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A look at some of the updated and not-yet-updated facades on West Washington Street in downtown Kirksville.

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Where does city’s downtown facade renovation project stand?

Austin Miller
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Noticeable changes have become prevalent in downtown Kirksville over the last few years. With facade renovations on the south side of the square, new sidewalks and other projects planned, the downtown’s facelift is on-going.

With the city’s Downtown Revitalization Program, three storefronts (and four total businesses) have had new facades built since that project finally got underway in 2019. Gardner-Collier Jewelry has had all of its substantive work completed, but cleaning of its stone has been discussed. Pagliai’s is mostly complete, with a new awning being the last main piece. Construction

with the Wooden Nickel is underway. The facades for the Journal Printing Building and Platz Barbershop are out for bid, and Dukum Inn’s update is under design.

“We’re at a really good point where we have projects completed, projects underway, projects out for bid and projects under design,” said Assistant City Manager Ashley Young during a July TIF Commission meeting. “Slowly but surely moving forward through the downtown.”

Young said one more property owner on the south side of the square has agreed to participate in the program. Three properties declined, though two of them had facade renovations around 2009, so there wasn’t a need for them to get another one.

The south side of the square was se-

lected as the entry point for this program for several reasons, Young said. Firstly, there seemed to be a greater interest among property owners at that time. Also, there were fewer awnings that are bolted into the sidewalk. And then the sidewalks on the 100 block of South Elson are in dire need of fixing, which will be addressed soon. So taking care of the whole section was appealing to the city. The southern part of the square was the path of least resistance to get going.

Now, the hope is those other owners around the square like what was done near them and want to follow suit. Young said future facade work will be first come, first serve.

“There are a number of property

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COVID-19 suspends jury trials

Attorney expects judge’s order for Adair, Knox and Lewis counties will hold until September

Austin Miller Kirksville Daily Express
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Jury trials in Adair, Knox and Lewis counties were suspended this week due to high transmission of COVID-19 in the area.

Presiding 2nd Circuit Judge Russell Steele made that call Aug. 10, moving his circuit to Phase 2 of the court operating procedure.

After jury trials were suspended for most of 2020 due to the pandemic, Adair County had its first one in early June. No others had happened since, so that trial, the conviction of Andrew Head, remains the only jury trial in Adair County for well over a year.

Adair County Prosecuting Attorney Matt Wilson said there were seven cases planned to start this week that have since been delayed. The new suspension is set until further administrative order, which Wilson expects to hold until early September. There were 23 trials scheduled for that timeframe just in Adair County.

One delayed trial in the circuit court is that of Drake Zanoni, who Head was an accomplice to in a 2019 Kirksville murder. Zanoni’s trial was moved to Lewis County.

“What we are trying to do is assure those people who are incarcerated and are seeking a jury trial — those are the individuals that we’re trying to set with priority,” Wilson said. “But then we also have other cases that are just extremely old. They were old to begin with, and then when we had to delay things with COVID, they’ve gotten older and older.”

In August, Wilson prepared to be in court almost every day, with there being multiple trials going on most of

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The rush at Kabul International Airport is only expected to get worse in coming days. WAKIL KOHSAR/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

As Taliban tighten grip, Kabul airport is only way out

Panicked travelers scramble to leave Afghan capital

Tameem Akhgar and Jon Gambrell
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KABUL, Afghanistan — As a Taliban offensive encircles the Afghan capital, there’s increasingly only one way out for those fleeing the war, and only one way in for U.S. troops sent to protect American diplomats still on the ground: Kabul’s international airport.

A steady stream of people makes its way first to ticket sale counters set up on the parking lot outside the terminal. They push their luggage, load carts with carpets, television sets and mementos, stuff clothes inside purses to make their weight limit as they slowly inch forward.

The lucky ones, those who managed to get a ticket for a flight out to anywhere, then wait more than three hours to make it inside the terminal, bidding

tearful goodbyes to loved ones they are leaving behind.

As the Taliban draw closer, the lines and the panic only grow.

“I packed whatever I could to start a new life away from this war,” said Naweed Azimi, who flew to Istanbul with his wife and five children, fearful the Taliban would kill him for working with NATO as a subcontractor.

Kabul International Airport — formally known as Hamid Karzai International Airport, after the country’s first president following the U.S.-led overthrow of the Taliban in 2001 — sits just northeast of the city. Its single runway is long enough to accommodate military aircraft; the airfield as a whole can accommodate over 100 planes on the ground.

Surrounded by perimeter fencing and secured by multiple checkpoints, the airport is in sight of the mountains ringing the Afghan capital. Those flying out have for years had to trudge with their luggage up to outdoor screening points before getting to the terminal — a

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NEWS

Missouri marks bicentennial birthday

‘We are a good people,’ chief justice says at naturalization ceremony

David A. Lieb
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Missouri turned 200 years old Tuesday, Aug. 10, commemorating its birthday with art, music, speeches, free ice cream and – fittingly – the recognition of new citizens in a state that once served as the gateway for westward expansion in the United States.

A bicentennial ceremony at the state Capitol marked the pinnacle of a year’s worth of events in every county intended to draw attention to Missouri’s history while also looking toward its future.

At its founding, most of Missouri’s residents had immigrated from other states or countries because of the promise of rich, available farmland. But some were bought to the state as slaves, and some Native Americans were driven out of their homeland.

Those who spoke at the bicentennial event acknowledged Missouri’s history contains both praiseworthy and regrettable moments.

But overall, “we are a good people,” Missouri Chief Justice Paul Wilson said Tuesday, Aug. 10, looking over a crowd of several hundred people spread across the Capitol lawn. “We’ve shone more often than we’ve blushed. We’ve been a force for light more often than we’ve been the cause of darkness.”

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson, who has traveled to dozens of towns on a bicentennial tour, singled out men, women and children in the audience as the true dignitaries of the day – those “who go to work every day, raise their families, go to church, live a good life (and) are good neighbors.”

Thirty-three people from 19 countries took the oath of U.S. citizenship inside the Capitol, where new Missouri-themed artwork was on display. Later in the day, free ice cream was being passed out at about 200 locations statewide.

Gaining statehood was a struggle for Missouri.

Territorial residents submitted a petition to Congress in 1818 to join the United



John Mier attends the Missouri bicentennial program Aug. 10 at the Missouri Capitol in Jefferson City. “This is a once-in-a-lifetime thing to celebrate,” Mier said. ROBERT COHEN/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH VIA AP

States. But Missouri’s request became bogged down in Congress by a dispute over whether slavery should be allowed.

In March 1820, President James Monroe signed legislation known as the Missouri Compromise. Maine was allowed into the union as a free state. Missouri was allowed to draft a constitution as a slave state, so long as no other new slave states formed north of Missouri’s southern border.

“An enduring consequence of that compromise has been to make race relations a central theme of Missouri history for more than 200 years,” said Gary Kremer, executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Missourians thought they had become a state. Bells rang and cannons were fired in St. Louis as people celebrated, according to Kremer’s research. But the parties were premature.

Missouri’s first constitution, which sought to exclude free “Negros or mulattoes” from the state, prompted further opposition in Congress. After a second compromise over the interpretation of the constitution, Monroe signed legislation finally making Missouri the 24th state Aug. 10, 1821.

Actual statehood didn’t seem to trigger any big celebrations – at least none whose records survived over time, Kremer said.

“A major reason that it took us so long to become a state is that we Missourians

quarreled with the federal government – even threatening to secede from it before we had actually joined it,” said Kremer, noting that Missourians often still “don’t want the federal government

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telling us what to do.” Missouri grew quickly during its first century – from about 66,000 people in 1820 to 3.1 million in 1900. At that time, it was the fifth largest state – and St. Louis was the nation’s fourth-largest city, behind only New York, Chicago and Philadelphia.

But Missouri’s growth has slowed since then. Missouri had fewer than 6.2 million people in the 2020 census, sliding to 19th nationally. The Census Bureau plans to release the latest city population figures Thursday.

IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

Debi Boughton, Kirksville Tourism Director, has some suggestions for enjoying time “In Your Own Backyard.” For any activities, be sure to follow the CDC guidelines for health and safety. If you have ideas or suggestions email: debi.boughton@visitkirksville.com.

Friday, Aug. 20

- Play Bug Bingo and learn all about bugs through this interactive game of bingo with the Park Naturalist at 7 p.m. at Thousand Hills State Park. Discover which bugs match the clues given to complete your bingo board. Meet at the Special Use Area at Thousand Hills State Park. For more information call 660-665-6995.
- Bring your lawn chair for the Summer on the Square concert. Please note the new location. The Kirksville String Band performs beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the north side of the Sue Ross Arts Center at 215 S. Franklin. For more information call 660-665-0500.

Saturday, Aug. 21

- Join the Thousand Hills Park staff to learn about some of the native reptiles. From snakes, to lizards, to turtles, there is always something fascinating to discover. Meet at the Campground 1 amphitheater at 10:00 a.m. For more information call 660-665-6995
- You are invited to the Kirksville Bike Night in the Shrine Club Parking lot, 2401 S. Baltimore, from 5-8 p.m. Live music will be performed by the band Boot Cut. This event is sponsored by the 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization. For more information call 660-342-4603.

Wednesday, Aug. 25

- The Missouri Conservation Center, 3500 S. Baltimore hosts a free program at 1p.m. called, Giants of the Night. Learn about the beautiful Luna Moth and other silk moths found in Missouri. To register go to www.mdc.mo.gov/events. For more information call 660-785-2420 or email alysa.garver@mdc.mo.gov.

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Higher but still slim odds of asteroid Bennu slamming Earth

Scientists have better idea of object’s path

Marcia Dunn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. – The good news is that scientists have a better handle on asteroid Bennu’s whereabouts for the next 200 years. The bad news is that the space rock has a slightly greater chance of clobbering Earth than previously thought.

But don’t be alarmed: Scientists reported Wednesday that the odds are still quite low that Bennu will hit us in the next century.

“We shouldn’t be worried about it too much,” said Davide Farnocchia, a scientist with NASA’s Center for Near Earth Object Studies at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, who served as the study’s lead author.

While the odds of a strike have risen from 1-in-2,700 to 1-in-1,750 over the next century or two, scientists now have

a much better idea of Bennu’s path thanks to NASA’s Osiris-Rex spacecraft, according to Farnocchia.

“So I think that overall, the situation has improved,” he told reporters.

The spacecraft is headed back to Earth on a long, roundabout loop after collecting samples from the large, spinning rubble pile of an asteroid, considered one of the two most hazardous known asteroids in our solar system. The samples are due here in 2023.

Before Osiris-Rex arrived at Bennu in 2018, telescopes provided solid insight into the asteroid, about one-third of a mile in diameter. The spacecraft collected enough data over 2½ years to help scientists better predict the asteroid’s orbital path well into the future.

Their findings – published in the journal *Icarus* – should also help in charting the course of other asteroids and give Earth a better fighting chance if and when another hazardous space rock heads our way.

Before Osiris-Rex arrived on the scene, scientists put the odds of Bennu

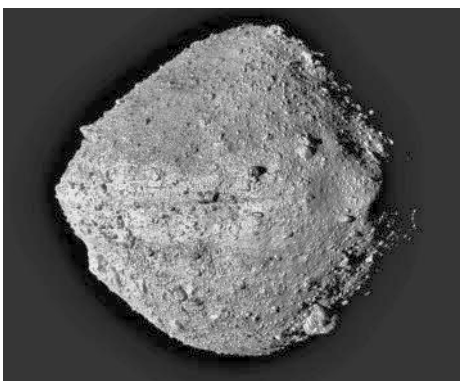
hitting Earth through the year 2200 at 1-in-2,700. Now it’s 1-in-1,750 through the year 2300. The single most menacing day is Sept. 24, 2182.

Bennu will have a close encounter with Earth in 2135 when it passes within half the distance of the moon. Earth’s gravity could tweak its future path and put it on a collision course with Earth in the 2200s – less likely now based on Osiris-Rex observations.

If Bennu did slam into Earth, it wouldn’t wipe out life, dinosaur-style, but rather create a crater roughly 10 to 20 times the size of the asteroid, said Lindley Johnson, NASA’s planetary defense officer. The area of devastation would be much bigger: as much as 100 times the size of the crater.

If an object Bennu’s size hit the Eastern Seaboard, it “would pretty much devastate things up and down the coast,” he told reporters.

Scientists already are ahead of the curve with Bennu, which was discovered in 1999. Finding threatening asteroids in advance increases the chances



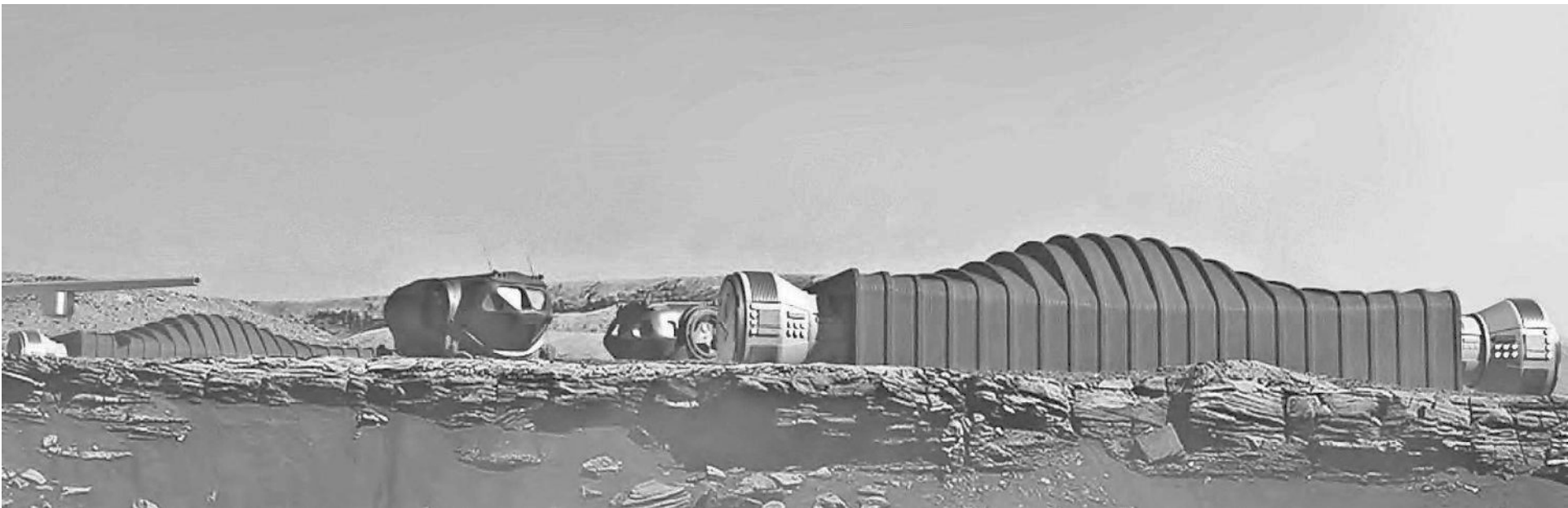
Scientists report the odds are still quite low that the asteroid Bennu will hit Earth in the next century. NASA/GODDARD/UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA/CSA/YORK/MDA VIA AP FILE

and options for pushing them out of our way, Johnson said.

“One hundred years from now, who knows what the technology is going to be?” he said.

In November, NASA plans to launch a mission to knock an asteroid off-course by hitting it. The experimental target will be the moonlet of a bigger space rock.

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This photo shows a proposal for the Mars Dune Alpha habitat. ICON/NASA VIA AP

NASA seeks 4 people to live inside Mars module for a year

Experiments to give agency an idea of solutions for survival on Red Planet

Jordan Mendoza
USA TODAY

It has long been a goal to get humans on Mars, and it will soon become a reality – sort of.

As the space agency prepares to plan how humans would survive on the Red Planet, NASA is looking for four people

to live in conditions similar to those on Mars in hopes of providing some idea on how that survival would look like.

Instead of going into outer space, the volunteers will live in the Mars Dune Alpha, a 3D-printed 1,700-square-foot module inside the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The model will include private rooms, a kitchen, two bathrooms, a workout room and space to grow crops.

NASA plans three of these experiments, the first in fall 2022, then in 2024 and 2025. The paid volunteers will be given tasks such as simulated spacewalks, use of virtual reality and scien-

tific research.

Though it may seem fun to see what being on Mars is like, it’ll come with its challenges, such as dealing with equipment failure as well as limited communication to the outside world and resources. The challenges are expected to give NASA possible answers to problems that could arise in future missions.

“The analog is critical for testing solutions to meet the complex needs of living on the Martian surface,” Grace Douglas, lead scientist for NASA’s advanced food technology research, said in a news release.

“Simulations on Earth will help us

understand and counter the physical and mental challenges astronauts will face before they go.”

The application, which opened Friday and is available through Sept. 17, says the agency is looking for permanent U.S. citizens ages 30 to 55 who are healthy and have no dietary concerns.

The selection will “follow standard NASA criteria for astronaut candidate applicants”: Candidates should have a master’s degree in a STEM field, professional STEM experience and pilot experience, according to the application.

Proposed bill would give time off after loss of pregnancy

Kate Mabus
USA TODAY

Jennifer Lycette was nine weeks pregnant when she started bleeding at work. She arranged to see her obstetrician after hours so she could finish the workday.

She didn’t tell anyone or take time off because “it felt very much like the norm,” Lycette said. “Like work culture.”

Lycette is far from alone in working amid pregnancy loss. Ten percent to 15% of pregnancies end in miscarriage, but there is no federal requirement to provide sick time after pregnancy loss. New legislation seeks to change that – and supporters hope doing so will destigmatize a common experience.

The Support Through Loss Act would ensure workplaces provide three days paid leave to employees who have experienced pregnancy loss. If the bill becomes law, the United States would join countries including India, New Zealand and South Korea in offering paid leave for pregnancy bereavement.

Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Illinois, and Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Massachusetts, who introduced the bill, also proposed a \$45 million annual investment in pregnancy-loss research and outlined a federal campaign to disseminate information on the topic.

“Pregnancy loss should be met with care, compassion and support,” Pressley said in a news release. “It is a common experience, but many struggle in silence due to the lack of awareness and cultural stigma. Our bill sends a message to families that they are not alone,



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and would support those experiencing the loss of a pregnancy by providing them with the resources, workforce supports and care necessary to recover and heal.”

The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Dana Sussman, deputy executive di-

rector of National Advocates for Pregnant Women, believes the legislation is an important step toward understanding and destigmatizing pregnancy loss.

The causes of miscarriage and stillbirth are not widely understood. Problems with the uterus or cervix and chromosome abnormalities often play a role. Structural factors such as poverty,

lack of prenatal care and medical discrimination are also factors.

The lack of clear answers about around pregnancy loss has led to stigma and blame, Sussman said.

Kelly Symons, president of Helping After Neonatal Death, was 38 weeks along when she lost her pregnancy. The change in her body was noticeable, and she worried how her colleagues would react. Because pregnancy loss was so taboo and seemingly uncommon at the time, Symons internalized blame.

“Society has deemed these issues to be private,” Sussman said. “But when we create a shroud of silence around it, it’s hard to get resources and support.”

Part of the reason Lycette didn’t take time off work or tell her colleagues about her miscarriage was because she hadn’t shared she was pregnant.

“Many women don’t disclose early pregnancy because there is a concern about how you’ll be perceived in the workplace and you want to be sure you’re carrying your fair load,” she said.

Liz Meyerdirk, CEO of The Pill Club, hopes that her company can lead the way for other workplaces.

The Pill Club offers its employees up to 16 weeks of paid leave for pregnancy loss.

“I don’t think that anyone should have to silently suffer and power through it at work, and putting policies in place that put people first at work is hugely important,” Meyerdirk said.

“People need time to process and grieve,” Lycette said. When workplaces don’t provide that time, “it really invalidates the loss.”

OPINION

ANOTHER VIEW



US waited too long to leave Afghanistan

Your Turn
Paul Scharre
Guest columnist

There was no good way for the United States to exit the failed war in Afghanistan. President Joe Biden inherited a strategically untenable position: a looming deadline for withdrawal, a deal the Taliban had not adhered to and too few U.S. troops on the ground to hold back Taliban advances. The only choices were to escalate, sending in thousands more U.S. troops to fight the Taliban, or complete the withdrawal. The central problem behind the sud-

den collapse of the Afghan government isn't that the United States withdrew too soon or too hastily, but that it waited too long. Once the U.S. government announced its intention to withdraw, Afghan government forces simply collapsed. The weakness and corruption in Afghanistan's government has been apparent for years and the Taliban have been steadily gaining ground. The United States had long attempted to transition the war to a sustainable footing in which Afghan forces could hold their own. This effort failed, and its failure had been apparent for years. The disaster unfolding today is the product of years of mismanagement

and strategic neglect in Afghanistan across four presidencies, Democratic and Republican, by both military and civilian leaders alike. Both Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump pledged to end the U.S. war in Afghanistan. Only Biden had the courage to do so. The situation unfolding in Afghanistan is heartbreaking, but the alternative would have been worse: continuing to throw away American lives in an unwinnable war. The United States must now focus on safely evacuating U.S. diplomats as well as Afghan partners and their families who have assisted the United States. U.S. military operations will transition

to an over-the-horizon counterterrorism mission using drones launched from outside Afghanistan to prevent terrorist groups from reestablishing safe havens. The United States has built up an impressive counterterrorism apparatus over the last two decades. Our failure of two decades of nation-building in Afghanistan should prompt a sober reassessment of the limits of military power. *Paul Scharre is vice president and director of studies at the Center for a New American Security.*

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Afghanistan horror: A noble miscalculation with disastrous end

Few American presidents have had their blunders so spectacularly validated in real time as Joe Biden in Afghanistan. "The likelihood there's going to be the Taliban overrunning everything and owning the whole country is highly unlikely," the 46th president told reporters in July after a decision to end U.S. military involvement there. Taliban fighters entered Kabul Sunday demanding unconditional surrender after wresting nearly the entire country from government control in a matter of weeks. Biden had just pledged support for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and other leaders "as they seek to prevent further bloodshed and pursue a political settlement." But by Sunday, Ghani had fled the country.

It seemed all that was left for the Biden administration at that hour was damage control. "This is not Saigon," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken argued on CNN Sunday morning, rejecting comparisons to the collapse of South Vietnam in 1975 two years after U.S. troops were pulled out. But even as he spoke, helicopters were rushing to evacuate personnel from the U.S. embassy in Kabul. And behind the bedlam were voices of thousands reduced to living in abject fear, many, if not most, women who face an uncertain future of subjugation under a misogynistic regime. "Keep us in your prayers," a terrified woman hiding in Kabul texted her sister, an Afghan-American living in the United States, as terrorists raged through the capital. That was her last message. A brief history of Biden's Afghanistan decision-making since taking office



Displaced Afghan families walk past their temporary tents in Kabul on Aug. 11. WAKIL KOHSAR/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

makes one thing abundantly clear – the disaster that unfolded Sunday didn't have to happen. After 20 years of war, there was palpable frustration with the failure of three successive presidents to achieve anything other than a stalemate. George Bush's decision to invade Iraq in 2003 drew valuable military resources away from the Afghan fight. One outside chance for peace, however, was a pledge by Taliban leaders last year to open negotiations with the Kabul government. President Donald Trump used this as an excuse to pull out all but a few thousand troops. Biden could have conditioned any further drawdown on good faith efforts

by the Taliban. But over the objections of military leaders who warned that the Afghan government would collapse without U.S. security assistance, Biden decided in April to end military involvement by September. He promised troop withdrawal wouldn't be hasty. But, in fact, most were gone by early July. It was a choice with disastrous consequences. Any incentive for the Taliban to negotiate peace was gone. A security umbrella of U.S. air cover that had staved off battlefield defeats for Afghan troops evaporated. And crucially, morale disintegrated among frontline Afghan troops already poorly fed, denied pay and deprived of bullets and fuel.

Hundreds surrendered without firing a shot. A Taliban offensive that began with vacuuming up countless district centers manned by small numbers of security personnel in July accelerated in August to the capture of all major cities north, south and west until insurgents reached the gates of Kabul. Shortly before those fighters reached the city, Biden had ordered 5,000 U.S. troops into Kabul to assist evacuating U.S. personnel, and it was unclear Sunday just exactly what was developing on the ground there. Here is where there is no ambiguity: Since the Taliban offensive, a growing humanitarian crisis has unfolded with 250,000 people fleeing their homes, during a pandemic. And there are reports of Taliban atrocities. The White House said 20,000 scared Afghans who worked with Americans were seeking special immigrant visas. They have tens of thousands of family members. How many got out and how many were left behind? Others in danger include women activists who also should have been included in any evacuations. Biden's "America is back" foreign-policy pledge after years of Trump's global fecklessness now lies in ruins. The president may have decided in April to militarily abandon Afghanistan to avoid further U.S. troop casualties. But he may wind up with the blood of U.S. friends and freedom activists on his hands, not only because of his decision to so rapidly exit, but because of his ensuing failure to carry out that mission before the Taliban aggression he unwittingly unleashed changed everything.



Dear Annie
Annie Lane

Regaining trust takes time

Dear Annie: I love reading your column. I found out three years ago that my husband of 33 years was having an affair with his bookkeeper. We have a business together, but I stepped out of the business part years ago to become a nurse.

Supposedly, the affair has ended, but he refuses to let her stop being his bookkeeper. It’s been three long years of wondering. I have no idea about the financial part of the business.

My heart breaks because we have been together since high school, but I can’t continue to have all these doubts. Any suggestions without tearing my world apart?

Heartbroken

Dear Heartbroken: Doubting and not knowing for sure is one of the most difficult positions to be in. It’s better to know for sure than to constantly doubt. What your husband did made you lose your trust, and once trust is gone from a relationship, it takes a lot of steps to regain that. Keeping the woman who he had an affair with employed is unacceptable. You have every right to feel heartbroken, but know that you will heal from this. Consult the help of a professional therapist to help you deal with the betrayal of your husband. From there, you can decide if YOU want to stay with him and what YOUR terms are for keeping this relationship going.

Once a decision is made, you will start to feel better and heal from the trauma that you suffered.

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Project

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owners on both the north side of the square and the east side of the square that are interested in participating, and I’m very excited about that,” Young said.

There is a chance, Young said, that the south-side facades could be completed before the end of next year. Construction materials are still seeing delays due to the pandemic, so there isn’t an official timeline for those projects.

However, the Downtown TIF District will expire at the end of 2022. That district began in 1999, with the city collecting half of sales tax and all real property tax revenues that were above those metrics in 1998. As expected, tax revenue from 2020 is much higher than in 1998. The district’s first tax revenue came in 2001, totaling \$5,031. In 2020, the district received more than \$313,000 in property tax and \$74,000 in sales tax revenue. Those TIF funds can only be used for public infrastructure projects in the district.

But just because the district ends next year, that doesn’t mean the Downtown Revitalization Program does too. Whatever monies are left in that fund can still be used. The program had \$1.7 million available starting this year. And there will still be money going into the fund. Some property owners financed 25 percent of their facade improvements with the city, so those property owners will be paying that money back, which will go into the fund. So there are still legs to the program after next year.

Overall property values have increased 72 percent over the course of the downtown TIF. Total downtown property was valued at \$6.9 million in 1998. In 2020, it was valued at \$11.9 million. The city had declining property values in eight of the 10 years preceding the TIF. Then, 2001 was the first time in 12 years that downtown property values exceeded 1989 levels.

So looking at how much has changed in the last 20 years, Young looks at the facade project — even if it has gone on longer than hoped — as a positive.

“We had no frame of reference for how long it would take,” Young said. “Throw in a number of issues over the last six years that have arisen, and plus, to be quite frank, it took a bit of time to get folks on board with this program. First, the program had to be developed. Then it had to be discussed and recommended for approval by the TIF Commission and then approved by the City Council. Then and only then could we begin the long process of working with property owners to convince them that this is a program that would benefit them and benefit the downtown.”

He said there have been positive reviews from property owners and business owners whose facades have been completed. He identified Moonshine and Lace Boutique (103 West Washington), which was the first facade completed in 2019, as a success story.

“They’re a great asset in our downtown. They have a very attractive store; I think it does very well and is very popular,” Young said. “So I think their business is a great testament to what’s possible when we work together — the city, the property owners, the tenants and businesses — to create this spirit of cooperation, to truly lift up the economy and the culture of downtown. That really is the goal of this program. We call it the Downtown Revitalization Program for a reason. Revitalization isn’t just about the economy, it’s about all aspects of life in our central business district.”

Conservative estimates planned for \$3.77 million in TIF revenues over the course of the district’s existence. So far, nearly \$2.9 million has been spent on a number of downtown projects.

Store garlic, onion powder in fridge to keep it from clumping



Hints From Heloise
Heloise

Dear Heloise: To keep garlic or onion powder from clumping, store in the refrigerator. Years of working in commercial kitchens taught me this useful hint.

John L., Bethlehem, Conn.

Dear Heloise: To clean a microwave oven, dampen a paper towel or a dish cloth. Place on a microwave-safe plate and heat on high for about a minute. Carefully use the hot towel to clean the inside of your microwave.

Isiah B., Suncook, N.H.

Isiah, I’ve always poured about a cup and a half of water, with a little vinegar, in a bowl or measuring cup, placed it inside of the microwave and heated the microwave on high or even medium heat for about one minute. Then I wipe down the inside of the microwave. Either of our methods work well.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I had a pamphlet of ideas for uses of baking soda, but it has disappeared! I think my daughter might have taken it when she moved to her own place. How can I get this useful pamphlet again? It had so many great ideas for uses with baking soda, but I don’t remember all of them, and I miss the recipes, especially for the Pumpkin Bread. How can I get another pamphlet?

Courtney L., Butte, Mont.

Courtney, you can order a new “Heloise’s Baking Soda Hints and Recipes” pamphlet. Just go to heloise.com, or send \$5, along with a stamped (75 cents),

self-addressed, long envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. This pamphlet is a must-have for anyone who enjoys saving time and money.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I hate breakfast. I simply cannot work up an appetite in the morning, and yet all I ever hear is how important breakfast is. To me, a cup of coffee is enough. However, by mid-morning I’m hungry and usually end up munching on junk food. Any hint on how to combat this habit?

Brianna, Dallas

Brianna, if you’re not hungry in the morning but have time to have a cup of coffee, try adding just one piece of toast or a piece of fruit. Since you know your body gets hungry mid-morning, pack something you can take with you, such as an apple or a packet of raisins and nuts instead of a pastry or a candy bar. You’ll be eating healthy and satisfying your hunger.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I found that using pretty, lightweight dish towels is far more effective than napkins. I found some very attractive ones in a dollar store and used them for our last summer barbecue and again at a family gathering. They’re larger than napkins, and I found they are more absorbent, too. Everyone liked them better than a napkin that hardly covers a person’s lap.

June H., Anderson, S.C.

Dear Heloise: Do you have a pamphlet on dieting? I need to lose about 40 pounds.

Helen G., Jonesboro, Ark.

Helen, no I don’t have a pamphlet on that subject. But if you are serious about weight loss, I hope you’ll see a doctor who can help you shed those extra pounds.

Heloise

Trials

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those days. Now, his calendar is filling up into June and July of 2022. And that’s just for Adair County. With one presiding judge for the circuit, each county contributes to the legal logjam.

He said it’s a major strain on his office to prepare for multiple trials at a time. Plus, crimes still happen while courts are delayed, so there is work there.

“The two concerns I have are, one, the victims of crime had their day of justice delayed because of the effect that the pandemic has had on the justice system,” Wilson said. “In Missouri, victims of violent crimes have a constitutional right to a speedy trial, and that’s been — understandably, the pandemic has put a damper on that.

“And on the other side, defendants have a right to a speedy trial, as well. The pandemic has also put a damper on that. So the big problem is being able to

take care of victims, keep them engaged and make them feel like the justice system hasn’t forgotten them. We don’t want that to happen.”

Wilson is hopeful the high-priority cases can be completed before the end of the year. He expects there to be an increase in plea deals taken so defendants can move on through the system. After the Head trial in June, Wilson had four or five defendants take deals. So with another delay for jury trials, he thinks more will happen.

“We hope we can get a little more normalcy in the criminal justice department so some of these cases will get resolved, or maybe some of these cases that are already set can be resolved so we can move some of the others up,” Wilson said. “At this point, we need to start cleaning up the dockets and the calendars.”

Limited in-person hearings and proceedings are continuing, with distancing and occupancy limitations in place. Face coverings are required for all individuals on the court premises, even if they have been fully vaccinated.

Sentencing hearings are part of ongoing proceedings, so that can move some cases through the system.

Obituaries

TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES			
Name	Age	Town, State	Death Date Arrangements
*Randolph, Susan	-	MO	07-Aug TYLER M. WOODS FUNERAL HOME
* Additional information in display obituaries			
Obituaries appear in print and online at legacy.com/obituaries/kirksvilledailyexpress			

Susan Randolph

Mrs. Susan Lynn (Watson) Randolph, 62, of Jefferson City, Missouri (formerly of Kirksville, Missouri) passed away Saturday, August 7, 2021 in Jefferson City, Missouri. She was born in Kirksville, Missouri on September 6, 1958, the daughter of Daryl A. Watson and Nancy L. (Thompson) Watson.

Susie grew up in Kirksville, MO and was a graduate of the class of 1976 at Kirksville Senior High School. She then served 4 years in the United States Navy, stationed in Jacksonville, FL. After returning to Kirksville, she earned her bachelor’s degree from Northeast Missouri State University (Truman State). She spent most of her career working for the state of Missouri, and also spent a few years working for the state of Montana.

She was an avid reader, loved history, and loved to share it with everyone. She was a gamer and her grandson’s biggest advocate...he could do no wrong...even when he did. She had a fondness for all animals, especially her and Jack’s pets at home, although she struggled to get Megan and Addy to understand she was the Alpha dog. She could be sharp tongued, if pushed, yet patient and compassionate. She loved her family and friends deeply, and she will be sadly missed by all... 459...

Susie is survived by her husband and best friend, Jack Randolph, her grandson and best buddy, Bentley Cochran, her daughter Michelle Watson (Kurt) Cochran of Blakesburg, IA, her step-son Christopher (Jenny) Norman, of Kansas City, her two sisters, Cindy Watson of Kirksville, MO and Connie (Joe) Adcock, of Hannibal, MO, and her brother Randy (Debbie) Watson of Kirksville, MO, Jack’s sons Corey Randolph, Craig Randolph, Mike Randolph, Jack’s daughter Katie Randolph- all of Bend OR, and several nieces and nephews, that were very special to her, as well as several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and Jack’s son, Brian Randolph. Susie has chosen to be cremated and inurnment will take place at the Jacksonville Veterans Cemetery as she was very proud to have served her country. In lieu of a service, military honors will be held at the Jacksonville Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville, MO on Thursday, August 19th at 1pm.

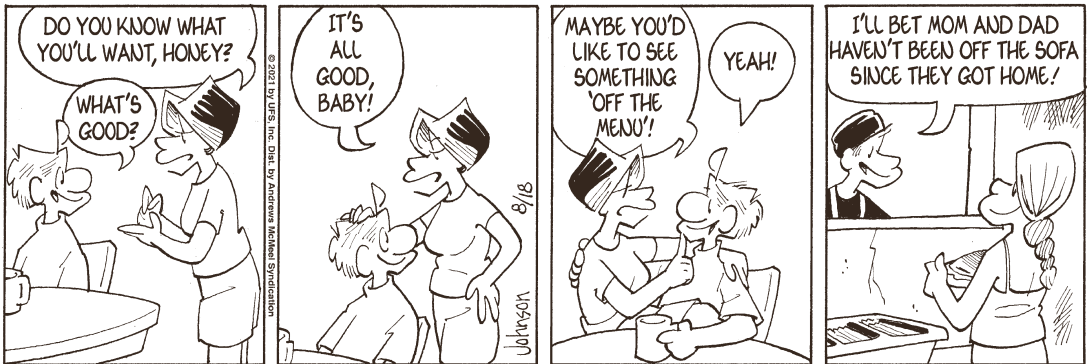
Expressions of sympathy may be made to your local Animal Shelter in Susie’s memory.

Arrangements are under the direction of TYLER M. WOODS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, 611 E. Capitol Ave. Jefferson City, Missouri 65101. (573) 636-2424

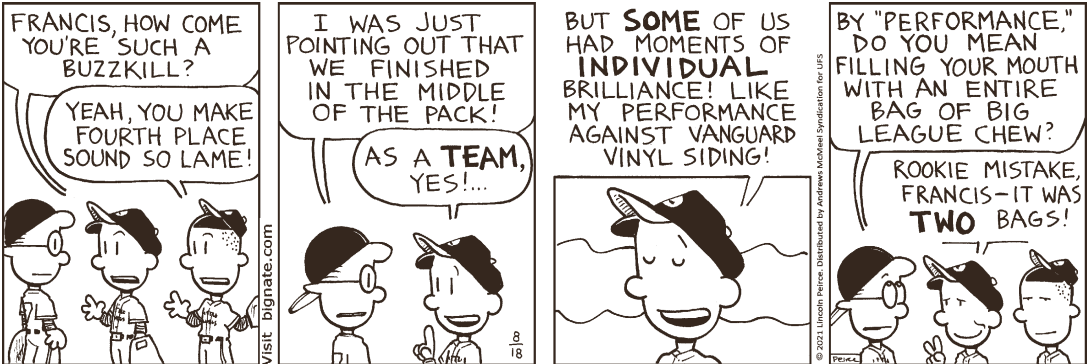


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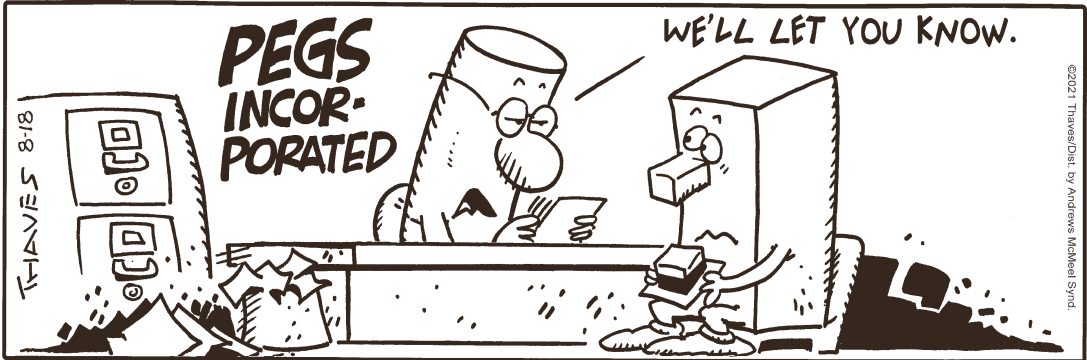
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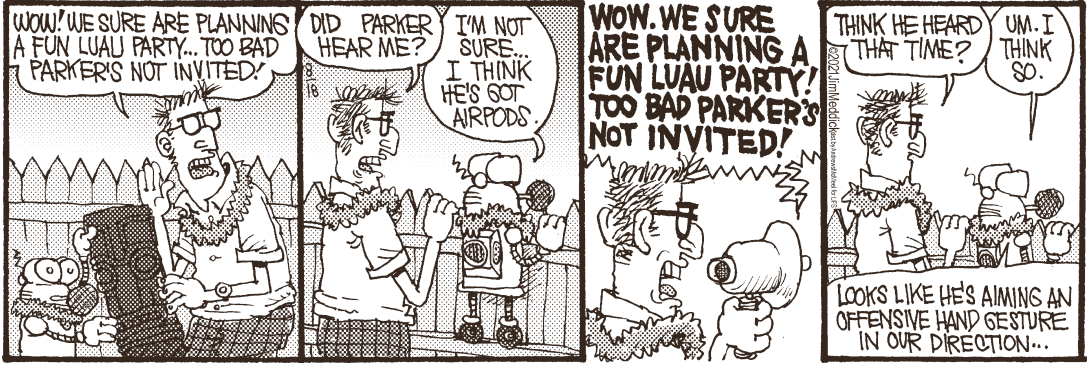
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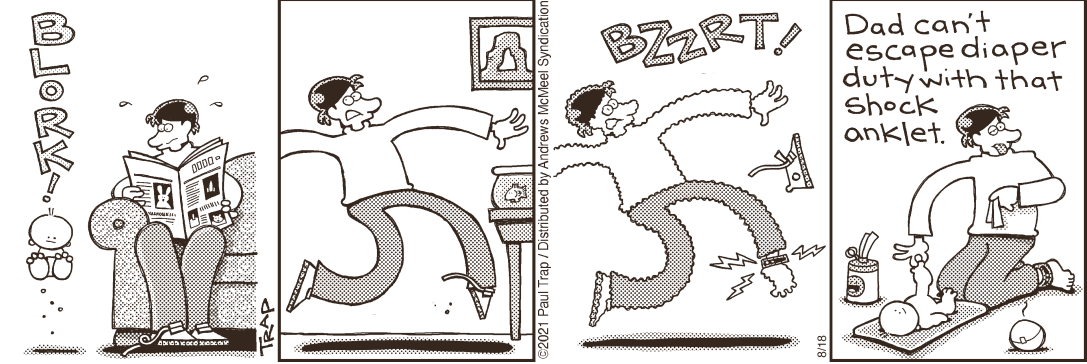
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4 Pasture sound

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12 Semester ender

14 Libretto feature

15 Fib

16 Polynesian carving

17 Ale ingredient

18 Delineated

20 Makes steel

22 "The Simpsons" bartender

23 Thai neighbor

24 Dye

27 Fermenting agents

30 Son of Aphrodite

31 Potting soil

32 Ms. Hagen

34 Italian writer

35 Little America founder

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3 With, to

4 Falling star

5 Rust, for one

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ACROSS

36 Mr. Pitt of film

37 Electrical unit

39 Chess pieces

40 "The Greatest"

41 Pantry item

42 Runway surface

45 Dangerous

49 Mashed potato serving

50 Diploma word

52 Aberdeen boy

53 Tad

54 Han Solo's love

55 Dow Jones fig.

56 Member-ship dues

57 — Moines

58 Method

DOWN

7 Antique brooches

8 Caspian Sea tributary

9 Bagpiper's wear

10 Has a meal

13 Play false

19 Med. plans

21 Polite address

24 So-so mark

25 Ocean predator

26 Tower over

27 Good old days

28 Bend in the road

29 Doe's mate

31 Melodious

33 Magazine fillers

35 Lugosi of horror flicks

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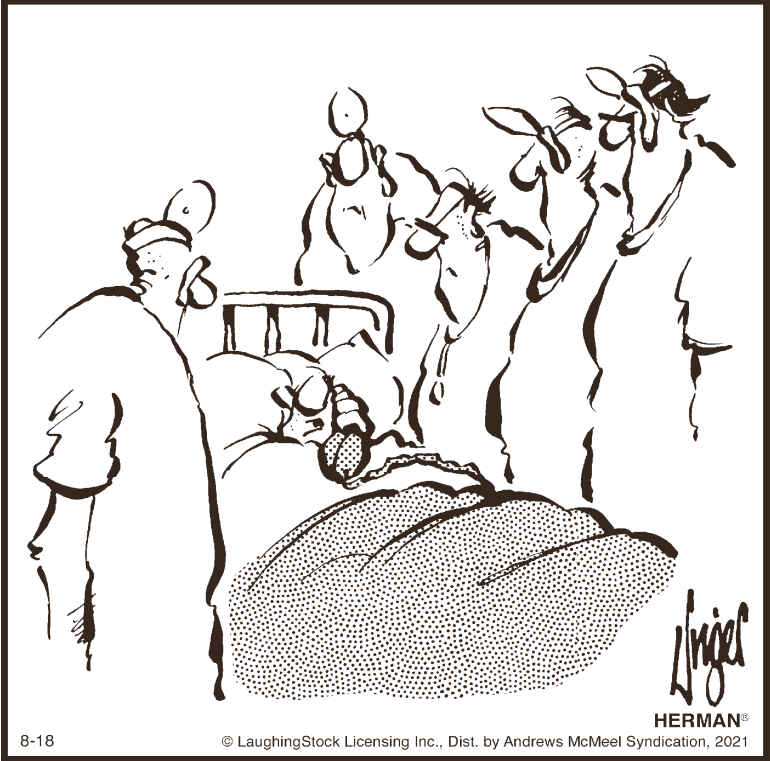
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HERMAN



"They're keeping me in for observation."

HOROSCOPE BY EUGENIA LAST

Aries (March 21-April 19): Stick to your original plans, regardless of what others do, and an opportunity will present itself. Utilize your ability to take charge physically. ☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You'll have tunnel vision when it comes to getting what you want. Your mind is overworking, and your ability to source out what you need will be on target. ☆☆☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): A partnership opportunity looks interesting, but ask pertinent questions and get what you want in writing. Be aware of someone trying to butter you up. ☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Don't upset a friend or family member. If something isn't right, fix it yourself. Draw on experience to get things done on time. ☆☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a moment to consider how to use your time and money efficiently. Trying to outdo someone can turn into a costly venture. Accept the inevitable. ☆☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change will give you a boost. Whether you make a move, redecorate or make your space more comfortable, the impact it has on you will make you happy. ☆☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your emotions tucked away someplace safe. Focus inward on personal growth and physical improvements, and you will enhance your morale. ☆☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a closer look at your finances. Go over your expenses and consider where you can cut corners. Taking care of such matters will relieve stress. ☆☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Gathering information from a reliable source will help you eliminate being taken advantage of by someone persuasive or manipulative. ☆☆☆

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): List what you want to pursue and knock off one thing at a time. Pay attention to detail, and leave nothing to chance. ☆☆☆

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll obtain fascinating insight into solutions that help you make improvements. Don't let someone push you in a direction that allows them more leverage. ☆☆☆

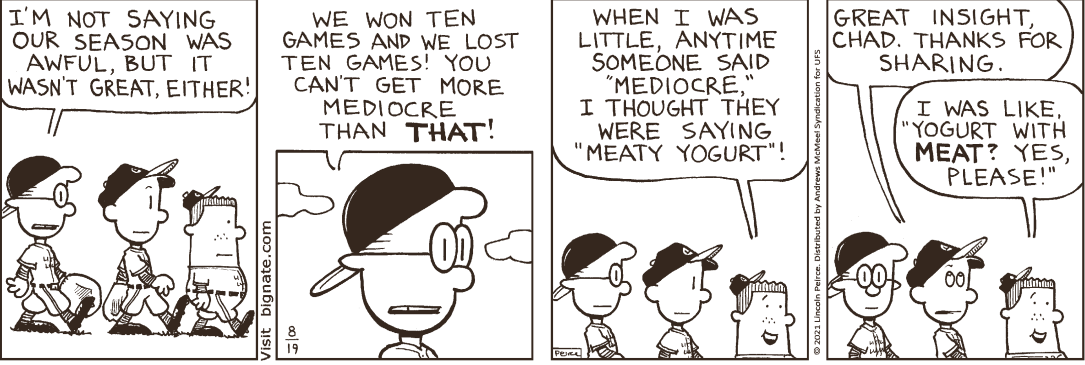
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Call in the best of the best and work side by side to advocate for a cause you want to help. Your enthusiasm will lead to new beginnings and better friendships. ☆☆☆

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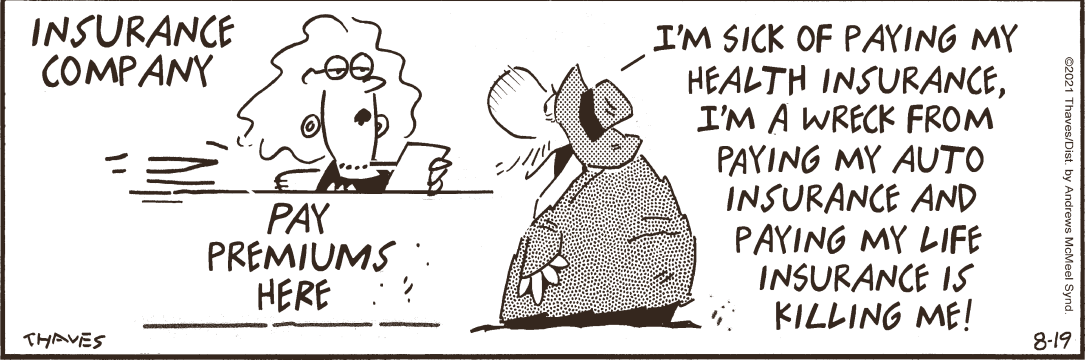
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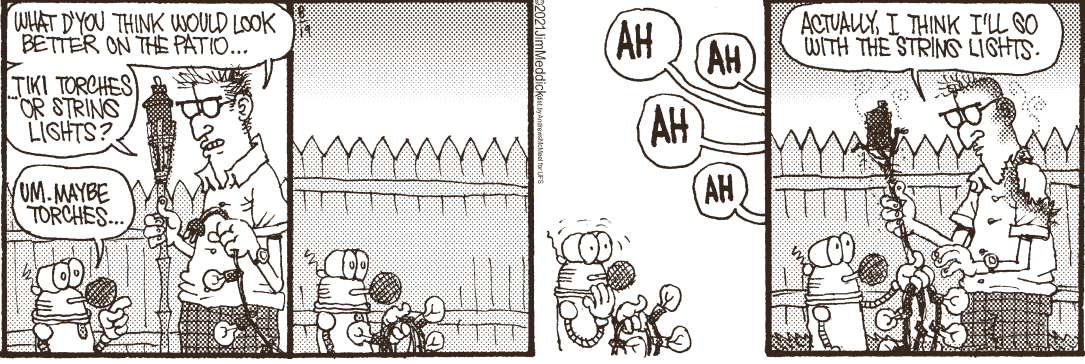
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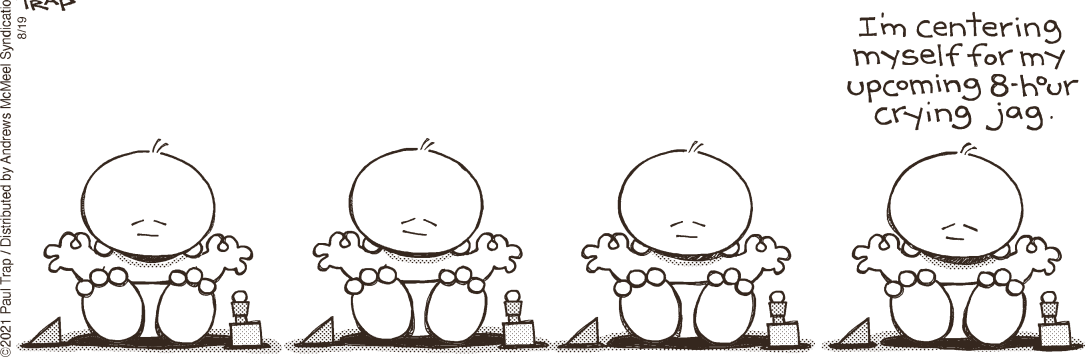
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39 A little crazy
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HOROSCOPE BY EUGENIA LAST

Aries (March 21-April 19): Stay focused on what's important to you. Stop worrying about what everyone is doing, and refuse to get caught in someone else's emotional drama. ☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Look around you, and you'll pick up valuable information. How others react will be revealing and help you decide what to do next. Change is heading your way. ☆☆☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Let your actions speak for you. Treat others the way you want to be treated, and choose a path that allows you to use your skills to make a difference. ☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): It's up to you to do something if you want things to change. Challenge yourself to be responsible for your happiness and well-being. Live in the moment. ☆☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a realistic approach to work and money. How you handle the changes going on around you will determine how far you get. Your reliability will win respect and support. ☆☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Talk to anyone you think may be able to help you make a positive change or explain something that baffles you. Communication will encourage new friendships. ☆☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A tactical approach to overall health will encourage you to look and feel your best. The attention you receive from someone will help point you in a new direction. ☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Walk away from anyone who limits what you can achieve. You can help others, but not at the expense of eliminating the personal goals you set. ☆☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put an emphasis on getting things right the first time. Pay attention to detail, and don't rely on others to do what you ask correctly. ☆☆☆

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a different approach to work, and utilize your skills to have the most significant impact in the least amount of time. Focus on proper diet and fitness. ☆☆☆

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Analyze how you spend your time and money. Being efficient will make life easier. Set up guidelines that will help you get into a routine. ☆☆☆

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a unique approach to the way you help others. Use your intelligence, and you'll be recognized as the go-to person by your peers. ☆☆☆

SPORTS



Missouri players and coach Cuonzo Martingather around the Braggin' Rights trophy after they defeated then-No. 6 Illinois 81-78 on Dec. 12 at Mizzou Arena. MISSOURI ATHLETICS

Braggin' Rights returns to St. Louis

Eric Blum
Columbia Daily Tribune
USA TODAY NETWORK

Braggin' Rights is headed back to St. Louis. The annual Missouri vs. Illinois men's basketball game will continue this year at the Enterprise Center after

last year's matchup was held at Mizzou Arena because of coronavirus concerns. The Tigers vs. Illini showdown is set for Dec. 22, which is a Wednesday. The game's yearly contract states the game must be played between Dec. 20-23, and the Saturday that week is Christmas Day. Tipoff time and the television design-

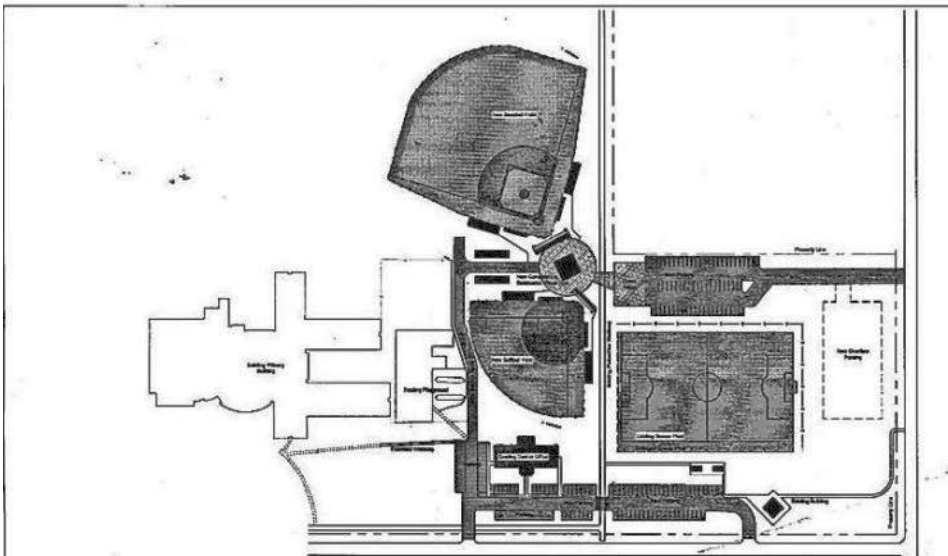
nation will be announced at a later date, as will Missouri's entire 2021-22 schedule. Missouri won last year's edition 81-78, marking the third straight season the Tigers have won the matchup. Illinois and Missouri have met 51 total times, with Illinois leading the all-time series 32-19.

The 2020 edition of Braggin' Rights was the first time the game was not held in St. Louis since a December 1979 matchup in Champaign. The first-ever game between the teams took place in 1932. Contact Eric Blum at ebalum@columbia-tribune.com. Follow @ByEricBlum on Twitter.

R-III school district moves forward on new baseball-softball complex

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The Kirkville R-III School District is moving forward with a plan to build a new baseball-softball complex on its campus. The project is in the design phase right now. Once the location was decided — right behind the Administration Building — the architectural process could begin. Building Resource Studio and architect Harald Boerstler, who have worked with the district for many years, are working on that now. There is a preliminary plan on where everything will be, but that isn't finalized just yet. Kirkville Assistant Superintendent Tricia Reger said more of those discussions will happen later this week. Reger said the district's estimated cost for the project is \$2.7 million. That will come from the district's capital improvement fund, money that can only be used for facilities. Now, the plan is to start taking bids before the end of this calendar year. There will be pieces of the project listed as alternates, items that could be altered or removed to keep costs down. Ideally, both the baseball and softball fields will be completely turf, but that could change based on bids. A parking lot is planned for east of the complex, just behind the grass soccer field. The hope is to begin construction next spring and then start playing on it next fall for softball season. Land behind Ray Miller Elementary School was also looked at, but the area behind the central office and Kirkville Primary School means physical education classes have better ease for using the fields, too. Reger said this project has been discussed for many years, and now it is taking off. The baseball and softball teams have used North Park for many years. The school district's agreement with the city for field usage dates back to 1990.



The proposed location of Kirkville's new baseball-softball complex. PROVIDED BY THE KIRKSVILLE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT

But the district wants these activities on campus so students aren't driving across town, and so it has control over its own facilities. "We've been fortunate to have this partnership with the city for a long time," Reger said. "But we have a concern as far as safety. Our students are — after school when it's baseball and softball season, they're hopping in cars or grabbing a ride with somebody ... and they're having to drive through town in one of the busiest times of day going up Baltimore. So safety is one of the things, and just being able to manage the fields on our own. The city has worked well with us, but their vision and mission up there is more for recreation leagues. So we'd like to have a focal point to continue pride within our facilities in our district. "Our goal is to have everything for our students on our campus. It's one of the pieces we've really wanted to do for a long time," Reger said. Since the baseball team will still play at North Park this upcoming spring,

construction on campus can happen without interrupting play. Reger said the high school's building trades program will construct the press boxes and bathrooms as part of its course next year. A committee with Kirkville baseball and softball head coaches Heath Schneider and Derek Allen, Activities Director Sarah Williams, three school board members and other community partners have worked behind the scenes to keep the project moving. Allen, a KHS graduate, said he feels the importance of having softball on campus. Not only will a new facility boost the program, but it creates an opportunity to make and host tournaments of their own. The initial plans for the project centered on one, multi-purpose hybrid field for both baseball and softball. That was expanded for two different fields since the middle school softball season happens at the same time as the high school's. Allen sees that as a big win for local softball. "I think it's obviously well overdue. I



The Kirkville R-III Administration Building. DAILY EXPRESS FILE

think we're the only team in the conference that's not playing on campus," Allen said. "North Park and the city have been great for us. They've done a great job of supporting us and giving us what we need to play and have a place to call home. But it's definitely time to have something on campus to call home. It's only gonna help build the baseball and softball programs and add longevity to them." Parks and Recreation Director Rodney Sadler is part of the project committee, and his department is supportive of the district's plan. Softball doesn't have nearly as many weather concerns during its season compared to baseball. The baseball team has multiple rainouts or delays each spring, which turf would alleviate. The baseball team is also usually stuck indoors for the first weeks of the pre-season due to wet or frozen fields. Again, something turf would negate. Heavy rains this past spring also bothered other schools in the area. Green City hosted its district tournament, but rain drenched its field and sent that tournament to California, Mo. and its turf field. The district tournament at La Plata moved to South Callaway High School in Mokane since it has a turf field. So there are potential partnerships with other area school districts if needs arise. Once this project is completed, Reger said the school's tennis courts are next for renovations. The high school boys and girls tennis team have primarily played at Truman's tennis courts, though both stayed at Kirkville's courts last year. Truman's facility has more courts, which reduces the length of high school meets.

Pritchard among NBA summer stars

Steve Reed
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Payton Pritchard arrived at the NBA Summer League in Las Vegas looking to take advantage of the opportunity to show he deserves major minutes this upcoming season with the Boston Celtics.

Mission accomplished. The second-year point guard was one of the biggest stars in Las Vegas before leaving the team due to a prior family engagement. He averaged 20.3 points, 8.7 assists and 5.7 rebounds in three games while helping the unbeaten Celtics reach Tuesday night's championship game against the Sacramento Kings (4-0).

That's good news for Boston, which parted ways with Kemba Walker this offseason. Pritchard may be in line for a more prominent role in Boston's backcourt that includes Marcus Smart at point guard.

Pritchard shot 57.7% from 3-point range and his 1.38 points per possession ranks first among all Summer League players. He also protected the basketball well, averaging 1.3 turnovers per game.

And while he won't play in the title game, Pritchard gave the the Celtics with something to think about before leaving.

"That is what separates good point guards from great ones – the ability to make people around you better and get people shots and just being able to control the game," said Pritchard, who averaged 7.7 points and 1.8 assists last year in 66 games for the Celtics. "That is what I'm trying to become and I'm going to keep working on that."

The Kings reached the championship game behind a balanced scoring attack and a consistently strong defense ignited by first-round draft pick Davion Mitchell. His numbers are eye-popping, but there's no denying what he brings on defense.

Mitchell earned the nickname "Off Night" while helping Baylor to an NCAA national championship last season – as in, whoever he's guarding is going to have an off night.

"That's his bread and butter, the way he attacks the game, the way he defends



Celtics guard Payton Pritchard shoots against Warriors forward Juan Toscano-Anderson on April 17 in Boston. MICHAEL DWYER/AP

it," said Kings Summer League head coach Bobby Jackson. "He's a really really great on-ball defender. He has to get better off the ball and we've talked about it. But he sets the tone at the top of the key offensively and defensively for us."

Here are some of the other Summer League standouts:

Cam Thomas, Nets

Thomas is leading the NBA Summer League in scoring, averaging 27 points

per game while probably making some NBA general managers wish they hadn't passed on drafting him. The 27th overall pick in 2021 had a 31-point night that included a game-winning 3-pointer in sudden death double overtime Thursday followed by a 36-point performance Sunday. The LSU product is shooting 36% from 3-point range.

Cade Cunningham, Pistons

The No. 1 overall pick in the NBA draft hasn't disappointed, averaging 18.7

points and 5.7 rebounds per game. There are surely some Detroit fans who'd like to see him with the ball in hands more often than what they've seen this summer given his passing ability. But he'll needed to cut down on his turnovers (4 per game) moving forward.

Paul Reed, 76ers

The 76ers already have an All-Star center in Joel Embiid, but G League MVP Paul Reed could bring some quality depth to Philly. Check out Reed's numbers in an overtime loss Sunday night to the Timberwolves: 27 points, 20 rebounds, four assists, four steals and four blocks. Reed is averaging 17.5 points, 12.5 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game in Las Vegas.

Immanuel Quickley, Knicks

Like Pritchard, Quickley is another second-year point guard who appears to have taken a major step forward in his game, averaging 21.8 points and eight assists per game.

He's only shooting 25% from 3-point range, but the 2020 first-round draft pick has shown promise that he could really begin to emerge in his second season.

Rockets' rookies

The Houston Rockets had three picks in the first round, including Jalen Green at No. 2 overall. Green played well in three game appearances averaging 20.3 points per game while shooting 52.6% from 3-point range and 92.9% from the free throw line. But the Rockets have also gotten a big boost from 6-foot-9 center Alperen Sengun, who is averaging 15 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks.

Desmond Bane, Grizzlies

The second-year guard has quietly had a productive summer and is third in the league in scoring at 24 points per game while shooting an eye-catching 69.2% from beyond the arc. He could be a nice complement to point guard Ja Morant this season.

Can ACC, Big Ten, Pac-12 be allies?

Ralph D. Russo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten and Pac-12 are exploring ways to counter the Oklahoma-Texas expansion and curtail the Southeastern Conference's growing power in college football.

The commissioners of the ACC, Big Ten and Pac-12 have discussed how creating an alliance between leagues that span the country could provide both financial benefits and policy making pull as the NCAA begins to hand off more responsibilities to conferences.

The discussions were first reported by The Athletic. Two people with knowledge of the discussions confirmed them to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no one has been authorized by the conferences to speak publicly about the talks. The conversations were described as conceptual and exploratory.

There are two important events on the horizon that could influence how quickly some type of agreement – formal or otherwise – between the three conferences comes together: The next meeting regarding College Football Playoff expansion is scheduled for Sept. 28. And the NCAA has called for a special constitutional convention that is expected to convene no later than Nov. 15.

There is no obvious precedent in big-time college sports of an alliance of conferences, so this could be whatever the leagues involved make of it.

In this case, there are two areas where the conferences believe working together has potential to fortify all three.

Scheduling and revenue

The untapped revenue-generating potential in college football is in creating more big games. Or maybe better described as games between big brands

A scheduling agreement among the ACC, Big Ten and Pac-12 could lead to more made-for-TV marquee games: Think Southern California-Clemson; Ohio State-Miami; Penn State-Florida State; Oregon-Michigan.



Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren speaks during Big Ten football media days on July 22 in Indianapolis. DOUG MCSCHOOLER/AP

Of course, those types of games happen already. Oregon is at Ohio State and Washington plays at Michigan on Sept. 11.

An alliance could make those juicy matchups more frequent, with the hope that they unlock more revenue in media rights agreements and ticket sales.

The Pac-12's current TV deals with Fox and ESPN expire in 2024 and new commissioner George Kliavkoff's job is to figure out how to increase both revenue and exposure for a league that has been falling behind its peers in both.

The ACC has the opposite issue, locked into its exclusive deal with ESPN until 2036. New commissioner Jim Phillips is charged with finding ways to keep up with the SEC and Big Ten money-making machines in the absence of the bump that would come from going back on the market.

The Big Ten's current deals with Fox and ESPN are up in 2023. Commissioner

Kevin Warren is in a more fortuitous position than his counterparts from the Pac-12 and ACC. The Big Ten's value is comparable to the SEC's. Still, there has to be some concern within the conference that the addition of Texas and Oklahoma to the SEC no later than 2025 makes the Big Ten less relevant and lucrative.

The SEC's addition of Texas and Oklahoma gave the conference two more national brands to add to a roster that already includes the star power of Alabama, LSU, Florida, Georgia, Auburn and Texas A&M.

When it happens, the SEC will certainly increase the number of conference games it plays from eight to nine and maybe even 10. Meanwhile, the SEC's new deal with ESPN gives the network exclusive rights to all of its football starting in 2024.

An SEC Saturday could include enough high-profile games, with prime

slots on ESPN platforms, including the 3:30 p.m. ET showcase on ABC, that it overshadows the rest of college football.

A game of the week featuring some combination of the best teams in the other three conferences is a potential way to push back.

CFP and post-NCAA policy

The College Football Playoff expansion plan now under discussion was created by the commissioners of the SEC, the Big 12, the Mountain West and Notre Dame's athletic director.

Barely two months after the 12-team plan was unveiled, SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey announced the conference was inviting in Oklahoma and Texas, crippling the Big 12 and creating a path to turning an expanded CFP into a mini-SEC tournament.

The SEC's power play has not gone over well in other conferences.

An alliance between traditional Rose Bowl partners, the Big Ten and Pac-12, along with the ACC could be a way of containing the SEC's growing influence over college football.

The first step could be banding together to ensure the media rights for the new CFP format is brought to market instead of negotiating exclusively with ESPN. Unless ESPN can be persuaded to give up its window of exclusivity that might require waiting until the 2026 season to implement the 12-team format.

The upside? Multiple TV partners could not only increase the value of the CFP, but give other networks more motivation to invest in regular-season college football. Perhaps in something like a yearly ACC/Big Ten/Pac-12 challenge?

Finally, as the NCAA cedes power, conferences will take a bigger role in governance. An alliance between the ACC, Big Ten and Pac-12 could prevent the SEC from setting an agenda the rest of the country is forced to follow if it wants to compete.

In the long run, it could keep conference flagships such as Ohio State, Clemson and USC from deciding – the way Texas and Oklahoma did -- that the only way to compete with the SEC is to join the SEC.

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Assessed Valuation (by categories)		
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	Tax Year 2021	Prior Tax Year 2020
Real Estate	\$224,606,847	\$188,015,443
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	\$293,692,450	\$251,874,957

The following tax rates are proposed:

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Board of Education
Kirksville R-III School District
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NOTICE

CN 21AR-CV00491 Judgment entered August 9, 2021

changing the name of Deanna Jean Conover-Coin to

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY
PROBATE DIVISION

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Minor.)

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You are further notified that unless you file an Answer or other pleading, or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid Petition within 45 days after the 4TH of AUGUST, 2021, Judgment by default will be rendered against you.

Clerk: Linda Becker

KM-10KDE11711

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: August 18, 2021

Expires: September 3, 2021

Missouri Housing Development Commission
920 Main Street, Suite 1400
Kansas City, Missouri 64105
(816)759-6600

This notice shall satisfy the procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after September 3, 2021, the Missouri Housing Development Commission will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal HOME Program funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Parkview Terrace
Purpose: New construction of three two-story walkup buildings containing forty-eight (48) units and a community building. The building will consist of twelve (12) four bedroom, twenty-four (24) three bedroom, and twelve (12) two bedroom. The exterior will be brick and cement board. The units will contain standard appliances in kitchen including dishwasher and microwave, washer/dryer hook-up, furnace and A/C, water heater and carpet. This development is designated for family living.

Location: South side of East Mill St
Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri

Estimated Cost: Total development cost of this project is approximately \$11,348,200 with approximately \$970,000 of funding coming from the Federal HOME Program Funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

MHDC has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Certain conditions will apply to the project. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Missouri Housing Development Commission, 920 Main Street, Suite 1400, Kansas City, Missouri, (816-759-6600) and may be examined and copied weekdays, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Missouri Housing Development Commission. All comments received within the comment period as listed above, will be considered by the Missouri Housing Development Commission prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

MHDC certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Tina Beer, in her official capacity as Director of Operations for MHDC consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows MHDC to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Missouri Housing Development's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of MHDC; (b) MHDC has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec.58.76) and shall be emailed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Office of Community Planning and Development at CPD_Covid-19OEE-KC@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tina Beer (Certifying Officer)
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Delta fears ignite protests, fears ahead of school reopenings

States have drastically varying guidelines

Nic Querolo and Danielle Moran
Bloomberg News
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In U.S. school districts, debates over safety have devolved into litigation and protests as the first day of class nears. The toxic mix has sparked fear among some parents that their children face a third academic year marred by the pandemic.

Even in New York City, which requires vaccines to eat at restaurants or attend a Broadway show, the Sept. 13 opening is uniquely thorny: Teachers can enter the classroom with just a negative test, but children have no virtual option to learn at home.

By the end of this week, more than one-third of U.S. kindergarten through 12th-grade students will have started class, according to school tracking website Burbio. And throughout the delta-plagued country, officials in big cities and rural counties must balance safety, science and politics.

“Public health knows how to prevent transmission, but politics is intervening,” said Catherine Troisi, an infectious disease epidemiologist at UTHealth School of Public Health in Houston, where the school board is expected to decide this week whether to defy Republican Gov. Greg Abbott’s ban on mask mandates.

COVID-19 cases are double what they were at the onset of last school year – and likely to increase, Troisi said. The consequences are unknown.

“It’s a sad thing to say that our kids are really guinea pigs,” she said.

Less than a week before the first day of school, the state of California on Wednesday mandated teachers and other staff be vaccinated or face weekly testing. In New Jersey, Gov. Phil Murphy ordered teachers, staff and students in

public and private schools to mask up. He faced criticism from Republican opponent Jack Ciattarelli, and about 100 people protested near the governor’s mansion.

States are split. About a quarter of students live in states like Florida that have banned mask mandates outright while an equal number are in places like Illinois, which will start with the mandate in place. Most of the rest are enrolled in districts with flexibility to decide for themselves.

The flurry of state and local rules and rapidly changing guidance from health officials have created a communication crisis.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends universal masking in schools, regardless of vaccine status. Parents are divided: About 40% said there’s no need for mandates and 20% said their child “definitely will not” get vaccinated, according to a poll last week by the de Beaumont Foundation, which promotes public health.

Throughout the pandemic, children have accounted for a small subset of cases and just a sliver of deaths. As of Aug. 5, almost 4.3 million children had tested positive for COVID-19, or roughly 14.3% of total cases, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children’s Hospital Association.

But the calculus around reopening schools is less clear in the presence of a variant that’s twice as transmissible.

President Joe Biden said Tuesday that infections among children are often linked to low vaccination rates in communities.

“For those who are not vaccinated, think about it – God willing,” Biden said. “It’s in your interest, can save your life and can fundamentally impact on the lives of your children.”

Hesitancy in some parts of the country is waning as a spike in cases frightens more parents into action. To further chip away at the reluctance, officials continue information campaigns.

Meisha Ross Porter, chancellor of



Nurses and healthcare workers with the Service Employees International Union distribute backpacks to children during a back to school event that included COVID-19 vaccinations, face masks, and other resources for children and their families in Los Angeles. PATRICK T. FALLON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES/TNS

New York City schools, visited New Dorp High School in Staten Island to answer questions from parents and students with a pediatrician, health department Deputy Commissioner Daniel Stephens. The city’s least-populated borough has fully vaccinated about 52% of its residents, compared with 56% citywide.

“There has been a lot of loss in this community,” Porter said, speaking to an audience of about 50. She asked who was vaccinated, and about half the audience shot up their hands.

Some shuffled into a nearby classroom to watch 16-year-old rising senior Dior Dorsey get her first shot. “I just want to do everything I can to be a part of the solution and not the problem,” Dorsey said.

Amy Tsai, 36, said she’s frightened to send her five kids back to school in the Bronx. In March, two returned to in-person class. Within a week, they’d both contracted COVID-19 and infected all their siblings studying at home. Their father is still recovering from long COVID-19.

Tsai, a parent leader who is unvaccinated, said she’d like to see better communication, and stronger test and trace programs. “There is a lot of distrust with the system,” she said.

New York City is requiring masks for students and staff when they go back to school next month – a mandate that Governors Abbott of Texas and Ron DeSantis of Florida have overruled, even as

cases in those states swell.

The policies have led local governments to revolt. The Dallas and Austin districts announced Monday they will require students and teachers to wear masks. Houston Superintendent Millard House II has said he wants a similar mandate, and a school board meeting to discuss the topic is scheduled for this week. In Florida, some districts are risking their state funding to require face coverings.

“We don’t have the luxury of ignoring the current crisis to score political points,” wrote Carlee Simon, superintendent of Alachua County Public Schools in Florida in an editorial. She said her district is experiencing a “dramatic” spike in employees testing positive for the coronavirus. Two recently died.

Most epidemiologists see masks as a tool that schools should use – along with social distancing, vaccines and better ventilation.

“Uncontrolled transmissions” will lead to more hospitalizations and severe complications in kids, said Albert Ko, chair of the epidemiology and microbial diseases department at the Yale School of Public Health.

Ko worries most about the combination of no masking and low vaccination rates: “When kids come back home, you can have spillover infections – especially with kids living in multigenerational homes – to those in the vulnerable populations who have not been vaccinated.”

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