State of Kansas and the United States of America. Good night.
Flórence leaders continue talk on old buildings

by Michelle Ains
The Free Press

The Florence City Council held another hearing regarding the condemned 1885 Hill School and the former high school buildings before the Jan. 7 council meeting.

The city’s appointed inspector, Bobbi Strait, had received an e-mail from property owner Karen Hastings saying she was sick and couldn’t make it to the meeting.

Hastings said she had a contractor who could look at the building mid-month to create the list of issues to be addressed as requested by the council at the hearing.

Strait sent a reply asking for authorization to do the report herself, but didn’t receive a reply before the deadline, so the necessary information wasn’t available at the hearing.

The certified letter reminding Hastings of the time of the final condemnation hearing was unclaimed, so it will be hand-delivered.

At the December hearing, Hastings had implied that she refuses to accept certified letters sent by the city because she wasn’t given requested police reports regarding alleged break-ins at her property. She told Strait she hadn’t claimed this last letter because she’d been out of town. She had, however, been notified of the timetable at the December hearing, so the final hearing can be held on schedule at the beginning of the next council meeting Jan. 21.

At this public hearing, the limestone building can and would likely be ordered to be demolished. The property owner can then go to court to request an injunction; if she doesn’t get it, after 30 days the building can be demolished under contract by the city. The city can then put the project up for bids with the costs assessed on the property owner’s taxes.

According to Strait, even if this property is later up for tax auction for less than what is owed the city, the land can revert to city ownership with additional fees possibly assessed on Hastings’ other properties.

Strait said she will research whether the city would benefit by taking ownership of the building before demolishing it if it comes to this. Strait thought the red-brick building might be able to be rehabilitated, but she hasn’t seen enough inside it to be able to say.

Another ongoing problem, the city water plant, was another issue discussed in the regular meeting. On Saturday, both filter plants shut down because of a malfunction with one filter. An electrician helped discover that one filter had shut down and the computer controlling them had

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