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Economic Development/Taxes/Economy

Army troop cuts modest at Kansas posts; officials relieved

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National Council on Disability to hear KanCare testimony

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Environmentalists plan legal action to challenge oil industry practices linked to quakes

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